

## GLOVER'S REEF & MAYAN CAVES



Archeological Mayan Cave, Xunantunich Ruins, then out to the island Basecamp and white sand cayes of Glover's Atoll

Duration:	6 nights	2018/19 Departures:
Starts:	Belize City	Dec 3, 10, 24
Finishes:	Dangriga	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Guides:	2-6 leaders	Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
Price:	TBA – please call us for information	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25
Habitats:	Reef & Rainforest	Apr 1, 8, 22
Activity level:	2/5 - No experience required	

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Activities: Sea Kayaking (Paddling), Sea Kayak Sailing, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Snorkeling, Birding, Caving, Hiking, Maya Ruin & Culture Exploration, Photography, Natural History Interpretation. (Optional, cost not included in trip price – Scuba Diving)

Accommodations: Cahal Pech Village Resort & Southwest Caye Glover's Basecamp

Travel to Glover's Atoll, a protected marine park and World Heritage Site, thirty-six miles off shore of mainland Belize. Spend four and a half days in one of the richest marine environments in the Caribbean Sea. You will have an opportunity to paddle, snorkel, kayak sail, fish, and SUP as you explore the turquoise lagoons and thriving coral reefs. Stay at our Southwest Caye Adventure Basecamp which provides comfortable, safari style tent cabanas and delectable cuisine of fresh seafood, tropical fruit and local favorites. Enjoy a flexible daily schedule on the reef, with activity choices geared to all interests and abilities. Venture inland for a private cave adventure and tour Xunantunich ruins. Stay overnight at Cahal Pech Village Resort and explore the Belizean town of San Ignacio in the Cayo District.

"Basecamping": sleeping in wall tented cabanas. These spacious safari-style tents have ample headroom to walk around and are on raised wooden floors with double or single beds, with all bed linen provided.

## Typical Daily Itinerary:

**Day 0:** Arrive at the Belize International Airport, where you will be met by an Island Expeditions' representative and transferred to Cahal Pech Village Resort – a picturesque lodge carved out of the land with a grand vista overlooking the town of San Ignacio and the rolling hills of the Cayo District in Western Belize. This is an ideal starting point for the adventure that awaits. 'Day 0' is the day to get in tune with the rhythms of Belize and acclimatize to your new tropical environment. Transfers from the airport, lodging, and dinner are included.

**Accommodation:** Cahal Pech Village Resort

**Meals:** Dinner is included on this night

**Day 1:** A full day of adventure and exploration. The first mission is to venture into the jungle to explore the underground archaeological site of the Chech'Em Ha Cave system. You'll hike a half an hour through the rainforest, and up into a multi-chambered series of caves rich with geological formations, ancient ceremonial altars, Maya artifacts and relics. After an hour and half in the cave, we hike further downhill to lunch served by our hosts in a spectacular setting overlooking the Macal river valley. The next adventure is the ancient Mayan ruins of Xunantunich. It's a short drive and then you will cross the Mopan River on a hand-cranked ferry. Situated on the banks of the river, you will travel back through centuries to the world of ancient kings, temples, plazas and the renowned ball courts of this ancient city. In the evening you can stroll into San Ignacio, meet the local people, and enjoy dinner on your own in the town.

**Accommodation:** Cahal Pech Village Resort

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, (Dinner on your own in San Ignacio)

**Day 2 to 5:** You'll depart early in the morning and drive the scenic Hummingbird Highway through the Rainforest to the coastal town of Dangriga. Here you board a charter boat to our private 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. Our guides will then conduct professional instruction to teach you the fundamentals of sea kayaking, snorkeling, and tropical water safety. After training, enjoy a paddle to a nearby patch reef and start exploring some of the 700 snorkel sites Glover's Reef Atoll has to offer.

Our itinerary is flexible in order to accommodate individual and group preferences. Activities include paddling, snorkeling the inner and outer walls of the reef, SUP 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 with you. 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

**Day 6:** 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 Garifuna town of Dangriga, and our helpful staff will assist you with connecting to the next leg of your journey.

**Accommodations:** N/A

**Meals:** Breakfast, Packed Lunch

**Travel note:** 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. Please note all itineraries are subject to change depending on weather or safety considerations. Flexibility as our guest and as an international traveler is the key to an awesome experience.

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