



CAYO CAVES & TEMPLES EXTENSION

The Cayo Caves & Temples Extension travels inland to explore the Che Chem Ha Pottery Caves and the Mayan Ruins of Xunantunich in Western Belize

Duration: 2 Nights
Starts: Belize City (or Dangriga)
Finishes: Belize City
Guides: 1-2 Leaders

Habitats: Broadleaf Rainforest

Activity level: ●●○○○ [2] No experience required

*This Extension involves 1-2 hours of rainforest hiking with some elevation gain, temple climbing and trail walking

Accommodations: Cahal Pech Village Resort

Activities: Hiking, caving, Mayan ruins, rainforest trails and waterways, birding, photography, natural history interpretation

Tours included: [3] Che Chem Ha Caves, Xunantunich & Cahal Pech Mayan Ruins

\$749 USD

(Includes taxes & fees)

Price per Person based on Double Occupancy

Single Supplement and Extra Nights Available

This trip can be booked year-round, based on hotel availability

Package includes: Accommodations, meals, transfers, guided activities and equipment (as per itinerary). All government taxes and park fees

Package does not include: Int'l airfare, gratuities, medical/travel insurance, additional activities, costs incurred by flight delays



The **Cayo Caves & Temples** Extension ventures inland to explore the Che Chem Ha pottery caves and tour the Mayan Ruins of Xunantunich. Stay two nights at Cahal Pech Village Resort and explore the Belizean town of San Ignacio in the Cayo District. This extension combines easily with other IE trips, and is a great way to experience San Ignacio- Belize's cultural capital, underground caves system and the ancient Mayan culture.

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive at the Belize International Airport, where you are met by an Island Expeditions' representative and transferred to the town of San Ignacio. Before arriving at our hotel we explore the famous San Ignacio market, and stroll the pedestrian-only Burns Avenue. We follow a meandering road up to Cahal Pech Village Resort – a picturesque lodge with a grand vista overlooking the town of San Ignacio and the rolling hills of Western Belize. This is an ideal starting point for the adventure that awaits.

Accommodation: Cahal Pech Village Resort

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: A full day of adventure and exploration. Our first mission is to explore the underground geology and archaeology of the Che Chem Ha cave system. We hike through the rainforest and up into a multi-chambered series of caves rich with geological formations, ancient ceremonial altars, Mayan artifacts and relics. After an hour and a half in the cave, we continue to a spectacular setting overlooking the Macal River Valley where lunch is served. The next adventure is the ancient Mayan ruins of Xunantunich. We cross the Mopan River on a hand-cranked ferry to ruins which are situated on the banks of the river. Here, we travel back through centuries to the ancient world of kings, temples, plazas and ball courts of this Maya city. In the evening, choose to stroll into San Ignacio town, meet the local people and enjoy dinner.

Accommodation: Cahal Pech Village Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Dinner not included)

Day 3: We wake up to a cup of coffee, grab your binoculars, and make a short walk to the Maya Ruins of Cahal Pech, a stone's throw from the lodge. Bird life and wildlife abound, mornings are the most active, and we spend an hour touring the ruins and looking for wildlife.

If you are flying home on Day 3, the transfer time from San Ignacio to the Belize International Airport is about 2 hours and your departure from San Ignacio can be coordinated to connect with your international flight.

Accommodation: N/A

Meals: Breakfast

Travel Notes: If you are adding this Extension onto an existing IE trip, transport to one of the rendezvous points in Belize City or Dangriga needs to be arranged in advance with our office. If you arrive late or depart early, we will make arrangements to fit the activities in this itinerary.

Need extra nights to explore? contact us for details!