



Tropical Belize



A 7 Night Photography Expedition & Workshop

Starts:	Mar 7, 2019	Guides:	1-3 leaders,
Ends:	Mar 14, 2017		1 Photography Instructor
Duration:	8 days/7 Nights	Guests:	6 to 12
Starts:	Belize International	Price:	\$2595 USD
Finishes:	Belize International		

Activities: Photography, Kayaking, Standup Paddling, Snorkeling, Fishing, Hiking, Ziplining, Birding,

Included: Meals and Accommodation while on tour, Guides, Photography instruction, Activities, Local fees and taxes. Price includes 2 domestic flights, 2 Boat Charters and van transport services throughout the tour.

Not Included International Flights, Personal Equipment, 1 or 2 meals, any costs incurred due to late arrival.

Highlights: The Tropical Belize photography workshop is the best choice for photographers looking to improve their image creation skills while satisfying a sense of adventure. You will visit and photograph amazing tropical flora and fauna, exotic wilderness locations including tropical islands, rain forests, waterfalls, Mayan ruins, farms and even local Mayan chocolate makers ... all this while learning how to "Capture the beauty in unexpected places" with internationally recognized Canadian photographer Vladimir Kostka. Without doubt you will enhance and improve your photography skills! Please bring your friends and family, everyone is always welcome.

Habitats: Tropical ocean, Savanna Wetlands, Rainforest, Coral Islands and Reefs

Accommodations: Birds Eye View Lodge – www.birdseyeviewbelize.com
Glovers Reef Marine Reserve Basecamp - www.gloversreef.com
Bocawina Resort - www.bocawina.com

Info about Belize : Belize, wondrous and unusual, is a unique destination for the traveler seeking to experience vibrant culture and explore exotic environments. An English-speaking, democratic nation, Belize is blessed with an amazing variety of biogeographic regions, including the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, hundreds of tiny cayes (as the Belizeans call their islands, pronounced 'keys'), and miles of unexplored beaches. It offers world-class diving, snorkeling, and fishing. Inland areas, rich in culture, boast true tropical rainforest, miles of caves and 9 major Mayan Archeology sites.



Photography Workshop leader:

Vladimir Kostka - International Landscape and Fine art photographer Born in Czechoslovakia, Europe, Vladimir started creating images at a very early age. Viewing the world through the lens of the camera and creating black and white prints became his first love. Even after moving to Canada, Vladimir continues to travel, finding inspiration and capturing beautiful images around the world (in over 78 countries and counting!)

Through the years Vladimir learned how to produce an image in a highly creative manner while staying true to the feeling of a crucial moment in time. His talent led him to teach photography and have his work published in several magazines.

Vladimir's work is sold in galleries and art stores worldwide. For more information www.vladimirkostka.com

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Mar 7

You will be met on arrival at the International airport in Belize. Once all guests have arrived, we drive an hour north to the Creole Village of Crooked Tree. Time permitting, we will embark on a boat tour to photograph local birds as the sun sets over the village and lagoon. Orientation meeting and dinner to follow. After dinner we discuss activity plans and photography focus for tomorrow.

Accommodation: Birdseye View Lodge. **Dinner**



Mar 8

Early morning start will allow us to photograph sunrise over the lake with birds feeding in the shallow areas. After breakfast we depart for the ancient Mayan city of Lamanai. We will enjoy an extensive guided tour and photograph temples, plazas, palaces, and museums within the park boundaries. Depart Lamanai by boat for a return trip to the Crooked Tree area. On this scenic journey, you'll have tremendous opportunities to photograph birds and wildlife. You can anticipate to capture iguanas, parrots, toucans and even Morelet's crocodile along the banks of the New River Lagoon. Upon arriving on the shore, you'll travel overland for 45 minutes back to Crooked Tree Village and our lodge. In the evening we will review the photography of today.

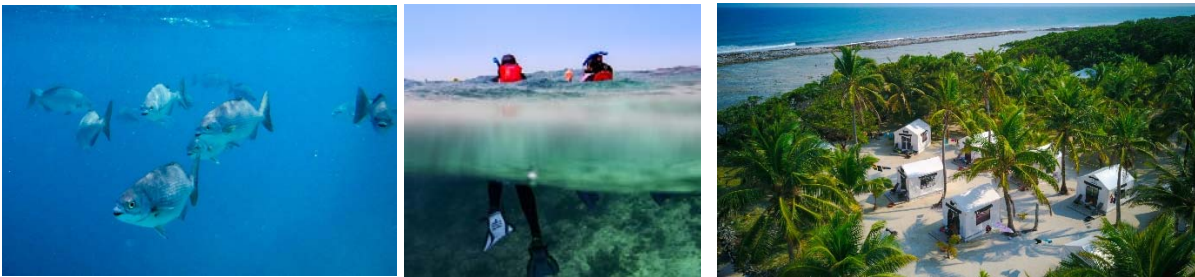
Accommodation: Bird's Eye View Lodge **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Mar 9

After an early breakfast we depart for Belize City. Here we catch a small plane and fly on a scenic-along-the-coast route for 20 minutes to the seaside town of Dangriga. Next we travel by water taxi beyond the main Barrier Reef to our private Basecamp on Southwest Caye within Glover's Reef Marine Reserve. This is a perfect photo opportunity to capture the boat journey if you have waterproof camera! You'll receive professional instruction, learning the fundamentals of underwater photography, sea kayaking, snorkeling, and tropical water safety. Then you'll paddle to a nearby patch reef and begin exploring some of the 700 snorkel sites that Glover's Atoll has to offer. This will be a tremendous opportunity to use your underwater camera or borrow the one from the instructor.

Accommodation: Glover's Basecamp **Meals:** Lunch, Dinner



Mar 10

We will start the day with a walk into the Caribbean sunrise and photograph the nature of this beautiful tropical island. You can continue your day with an early swim or grab a coffee, your camera and relax on the over-the-water dock. Our itinerary is kept flexible in order to respond to the desires and abilities of groups and individuals. Activities today might include: sea kayaking, snorkeling the inner and outer walls of the reef, and learning to sail a kayak. You always have the choice of just relaxing in a hammock with a good book and a cold beverage. In the morning we will host informative sessions on a range of topics - providing an opportunity for guides to share their knowledge of Belize, the marine environments, and local culture. In the evening, we will review your photographs and talk about post processing using big outdoor screen under the stars.

Accommodation: Glover's Basecamp **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Mar 11

For the last morning on Glover's Reef, the choice is yours. Take one more stroll along the beaches to photograph palms, sand and the ocean lit by the sunrise. You may choose to don a mask, snorkel, and fins for a final visit to your favorite coral reef, or fly fish on the flats before a motor charter arrives to transport you back to the mainland. Arrival in Dangriga is approximately 1:30 to 2:30 pm. We travel a short distance "off the grid" and into the southern Maya Mountains to check in at the Jungle Lodge in a true eco-resort in the middle of Mayflower Bocawina National Park. After you settle into our lodge we will be learning about the property and the experiences that lie ahead in the surrounding mountains and rainforest. In the afternoon we enjoy a guided photo walk on the Bocawina Rainforest trail where you will discover local birds, wildlife, waterfalls, and unexcavated Mayan ruins. Your guides will point out medicinal plants and bring to life the layers of biological diversity that make the world's tropical rainforests such a rewarding experience.

Accommodation: Jungle Lodge Meals: Lunch, Dinner



Mar 12

Rise with the sun and photograph the jungle lit by the first light of day emerging through the mists. Waking up to the sounds of the tropics 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. There is no need to venture far to experience the heart of the jungle. Finding a quiet spot to sip a coffee with camera close at hand is a sure way to soak in the essence of the rainforest and photograph its inhabitants ...

After breakfast there are 2 options:

Exhilarating hiking expedition to photograph (and swim in) the Antelope Falls (learn special techniques, such as how to capture silky smooth water in your images). You will go on an invigorating hike through the rainforest, learning about the jungle flora and fauna from your guides. After your challenging hike you will enjoy a picnic lunch while you cool off in the refreshing emerald pools at the top of the falls. From the top you can see all the way to the Caribbean Sea. At this point you can choose to go on a waterfall rappel or just relax and swim in this breathtaking setting.

or

Enjoy some tree top time on the longest rainforest canopy zipline in Central America!

If you opt for the Rainforest Canopy Zipline, you will hike up the slopes to the start of the zipline for a thorough safety briefing from your guides. Then, outfitted in your safety harness, you will climb to the first platform where your adventure through the canopy begins!

Your afternoon is free. This evening we will review and discuss photography composition, settings and the post-processing of your images from the previous days.

Accommodation: Jungle Lodge Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Mar 13

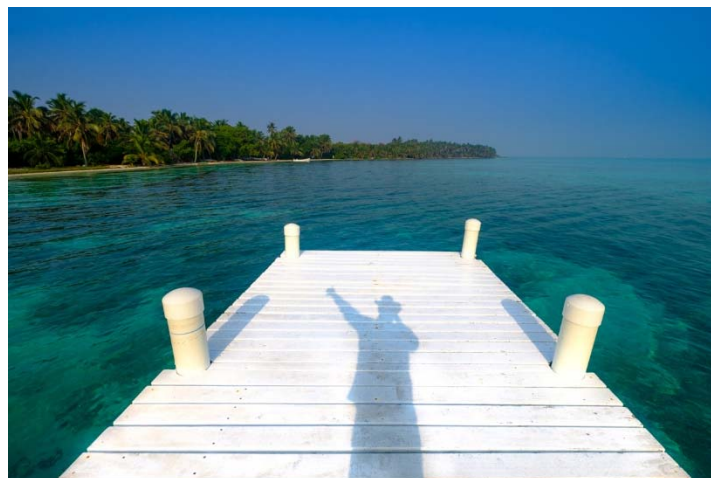
Today we will leave the resort by van for the day. Our guides will give us unique opportunity to photograph a diverse urban culture. Our options include stops at the Maya Center Village and women's craft center, a stop at the local chocolate makers (you know how the chocolate tastes ... but have you ever photographed the process of its creation?), the sleepy creole village on the banks of the Sittee River and the vibrant seaside Garifuna Village of Hopkins, including a stop at the local drum school.

Accommodation: Jungle Lodge Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Mar 14

Transfers to the Dangriga airstrip and flight to the International Airport to connect with your domestic flight. Fri Mar 16 - Fly Home



Please note all itineraries are subject to change depending on weather or safety considerations. Flexibility as our guest and as an international traveler is the key to an awesome experience.

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