

WILD SOUTH



Moho River and Remote Mayan Villages - Paddle downstream on Belize's only multi-night rainforest river exploration

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights
Starts: Dangriga
Finishes: Dangriga
Guides: 2-4 leaders
Price:
Habitats: Broadleaf Rainforest
Activity level: 3/5, no river experience required.

2016/2017 Departures:
Please call our office directly at 1-800-667-1630 to discuss custom arrangements with one of our expert trip planners

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Activities: Whitewater Paddling on a Rainforest River, Wildlife, Hiking, Birding, Photography, and Natural History Interpretation.

Accommodations: Lodge at Big Falls, Jungle camping.

The Wild South journeys to the last remaining untouched region of Belize. Stay overnight in Toledo at the comfortable Lodge at Big Falls. Embark on an exhilarating four day whitewater paddling trip using inflatable kayaks. You'll navigate the rainforest valleys of the Moho River, camp in the jungle, and visit remote Mayan villages. This trip is ideal for the adventurer who wants to explore the rivers and rainforests of Southern Belize, experiencing the traditional village life of the Maya people.

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: This is your arrival day where you'll meet your fellow travelers, and acclimatize to your new tropical environment. Your meeting point is in Dangriga at 2pm. We can assist you with coordinating transportation to Dangriga from any point in Belize. After meeting your group, you'll travel to the Jungle Lodge in the far south of Belize. The Lodge at Big Falls is situated on the banks of the Rio Grande River in Belize's southern Toledo District, a region of isolated villages lying amongst an unspoiled tropical wilderness. Our location is superb - the lodge property is located on a meander of the Rio Grande River with almost a mile of river frontage. There are views of the Maya Mountains to the northwest while the southeastern bank faces the small village of Big Falls.

Accommodation: Lodge at Big Falls

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Rise early, and enjoy the beauty of this idyllic setting before having a delicious breakfast. In the afternoon, you'll drive further south from Big Falls to the put-in point on the Moho River. A nice lunch will be prepared for you at the traditional Mayan village of Santa Theresa. Once on the river, your guides will conduct a brief orientation on the boats and river. You'll be given as much time as needed to practise your new boat-handling skills so you can safely navigate the rapids and pour-overs. Following the orientation and practice session, you'll begin your journey along one of Belize's most beautiful rivers. Travel through pristine rainforests to your first Belizean river camp.

Accommodation: Jungle River Camping,

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3, 4: For the next two days you will break contact completely with the outside world and become a part of the mist shrouded rainforest. You'll follow the Moho River through beautiful canyons and lush rainforest. Each bend of the river reveals its dynamic nature. Your journey takes you along calm meandering waters reflecting the intense green of the jungle. The river then carries you over stretches of rapids, pour-overs, and spectacular waterfalls on your descent from the Maya Mountains to the sea.

The arrival time at the bush camp is dependent on water levels. When the water levels are ideal, groups typically arrive at the bush-camp by mid-afternoon, and switch to land-based activities. Some of the activities you'll have the opportunity to engage in are hiking, birding, photography, and wildlife identification. During the trip your Mayan guides and North American leaders emphasize the importance of understanding the ecology of the rainforest. They'll share their unique knowledge of the habits of the wildlife, and help you gain an appreciation for the richness of Mayan folklore.

Accommodation: Jungle River Camping

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: As you continue your journey, today you'll leave the Maya mountains and enter the coastal plain of Belize. The river will begin to meander with quiet pools interspersed in the gentle current. It is common to see a Mayan family along the riverbanks or paddling dugout canoes in these large river pools. Paddling downstream you will arrive at the river pullout by afternoon. You will be met by IE staff and taken for a final lunch in the Mayan village of Jordan. You'll then travel back to the coastal town of Dangriga. Your trip ends in Dangriga at approximately 3:30pm.

Accommodation: N/A

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Travel Note: For those departing Belize the following day we offer an optional flight and hotel package from Dangriga to Belize City. Please call our office for details and pricing.

Note: Participants on this trip do not need to have river experience. Your guides will provide thorough instruction on river travel and boat handling skills at the beginning of the trip. The Wild South takes place in a remote rainforest river valley in southern Belize. It involves navigating rapids and pour-overs as you descend the Moho River. Weather conditions can greatly affect water levels and may increase the level of difficulty while using the kayaks.

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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