



Dive Deep

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Summary

For the serious diver, we have crafted an itinerary that allows you to experience the best diving in Belizean waters. Diving from a luxury live-aboard catamaran gives you all the benefits of an all-inclusive resort, whilst sailing in comfort and style to dive sites around the country.

When you're not under water, you can enjoy all the other activities at sea, from fishing, kayaking, snorkeling, dolphin spotting or simply relaxing on deck. Enjoy refreshing tropical drinks or cocktails from the bar before dining on freshly caught fish, prepared on board by your private chef.

For the latter part of your itinerary you can transfer to a luxurious resort on the Northern Cayes for some time on the sand.... and, of course, more diving.



Day 1 - Laughing Bird Caye

Transfer to Placencia airstrip from Belize International airport and set sail on your private luxury catamaran to Laughing Bird Caye. Fishing enthusiasts will enjoy trolling along the way to catch dinner (mackerel, tuna, cobia are often caught inside the Belize reef). Bow watch for dolphins, hang out in the sunshine on the trampolines, and enjoy tropical drinks or cocktails from the bar.

Moor at Laughing Bird Caye, a submerged atoll and part of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System World Heritage Site. On this island you can spot a wide variety of birds, such as brown pelicans, blackbirds, sea eagles, green herons and brown boobies, but the most famous are the laughing gulls that nest here and give the island its name. There is a system of patch reefs and coral ridges teeming with hard coral and sponges, plus dozens of reef species making it a perfect place for your first snorkel in the pristine Belizean waters. Enjoy dinner on deck prepared by your private chef.

Day 2 - Diving with Whale Sharks

You will be collected straight from the catamaran after breakfast for the amazing experience of diving with whale sharks. Whale sharks are the world's largest fish, growing to an enormous 50 feet in length, and are only present in Belize during the full moons in May and June at Gladdon Split, near Placencia. Also witness nurse, reef and hammerhead sharks, stingrays, spotted eagle rays, barracuda, spot moray eels and even octopus, together with a vast kaleidoscope of reef fish including snapper, jack, angel fish, blue tang with some big old groupers hanging out in the mix.

Return to the catamaran and to enjoy the catch of the day under the stars. The day includes whale shark diving for 2 people.





Day 3 - South Water Caye

Sail to South Water Caye, a pristine 12 acre private island which is one of the most beautiful and exclusive islands in Belize. The Caye sits right on the reef on the north side of South Water Cut, a ¼ mile wide gap in the reef. You take a breathtaking 2 tank dive along the Cut and outside the reef. One of the highlights includes Fishy Point where the reef drops sharply from 60ft to a 100ft sandy plain and blue tangs gather by the hundreds to feed along the slope. Grunts, black groupers, snappers and moray eels all hide out in the overhangs.

After diving, a picnic lunch will be prepared for you under the tall coconut trees on the beach. Relax for the afternoon or go kayaking in the flats. At sunset enjoy cocktails on the bow overlooking the reef while your chef prepares lobster on the barbeque.

The day includes a 2 tank dive of your choice for 2 people.



Day 4 - Tobacco Caye

Sail to Tobacco Caye, a 5 acre palm-fringed coral island perched on the reef. Only steps from the barrier reef, this is the best place in Belize for shore diving, and its central location means it's only 10 minutes by boat to some of the best diving spots. Dive at Faegon's Bluff where two reefs are separated by sandy flats, which attract large shoals of sardines and needlefish, often trailed by prowling barracuda. Along with the gorgonian corals, you will also find mushroom and plate corals sheltering reef fish, in particular yellow striped French angelfish and golden hogfish.

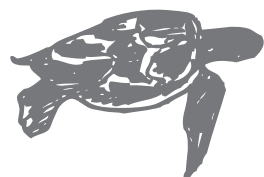
Another pristine spot is Eagle Ray Bowl, a bowl shaped sandy plain which attracts southern stingrays and eagle rays to feed and rest. There are a number of large gullies at the edge of the reef and you can watch the passing reef sharks and turtles on the east wall.

The day includes a 2 tank dive of your choice for 2 people.



Day 5 - Goff's Caye

Sail from Tobacco Caye to Goff's Caye, a tiny private desert island. Being less than a mile long, this is a picture postcard idyll. Enjoy lunch on deck before transferring to Belize City for the short journey to your chosen resort on Ambergris Caye.





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Day 6 - The Blue Hole

Depart early for diving at the Blue Hole, one of the most famous dive sites in the world and an incomparable natural wonder. This atoll was once a dry cave, but rising sea levels over thousands of years submerged it, causing the dome to collapse, creating a perfectly formed 1,000ft diameter circular hole. The hole is believed to be 430ft deep and at 130ft you can witness the world's largest known underwater stalactites, while nurse sharks circle below you.

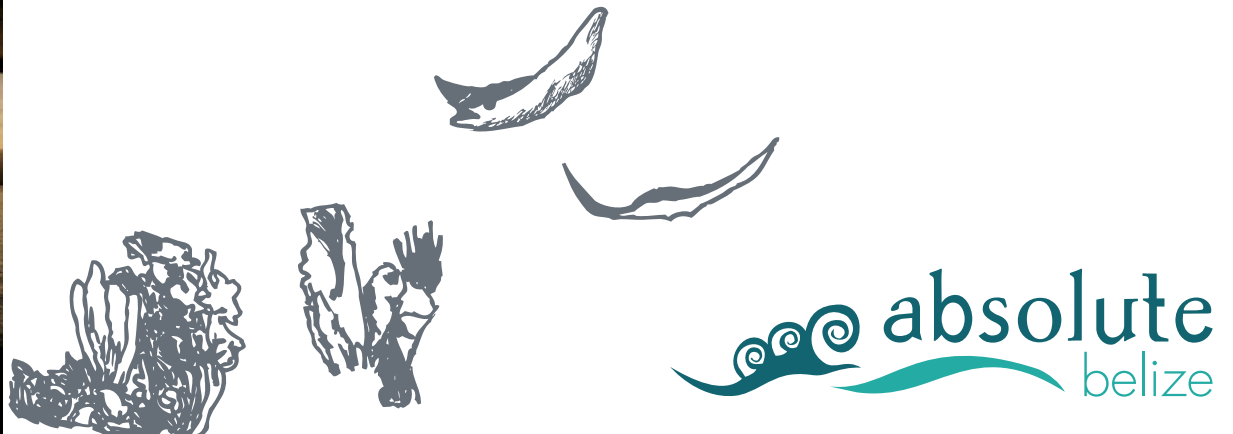
Follow this with dives at Half Moon Caye and The Aquarium.

The day includes all diving, breakfast, lunch, drinks and snacks.

Day 7 - Caye Caulker

Take the day to relax, fish off the dock, have a casual snorkel or indulge in an a spa treatment. Or, for the more adventurous, cruise to Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley to snorkel with the nurse sharks, rays and other inhabitants of the reserve. Explore Ambergris Caye's sister island of Caye Caulker and enjoy lunch in one of the sleepy waterside restaurants, before returning to the island for dinner.

Day 8 - Depart



Itinerary Price and Notes

Price from US \$3,100 per person including all outlined activities, taxes and transfers, on the basis of 4 travelers.

Based on all-inclusive plan on live aboard catamaran, room only in a Sea Breeze Bungalow at Mata Chica on Ambergris Caye.

Price does not include airfare, scuba diving, spa treatments or additional activities not listed on itinerary.

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This is our recommendation for the duration and locations for this itinerary and serves as a guide to things to see and do in Belize, as well as a guide on price.

It is, of course, fully flexible. It can be expanded or condensed, can include time in Guatemala, time in a beach resort or on a private island. We can also incorporate specialist activities such as diving and deep-sea fishing.

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