



WEEKLY, YEAR ROUND DEPARTURES IN 2008-9

Belize, the least known and most varied of all of the Central American countries, has a myriad of cultures and scenic vistas found in a country the size of Massachusetts. In one day you can snorkel at sunrise on the second longest barrier reef in the world, then watch the sunset from the top of a Mayan ruin majestically looming out of the rainforest.

We are offering two different programs in Belize - the Naturalist and the Adventurer. Both tours spend four nights at your choice of Blackbird Resort on Turneffe Atoll or Isla Marisol on Glover's Atoll. Both are small resorts with private, individual cabanas facing the Caribbean Sea. The offshore atolls offer access to some of the best snorkeling and diving that Belize has to offer. You will easily see a wide variety of marine life, ranging from turtles, nurse sharks, moray eels, several species of rays, and fish of all colors, shapes and sizes. You can also relax in a hammock or venture out upon the crystal blue waters in a kayak.

On the mainland, our tours focus on Mayan ruins, bird watching, animal spotting and active encounters with the rainforest environment. The Naturalist tour will take you to Lamanai Outpost Lodge, which is on a lagoon in northern Belize, where you will see howler monkeys, crocodiles and a variety of water birds. Participants in the Adventurer tours will visit duPlooy's Jungle Lodge in the western part of Belize, the gateway to Tikal National Park in Guatemala and the Belize Botanical Garden where you can see toucans, parrots, motmots and much more.





THE NATURALIST

For travelers who enjoy bird watching, animal spotting and active encounters with the natural world.

Day 1, Saturday

Arrive Belize City and transfer to Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol.
O/N Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol. **D**

Days 2-3, Sunday-Monday

Two full days of snorkeling/diving, kayaking and enjoying life on a tropical island.
O/N Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol. **B,L,D**

Day 4, Tuesday

For those staying at Blackbird Caye Resort, depart the resort early for the world-famous Blue Hole for snorkeling and diving. Enjoy a stop at Half Moon Caye Natural Monument where you will see the island's most famous inhabitants, a colony of red-footed boobies. Guests at Isla Marisol will spend the day diving or snorkeling the extensive reef system surrounding the resort.
O/N Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol. **B,L,D**

Day 5, Wednesday

Depart for Belize City after breakfast and transfer to Lamanai Outpost Lodge. Your adventure is by van and then camouflaged boat driven by one of Lamanai Outpost's experienced naturalist guides. Visitors are often treated to up-close views of orchids, white-lined sac-winged bats and numerous herons. After a relaxing afternoon choose from one of the evening tour options.
O/N Lamanai Outpost Lodge. **B,L, D**

Day 6, Thursday

Choose from one of the eight daily activities including a guided canoe trip, herbal medicine walk or night spotlight safari. Also take a special excursion to observe troops of howler monkeys as they forage high in the jungle canopy.
O/N Lamanai. **B,L,D**

Day 7, Friday

Take your pick of two activities such as a tour of the Lamanai Maya ruins or an evening jungle walk. You will also have the opportunity to participate in the Crocodile Encounter for an understanding of the endangered Morelet's crocodile.
Overnight at Lamanai. B,L,D

Day 8, Saturday

Breakfast and morning departure from Lamanai to Belize International Airport.



TOUR DETAILS

Naturalist Blackbird/Lamanai	Dive	Snorkel
High Season: Nov. 8, 08-May 22, 09	\$2395	\$2295

Low Season: May 23-Nov. 7, 09	\$2155	\$2055
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Naturalist Isla Marisol/Lamanai	Dive	Snorkel
High Season: Nov. 1, 08-Jun. 30, 09	\$2610	\$2270

Low Season: July 1-Oct. 31, 09	\$2380	\$2180
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Accommodations:

- 4 Nights Blackbird or Isla Marisol
- 3 Nights Lamanai Lodge

All prices are per person based on double occupancy in Standard Cabaña. Single supplement is 50% of the regular tour cost. Upgrade to deluxe cabaña at Blackbird for \$200/person additional. Holiday surcharge of \$150/person applies at Lamanai for Dec. 17, 08-Jan. 3, 09. Air included Belize City to Dangriga for Isla Marisol.

Price does not include: \$40 Blue Hole marine reserve fee & hotel taxes (Blackbird only), dive/snorkel equipment rental, bar tab, tips, airport departure tax and items of a personal nature.

Prices are subject to change.



THE ADVENTURER

For active travelers who enjoy canoeing, caving and snorkeling.

Day 1, Saturday
 Arrive Belize City and transfer to Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol.
O/N Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol. D

Days 2-3, Sunday-Monday
 Two full days of snorkeling/diving, kayaking, hammock time and enjoying life on your tropical island.
O/N Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol. B,L,D

Day 4, Tuesday
 For those staying at Blackbird Caye Resort, depart the resort early for the boat ride to the world-famous Blue Hole for snorkeling and diving. Guests at Isla Marisol will spend the day diving or snorkeling the extensive reef system surrounding the resort.
O/N Blackbird Caye Resort or Isla Marisol. B,L,D

Day 5, Wednesday
 Enjoy breakfast before your early morning departure from the resort for Belize City. A driver will meet you at the boat dock to take you to duPlooy's Jungle Lodge on the Macal River. After a relaxing lunch at the resort enjoy a canoe trip to a nearby butterfly farm.
O/N duPlooy's Jungle Lodge. B, L, D

Day 6, Thursday
 After breakfast depart for the Mayan ruins of Tikal in Guatemala. While climbing the temples and touring the ruins we can expect to see spider monkeys, coatamundi, gray fox and many species of tropical birds.
O/N duPlooy's Jungle Lodge. B,L,D

Day 7, Friday
 After breakfast choose your activity for the day: cave tubing at Jaguar Paw or a trip to Barton Creek caves and nearby waterfalls. Afterwards return to duPlooy's for dinner.
O/N duPlooy's Jungle Lodge. B,L,D

Day 8, Saturday
 After a leisurely breakfast depart for Belize City with a stop at the Belize Zoo en route to the airport for your flight home. **B**

TOUR DETAILS

Adventurer	Dive	Snorkel
Blackbird/duPlooy's		
High Season: Nov. 8, 08-May 22, 09	\$2475	\$2375
Low Season: May 23-Nov. 7, 09	\$2375	\$2275
Isla Marisol/duPlooy's		
High Season: Nov. 1, 08-Jun. 30, 09	\$2600	\$2400
Low Season: July 1-Oct. 31, 09	\$2500	\$2300

Accommodations:

- 4 Nights Blackbird or Isla Marisol
- 3 Nights duPlooy's Jungle Lodge

Prices are per person based on double occupancy in Standard Cabaña. Single supplement is 50% of the regular tour cost. Upgrade to Deluxe Cabaña at Blackbird for \$200/pp. Holiday surcharge applies at duPlooy's for Dec. 17, 08-Jan. 3, 09. Contact our office for details. Air included from Belize City to Dangriga for Isla Marisol.

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REEF AND RAINFOREST ACCOMMODATIONS



LAMANAI OUTPOST LODGE

Cabanas of rustic elegance blend in with the lush tropical gardens. Each of the cabanas is handcrafted of local hardwoods with palm thatched roof and features lots of screened windows for an open, airy feel. Units have ceiling fans, private bath with hot and cold water, purified water and daily housekeeping. All of this with a veranda overlooking the lush tropical gardens.



DUPLOOY'S JUNGLE LODGE

"Jungle Luxury" cabanas with king-size bed and queen pullout couch, coffee maker, mini-bar, and private bath (with bathtub). Each cabana has its own private porch and hammock. This jungle property is a careful design of tropical fruits, flowering hardwood trees, ornamentals, palms, and flowers. At duPlooy's there are plenty of lovely spots to enjoy wildlife while contemplating nature, or just relax in a hammock.



BLACKBIRD CAYE RESORT, TURNEFFE ATOLL

As civilization disappears, pristine beaches, coral reefs and warm, clear water appears. Located on Turneffe Atoll, Blackbird is a 166-acre resort with miles of beachfront. All the private, individual cabanas face the Caribbean Sea. The cabanas have private porches with chairs, hammock, an interior seating area, double or queen beds, a private bathroom with hot water shower, and offers daily maid service.

ISLA MARISOL RESORT, GLOVER'S ATOLL



Glover's is the smallest of three coral atolls in Belize. Declared a Heritage Site by United Nations and a National Protected Area by the Government of Belize, Glover's Reef Atoll is located some 35 miles South East of Dangriga Town. It is made up of about five atoll islands, one of them being the family-owned Island of Southwest Caye, home to Isla Marisol Resort. The tropical cabanas are all situated on the white sand overlooking the reef or creek. Charming and rustic, each air-conditioned cabana includes a private bathroom, hot and cold water, porch and hammock area.



REGISTRATION

To confirm space on this tour, please send a nonrefundable deposit of **\$500** to our office. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event you must cancel your reservation, refunds will be made according to the following schedule: up to 90 days prior to the tour date, all monies paid less \$500 deposit; 90 to 61 days 50% of total is nonrefundable; less than 60 days prior to departure, 100% nonrefundable.

To register call 888-623-5403