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## The Very Best of Belize

Seven (7) Nights/Eight (8) Days



### Highlights

- \*Visit Mayan Ruins in Western Belize's Cayo District including Xunantunich and Caracol
- \*Join the adventure and enter the world of the Mayas at the Barton Creek Cave
- \*Swim with sharks, turtles and other sea life at the Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley

### Included:

- \*All necessary ground transportation and land transfers
- \*Return airfare between Belize City and San Pedro, Ambergris Caye
- \*Guided excursion to Xunantunich and the Barton Creek Cave in Western Belize
- \*Guided excursion to Caracol and Mountain Pine Ridge in Western Belize
- \*Snorkeling adventure at the Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye
- \*Three nights in San Ignacio
- \*Four nights in San Pedro
- \*Daily breakfast and some meals



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## The Very Best of Belize Day by Day

### Day 1: Belize City - San Ignacio

Transfer upon arrival and accommodation in Western Belize's Cayo District.

### Day 2: San Ignacio

Explore Xunantunich and the Barton Creek Cave, gateway to the Mayan Underworld, known as Xibalba

Transportation and guide included.

### Day 3: San Ignacio

Visit Caracol, the largest Mayan Ruins in Belize and the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve

### Day 4: San Ignacio - San Pedro

Transfer to Belize City by land and flight to San Pedro.

Accommodation on the beach in San Pedro.

### Day 5: San Pedro

Snorkel at the Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley

### Day 6 - Day 7: San Pedro

Days at leisure to enjoy the beach, to explore on your own or for optional tours.

### Day 8: San Pedro - Belize City

Transfer to the airport and flight home, connecting in Belize City.

## Hotel Options

Hotel Category	San Ignacio	San Pedro
Standard	Midas Resort	Blue Tang Inn
Moderate	San Ignacio Hotel	Banana Beach Resort
First Class	The Lodge at Chaa Creek	Portofino Resort

Please note: Accommodation quoted is based on standard room categories throughout. Please inquire about room upgrades or other hotel options.

## Pricing Details

VALIDITY DATES & RATES	SGL	DBL	TPL
<b>STANDARD</b>			
Valid December 01, 2011 – December 14, 2011	1,989.00	1,349.00	1,239.00
Valid December 15, 2011 – April 30, 2012	2,099.00	1,399.00	1,299.00
Valid May 01, 2012 – October 31, 2012	1,989.00	1,349.00	1,239.00
<b>MODERATE</b>			
Valid December 01, 2011 – December 14, 2011	2,439.00	1,669.00	1,669.00
Valid December 15, 2011 – April 30, 2012	2,519.00	1,709.00	1,709.00
Valid May 01, 2012 – October 31, 2012	2,359.00	1,589.00	1,589.00
<b>FIRST CLASS</b>			
Valid December 01, 2011 – December 14, 2011	3,099.00	2,249.00	1,799.00
Valid December 15, 2011 – April 30, 2012	3,799.00	2,569.00	2,049.00
Valid May 01, 2012 – October 31, 2012	3,679.00	2,369.00	1,869.00

Please note: Rates are per person and are subject to change. Special rates apply for Christmas and New Years. International airfare is not included but is available on request.

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## A Little More About Your Tours and Excursions



### Xunantunich and Barton Creek Cave

Board a 19th century hand-cranked ferry which will take you across the Mopan River to the Maya ruins of Xunantunich, Maya for Maiden of the Rock, which sit just inside the Western border of Belize and Guatemala.

The ruins are actually located on one of the highest plateaus in the area and it is possible to climb to the top of "El Castillo", the largest of the temples at this site. From this vantage point, one gains a panoramic view of the Cayo District and nearby Guatemala.

Next, the tour continues to Barton Creek Cave in Amish territory. Gently paddle your canoe into Xibalba (she-bal-ba), Maya for underworld. As you glide through the cave you will be dazzled by the glistening crystalline formations and awed by the Maya artifacts secretly tucked away in overhead alcoves.

### Caracol and the Mountain Pine Forest Reserve

Depart from your hotel and head southwest to the Chiquibul Forest Reserve for a visit to the famous Maya site of Caracol (Maya for Snail), the largest Maya city in Belize. This site in size rivals that of neighbouring Tikal. "Canaa", the largest and most impressive temple at this site is still the highest structure in the country. From here one has a panoramic view of a vast empire that once was. The lush primary rainforest vista gives one the sense of peaceful silence interrupted only by a startled bird call or howl of a monkey. A picnic lunch is included while at Caracol.

In the afternoon you will continue your exploration in the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve with sightseeing stops made at Rio Frio Cave and Rio On Pools.



### Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley

Snorkel the first marine reserve established in Central America - Hol Chan Marine Reserve. Explore the coral reefs as you swim amongst flamboyantly colored tropical fish. Then head to your second snorkel stop, Shark Ray Alley. Friendly reef fish including snappers and jacks dart in and about graceful stingrays and the inquisitive brown nurse sharks for an experience not to be missed. Free afternoon to relax on the beach or more fun in the sea and sun!



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