



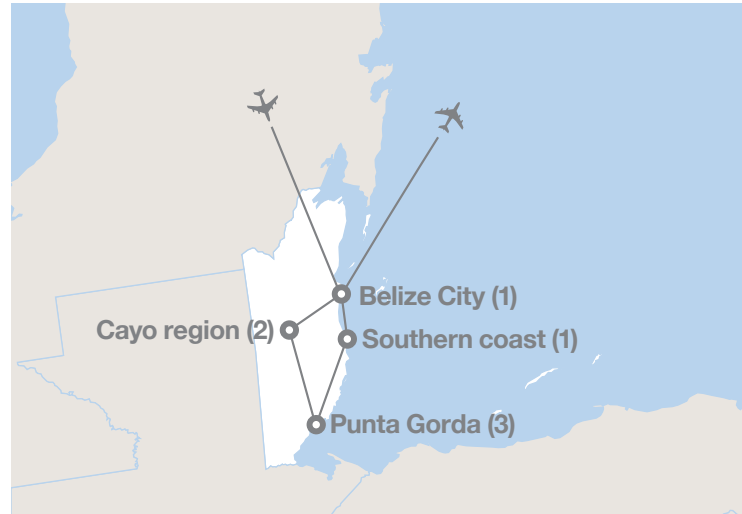
EF STEM

Belize: Conservation from Ridge to Reef

Experience Belize's natural beauty as you help preserve it. Go with the (literal) flow, traveling from the mountains to the ocean to explore the interconnectedness of Belize's freshwater and marine ecosystems. Contribute to ongoing efforts to decrease erosion through reforestation, check out climate-smart practices used by local farmers, and see the human impact on oceans firsthand during a beach cleanup.

Explore a world built on STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math shape communities across the globe. Our STEM-focused tours showcase the value of diverse ways of thinking and building, while also highlighting the powerful universality of STEM subjects. At EF, we've spent over 55 years witnessing the power of educational travel, and we know how it can transform STEM learners. Each STEM tour challenges travelers to think critically, and helps students develop innovative solutions to global problems.



What to expect on a STEM tour

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Apply STEM principles by participating in project-based learning that goes well beyond theory.

INNOVATIVE LOCATIONS

Tour exciting international destinations that host some of the world's most advanced laboratories, universities, and companies, or are simply perfect global "classrooms" to study analytical issues of the day in real life.

INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Collaborate and learn with scientists, engineers, researchers, and other STEM practitioners in the field.



Participate in a reef cleanup activity on the island of Tobacco Caye.



YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Full-time Tour Director; sightseeing tours; activities include ziplining, ecological activities, conservation fieldwork, Mayan Ruins visit, sustainable farm visit, Mayan cultural visit, Port Honduras Marine Reserve activities, Garifuna drumming lesson, reforestation project, Tobacco Caye activities; round-trip flights; 7 overnight stays in hotels; breakfast and dinner daily; lunch on Days 2-7

“We had so many different learning opportunities on this trip! I have several students that want to come back or do internships. I absolutely loved that NGOs and locals were used instead of touristy-type stuff that can be exploitive.”

Madeline E., 8th grade science teacher



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Walk on the wild side as you explore the ecology of Belize's rainforest.



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Learn how to make tortillas from scratch at a local Mayan village.

Day 1: Fly to Belize | Cayo region

Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Belize City, your starting point to exploring this country's unique biomes. Then, travel to the Cayo region.

Day 2: Cayo region

Visit the rainforest, where you can participate in activities such as an ethnobotanical walk along trails through the jungle, learning about soil building processes, captive animal husbandry, and watershed quality assessment. Experience the thrill of a ziplining adventure through the Belizean canopy. *(Note: Participants must weigh less than 275 lbs.)*

Day 3: Cayo region | Punta Gorda

During today's visit to a local NGO, you will learn about their work in conservation and community development, and collect data on indigenous plants alongside rangers. Later, take a guided tour of Nim Li Punit or Lubantuun, an ancient Mayan city and archaeological site. Then travel to Punta Gorda.

Day 4: Punta Gorda

At a sustainable farm, you'll discover how agricultural practices are linked to reef health, learn about climate-smart farming practices, and participate in activities like planting seeds, pruning cacao trees, or harvesting fruit. You'll also learn about Mayan culture at a local village. Here you'll make tortillas from scratch (then sample your creations!), see firsthand how chocolate goes from bean to bar, and try your hand at traditional basket-weaving and Mayan dances.

Day 5: Punta Gorda

Explore the Port Honduras Marine Reserve, where you'll visit the Abalone Caye Ranger Station, participate in an underwater transect survey, and get an up-close look at marine life while snorkeling. You'll also visit Punta Negra and learn how climate change and coastal erosion are affecting this community. Although manatee sightings are not guaranteed, you'll have the opportunity to help local scientists monitor the manatee population. At night, learn traditional drumming techniques from either the Indigenous Creole or Garifuna people before enjoying a locally sourced dinner.

Day 6: Punta Gorda | Southern coast

Support biodiversity during a reforestation project that helps to stabilize riverbanks, decrease erosion, and improve water quality. Later, travel to the southern coast.

Day 7: Southern coast | Tobacco Caye | Belize City

Take a day trip to the island of Tobacco Caye. Here, visit a nearby marine research field station and snorkel along the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere. You'll also participate in a beach cleanup activity and hear more about the impact of plastic pollution from an expert. Travel to Belize City for your final night before departing for home the next day.

Day 8: Depart for home

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AFFORDABILITY

Every student should have the opportunity to travel, which is why we're dedicated to providing the lowest prices.

INSIGHT

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