





Paradise Scuba Adventure

A lodge-based scuba dive adventure on Belize's central barrier reef and outer atolls

Duration: 3-night (standard) or 4-night (multi-site)

Starts: Dangriga Finishes: Dangriga

Season: Year-round, based on lodge availability

Habitats: Barrier Reef - South Water Caye Marine

Reserve

Experience level

Standard Pkg: •• 000 [2] Open water certif. required

Multisite Pkg: •••• [4] Experienced divers

Activities: Scuba diving, self guided stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking or snorkeling

Package includes:

- 3 or 4-night accommodation in beach cabana
- Meals (as per itinerary)
- · Boat transfers between locations
- Scuba gear and equipment: BCD, regulator, mask, fins, gear rental - paddle boards and kayaks
- Park fees and taxes

Accommodations: Tobacco Caye Paradise

Dives:

- 4 local dives on Tobacco Caye (standard 3-night Pkg)
- 6 multi-site dives (4 night multi-site Pkg) including dives at Tobacco Caye, Southwater Caye, and Glover's Reef

Package does not include: airfare, gratuities, medical/travel insurance, additional activities, costs incurred by flight delays, local taxis

Trip Highlights: second largest barrier reef in the world

Recommended for: Adults, young adults, couples, friends and groups with scuba diving experience

Pairs well with: Rainforest Canopy Extension, Rainforest Wildlife Extension, Cayo Caves & Temples Extension, Sacred Temples & Caves Extension

Pricing based on Double Occupancy. Single supplement subject to availability. Contact our Trip Planners for details.



Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: We rendezvous in Dangriga, and then take a 30-minute boat charter through several islands and mangrove estuaries, arriving at Tobacco Caye on the barrier reef. Tobacco Caye Paradise is your home base for the next few days. After an island welcome from our host and settling into our rooms, we meet in the hammock garden for a briefing of the next day's dives. The rest of the afternoon is yours to acclimatize, walk the island or take out a kayak or paddle board.

Accommodation: Tobacco Caye Paradise Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: This morning, we rise early with the tropical sun. Relax with your fresh coffee in your hammock before the day's adventures begin. Shortly after a hearty breakfast, we meet at the dive shop for equipment fitting, our dive brief, and the final muster for our 9:30 a.m. boat departure. Our first introductory dive on the Belize Barrier Reef will assess your ability level and make sure our equipment fits properly. We return to the lodge for lunch and a siesta. Then, we meet at the hammock garden for our next briefing before heading out to our afternoon dive outside the Tobacco Caye Wall. We return to the lodge for dinner and head to the sunset bar next door to toast the day.

Accommodation: Tobacco Caye Paradise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Today is another early start. After our morning meal, we meet at the Dive Center for our day's briefing. For those in a 3-night package, you will do two local dives, outside the Tobacco Caye cut. One dive in the morning, and one dive in the afternoon. These dives are ideal for beginners and intermediate divers.

For those in our multi-site package, your dive location this day is further afield towards South Water Caye. Traveling southward six miles along the crystal turquoise waters of the Belize Barrier Reef, we turn the corner through the cut at South Water Caye and dive into the outer reef wall. After our morning dive, we have a picnic lunch on a sandbar, then a quick stop at Carrie Bow Caye (the Smithsonian Marine Station), and finally we head out for our afternoon dive. After coming back up, we travel north to Tobacco Caye to shower and clean up for dinner, and toast the day's adventure.

Accommodation: Tobacco Caye Paradise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: For those participating in the 3-night Package, we have a leisurely breakfast and a last walk around the island this morning. Boats leave at approximately 9:00am, arriving back in Dangriga at 9:30 a.m.

Accommodation: None Meals: Breakfast

Staying one more night? Your adventure continues...

"As soon as we dipped our masks in the water, we knew it was going to be great – so many fish, so much color, it was almost sensory overload. We saw Sargeant Majors, Stoplight Parrotfish, Blue Tangs, Black Durgons and all sorts of Angelfish, just to name a few. We were also visited by a few barracudas, stingrays, spotted eagle rays and nurse sharks, but the coolest sighting had to be a massive loggerhead turtle casually cruising through the water. Our dive masters were extremely professional, well prepared, and knew the area intimately"

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Itinerary Cont.

Multisite Package ONLY

Day 4: For those in our multisite package, we rise for an early breakfast and prepare to head out to one of Belize's most spectacular dive locations, Glovers Reef Atoll. After a quick dock briefing, we travel out past the barrier reef and into the blue waters of the outer atolls. The boat slows as we approach the turquoise horizon and the shallow waters of Glover' Reef. We suit up to dive into fore reef, descending to the east reef wall, facing the open pelagic sea. After returning to the surface, we have a picnic lunch on a secluded private beach. Following lunch, we head westward to dive into the spectacular "Western Wall" of Glover's Reef. We then return to Tobacco Caye for a happy hour and to toast the sun going down for our last night.

Accommodation: Tobacco Caye Paradise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Early risers, take a paddle board out to the reef or just relax on your private porch hammock. As you savor the last moments of your vacation, bid farewell to this beautiful paradise island. Boats leave after breakfast, departing at approximately 9:00 a.m. arriving back in Dangriga at 9:30 a.m.

Accommodation: None Meals: Breakfast

Travel Notes: International connections out of the country require a departure after 2 p.m. A short domestic flight is required to connect with afternoon departures from Belize City.

Note: It is highly recommended not to fly 24 hours after your last dive. Please plan your domestic and international flights accordingly.

If you are adding this trip extension to an existing IE trip, transportation must be arranged to one of the rendezvous points in Dangriga.

Contact our Trip Planners for Flight & Hotel Packages or to extend your Belize itinerary by combining this trip with another Island Expeditions adventure.









