

## EPIC BELIZE



### Best of Belize: Glover's Reef, Jungle Rainforests & Remote Mayan Villages

Duration:	8 nights	2018/19 Departures:
Starts:	Belize City	Dec 29
Finishes:	Belize City	Jan 26
Group Size:	6-12	Feb 16
Guides:	2-3 leaders	Mar 9
Price:	\$2409US + \$290 Taxes & Fees	Apr 13
	\$2639Cdn + \$350 Taxes & Fees	

\*Price includes 2 domestic flights as outlined in the itinerary

Habitats: Glover's Reef Atoll, Broadleaf Rainforest

Activity Level: 3/5 - No experience required

**Activities:** Sea Kayaking (paddling and sailing), Snorkeling, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Fishing, Photography, Mayan ruins, Jungle Canopy Zipline, Waterfall Rappelling, Hiking, Birding, River Paddling, (Optional, cost not included in trip price – Scuba).

**Accommodation:** Bonefish Hotel, Glover's Reef Basecamp, Bocawina Rainforest Resort, Jungle Camps, Belize Biltmore Hotel.

The Epic Adventure is a multisport journey taking you off the beaten path to coral reefs, rainforests, and remote Mayan villages – ideal for those looking for an active, adventurous vacation that encompasses the best of Belize.

## Typical Daily Itinerary:

**Day 0:** Day 0 is your day to arrive before the trip starts, meet your fellow guests, and acclimatize to your new tropical environment. We include the domestic flight from Belize International to Dangriga, a casual dinner and orientation with your fellow adventurers.

**Accommodation:** Bonefish Hotel

**Meals:** Dinner is included

**Day 1:** We leave Dangriga at 8 am and travel by boat to our Adventure Basecamp on Glover's Reef. Glover's is one of only four atolls in the Caribbean Sea and is truly one of the most spectacular marine environments in Belize. Due to its isolation from the mainland the waters are exceptionally clear with an incredibly rich reef system that offers some of the best kayaking, snorkeling, and diving in the Caribbean. After our sea kayak and snorkel introduction in the warm waters we venture out to explore the atoll.

**Accommodation:** Glover's Basecamp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 2 & 3:** We will spend the day exploring the atoll, snorkelling the inner lagoons or outer reef walls; practicing some SUP moves (our guides are certified sea kayak and SUP instructors); trying our hands at Belizean-style hand-line fishing for Barracuda, snapper or grouper; or just taking in the awesome beauty of this remote tropical marine wilderness.

**Accommodation:** Glover's Basecamp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 4:** For our last morning on the reef, the choice of activity is yours. You may want to cast a fly on the reef flats for bonefish, snorkel the outside walls, or sea kayak, or develop your SUP technique with a downwind paddle. Our motorboat charter will arrive after lunch and transport us back to the mainland. Our next destination is Bocawina Resort in the wild rainforests of the southern Maya Mountains. This is an intimate eco-lodge situated in the heart of a protected National Park. After settling in, we'll walk a trail to nearby Mayan Ruins and begin our immersion to the tropical rainforest.

**Accommodation:** Bocawina Rainforest Resort

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 5 & 6:** Waking up to the sounds of the tropical rainforest 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. We travel south to a region of isolated Mayan villages lying amongst an unspoiled tropical wilderness. Once on the river, your guides will conduct an orientation on the inflatable kayaks and moving water so you can navigate the rapids and pour-overs.

For two days we break contact completely with the outside world and become a part of the mist shrouded rainforest. We'll follow the Moho River through spectacular canyons and lush rainforest. Each bend of the river reveals the wonder of the rainforest as we navigate stretches of rapids, pour-overs, and waterfalls on our descent from the Maya Mountains to the sea.

Our Mayan guides share their deep knowledge of the rainforest and connect us with their timeless insights of Mayan folklore intertwined with the river and land.

**Accommodation:** Jungle River Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 7:** As we continue our journey, we leave the Maya Mountains and enter the coastal plains - the nature of the river changes to calm meandering waters reflecting the intense green of the jungle. Once off the river we connect with a domestic flight to Belize City and the Biltmore hotel for our last night.

**Accommodation:** Biltmore Plaza Hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner is NOT included on this night.

**Day 8:** Connect with your return flight home or continue the adventure with a journey to some Mayan ruins or a beach resort on an outlying caye. Our Travel Specialists can assist with ideas for the rest of your time in Belize.

**Meals:** Not included

**Note:** This is one of our most adventurous trips. It takes place in remote wilderness regions of Belize. Weather conditions can affect water levels and may increase the level of difficulty or require itinerary changes. We also believe that the remoteness and variability of conditions are what make this trip the best of its kind in Belize.

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