



Lobster Lovers

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Summary

Belize is a nation that loves to party. The festivities that mark the start of the lobster season in mid June run for seven whole days on the island of Ambergris Caye. Restaurants host themed evenings to demonstrate their lobster cooking creativity, alongside fishing tournaments, food stalls, live music and lots of dancing. Lobster Fest is one of the most fun events throughout the year in Belize and not to be missed.

Highlights of the Lobster Lovers itinerary include 'catch & cook' lobster lunches, a lobster cooking master class with one of the most acclaimed chefs in Belize and a lobster 'chef's table' tasting dinner, all mixed with plenty of time on the water to swim, snorkel, relax.... and digest.



Day 1 – Arrive and relax

Transfer from Belize City on a 15 minute journey by light aircraft to the island of Ambergris Caye, where you will be met by your resort or villa concierge and transferred to your island accommodation.

Enjoy the afternoon strolling on the white sandy beaches, indulge in a spa treatment, relax in a hammock or get into the water and kayak out to the reef, you pick the pace. Enjoy dinner at one of the great restaurants on the beach serving their Lobster Fest themed special of the day, or get straight into the swing of things with a lobster burrito in one of the institutions in San Pedro town - highly recommended.

Day 2 – Catch and cook

Spend a the morning out on the water snorkeling, fishing and spear fishing with your guide for snapper and, of course, lobster. Return to the beach and relax with an icy cold Belikin beer under a coconut tree, while your guide prepares your catch and cooks it on a fire pit over coconut husks. You don't get much fresher than that!

Day 3 – Day sail to Hol Chan, Shark Ray Alley and Caye Caulker

Set sail on a catamaran for the day and snorkel at Hol Chan Marine Reserve, swimming amongst beautiful shoals of tropical fish, turtles, eagle rays, stingrays, moray eels and grouper.

Follow this up with a dip at Shark Ray Alley, a site where local fishermen used to clean their catch, which attracted species such as big southern stingrays and nurse sharks. Also look out for yellowtail snapper, parrotfish, sergeant majors and french angelfish in amongst the coral.

Kick back and enjoy the sail to Caye Caulker and get involved in your next round of lobster in one of the sleepy waterfront restaurants before a leisurely sail back to Ambergris Caye.



Day 4 – Master class

Head to Rojo Lounge Restaurant in the north beach area of Ambergris Caye for your lobster cooking master class. Chef and Owner Jeff Spiegel's 'tropical lounge cuisine' has been awarded Fodor's choice 4 years running, and it is not hard to see (or taste) why.

Highlights of your culinary endeavors may include:

- Ceviche xec with shrimp, lobster, crab, lime, oranges, grapefruit, jicama, mango & coconut milk
- Sambuca grilled lobster with grilled endive, fresh mango, mint & lime
- Grilled snapper with cashew coconut relish, baby bok choy, green papaya and mango miso
- Cacao & chipotle grilled rib-eye & lobster sincronizada

To avoid any confusion, Chef Jeff closely resembles Andrew Zimmerman, but in his former life was a punk rocker from San Francisco.

Day 5 – A taste of everything

Enjoy the day at your own pace, perhaps an energizing kayak to the reef or a cycle ride along the beach to prime the appetite for your next instalment...

Travel by boat at sunset to Rendezvous Restaurant, a cosy Thai fusion restaurant where chef and owner Colleen prepares her exquisite Chef's Table. Her menu changes daily and she prefers to be given carte blanche to whip up her whimsical creations of the day. Lobster will be the prime feature of the menu, however if tuna has come in fresh that day you can have it sashimi style or seared. Lobster phad thai is a given and the chocolate truffle cake is legendary.

Day 6 – Lobster hop, the grand finale

The lobsterfest celebrations culminate in the grand finale in central park in San Pedro town. With food stalls selling their lobster creations and inventive accompanying cocktails, live music and lots of dancing, it's the party of the year for the sleepy fishing town. Hop from stall to stall sampling the innovative creations (lobster ice cream anyone?) and work it off by dancing the night away.

Day 7 - Depart

Itinerary Price and Notes

Price from US \$1,280 per person including all outlined activities, taxes and transfers, on the basis of 4 travelers.

Accommodation on Ambergris Caye is based on 2 sharing on a room only basis in a Sea Breeze Bungalow at Mata Chica. Price does not include airfare, scuba diving, spa treatments or additional 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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