

## GLOVER'S REEF & RIVER OF CAVES



Rainforest cave float, nocturnal zoo tour, then out to the island Basecamp and white sand cayes of Glover's Atoll

Duration:	7 nights	2016/17 Departures:
Starts:	Belize City	Apr 16, 23, 30
Finishes:	Dangriga	
Guides:	2-6 leaders	2017/18 Departures:
Price:	\$1739 US + \$240 Taxes & Fees	Dec 10, 24
	\$1909 Cdn + \$290 Taxes & Fees	Jan 7
Habitats:	Reef & Tropical Savannah	*Weekly departures available after Jan 7, please call our office
Activity level:	2/5 - No experience required	for details and availability

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Activities: Sea Kayaking (Paddling), Sea Kayak Sailing, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Snorkeling, Birding, Cave Tubing, Photography, Natural History Interpretation. (Optional, cost not included in trip price – Scuba Diving, Nocturnal Zoo Tour)

Accommodations: Forest Cabana - Tropical Education Center; Southwest Caye Glover's Basecamp

Our classic Glover's Reef and River of Caves trip allows you to explore and stay on Glover's Atoll, a protected marine park and designated world heritage site thirty-six miles off shore of mainland Belize. Spend five and a half days in one of the richest marine environments in the Caribbean Sea. You will have an opportunity to paddle, snorkel, kayak sail, fish, and SUP as you explore the turquoise lagoons and thriving coral reefs. Stay at our Southwest Caye Adventure Basecamp which provides comfortable, safari style tent cabanas and delectable cuisine of fresh seafood, tropical fruit and local favorites. Enjoy a flexible daily schedule on the reef, with activity choices geared to all interests and abilities. Venture inland for a cave hike and float through lush rainforest on inner tubes. Stay overnight at the Tropical Education Center, and enjoy an optional specially arranged nocturnal tour of the Belize Zoo.

"Basecamping": sleeping in wall tented cabanas. These spacious safari-style tents have ample headroom to walk around and are on raised wooden floors with double or single beds, with all bed linen provided.

## Typical Daily Itinerary:

**Day 0:** Arrive at the Belize International Airport, where you will be met by an Island Expeditions' representative and transferred to the Tropical Education Center. The Tropical Education Center is adjacent to the Belize Zoo, and is an ideal starting point for the adventure that awaits you. You will be able to explore the surrounding savannah forest through their network of interpretive trails and wildlife viewing platforms. They also offer a terrific Interpretive Center which details the diverse ecology of Belize. After checking into your forest cabana you can enjoy a Belizean dinner and have a chance to meet your fellow travelers. Later that evening, you can join an optional, specially arranged nocturnal tour of the Belize Zoo. This tour is a great introduction to the fauna of Belize, such as jaguars, ocelots, tapirs and other species native to Belize and is offered on a donation basis. 'Day 0' is the day to meet your fellow travelers and acclimatize to your new tropical environment. Transfers from the airport, lodging and dinner are included.

**Accommodation:** Forest Cabana

**Meals:** Dinner is included on this night

**Day 1:** Enjoy a tour of the River of Caves area of Belize, exploring the fascinating Darknight cave system. Walk on a trail through lush rainforest to the cave's entrance, then hike underground through limestone caves rich with amazing crystallized flow stone, stalactite and stalagmite formations. Our guides are sure to point out ancient relics, clay whistles, Maya pots and other fossilized items along the way. To end the adventure, you'll jump into inner tubes and float downstream, in and out of the cave system ending at your starting point. You will enjoy a Belizean lunch before returning to the Tropical Education Center mid-afternoon. That evening you can enjoy a bird walk along the beautiful Caribbean Pine Savannah Interpretive Trail.

**Accommodation:** Forest Cabanas

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 2 to 6:** You'll depart early in the morning and drive the scenic Hummingbird Highway through the Rainforest to the coastal town of Dangriga. Here you board a charter boat to our private Basecamp on Southwest Caye. Southwest Caye is located on the Glover's Reef Marine Reserve. Upon arrival, you'll receive an introduction to your new environment before settling into your ocean view tent cabana. Our guides will then conduct professional instruction to teach you the fundamentals of sea kayaking, snorkeling, and tropical water safety. After training, enjoy a paddle to a nearby patch reef and start exploring some of the 700 snorkel sites Glover's Reef Atoll has to offer..

Our itinerary is flexible in order to accommodate individual and group preferences. Activities include paddling, snorkeling the inner and outer walls of the reef, SUP and learning to sail a kayak. In the mornings and evenings, we host informative sessions on a range of topics. This allows our guides to share their vast knowledge of Belize, its unique marine environments, and the local culture with you. Guests who prefer a more leisurely pace can always take time to kick back in a hammock and relax with a good book!

**Accommodation:** Glover's Reef Basecamp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Day 7:** Many guests choose to wake up early on this final morning and enjoy a coffee on the dock for the last time. Watch the sunrise over the atoll before enjoying a hearty breakfast. Your boat charter usually departs around mid-morning to take you back to the mainland, arriving at approximately noon. Your trip finishes in the Garifuna town of Dangriga, and our helpful staff will assist you with connecting to the next leg of your journey.

**Accommodations:** N/A

**Meals:** Breakfast, Packed Lunch

**Travel note:** For travelers who will be leaving Belize on Day 7, international connections out of the country require a departure after 3:00pm. To connect with Sunday afternoon departures from Belize a short domestic flight is required. This flight is from Dangriga to the Belize International Airport. Our office can confirm pricing and book your domestic flight. For guests who would like to spend an extra night in Belize we offer a Flight & Hotel Package. 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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