



BELIZE

Maya Heartland



DAY ONE – Arrival Belize/ San Ignacio 5 nights

Arrival Belize International Airport. Your Interact Representative will greet you in the airport lobby. Transfer to the Maya Heartland via the Hummingbird Highway. If time permits, stop at the Belize Zoo.

Cahal Pech Village Resort overlooks the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena. This awe inspiring vantage point offers unprecedented views of nearby villages, towns and nature at its best. The views from the Maya thatched-roofed cabañas & rooms are inspiring. Witness sunrises & sunsets from the pool deck. Relax under moon-lit skies as you enjoy the night-lights of San Ignacio below. **D**

DAY TWO - Xunantunich Ruins / SOMOS humanitarian *interAction*

Overlooking the Mopan River, the ruins of Xunantunich (“Stone Maiden”) are located a short drive from Cahal Pech Village Resort. Xunantunich was known to be a major ceremonial center during the Classic Period. The most prominent temple, “El Castillo”, stands a majestic 130 feet high. Xunantunich offers a vast amount of Maya history and an excavated ball court. Following lunch, participate in our exclusive SOMOS humanitarian total experience. You’ll receive a list of the most needed items and visit a local ‘super’, where you’ll have an opportunity to purchase those supplies (budget \$15 each). Complete your SOMOS experience as you interact with the children while painting, gardening, etc. **BLD**

DAY THREE – Barton Creek Cave

On your drive to the cave, you’ll pass through a picturesque Mennonite community, where you can observe a slice of local, daily life. Glide through a remote underground ancient Maya water cave system in a canoe equipped with a powerful spotlight. While canoeing through the cave, see large and colorful formations, skeletal remains and other cultural artifacts left behind by the Maya centuries ago. **BLD**

DAY FOUR – Lamanai Ruins & River Cruise

Getting to Lamanai Ruins is half the fun! After a comfortable highway drive, board a riverboat at Tower Hill Bridge and head up the New River. The river is lined with hardwood trees, orchids and bromeliads, and you might see dainty wading birds called jacanas lightly walking on lily pads, while elusive crocodiles bask in the morning sunlight. At the entrance to the New River Lagoon, the ruins of Lamanai (Maya for “Submerged Crocodile”) rise into view. Embark on a jungle hike to visit the Temple of the Mask, one of the tallest Mayan pyramids; the stucco mask of the Sun God “Kinich Ahau”; and the Temple of the Jaguar Masks. These impressive sites appear to materialize out of the rainforest amid the chatter of birds and the haunting call of the howler monkeys. **BLD**

DAY FIVE – Dia libre / options

Enjoy a day at your resort, shop, explore the adjacent ruins of Cahal Pech (\$5), or select (additional fee) from popular options, such as Actun Tunichil Muknal (challenging, the ultimate jungle and Maya cave adventure), Caracol ruins, zip-lining, river rafting, or horseback riding. Fees vary from \$85 to \$125. **BD**




DAY SIX – Playa 2 nights

Transfer to the coast for your boat taxi to San Pedro (Ambergris) or Caye Caulker. Close your eyes and picture a tropical island with white sand, blue-green water, and palm trees rustling overhead in the warm breeze. **B**

DAY SEVEN – Playa

Belize’s barrier reef is a paradise for divers. However, most of the area inside the reef is less than 20 feet deep and you can see as much with a mask and snorkel as you can diving. In just 6-10 feet of water you’ll find an amazing diversity of marine life. The reef provides protection which makes for clear, calm water, so it’s ideal for optional snorkeling.

DAY EIGHT – Return to the USA

	MIDWEEK DEPARTURE 8d/7n	
	NIGHTS	
	San Ignacio – Cahal Pech	5
	Playa	2
	Meals as specified in the itinerary: B (breakfast) L (lunch) D (dinner)	