

Jungles and Beaches

DANGRIGA

Formerly known as Stann Creek Town, Dangriga is a town in southern Belize, located on the Caribbean coast at the mouth of Stann Creek. It is the capital of Belize's Stann Creek District and is also the largest town in southern Belize. Dangriga is home to the Garifuna, a cultural and ethnic group, descendants of shipwrecked slaves and native Caribs. The Garifuna have adopted the Carib language but kept their African musical and religious traditions. Dangriga is also where the Caribbean music, Punta Rock, originated and where some of Belize's folk bands can be found.



The Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary is a nature reserve in south-central Belize established to protect the forests, fauna and watersheds of approximately 400 square kilometers of the eastern slopes of the Maya Mountains. The reserve was founded in 1990 as the first wilderness sanctuary for the jaguar and is regarded as the premier site for jaguar preservation in the world. The site consists of two distinct adjacent watersheds and is accessible via a low intensity trail system to accommodate visitors and environmental research scientists. The Maya Mountains and foothills are among the oldest surface rock formations of Central America; these Paleozoic sediments were uplifted about 200 million years ago in the Pennsylvanian and early Permian eras. The principal uplifted rock formations in the Sanctuary are quartzite and sandstone.

The name Cockscomb derives from the appearance of the Cockscomb Mountains ridge that resembles a rooster's comb, which ridge is situated at the northern fringe of the reserve and which is easily visible from the coastal plain of the Caribbean Sea. Habitation by the ancient Mayas occurred in the Cockscomb Basin as early as 10,000 BC, but the first modern recorded history exploration of the basin did not occur until 1988. Principal plant communities are Pine forest, Elfin scrub, tropical moist broadleaf forest, shelter valley forest and floodplain thicket.

Jaguar Reef Lodge – First Class

Jaguar Reef Lodge is located on 300 acres of wilderness in the Stann Creek District, just one mile south of Hopkins Village. The Lodge is also near a number of Belize's national parks, Mayan Ruins, and world famous diving and fishing spots. Jaguar Reef Lodge offers a number of tours to explore the eco-wonders of Belize's diverse wildlife and landscape. Guests have free access to kayaks and mountain bikes to undertake their own adventures. The Lodge features 14 cabanas and four spacious seafront two-bedroom suites on its own private 1,000 ft. prime, white sand beach, ideal for sunbathing and swimming. Each cabana and room has cool Mexican tile floors, air-conditioning and a full bath with tub and shower. Hardwoods, saltilla, and ceramic tile and brass are used throughout, along with traditional materials like bay leaf thatch roofing. Combined they lend an air of authenticity and quality to this tropical paradise. Guests will definitely feel like they have "gotten away from it all" while staying at Jaguar Reef Lodge. All this and surprisingly, the Lodge has one of Belize's most modern and well-equipped kitchens, and its chefs consistently receive rave reviews. Four-course breakfasts, tastefully prepared lunches, and multiple choice entres at dinner will keep everyone well fed! In the evening guests can take a ride into Hopkins Village where the local Garifuna people make one feel right at home. A wealth of natural wonders to enjoy, including pristine rainforests filled with exotic plants and animals, as well as one of the world's largest coral reefs teeming with sea life, make a stay at Jaguar Reef Lodge a truly memorable vacation.



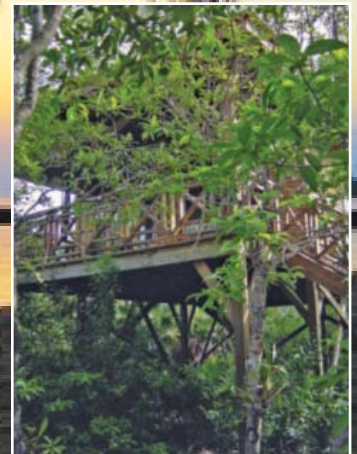
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Hamanasi Lodge – Deluxe

Escape to a tropical paradise for your Belize vacation! Hamanasi is located on a 12-mile stretch of beautiful beach near the village of Hopkins from which you can explore more reef and more inland attractions than any other place in Belize. Hamanasi is your ideal boutique Belize resort hotel. Vacation and relax in a spacious tree house, beachfront room or honeymoon suite with handcrafted hardwood furnishings, air-conditioning and private porches. Unwind in the casually elegant Belize resort where friendly, attentive staff will greet you with warm smiles and exceptional service. 40% of Belize is national reserve, and Hamanasi, an eco-resort, promotes responsible, sustainable nature-based eco-tourism! The hotel is nestled in 21 acres of rare coastal forest teaming with birds, flora and orchids. From scuba diving and snorkeling Belize's Great Barrier Reef and Belize's three atolls to climbing Mayan pyramids, hiking through rainforests in search of hidden caves, to spotting elusive birds and wildlife, Hamanasi resort offers Belize's best from one comfortable, convenient location. Hamanasi has the largest and best dive operation in Southern Belize and carries the distinction of being a PADI 5-star Gold Palm Resort. They are very safety conscious and offer access to more pristine scuba diving than any other location in Belize.

EcoAdventures' website features 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8-Day All-Inclusive Packages with a choice of many exciting tour and dive options.





PLACENCIA
 Placencia is a peninsula with sixteen miles of natural sandy beach, a virgin mangrove-fringed lagoon, a wonderland of coral-studded cayes, nearby jungle rivers and pristine rainforest. Garifuna, Creole and Mayan cultures and ancient Mayan ruins make Placencia the ideal location for the adventure traveler. Popular activities include kayaking the mangroves in the tranquil lagoon

and perhaps spotting the manatees that live here. You can boat down the Monkey River where you can see howler monkeys, iguanas, and maybe even a crocodile or two along the river shore. There are incredibly diverse cayes that lie between Placencia and Belize's Barrier Reef – second in size only to Australia's Great Barrier Reef. A trip to Placencia is not complete without a boat ride to these cayes for snorkeling and diving.

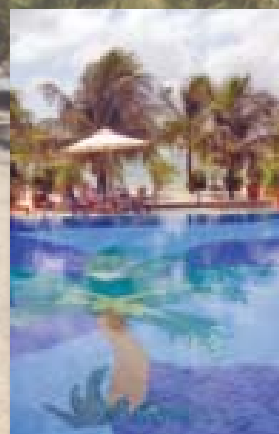


Turtle Inn – Deluxe

Turtle Inn is now one of the most unique and magnificent resorts on the Placencia Peninsula. The Coppolas' wanted to enhance its unique charm and bring it to the level of luxury and comfort that guests of Blancaneaux have come to expect, but in a totally different style. Rather than the rich Mayan textures,

fabrics and artifacts used at Blancaneaux, Turtle Inn has an almost rustic quality to it, without sparing any real comfort or luxury! Spending nights on the beach and witnessing the calming sunsets, Coppola found a serenity, peace and beauty that reminded him of the Balinese culture. This became the distinctive style for the treatment of the new Turtle Inn, with gardens, stones and fabrics of Bali. The Inn has a full compliment of amenities, including a spa, gift shop, restaurants and bar, dive shop, and of course, pool and white sand beaches. The Seafront Cottage is nestled in a private garden and features an outdoor shower, screened porch, private bathroom with a Chinese bath and a queen-sized bed, Balinese hand-carved doors and décor throughout and just steps from a beautiful stretch of beach and the Caribbean Sea.

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great property. Chabil Mar Villas boasts almost 400 feet of private beachfront and is the only gated community in the area. Built in 2006, each villa at Chabil Mar boasts a Caribbean-front view and is decorated in its own unique style. Chabil Mar features one and two bedroom luxury Villas appointed with original art and in many cases furnishings made from Belizean hardwoods and bamboo for that romantic feeling of the tropics. Detail is everywhere; Mexican hand-painted sinks, native art, endless windows for breathtaking views of the ocean, balconies for relaxing and cozy corners either in the gardens, the dockside or the barbecue areas for gathering alone or with your friends. All suites are fully air-conditioned and feature a fully-equipped kitchen, telephone, cable TV and DVD player, washing machine and dryer, dishwasher, high-quality linens, maid and room-service, free wireless internet and ceiling fans. **EcoAdventures' website features a la carte packages.**



Inn at Robert's Grove – Superior First Class

The Inn at Robert's Grove is nestled on 22 lush acres between the Caribbean Sea and the Placencia Lagoon. The hacienda-style inn is situated on the finest white, sandy beach of Placencia. With 52 beachfront and beach view rooms, including 12 deluxe ocean front suites, they are small enough to make you feel like a house guest, yet large enough to offer privacy, comfort, sociability, fine dining and as much activity as you're in the mood for.

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Belize & Guatemala

7 Days/6 Nights - Caves Branch Lodge or Chaa Creek (Cayo) Tikal & Antigua, Guatemala

Day 1: Arrive Belize City and transfer to Cayo District Afternoon shuttle transfer from Belize International or Belize Municipal Airport to the Cayo district, the tropical highlands of Belize. Visits will be made en route to the Belize Zoo and Xunantunich Mayan Ruins. Accommodations at **Caves Branch Lodge, Chaa Creek Cottages** or **Blancaneaux**. Dinner at the lodge. (D)

Days 2 & 3: At Caves Branch Lodge you have a wide selection of activities. See page 26 for details. At **Chaa Creek** you are provided with a full-day excursion to Vaca Falls and Chumpiate Cave. A visit to the Butterfly Farm and a canoe trip down the Macal River are also included. (B, L, D Daily)

Day 4: Cayo/Tikal Early morning departure to the vast Mayan archaeological site of Tikal in Guatemala. Enjoy a full-day guided tour of the site including admissions, guide services and lunch. Overnight at the **Jungle Lodge** in the archaeological park, at the **Camino Real Tikal** or at **La Lancha**. (B, L)

Day 5: Tikal/Antigua Transfer to the airport in Flores for the short flight to Guatemala City. Meeting service and transfer to colonial Antigua, about a 45-minute drive. Enjoy two nights at **Posada Don Rodrigo, Casa Santo Domingo** or **Casa Encantada**.

Day 6: In Antigua Morning guided tour of this charming, beautifully restored city, full of antiquities. Afternoon free to shop and explore.

Day 7: Transfer to the airport for the return flight to the U.S., or extend your stay with a trip to the Guatemalan Highlands or to Copan.

Chabil Mar Villas – Deluxe+

Upon entering the premises of Chabil Mar Villas, you will be taken back by the sheer attention to detail. The exclusive Chabil Mar is a unique combination of luxury, privacy and adventure complemented with amenities that truly define a great property. Chabil Mar Villas boasts almost 400 feet of private beachfront and is the only gated community in the area. Built in 2006, each villa at Chabil Mar boasts a Caribbean-front view and is decorated in its own unique style. Chabil Mar features one and two bedroom luxury Villas appointed with original art and in many cases furnishings made from Belizean hardwoods and bamboo for that romantic feeling of the tropics. Detail is everywhere; Mexican hand-painted sinks, native art, endless windows for breathtaking views of the ocean, balconies for relaxing and cozy corners either in the gardens, the dockside or the barbecue areas for gathering alone or with your friends. All suites are fully air-conditioned and feature a fully-equipped kitchen, telephone, cable TV and DVD player, washing machine and dryer, dishwasher, high-quality linens, maid and room-service, free wireless internet and ceiling fans. **EcoAdventures' website features a la carte packages.**