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Legacy Journey to Belize

From rainforest to reef, this journey highlights the beauty and biodiversity found in Belize, a tropical paradise safeguarded for millennia by the Maya people. From a home base in the heart of the Selva Maya (Maya Forest), we will discover blue lagoons, ancient Mayan sites, scenic vistas and trails winding through a vast wilderness that harbors around 80 species of mammals and 400 species of birds. On another leg of this journey, we will visit the Mesoamerican Reef, which is included in the country's goal of protecting 30% of its ocean areas by 2030. Throughout the visit, our staff will discuss how TNC works to safeguard these lands and seas as the inheritance of the Maya legacy.



Photos: Ray swimming through Laughing Bird Caye, Belize © Jennifer Adler; Maya Forest stream at Gallon Jug Estate, Belize © Lucas Bustamante

Legacy Journey Highlights

- Venture on an evening wildlife tour in search of tarantulas, tree frogs, margays, ocelots and other creatures inhabiting the Selva Maya.
- Board a private boat to visit a seaweed farm and learn how mariculture (underwater agriculture) fuels Belize's local economy.
- Go snorkeling in Laughing Bird Caye National Park and listen for the gulls known for their laugh-like calls that gave this place its name.



Welcome to Belize!

The country of Belize boasts a remarkable wealth of ecological and cultural treasures. This land has been home to the Mayan people for millennia, where ancient traditions have blended with contemporary customs, creating a rich and diverse history. Many individuals of Mayan descent continue to reside in Belize and throughout the greater Central American region. After centuries of foreign rule, there is a growing movement to regain control of traditional Maya lands.

The historic anthropological diversity of Belize is complemented by its extraordinary biodiversity. Positioned at the intersection of the rainforest and the reef, Belize's conservation efforts are interconnected; protecting one ecosystem depends on preserving the other. Tens of thousands of species inhabit Belize, many of which are found nowhere else on Earth.

Belize is home to dense tropical rainforests and beautiful coral reefs, which contribute to its status as a "biodiversity hotspot." This highlights the importance of conservation and sustainable resource management in the region. The Nature Conservancy works across various landscapes in Belize and, regardless of a project's size or scope, is dedicated to building collaborative partnerships that develop effective solutions for both nature and people.

Photo: Belize Barrier Reef © Aureore Shirley/TNC Photo Contest 2022

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1

Sunday, April 4

Welcome to Belize! Upon your arrival at Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (BZE), you will meet your trip leaders at baggage claim. From there, we will take a 30-minute chartered flight to the Gallon Jug Estate, where we will be surrounded by abundant wildlife in a beautiful jungle setting for the next three nights at the Chan Chich Lodge.

After checking in, you will have some time to relax in your room before joining the group for a welcome reception and dinner at the lodge.

Overnight at Chan Chich Lodge, Gallon Jug

DAY 2

Monday, April 5

After breakfast, head into Gallon Jug Estate, a 30,000-acre private reserve contiguous with additional conservation areas – a combined half-million acres of protected habitat. This area protects more than 500 bird species, 200 tree species, 80 mammal species, and 39 species of conservation concern. Learn directly from partners during a tour of a local coffee farm before returning to Chan Chich Lodge for lunch and time to relax.

In the late afternoon, we'll head to Laguna Verde, a natural spring-fed lake located approximately four miles north of the Gallon Jug farm. You can take a swim or rent a kayak while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We will enjoy the sunset from the banks of the lake while sipping happy hour drinks before heading back to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight at Chan Chich Lodge, Gallon Jug

DAY 3

Tuesday, April 6

Awake early for a morning birdwatching walk at the Gallon Jug Estate. Afterwards, you will have plenty of time to enjoy a relaxing breakfast before learning about the Belize Maya Forest during a presentation by TNC staff.

We'll relax at the hotel during the heat of the day, giving you the opportunity to nap or take a swim in the pool.

In the afternoon, we will venture into the dense Maya Forest to explore the Northern Escarpment with our TNC experts. During our drive, you will learn about the significance of this ecosystem and the efforts that TNC and its partners are undertaking to protect it from the devastating impacts of deforestation.

Overnight at Chan Chich Lodge, Gallon Jug



Conservation Highlight: Belize's Maya Forest

For years, TNC has been committed to protecting Belize's Maya Forest, playing a key role in conserving nearly 241,000 acres—about 9% of the country's land area—and securing one of the region's most important biodiversity hot spots.

This landmark achievement demonstrates what is possible through strategic investment and partnership. It also highlights a powerful opportunity: By working alongside local farmers to advance regenerative agriculture, we can strengthen livelihoods while protecting forests, freshwater systems and soil health.

Through demonstration farms and farmer field schools, TNC is helping communities adopt more sustainable practices—creating a model where conservation and resilience go hand in hand.

Photo: Maya Forest foliage at Gallon Jug Estate, Belize © Lucas Bustamante

Itinerary Overview (cont.)

DAY 4

Wednesday, April 7

Following breakfast, trade the forest for the beach as we depart Gallon Jug Estate to board our chartered flight to our next destination, Placencia. Once we arrive, we will visit the small village of Maya Center to take part in a chocolate-making workshop. At the locally owned chocolate factory, we will learn the entire chocolate-making process, from bean to bar. Following the workshop, we will enjoy lunch in Maya Center.

We will check into our new beachfront accommodations at Brisa Oceano Resort in the late afternoon. You will have time to rest and refresh before the group heads out to dinner at Rumfish & Vino.

Overnight at Brisa Oceano Resort, Placencia

DAY 5

Thursday, April 8

After breakfast, we will meet TNC experts, along with representatives from Sunnyside Belize and the Belize Women Seaweed Farmers Association, before setting out for a morning of exploration at sea.

In 2018, TNC collaborated with local communities to launch seaweed farming research in Placencia. Now past the research phase, this project is entering a phase of economic viability and serving as a model for the growth of seaweed farms in Turneffe Atoll, with multifaceted benefits to the local community and the health of fisheries and biodiversity.

You will snorkel in the bright blue water, above reefs, and alongside vibrant sea life as we learn about the current economic viability and the future of aquaculture in Placencia. The group will have a picnic lunch on Laughing Bird Caye, a 1.4-acre island, national park, and UNESCO World Heritage site located 11 miles off the coast of Belize.

After a full day on the water, we will return to our hotel for downtime before dinner at Doyle's Smoke Yaad.

Overnight at Brisa Oceano Resort, Placencia

DAY 6

Friday, April 9

Bid farewell to Belize!

Enjoy a final breakfast in Placencia before departing on a private charter flight back to Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (BZE) in Belize City for international departures home.



Trip Cost

Double Occupancy: \$6,640/person

Single Occupancy: \$7,995/person

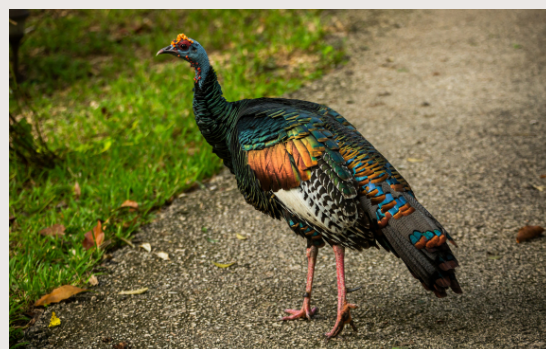
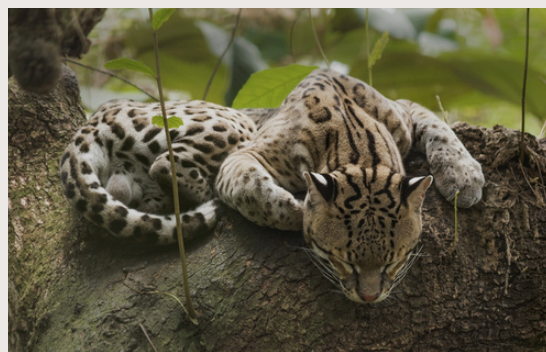
This trip must have 11 travelers.

This cost includes:

- Accommodations
- All ground transportation and intra-country charter flights
- All meals, beginning with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 6
- All activities
- All gratuities
- All guides
- All park entrance fees and permitting
- Alcohol with dinner
- Iconic trip leader
- 2 TNC hosts

This cost excludes:

- Travel to and from trip start and end location
- Travel insurance
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations
- Incidentals



Photos (from top to bottom): Laguna Verde, Gallon Jug Estate, Belize © Lucas Bustamante; Ocelot napping on tree branch, Belize © Rosa Ines Aguilar Amar/TNC Photo Contest 2019; Fish swimming off the coast of Lighthouse Reef Atoll, Belize © Jennifer Adler; Ocellated turkey, Chan Chich Lodge, Belize © Eva Lepiz



Payment & Cancellation Terms

All payment requests will be sent through WeTravel, your trip registration and payment portal. This may include the deposit, final payment, and any supplemental amounts for pre-/post-nights, extra transfers, or add-ons. If you need to cancel, please contact Iconic Adventures at concierge@iconicadventures.com.

Deposit:

- A \$1,500 per person deposit is due at the time of registration.
 - Cancellation 0-7 days after payment (when booked 7+ days before full payment is due): Deposit is fully refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 8-21 days after payment (when booked 8-21 days before full payment is due): Deposit is 50% refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 22+ days after payment: Deposit is non-refundable.

Full Trip Payment:

- Full trip payment is due 150 days prior to trip start.
 - Cancellation 150-136 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is 50% refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 135-0 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is non-refundable.

Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Iconic Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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TNC Travel Values

● Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places, you'll see how you are helping save them.

● Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

● Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

● Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

● Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results into global impact by scaling solutions that work.

Photo: Davis Mountain Preserve, TX © Jerod Foster



TNC Traveler Expectations

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review TNC's Code of Conduct prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. To that end, by registering for a TNC trip, you agree to uphold the Code.

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are:

- respect for each other,
- respect for the world around us, and
- acting with integrity.

The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

TNC Traveler Expectations (cont.)

● **Respect all people, places and perspectives.**

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

● **Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.**

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

● **Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.**

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

● **Employ an attitude of flexibility.**

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.

Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at legacyjourneys@tnc.org.

