



Paradise Islands

A sea kayaking and snorkeling journey along Belize's Southern Barrier Reef, including South Water Caye Marine Reserve and Glover's Reef Atoll.

Duration: 6 Nights

Starts: Belize City

Finishes: Dangriga

Seasonal Trip: November to April

Habitats: Barrier Reef & Tropical Rainforest

Activity level: ●●●○○ [3] No experience required

Activities: Rainforest Exploration - Snorkelling - Sea Kayaking - Kayak Sailing - Hand Line Fishing - Wildlife Viewing, Standup Paddle Boarding - Inter-Tidal Night Walk - Conk/Lobster Harvest (seasonal) - Lionfish Hunting - Beach Games - Drumming

Optional: Scuba diving - please inquire

Package includes:

- 1-Night standard accommodations in the jungle
- 3-night "basecamping" accommodations
- 2-night accommodation in beach cabana
- Meals (as per itinerary)
- Land and boat transfers between locations
- 1 domestic flight Belize City to Dangriga
- Guided activities and equipment (as per itinerary)
- Park fees and taxes

Accommodations: Bocawina Rainforest Resort, Glover's Reef Basecamp on Southwest Caye, Tobacco Caye Paradise

What Makes it Special: Cultural Immersion - 3 Different Locations - Private Island "Glamping" - Sleeping next to the Sea - Caribbean Sunsets - Fresh Local Seafood - Fishing for Dinner - Stargazing - Basecamp Happy Hour - Rainforest Walkabout - Island Hopping - Octopus Encounters - Night-Snorkeling - Cultural Drumming - Belize's Best Guides

Trip Highlights: Glover's Reef Atoll, South Water Caye Marine Reserve

Pairs well with: Rainforest Canopy Extension, Maya Moho River Expedition, Rainforest Wildlife Extension

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

Spend one memorable night in the jungle at **Bocawina Rainforest Resort** and then experience Belize from two unique perspectives - **Glover's Reef** Adventure Basecamp on **Southwest Caye** and the vibrant over-the-water Cabanas at **Tobacco Caye Paradise**. These idyllic settings showcase the untouched beauty of Belize's best paddling areas and most pristine coral reefs.

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

Glover's Reef Atoll: At approx. 20 miles long and 8 miles wide, Glover's Reef is home to over 800 coral patch reefs. 5 coral islands are semi-protected along the atolls Southeast crest - providing excellent kayaking and SUP opportunities for both beginner and experienced paddlers.

Southwest Caye: A remote 13-acre private tropical island surrounded by over 17,000 acres of marine protected waters including mangrove areas, intertidal zones, sea grass beds, and coral reefs.

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: Upon arrival at the Belize City International Airport (BZE) you'll check in at the Maya Island Air desk and board a plane for a short scenic flight to coastal Dangriga. After landing you'll be met with an Island Expeditions (IE) representative who will transfer you 30 minutes to Bocawina Rainforest Resort in the foothills of the Maya Mountains. Today is unstructured, feel free to settle in or explore the property on your own. Tonight, we dine in the rainforest at the Wild Fig restaurant.

Accommodation: Bocawina Rainforest Resort

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: We rise early for breakfast before transferring back to Dangriga for an 8:00AM private boat charter to Glover's Reef. You'll travel beyond the Mesoamerica Barrier Reef System to our private basecamp on Southwest Caye. The distance travelled is approx. 36 miles and takes 1.5 hours. Upon arrival, your guides will introduce you to your new island home where you'll have time to settle into your tent cabana. The rest of the day will be spent on the water where you'll receive a kayaking and snorkeling introductions and enjoy a guided paddle or shallow-water snorkel at a local patch reef.

Accommodation: Glover's Reef Basecamp

Meals: Lunch, Dinner



Tobacco Caye: Located approx. 10 miles off the coast of Dangriga - this small laid-back island is known for it's colorful local inhabitants and proximity to the South Water Caye Marine Reserve.

Southwater Caye Marine Reserve: This Marine Protected Area (MPA) is part of the Belize Barrier Reef System - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is the second largest MPA in Belize and features excellent snorkeling, thriving mangrove ecosystems and many islands that act as sanctuaries for both resident and migratory birds.

Itinerary Cont.

Day 3-4: Start your day with an early swim or grab a mat and practice sunrise yoga by the beach. Over the coming days, an array of guided activities will be offered based on weather conditions and group interest. The option to paddle is a centerpiece to this itinerary; however, you'll also have the opportunity to try other marine activities. We also host informative sessions on Belize, the marine environment, and local culture. All guided sessions are optional and laying in a hammock is considered an "official activity". Evenings on Southwest Caye are filled with happy hour gatherings, cold beverages, night walks, beach games, star gazing, cultural presentations, and incredible Caribbean sunsets.

Accommodation: Glover's Reef Basecamp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Day 5-6: For the last morning at Glover's Reef, the choice is yours; you may grab your snorkel gear for a final visit to your favourite patch reef or lounge in your favorite hammock. After an early lunch, our private boat charter will take you to Tobacco Caye where the next stage of your adventure begins. The 17,000-acre South Water Caye Marine Reserve is your playground for the next two days. This is a fairy-tale setting with palm trees, coral islands, mangrove forests, and abundant coral reefs. Experience Belize's colorful, laid-back 'Island Culture' at Tobacco Caye and toast the sunset from your private beach cabana.

Accommodation: Glover's Reef Basecamp

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: After breakfast we return to the town of Dangriga via boat charter, where our trip finishes in time to make domestic or international flight connections.

Accommodation: None

Meals: Breakfast

Travel Notes: Travelers leaving Belize after this trip (day 7) require a short domestic flight from Dangriga to Belize International Airport (BZE). International connections require a departure after 1:30PM

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