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## Jungle Explorer

**BELIZE:** The scenic and tropical paradise of Belize is an adventurer's paradise. Situated south of Mexico and east of Guatemala, it has unparalleled natural beauty, rich animal and plant life, unspoiled Caribbean coastline, lush rainforests, crystal clear tropical waters, coral reefs and amazingly friendly people.

Belize has a long and fascinating human history. The Maya, who ruled the land up until the 12th Century, built an outstanding archaeological heritage and many of their cities and temples are only now being uncovered. Over the years, many have laid claim to this beautiful country. This fascinating cultural mosaic of people includes Mayans, Creoles, Garifuna, Latin Americans, Chinese, East Indians and Lebanese. All make distinct contributions to the Belizean way of life. Belize's clear waters contain the second longest barrier reef in the world which has recently been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**PLACENCIA:** Our trip includes a stay in Placencia, one of the oldest inhabited villages in Belize. Along its three mile long beachfront are houses and lodges all nestled under palm trees. The waters are calm and clear, with dolphins often seen feeding and playing close to shore. Known for its sleepy, tranquil and informal way of life; this is a place where one can fit in by doing absolutely nothing!

For the more active, however, Placencia is an excellent take off point for the interior nature parks, Mayan ruins and lesser-known southern caves. Placencia also has a lively nightlife to enjoy.

**OUR GUIDES:** Are fully qualified wilderness guides certified by Slipstream First Aid in B.C., Canada. They have guided trips in Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands), Vancouver Island, Belize, Baja, India, Chile, Argentina and Vietnam. Our trips always include a local Belizean guide who shares with us his intimate knowledge of the area, local folklore and way of life.

**WEATHER:** Normal conditions in Belize are sub-tropical; sunny and warm with temperatures averaging between 23 and 30 degrees Celsius. Evening temperatures drop a little but generally remain warm and comfortable throughout the day and night. The dry season runs from December to May.

**SAFETY:** A VHF radio will be carried for quick communication. Our experienced guides are trained in wilderness first aid and carry an extensive first-aid kit. All group equipment is of the highest standard and is meticulously maintained and checked prior to our expeditions.

### There are two tour options:

#### Excursion 1: Camp

<b>Price:</b>	<b>\$483 USD</b>
<b>Length:</b>	3 days
<b>Accommodation:</b>	3 nights camping
<b>Transportation:</b>	minibus, kayak
<b>Meals:</b>	All 3 days
<b>Outfitting:</b>	all adventure gear, guides, assistants

**Excursion 2: Lodge**

<b>Price:</b>	<b>\$659 USD</b>
<b>Length:</b>	3 days
<b>Accommodation:</b>	3 nights lodge
<b>Transportation:</b>	minibus, kayak
<b>Meals:</b>	All 3 days
<b>Outfitting:</b>	all adventure gear, guides, assistants

**DATES:**

2010/2011:

Every Friday and Sunday from November through May

*We recommend that clients arrive a few days early to acclimatize themselves to the warmer weather. Should you require a hotel, or our three day extensions, or side trip suggestions, just call and we would be more than happy to assist in any way we can.*

**ITINERARY – Jungle Explorer****Day 1**

**Accommodation:** Maroons Drum School (Camping) / Mr Jones Guest House (Lodge)

**Activities:** Hiking through various trails and evening drumming. **Destinations:** Jaguar preserve

**Description:** Departing Placencia, explore the famous Jaguar preserve, and the Maroon Drum School

**Day 2**

**Accommodation:** Clarissa Falls or Mountain Equestrian Trail (Camping & Lodging) **Activities:** River kayaking (inflatables) along The Caves Branch River.

**Destinations:** Clarissa Falls

**Description:** Travelling by inflatable kayaks, through a network of caves which are situated on the caves branch river off of the hummingbird highway

**Day 3**

**Accommodation:** Clarissa Falls or Mountain Equestrian Trail (Camping & Lodging) **Activities:** **Activities:** Mayan ruins of Xunantunich.

**Destinations:** Xunantunich, Big Rock Falls

**Description:** Tour of Mayan ruins followed by trip to see the 40ft waterfall, plus a little swimming and a final dinner together!

**Day 4**

**Accommodation:** None

**Activities:** Return to Airport, San Ignacio or Placencia

**Destination:** Belize City Airport/San Ignacio/Placencia

**Description:** Transport to Belize City Airport/San Ignacio/Placencia before midday.