

Belize & Guatemala

Rivers, Reefs & Cultures



Cruise the Belize Barrier Reef and trek into the jungles and towns of this Caribbean paradise. Belize, formerly British Honduras, is the only country in Central America with English as the official language.



DATES – SATURDAYS

2022 - Oct 15, 22, 29 | Nov 05, 12, 19

2023 – Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 | Nov 4, 11, 18

DURATION – 8 Days/7 Nights

ROUNDTrip BELIZE CITY

SHIP - M/V Safari Voyager

FROM - \$6,895

(Including Port Fees \$495)

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Belize Barrier Reef—second largest coral reef in the world
- Hike Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, recognized as the world's first jaguar sanctuary
- Explore the trails of birders' haven Las Escobas Tropical Rainforest Park
- Indigenous Mayan and Garifuna cultures: ruins, food, music, and dance
- Visit two women-run organizations: Kekchi Mayan Bakery and a health center
- Color and flavor in Caribbean towns: Punta Gorda and Livingston
- Skiff the limestone cliff-lined Rio Dulce and kayak through mangroves along the Rio Sarstun
- Snorkel, paddle, and swim at Lime, Laughing Bird, and Ranguana Cayes
- Watch for manatees, crocodiles, howler monkeys, birds, and the trail of jaguars
- Trek through savannah, jungle, and to tiered waterfalls

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BELIZE CITY, BELIZE — EMBARKATION

Welcome to the Caribbean coast! Our local representative greets you at the airport for your transfer to our hospitality area. Later, head to the *Safari Voyager*—sweeping views and a happy-to-see-you crew are the perfect welcome to your time in Belize and Guatemala.



DAY 2 – BELIZE BARRIER REEF

Start your adventure with a day of play at the beach. Explore Ranguana Caye, a private island of two acres prime for snorkeling, swimming, and paddle boarding. Take a spin around with your water toy of choice or kick back in a hammock under swaying palms and watch the fishermen off shore. Cruise to Laughing Bird Caye National Park named after Belize's laughing gull. Head out in your kayak or go for a guided snorkel where angelfish, parrotfish, tangs, sea sponges, and elkhorn, staghorn, and brain coral flicker beneath the clear waters. As the sun sets, circle back to Ranguana Caye where an under-the-stars beach party celebrates all things Caribbean.

DAY 3 – LAS ESCOBAS RAINFOREST / TAPON CREEK NATURE RESERVE, GUATEMALA

Today is boots-on-the-ground in Guatemala. Kick off your day with an early morning hike through Las Escobas Tropical Rainforest Park, a birder's paradise and home to more than 400 species of plants and animals. Toucans and parrots lure you to refreshing pools and waterfalls. To round out your big morning, sit back and rest your legs as you learn about the Garifuna culture firsthand through stories, song, and snacks. This afternoon, you have a choice in Tapon Creek Nature Reserve, covering more than 1,600 acres of Guatemala's lowland forests. You can take it easy on a skiff and stroll, or hard charge it through the jungle with your guide. The area protects endangered species including tapirs, howler monkeys, and jaguars.

DAY 4 – RIO SARSTUN / RIO DULCE / LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA

Get to know the locals today with visits to the Kekchi Mayan Women's Bakery and a women's health clinic, each enriching the community in its own way. Then explore along the "sweet river," the Rio Dulce. Glide past limestone cliffs where North American and Caribbean plates meet and jungles of howler monkeys and toucans tower above. Take it all in or grab a kayak and cruise the mangroves of lily pads past thatch-roofed homes. Stretch your legs in charming Livingston, a town perched on a hill lined with palms and packed with bustling shops and Caribbean flair. Go for an amble or take

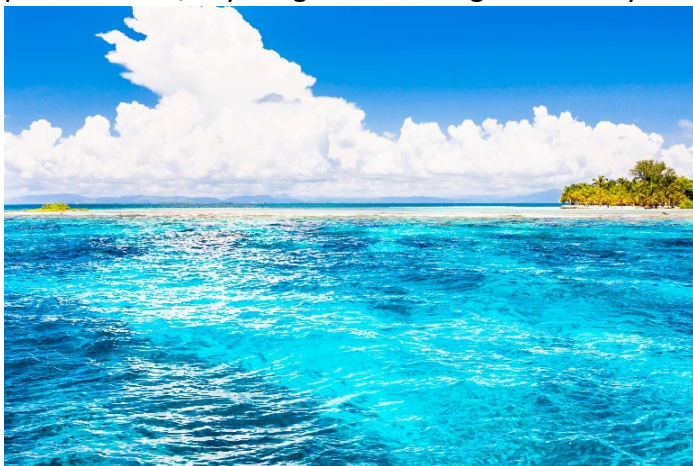
it up a notch with an optional hike from town to the Seven Altars waterfalls. The cooling waters ripple and cascade, never letting you forget that you're in paradise.

DAY 5 – PUNTA GORDA, BELIZE

Good morning, Punta Gorda! It's market day and there's something for everybody—wooden and woven crafts, produce, chilies, and tamales. Try a ripe mango or taste the local cassava as you stroll past primary colored buildings and hear a jumble of languages and dialects from the locals. For lunch, sample Mayan flavors paired with a cacao or coconut demonstration. Delve deeper into history with a trip to Mayan ruins. When it's time to cool off, the cayes call with white sands and from-the-beach or hop-off-a skiff snorkeling. Sergeant major, purple reef fish, and damselfish zip below as pelicans sweep by overhead.

DAY 6 – PAYNE'S CREEK NATIONAL PARK

Beat the heat and head for land early. Get acquainted with this lush corner of Belize via a birdwatching skiff tour, hard-charging hike through the park's savannah, or kayak through the mangroves. Black howler monkeys, white tail deer, crocodiles, and over 300 species of birds may join you along your way. And don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for the ripples of a manatee. Bellies full after lunch, spend an easy afternoon at a private island, kayaking or snorkeling in Lime Caye.



DAY 7 – COCKSCOMB BASIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

A jungle like no other. This protected area offers a range of hikes from easy ambles to thigh burners—all boasting incredible wildlife. Hear the call of a Crested Guan, Red-capped Manakin, Black-headed Trogon, or Amazon kingfisher. Keep your eyes up to arching palms and heart-shaped leaves tumbling from the trees or to the forest floor where leafcutter ants are on the move. A smooshed patch of grass and paw print mean the elusive jaguar may have shared your path—rest assured he's the hardest charger of them all and is far along his journey. After your trek, soak in a lazy river in an inner tube or further your studies at the park's museum. Back on the *Safari Voyager*, relive your week with the Captain's Dinner and slideshow treat. (BLD)

DAY 8 – BELIZE CITY, BELIZE — DISEMBARKATION

Linger over one last fresh baked pastry as you bid farewell to the Caribbean. Hugs all around to your crew and fellow travelers before your transfer to the Belize City Airport.

Add pre-and post-cruise land arrangements – we have some great programs for Belize.



CABIN CATEGORY	2022-23
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TRAILBLAZER	\$ 7,495
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ADMIRAL	\$ 8,695
JR. COMMODORE	\$ 9,695
COMMODORE	\$ 12,095
SINGLE	\$ 9,495

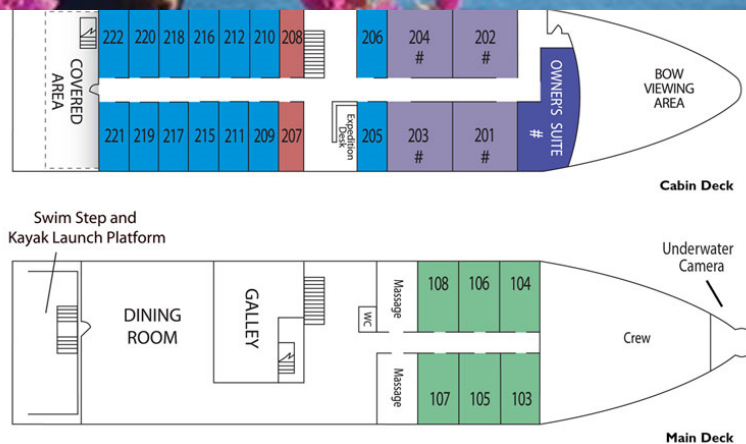
*Single occupancy in other cabins is at 175% of double rate.

RATES INCLUDE:

Group transfers from the airport to the ship on day of embarkation;
Group transfer to airport or central location upon; All scheduled landings/excursions; All lectures and briefings onboard; All meals served aboard; Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages;
Coffee/tea/cocoa/espresso 24 hours daily; Pre-departure materials,
Port Charges - \$495 per person.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Airfare; Luggage, trip cancellation and Emergency Evacuation Insurance; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Staff gratuities; fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings; Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses.



All Cabins are Above Deck with View Windows

Double or Triple Accommodation



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