

Pocono Whitewater's

ISLAND EXPEDITIONS



GLOVER'S REEF & RIVER OF CAVES



Duration: 7 nights

Starts: Belize City

Finishes: Dangriga

Guides: 2-6 Guides

Price: \$1979 USD

Habitats: Reef & Tropical Savanna

Activity Level: 2/5 - No experience required

2017 Dates

January 15th - 22nd

January 29th - February 5th

February 12th - February 19th

February 26th - March 5th

More dates available, call for details

Activities Overview:

- Sea Kayaking (paddling & sailing)
- Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Natural History Interpretation
- Cave Tubing
- Photography
- Birding
- Snorkeling
- Optional Add On Items: Scuba Diving & Nocturnal Zoo Tour

Trip Brief:

This classic Glover's Reef and River of Caves and adventure allows you to explore inland on a Mayan cave hike and inner tube float through lush rainforest then stay overnight at the Tropical Education Center where we can arrange an optional nocturnal tour of the Belize Zoo. You then explore Glover's Atoll, a protected marine park and designated world heritage site located thirty-six miles off the Belize mainland. You will spend five and a half days in one of the richest marine environments in the Caribbean Sea. On this adventure, you'll have an opportunity to paddle, snorkel, kayak sail, fish, and SUP (stand up paddleboard) as you explore the turquoise lagoons and thriving coral reefs.

Your stay at Southwest Caye, a remote 13 acre basecamp, provides comfortable, safari-style tent cabanas and delectable cuisine of fresh seafood, tropical fruit and local Caribbean favorites. You will enjoy the flexible daily schedule on the reef which includes activity choices geared to all interests and abilities.

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Accommodations Overview:

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

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 0:

Arrive at the Belize International Airport where you will be met by Pocono Whitewater Island Expeditions representative and transferred to the Tropical Education Center or TEC for short. The TEC is adjacent to the Belize Zoo and is an ideal starting point for the adventure that awaits you. You will have time to explore the surrounding savanna forest through a network of interpretive trails, wildlife viewing platforms, and the Interpretive Center which details the diverse ecology of Belize. After checking into your forest cabana you can enjoy a Belizean dinner and meet your fellow travelers. Later that evening, you can join an optional nocturnal tour of the Belize Zoo. This zoo 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.

Accommodation: Forest Cabana

Meals Included: Dinner

Notes: Day "0" is your arrival day. Spend time meeting your fellow travelers and get acclimated to your new tropical environment. Day one is when your activities start. Scheduled transfers from the airport to your lodging are included.

Day 1:

Wake up to the sounds of tropical birds before heading to breakfast. After breakfast, you will head out and enjoy a tour around The River of Caves area of Belize and explore the fascinating Darknight cave system. You'll start with a walk on a trail through lush rainforest to the cave's entrance, then hike underground through the limestone caves that are rich with amazing crystallized flowstone, stalactite and stalagmite formations. Your guides are sure to point out ancient relics, clay whistles, Maya pots and other fossilized items along the way. You'll end your Darknight Cave adventure by jumping into inner tubes and floating downstream in and out of the cave system. Next, 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 Savanna Interpretive Trail or hang out by the pond and spot turtles, crocodile and native birds.

Accommodation: Forest Cabanas

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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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 will board a charter boat to our 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. Your guides will offer professional instruction to teach you the fundamentals of sea kayaking, snorkeling and tropical water safety. After training, paddle to a nearby patch reef and start exploring some of the 700 snorkel sites Glover's Reef Atoll has to offer.

Glover's Reef is one of the most spectacular marine environments in Belize and offers the best kayaking, snorkeling and diving in the Caribbean. Due to its isolation from the mainland, the waters are exceptionally clear with a rich reef ecosystem.

Your itinerary is flexible in order to accommodate individual and group preferences. Activities include paddling, snorkeling the inner and outer walls of the reef, stand up paddleboarding 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. 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

Notes: *Basecamping: sleeping in wall tented cabanas. These spacious safari-style tents have ample head-room to walk around and are on raised wooden floors with double or single beds. All bed linens are provided.*

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 town of Dangriga and our helpful staff will assist you with connecting to the next leg of your journey.

Accommodation: N/A

Meals: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

Travel Notes:

For travelers who will be leaving Belize on Day 6, 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.

All itineraries are subject to change depending on weather or safety considerations. Flexibility as our international travel guest is the key to an awesome experience.