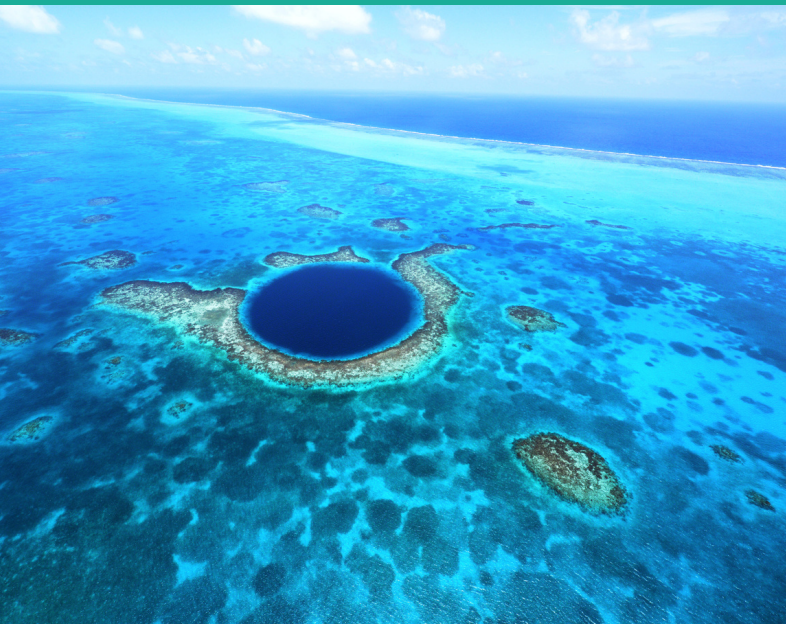




Lighthouse Getaway 3N

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

Duration: 3 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 - Wildlife Viewing, Stand-up Paddle Boarding (SUP) - Beach Games - Drumming
Optional: *Scuba diving - please inquire*

Package includes:

- 3-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: Lighthouse Reef Basecamp on Half Moon Caye

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

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: hotels, airfare, gratuities, medical/travel insurance, snorkel gear rental, scuba diving, costs incurred by flight delays

Pricing: 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 enjoy an array of guided snorkelling adventures including a half-day expedition to the famous Great Blue Hole. Each day brings something new as you explore the area and connect with a vibrant community of like-minded locals and travellers.

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: If you choose to meet our IE driver at 8:30AM in the Belize Biltmore Plaza 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. Alternatively, you can meet us directly at the Belize San Pedro Express ferry terminal for 9:30AM. You'll make the journey to Lighthouse Reef Atoll in a large modern covered boat, passing through narrow mangrove channels and tropical islands before arriving at Half Moon Caye. 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 at 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 Basecamp

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

"Our entire family loved the trip. I have been telling everyone how great it is. I loved the fact we got to spend 5 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

Days 2, 3: Over the next few days, you will discover all of our local house reefs which are accessed from right off the shore of the island. In between snorkels we host information sessions that cover a wide range of topics - anything from reef ecology to Belizean history. You will also travel by boat to the world renowned "Great Blue Hole". A huge collapsed sinkhole that was made famous by ocean explorer, Jacques Cousteau. This is a great place to practice more advanced snorkeling techniques or observe others doing so from the surface. Evenings on Half Moon Caye are filled with happy hour gatherings, night walks, delicious dinners, beach games, star gazing, cold beverages, cultural presentations, and incredible Caribbean sunsets. Everything offered throughout the trip is optional and laying in a hammock is considered an "official" activity.

Accommodation: Half Moon Basecamp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: The choice is yours for your last morning at Lighthouse Reef Atoll. Snorkel your favourite patch reef, walk the island trails, or swing in a hammock, this is your final morning in paradise! At this point in the trip, many of our guests are already planning their next visits. 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.

Accommodation: None

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Travel Notes: Because of the early morning check-in time, we suggest arriving in Belize City the day before. For travelers leaving Belize after this trip, we also strongly suggest spending a night in Belize City. International connections out of the country require a departure the next day.

Marine Activities at Half Moon Caye Basecamp

This itinerary is designed to be "snorkelling focused". Kayaks and SUP's are available for use; however, the guides will be utilized mostly for snorkelling sessions. If you'd like more guided kayaking or SUP options, check out: Lighthouse Reef 4 Night, Lighthouse Reef 8 Night, Double Atoll Adventure, or any of our Glover's Reef itineraries.

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

