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BELIZE: SOUTHERN DISCOVERY

7 days | Belize

In Belize, explore two different ecosystems—jungle and coastline. Hike through lush forest and snorkel in the Caribbean before learning about the fascinating history and traditions of the indigenous Garifuna people. Then, visit the archaeological site of Nim Li Punit for a glimpse into ancient Maya culture.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** Comprehensive sightseeing of natural attractions
-  **Entrances:** St. Herman's Blue Hole National Park; Garifuna Museum; monkey tour; snorkeling; Maya Center; chocolate tour; Nim Li Punit; Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary and Jaguar Reserve
-  **Experiential learning:** Garifuna cultural presentation
-  **weShare:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; boat; 6 overnight stays in hotels; 3 meals daily; dinner on arrival day; breakfast on departure day
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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly to Belize

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.

Day 2: Placencia Peninsula

- Travel to Placencia, a southern Belize peninsula that boasts 16 miles of white-sand beaches, charming lagoons, and mountain views.
- Visit Herman's Blue Hole National Park to explore the deep and extensive caverns of St. Herman's Cave and swim in its cool, glittering waters. With acres of jungle to explore, this is a great opportunity for bird watching.
- Visit the Garifuna Museum to learn about Garifuna culture and history through a multimedia exhibit.

Day 3: Southern coast

- Travel to Monkey River Village and enjoy a meandering boat ride along Monkey River, one of Belize's largest waterways. Then, hit the jungle trail in search of the howler monkeys—whose deafening screeches can travel miles through the jungle's dense canopy. From here, take a refreshing dip in the river before traveling back to the village to meet locals and enjoy a traditional Belizean dish at a family-run restaurant.
- Continue on to the southern coast.

Day 4: Southern coast

- Explore Belize's barrier reef, which Charles Darwin once referred to as "the most remarkable reef in the West Indies." As the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, its vast ecosystem hosts everything from giant whale sharks to microscopic algae.
- Go snorkeling in the nearby Cayes.
- Interact with local Garifunas through a drum lesson and presentation about traditional Garifuna culture.

Days 5: Southern coast

- Visit the Maya Center.
- Visit a chocolate farm to explore the process of small-scale chocolate manufacturing. Learn how the business supports local cacao growers, Mayan communities, and sustainable agriculture through fine-tuned fermentation and drying techniques.
- Explore the Nim Li Punit ruins and imagine Mayan life as it flourished between the 5th and 8th centuries. With three plazas, several pyramids, and countless intricately carved stelae, the site is a testimony to the Mayan Classic Era's incredible civilization. As you walk through the site, keep your eyes peeled for the many elaborate headaddresses atop each stela, a characteristic that gives Nim Li Punit the nickname "Big Hat."

Day 6: Belize City

- Travel to Belize City.
- Visit Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the world's first internationally recognized jaguar preserve. Explore this spectacular natural site to see wildcats, tapir, deer, and many different types of tropical birds.

Day 7: Depart for home

Awesome trip! My tour guide was amazing and great with the students. I felt at ease and even relaxed on the trip! So many great experiences and memories from hiking three Mayan pyramids to cave tubing to tracking down Howler monkeys to swimming with sea turtles and manta rays. Great trip for biology students!!!

– MELODIE, GROUP LEADER

“ Tour review

Wonderful way to see and experience Belize. We met people, learned about Mayan history, had jungle adventures, and saw the beautiful Caribbean Sea.

– JERRY, GROUP LEADER

“ Tour review

TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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2. _____
3. _____

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—CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2015

“ Tour review

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