

Belize & Guatemala August 2011



04 Aug

Miami

Depart London Heathrow 09:50 Arrive Miami 14:15

Depart London Heathrow and arrive into Miami. On arrival, take a complimentary shuttle transfer to the Hilton Miami Airport Hotel for an overnight stay.

Hilton Miami Airport Hotel / Standard Double / Room Only

05 Aug

Cayo District

Take a complimentary shuttle transfer to the airport to meet a flight to Belize.

Depart Miami 10:05 Arrive Belize City 10:15



On arrival, private transfer to the Cayo District and Chaa Creek for 3 nights. This award winning jungle lodge is comprised of 18 comfortable palm-thatched cottage rooms in a setting of unmatched beauty and tranquillity. Guests can interact with nature by exploring the river and miles of well-maintained trails, Mayan temple sites and through activities such as hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, mountain biking and bird watching. Wildlife abounds and some 250 species of birds have been sighted within the reserve.

Chaa Creek / Double Cottage / Bed & Breakfast

06 Aug – 07 Aug

Cayo District

Time at leisure. Numerous guided activities can be booked locally. The Cayo District in Western Belize has a lush tropical feel to it. Rolling countryside borders the ever encroaching jungle, brightly coloured houses line the roads, hummingbirds, parrots and toucans fill the skies. An important region for the ancient Mayan, several of their sites have been uncovered and restored. Located 70 kilometres south of the regional capital San Ignacio, the ancient city of Caracol has a tremendous setting deep in the rainforest.



Chaa Creek / Double Cottage / Bed & Breakfast

08 Aug

Lake Peten Itza



After breakfast, private transfer by road across the border into the Peten region of Northern Guatemala and La Lancha for 3 nights. A new luxury property located halfway between Flores and Tikal on Lake Petén Itzá, La Lancha is owned by Francis Ford Coppola. It has ten guest casitas, four overlook the lake while the other six have jungle and partial lake views. Antique Belizean and Guatemalan furniture adorn each casita.

La Lancha / Lakeview Casita / Bed & Breakfast

09 Aug – 10 Aug

Time at leisure. Guided visits to the Mayan ruins of Tikal, bird watching, horse riding, canoeing, Spanish language classes and swimming can all be arranged locally. El Peten, in northeast Guatemala, represents the largest tropical forest in Central America, containing ruins, great and small, from the ancient Maya civilization. The crown jewel among the Peten's 13,000 square miles is Tikal, a sprawling complex of more than 3,000 structures. The ruins of Ceibal, Aguateca, and Yaxha contribute to the Peten's standing as the heartland of the Maya. Countless more ruins still lie shrouded by dense forest overgrowth in the Peten, which contains over 800 species of trees, 57 species of reptiles, and 500 species of birds. Tapirs, peccararies and jaguars still roam the emerald forests, just as they did when the ancient Maya ruled the region.

Lake Peten Itza



Unlike other major Mayan sites in Mexico and Belize, Tikal is unusual in that it is found deep in the rainforest. On a grand scale, you need to walk in excess of 15 kilometres to cover the whole site. The workmanship throughout is incredibly intricate and the 40 metre plus temples that shoot up to the sky are extraordinary. If you have a head for heights you can climb many of the temples and the views from the top are breathtaking. All around there is virgin rainforest, punctuated with other temples that surpass the forest canopy.

La Lancha / Lakeview Casita / Bed & Breakfast

11 Aug

Shared transfer to Flores Airport to meet a Tropic Air flight to San Pedro via Belize City. On arrival, shared transfer to Victoria House for 7 nights. Easily the best hotel on the island, Victoria House is a luxury beachfront property located to the south of San Pedro. The hotel has a beautiful stretch of sandy beach with plenty of palms for shade. The rooms are light and have been finished to a high standard and have air-conditioning, ceiling fans, mini-bar and en-suite facilities. There is a lively bar and a good restaurant. Activities offered from the hotel include diving, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, fishing, snorkelling and even manatee watching! Alternatively take it easy and relax on the beach or by the pool.

Ambergris Caye



Each of the 14 Plantation Rooms is surrounded by tropical bougainvillea, hibiscus filled gardens and tall swaying palms. They feature a private entrance and verandah with lovely views of the gardens, pool and beach. All rooms have plantation style interiors with either a queen or king size bed draped in custom-made linen canopies.

Victoria House / Plantation Room / Bed & Breakfast

12 Aug – 17 Aug

Time at leisure. Ambergris Caye is the largest island in Belize and the main destination for travellers to this western Caribbean nation. San Pedro is the only town on the island and retains a relaxed and welcoming Caribbean feel to it, with the world's second largest reef nearby and first class snorkelling and diving. Getting around the island is easy, by taxi, or hotels hire out electric golf carts and it is almost impossible to get lost!

Ambergris Caye



Victoria House / Plantation Room / Bed & Breakfast

18 Aug

Shared transfer to the airstrip to meet a flight to Belize City. On arrival, meet your return international flight via Miami.

Depart Belize City 11:20 Arrive Miami 15:30
Depart Miami 18:35 Arrive London Heathrow 08:10 (on the 19th)

Depart

19 Aug

Arrive back into London Heathrow.

The per person cost for the above itinerary in a double room would be **£3195.00**

The above price includes:

- International Flights with American Airlines in economy class.
- Internal flights as listed in economy class.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please note: This is a quotation valid for 7 days only from 24 February 2011. All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

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