

Summary

For the ultimate pampering getaway, combine some romantic time on the beach with a few days aboard your own private luxury catamaran, sailing around the pristine waters and exploring the tiny islands of Southern Belize.

Hammock Honeymoon starts at Francis Ford Coppola's Turtle Inn in Placencia, which is consistently ranked as one of the best resorts in all of Central and South America. The beautifully designed Balinese-inspired cabanas are decked with artisan furnishings, broad screened verandas and, of course, hammocks to unwind in.

With friendly, attentive staff, first class restaurants, a secluded spa and an idyllic seafront setting, Turtle Inn is the perfect refuge. Enjoy private dinners for two on the beach or in the privacy of your villa – no need to move a muscle, just make a call from your 'shell phone'!

Set sail from Placencia and relax for several days on your own all-inclusive live-aboard catamaran, sailing around the most pristine, exclusive and untouched private islands in Belize. Swim, snorkel, kayak, fish, spot dolphins or simply relax – you pick the tempo.



Day 1 – Arrive

Arrive in Belize and transfer to Turtle Inn in Placencia. Staying in either the Chinese Matrimonial Suite, featuring a 200-year-old hand-carved Chinese fertility bed, with a Japanese bath and private walled garden with outdoor shower, or the Honeymoon Suite, steps from a beautiful stretch of beach and the Caribbean Sea, you can't help but have a relaxing and romantic time.

Take a dip in the infinity pool or a romantic stroll along the beach, then enjoy a cocktail from the bar before a private candle lit dinner.

Day 2 - Spa

Stroll over to the Sunset Spa for some of Turtle Inn's most stunning views of the Placencia Lagoon. This intimate spa is set in an open-air Balinese Rice House featuring hand-painted murals inspired by ancient art - a unique experience.

All treatments use only locally-sourced organic ingredients and, at the request of Francis Coppola, the spa specializes in traditional Thai massage practiced by a professional staff who have studied the ancient techniques at the Sacred Wat Pho Temple in Bangkok. The traditional Thai massage benefits the entire body from scalp to toes, combining compressions, pressure point techniques and assisted stretching to stimulate energy pathways and improve flexibility.

Day 3 - Snorkel

Clear, calm waters combined with an abundance of fascinating coral and fish make Placencia a great spot for snorkeling. Spend the day exploring exotic coral species and keep an eye out for the dazzling stoplight parrotfish, queen angelfish, squirrelfish and the great barracuda. Depending on the time of year you visit, Placencia is the perfect place to set out in search of the majestic whale shark.

Day 4 - Explore

Explore Monkey River by boat, observing howler monkeys, tropical birds, iguanas, crocodiles and many other species of wildlife. Your experienced guide will take you through mangrove estuaries at the edge of the lagoon, home of the manatee, and you'll hike trails through the rainforest to view families of howler monkeys. On the return downriver, stop in the village of Monkey River for a traditional Creole lunch.

Return to the resort and catch up on some hammock time before a romantic candle lit dinner in the sand.



Day 5 – Set sail

Climb aboard your private catamaran and set sail to Laughing Bird Caye. Fishing enthusiasts will enjoy trolling along the way to help catch dinner (mackerel, tuna, cobia are often caught inside the Belize reef). Bow watch for dolphins and soak up the sunshine on the trampolines whilst enjoying refreshing 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 bird life 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 to snorkel in the pristine Belizean waters, before dining on deck.

Day 6 – Island hop

Sail to South Water Caye, a pristine 12 acre private island that is one of the most beautiful and exclusive islands in Belize. South Water Caye sits right on the reef on the north side of South Water Cut, which is a ¼ mile wide gap in the reef. Grunts, black groupers, snappers and moray eels all hide out in the overhangs and this makes for a spectacular snorkeling experience.

After snorkeling, a picnic lunch will be prepared for you under the tall coconut trees on the beach to fuel you nicely for kayaking around the flats. At sunset enjoy cocktails on the bow overlooking the reef while your chef prepares a freshly caught fish dinner.

Day 7 – Snorkel from the shore

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 all of Belize to snorkel from the shore, plus its central location means it is only 10 minutes by boat to some of the best snorkel sites in all of Belize. 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.

Day 8 – Picture perfect

Sail from Tobacco Caye to Goff's Caye, a tiny private desert island. Being less than a mile long, this is one of our favorite islands because it looks like the thing postcards were made for. Your chef and crew will prepare a romantic private lunch and leave you to enjoy your own private island for the afternoon.

Day 9 - Depart



Itinerary Price and Notes

Price from US \$4,715 per person including all outlined activities, taxes and transfers.

Accommodation at Turtle Inn is on an all-inclusive basis in either a Chinese Matrimonial Suite or in a Honeymoon Suite, including all meals and outlined activities. Alcoholic beverages are not included in the rates. Accommodation on the live-aboard catamaran is all-inclusive and includes all meals and unlimited standard bar.

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

Tailor made for you

This is our recommendation for the duration and locations for the 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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