

LIGHTHOUSE GETAWAY



The rich coral reefs and white sand cayes of Lighthouse Reef
A five day remote Basecamp Adventure

Duration:	5 days/4 nights	2018/19 Departures:
Starts:	Belize City	Dec 21, 25, 29
Finishes:	Belize City	Jan 2, 12, 16, 26, 30
Guides:	2-6 leaders	Feb 9, 13, 23
Price:	\$1059US + \$220 Taxes & Fees	Mar 9, 13, 23, 27
	\$1134Cdn + \$265 Taxes & Fees	Apr 6, 10, 20
Habitats:	Lighthouse Reef Atoll	
Activity	Level: 2/5 No experience required	

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Yoga Instructor at Basecamp on some departures

Activities: Sea Kayaking (paddling and sailing), Snorkeling, Fishing, Beachcombing, Birding, Photography, Natural History Interpretation, Stand-Up Paddleboarding. Scuba Diving (optional - cost not included in trip price).

Accommodations: Half Moon Caye Basecamp

Explore Lighthouse Reef Atoll - a tropical marine park and UN world heritage site fifty-five miles off the shore of the Belize mainland. This idyllic location is only accessible by boat charter, and it is where you will spend four memorable Belizean nights. Half Moon Caye is a protected island managed by the Belize Audubon Society. Our luxury Adventure Basecamp is equipped with beautiful tent wall cabanas for your enjoyment. You'll have a choice of several guided reef activities, including special paddling and snorkeling excursions. Visit 'the Aquarium', Jacques Cousteau's legendary Blue Hole, or quietly observe a nesting colony of 4000 red-footed boobies. This trip is ideal for families, or traveling companions with mixed abilities and interests.

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: To start the first day of your trip, you'll meet your Island Expeditions guide at 8:30am in the lobby of the Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel. Your guide will escort you to a boat launch for a motor charter to Lighthouse Reef Atoll. Imagine traveling by sea through mangrove ranges and white sand cayes before traversing Belize's predominant Barrier Reef. This seafaring journey will take you through the inner lagoons of Turneffe Atoll and 20 miles of open sea before reaching Lighthouse Reef Atoll. Your final destination is located at the furthest edge of the Belizean Reef System, 50 miles offshore and offers an experience you'll never forget. In ideal weather conditions, this motor charter takes approximately two hours. Upon reaching Half Moon Caye (an island at the southern end of Lighthouse Reef Atoll) your guide team will orient you to your newest island setting. After settling into your accommodations and having lunch in an open-air dining pavilion, you will be taught some key sea kayaking and paddling techniques by your guides. You'll then head out for your first sea kayaking and snorkeling adventure!

Accommodation: Half Moon Basecamp

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2, 3, 4: Early risers may want to go for a swim, do some yoga - or just grab a cup of coffee and watch the tropical sunrise. After a healthy Belizean breakfast, everyone gathers to plan the day's activities. The waters of Lighthouse Reef Atoll are exceptionally clear with a fabulously rich reef system, which offers some of the best kayaking, snorkeling, and diving in the Caribbean. Throughout your stay, you'll have an opportunity to try a variety of activities as you explore this remote and magical part of Belize. Snorkeling at the 'Aquarium' is often a favorite guest activity. This location has a profusion of tropical fish and towering coral formations uncommon to other locations. You'll also be taken on another snorkeling excursion to the renowned Blue Hole, made famous by the legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau. The Blue Hole is an underwater cave and sinkhole in the middle of the Lighthouse lagoon. In the mornings and evenings a favorite guest activity is to walk to the red-footed booby colony to watch the birds come in from the sea to feed their chicks.

Accommodation: Half Moon Basecamp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: For your last day at Lighthouse the choice is yours - don a mask, snorkel, and fins to explore your favorite patch reefs; or simply enjoy walking the island trails. For a slower pace, you can swing in a hammock or beachcomb along the island's beaches. After lunch, a motorboat charter picks everyone up for the return trip to the mainland, arriving late afternoon.

Accommodation: Not Included

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

NOTE: Due to the remote location of the Lighthouse Basecamp, the activities on this trip are weather dependent. This itinerary is a 'guide' and must remain flexible and open. Your trip leader retains the option to adjust the schedule at his/her discretion. We hope you bring a spirit of adventure with you, and allow us to adjust the sails.

Please visit www.lighthousegetaway.travel for further trip details and images.