



# Belize & Guatemala Wonders— Rivers, Reefs & Cultures

7 NIGHTS | ROUNDTRIP BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

## 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 birder's 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 Río Dulce and kayak in mangroves along the Río Sarstún
- 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

### 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. (D)

### 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. Set sail for Guatemala with a sunset happy hour! (BLD)

### 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. (BLD)

### DAY 4 Río Sarstún / Río Dulce / Livingston

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 Río 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. (BLD)

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<i>Safari Voyager</i>	MST	CMN	CPT	ADM	JCO	OWN	SGL	CHARTER	
<b>2020 Sat Departures</b>									
Oct 31; Nov 7, 14, 21, 28	\$4,545	\$5,045	\$5,495	\$6,095	\$6,795	\$7,995	\$6,245	\$354,175	
Dec 5									
<b>2021 Sat Departures</b>									
Jul 17, 24, 31; Aug 7, 14	\$4,795	\$5,295	\$5,795	\$6,245	\$7,145	\$8,395	\$7,195	\$373,075	
Oct 16, 23, 30; Nov 6, 13									
ADM=Admiral; CMN=Commander; CPT=Captain; JCO=Jr Commodore Suite; MST=Master; OWN=Owners Suite; SGL=Single									
\$395 port taxes/fees are additional. Cruise fares are per person double occupancy, in USD. Triple fares available for select vessels/cabins.									

**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 delve deeper into history with a trip to Mayan ruins. In the afternoon 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. (BLD)

**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. (BLD)

**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 - 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. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

*Itineraries are guidelines; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience.*

*Passport required on this itinerary*



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