



Lighthouse Reef 8N

Embark on a seven-night remote Basecamp Adventure to discover the vibrant coral reef and pristine white sand cayes of Lighthouse Reef.

Duration: 8 Nights

Starts: Belize City

Finishes: Belize City

Seasonal Trip: December to April

Habitats: Barrier Reef - Lighthouse Atoll

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

Activities: Snorkelling - Sea Kayaking - Kayak Sailing - Hand Line Fishing - Wildlife Viewing, Standup Paddle Boarding - Beach Games - Drumming

Optional: Scuba diving - *please inquire*

Package includes:

- 1-night Belize City hotel accommodation
- 7-night safari-style "basecamp" accommodations
- Meals (as per itinerary)
- Boat transfers Belize City/Half Moon Caye
- Guided activities and equipment (as per itinerary)
- Park fees and taxes

Accommodations: Belize City Biltmore Plaza, Lighthouse Reef Basecamp on Half Moon Caye

What Makes it Special: "Glamping" at the waters edge - Walk-off Snorkeling - Night-Snorkel - The Blue Hole - Catch Your Own Dinner - Happy Hour on the Beach - Island Bird Sanctuary - Night Walks - Wildlife Encounters - Incredible Sunsets - Stargazing - Cultural Drumming - Belize's Best Guides - Fresh Local Seafood

Trip Highlights: Lighthouse Reef Basecamp on Half Moon Caye - The Great Blue Hole

Pairs well with: Cayo Caves and Temples, Maya World, and Sacred Temples and Caves Extensions

Not Included: airfare, gratuities, medical/travel insurance, snorkel gear rental, scuba diving, costs incurred by flight delays

Pricing: Per person, based on double room occupancy. Single supplement is subject to availability. Please contact our trip planners for more details



Overview:

Journey to Belize's most remote island group at **Lighthouse Reef Atoll** - a marine protected area and UNESCO world heritage site. Stay at our exclusive basecamp on **Half Moon Caye**, and spend your days discovering everything this area has to offer. Enjoy daily guided adventures, unlimited snorkelling, and a vibrant community of like-minded travellers. Each day brings something new as you explore both above and below the water.

Basecamping: Our spacious safari-style tents are on raised wooden floors, have ample headroom to walk around, and are equipped with wood-framed beds (6-inch foam mattresses). Tents can be configured with either double or single beds. All bed linen is provided.

Lighthouse Reef Atoll: This rich ecosystem offers access to some of the best snorkeling and scuba diving in Belize.

Half Moon Caye: 45-acre tropical island and nature preserve managed by the Belize Audubon Society. Home to Belize's oldest site of wildlife conservation - a bird sanctuary for the Red-footed booby and Magnificent frigate bird. The island is host to a rare littoral forest (more common to the interior of the mainland), an endemic species of gecko (Leaf-towed), sea-turtle nesting sites, and a host of other flora and fauna.

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Belize City International Airport (BZE), and be met with an Island Expeditions (IE) representative who will transfer you to the Belize Biltmore Plaza. Check into your first night's accommodation and acclimatize to your new environment. Meals can be purchased at the hotel and are not included on this day. You will meet your fellow travellers the following morning.

Accommodation: Biltmore Plaza

Meals: N/A

Day 2: Meet your IE driver at 8:30AM in the hotel lobby. A stop will be made along the way for any last minute snacks and provisions before arriving at the dock for a 10:00AM departure. You'll make the journey in a large modern covered boat, passing through narrow mangrove channels and tropical islands before arriving at Half Moon Caye on Lighthouse Reef Atoll. The distance travelled is approx. 55 miles and takes 2-2.5 hours. Upon arriving at Half Moon Caye, we will orient you to the island and settle you into your accommodations - right on the waters edge! You will enjoy a late lunch followed by a snorkeling introduction and guided session at one of our local house reefs.

Accommodation: Half Moon Caye Basecamp

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

All itineraries are subject to change depending on weather and safety considerations.

As our international guest, flexibility is key to an unforgettable and un-BELIZE-able experience.

"Our entire family loved the trip. I have been telling everyone how great it is. I loved the fact we got to spend 8 days in such an incredible place, with a great group of people and so many fun activities. The staff were great at working with both adults and our children."

Eva - BC Canada

Itinerary Cont.

Days 3-8: Over the coming days, an array of guided activities will be offered based on weather conditions and group interest. Many of our guests snorkel multiple times a day and begin with the shallow house reefs around the island before venturing to other areas accessible only by kayak or motorboat. On this trip you'll get the opportunity to try everything from kayak-sailing to Belizean "hand-line" Fishing. All guided sessions are optional and laying in a hammock is considered an "official activity". Evenings on Half Moon Caye are filled with happy hour gatherings, night walks, beach games, star gazing, cold beverages, cultural presentations, and incredible Caribbean sunsets.

On this trip you will journey to the world renowned Great Blue Hole. A huge collapsed sinkhole that was made famous by ocean explorer, Jacques Cousteau. Travel by motorboat, paddle, or sail the 6 mile journey to this famous site where you'll marvel at the Great Blue Hole "drop off" before snorkelling the coral encrusted outer ring. This is a great place to practice more advanced snorkeling techniques or observe others doing so from the surface.

Accommodation: Half Moon Caye Basecamp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: The choice is yours for your last morning on Half Moon Caye. Snorkel your favorite patch reef, walk the island trails, or swing in a hammock. After an early lunch you will board the motor boat charter and return to the mainland. The return journey takes you back through Turneffe Atoll, across the barrier reef, and back to Belize City. Expect to arrive by mid afternoon where your driver awaits to transfer you to your next destination.

Accommodation: None

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Travel Notes: For those leaving Belize after this trip, please note that International flights out of the country require a departure the next day. Contact our trip planners for help with flight/hotel packages or to extend your itinerary with another Island Expeditions adventure or extension

