

Belize Itinerary

JUNGLE & BEACH EXPLORER - PLACENCIA



An eco-lodge adventure in the Rainforests of Southern Belize, with relaxation at a beach resort on the Placencia Peninsula

Duration: 7 nights
Starts: Dangriga
Finishes: Placencia

Guides: 1-4 leaders @ Bocawina;

Independent @ Placencia

Price: \$1610US + \$240 Taxes & Fees Roberts

\$1550US + \$230 Taxes & Fees Laru

Habitats: Broadleaf Rainforest, Coastal Village

Activity level: 2/5 - no experience required

This trip can be arranged for any date, year round.

Based on Hotel Availability.

Call 1-800-667-1630 for details.

Activities: Choose 4 activities from a wide range of Guided Activities and Excursions available at Bocawina Rainforest Resort & Adventures; 1 Red, 2 Yellow & 1 Blue Activity Option – <u>Details Here</u>

Bocawina Resort Activities include zip-lining, birding, waterfall rappelling/hiking, off-site birding & wildlife tours, cave tubing & Mayan ruins exploration. Optional Beach Resort Activities include swimming, snorkeling, paddling, biking, walking the beach, sailing, sport fishing & birding; Creole & Garifuna culture & traditional foods.

Accommodations: <u>Bocawina Rainforest Resort</u> at Bocawina Mayflower National Park; Choice of these Beach Hotels: Roberts Grove Beach Resort or Laru Beya Beach Resort & Villas in Placencia.

The Bocawina – Placencia Jungle and Beach Explorer combines a four night active adventure at Bocawina Rainforest Resort with three nights on the breathtaking Placencia peninsula. This itinerary is ideal for guests who would like to combine an off-the-grid rainforest experience with some relaxed beach time at this renowned resort area.

Our Bocawina Rainforest Resort is located inside the 7000 acre Mayflower Bocawina National Park and adjacent to the world famous 10000 acre Cockscomb Basin Jaguar Reserve. You will have four days at our unique eco-lodge in this remote jungle setting, and the opportunity to hand pick your daily adventures! After your time in the rainforest, you will travel to the picturesque Placencia Peninsula on the Caribbean Coast of Southern Belize. You will stay at beach resort hotel, with plenty of time to swim, snorkel and enjoy this laid back area. The sixteen mile Placencia Peninsula boasts the only golden sand beach on mainland Belize. Placencia is a small Creole fishing village with wooden houses on stilts, offers interesting shopping, dining and nightlife.



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Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: You will be picked up at Dangriga Airstrip or our Dangriga Operations Base and travel 30 minutes "off the grid". Bocawina Rainforest Resort is a true eco-resort in the middle of Mayflower Bocawina National Park. The lodge is powered by an array of solar panels and a seasonal small-scale hydroelectric generating station. Wi-Fi is available in the restaurant so you can share daily experiences with family and friends from this remote rainforest setting. Upon arrival, after a special orientation, you will have time to settle into the lodge and learn about the experiences that lie ahead in the surrounding mountains and rainforest. This itinerary gives you flexibility to pick from an extensive range of activities and excursions available on-site, off-site and within the national park. You can customizing them to suit your activity level and interests. Consider starting off with the Rainforest Canopy Zip-line —an exhilarating ride with eight runs and a rappel! In the evening, join a guided nocturnal hike and witness first-hand the fascinating transformation of the jungle at night.

Accommodation: Bocawina Rainforest Resort Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2, 3, 4: Waking up to the sounds of the tropical jungle is a pure delight, with the chatter of parrots and parakeets flying overhead, the fresh morning air scented with tropical blossoms, and the expectation of an exciting adventure-filled day ahead. After breakfast, your will embark on your selected tour for the day. Try a guided Bocawina rainforest trail walk, hiking along bush trails as you discover local birds, wildlife, leading to waterfalls and unexcavated Mayan ruins. Your guides will point out the diversity that make tropical rainforests such a rewarding biological experience. Should you prefer to venture on one of the many off-site adventures: Descend into the Mayan archeological site of Actun Tunichil Muknal (ATM) Cave –the most popular caving expedition in Belize. Alternately, cruise along the wildlife-rich Monkey River with a stop at Placencia for lunch and a bit of shopping.

Accommodation: Bocawina Rainforest Resort Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Your last morning at Bocawina is completely flexible. You can stay close to the lodge or follow a trail to a favorite pool or waterfall. We can transfer you to Hopkins right after breakfast, or drop you off later in the day. The choice is yours! Upon arrival at your beach hotel, you may want to settle into your room before enjoying a refreshing welcome drink. Later, why not take an exploratory walk along the uncrowded palm-lined beaches of the Peninsula? The Peninsula is only a mile at its widest and is positioned between the Placencia Lagoon on the west, and the Caribbean Sea on the east. It is possible to stroll north seven miles from Placencia Village to Seine Bight Village without interruption. We have left your time at Placencia totally open....lounge poolside, hop on a bicycle or sign up for an optional excursion at the hotel activity desk. Meals can be enjoyed at your resort hotel, or you can sample some local cuisine in the nearby villages of Placencia and Seine Bight.

Accommodation: Placencia Beach Hotel Meals: Breakfast at Bocawina; Meals on own at Placencia.

Day 6, 7: Spend the next two days discovering the Placencia Peninsula. Relax in a hammock with a good book, go beachcombing...or consider salt water fly fishing or a sunset cruise. Check out Placencia Village and its myriad of shops, restaurants and bars, then head over to Seine Bight Village for some traditional Garifuna music.

Accommodation: Placencia Beach Hotel Meals: On own

Day 8: Enjoy a barefoot walk along the beach to watch the sunrise. This last day is yours to enjoy at your leisure before you fly home or continue on your travels. Your trip ends in Placencia, and the hotel provides a shuttle service to Placencia Airstrip. Please let us know if you would like assistance with a flight from Placencia to Belize International Airport to connect with your flight home.

Accommodation: n/a **Meals:** On own



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HOTEL OPTIONS - PLACENCIA

Laru Beya Beach Resort & Villas

An all-inclusive beach resort located on the Placencia Peninsula, walking distance from the Garifuna village of Seine Bight and three miles from Placencia Village. Located on seven acres of lush tropical gardens, this quiet and modern beachfront resort is ideal for relaxing. Standard rooms with partial ocean view, private balcony, hammock and recliners. Equipped with air conditioning mini-fridge, ceiling fans, TV, and coffeemaker. Complimentary Wi-Fi access. Guests receive a welcome drink upon check-in.

The Quarterdeck is the resort's open-air restaurant and bar. All meals use fresh local ingredients – Breakfasts of fresh tropical fruit and eggs, casual lunchtime sandwiches and decadent three-course dinners

Hotel amenities: Oceanfront beach access, swimming pool, sea kayaks, hobie cat sailboats, miniature golf, bicycles, business center, and laundry services.

Optional tours and activities can be booked at the Adventure Tours desk for an additional charge.

Roberts Grove Beach Resort

Award-winning resort set amidst 22 acres of tropical, art-filled gardens and sandy beach. Rooms with private terrace, decorated with handcrafted furniture in native woods, woven fabrics and rugs and terra cotta tiled floors. King or twin beds with futon couch for an additional person. Equipped with air conditioning, ceiling fans, telephone, cable/satellite TV, coffee maker and small fridge. Complimentary Wi-Fi. Guest staying in the resort receive a welcome drink, and a daily Continental Breakfast

Several restaurants on site: The Seaside Restaurant – the resort's acclaimed fine dining restaurant, is located on the beach, and serves international and local cuisine. Habanero Mexican Café & Bar – casual dining overlooking the Placencia Lagoon at the Robert's Grove Marina. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, sunset cocktails and late night drinks. Sweet Mama's Belizean Style Restaurant – offers a relaxed atmosphere, savory Belizean cuisine and cocktails. The Bakery & Deli – offers a range of European style artisanal breads, and fresh pastries.

Hotel amenities: 5 Star PADI dive/snorkel Center, full marina, fly/deep sea fishing, boat charters, reef and rainforest tours and excursions. Three beachfront swimming pools and a fitness room. Complimentary bicycles, pedal boats, kayaks, canoes, windsurfers and bobie cat sailboats.

Optional tours and activities can be booked at the resort for an additional charge.