



BELIZE OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

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STARTING PRICE
\$4,972.00



PROPOSED DATES
March 22 to April 1, 2023

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH TRAVEL SINCE 2006

With one foot in the Central American jungles and the other in the Caribbean Sea, Belize may be small but it's packed with adventure and culture. We look forward to travelling with you to Belize.

Activities & Attractions

- Participate in a meaningful multi- day biological scientific research project at our field station
 - Project to be created under guidance of school teachers, executed by Evolve, managed by local scientists on site
- Additional activities available at research station include:
 - Tour around the Smithsonian's research station
 - Mangrove snorkel
 - Whale Shoal
 - Swim with stingrays
 - Night Snorkeling
 - And More!
- Visit to the Mayan ruins of Carocol which is surrounded by lush rainforest
- Hike to swim in the pools at the bottom of rainforest waterfalls

Accommodations

- Triple - dorm accommodation for students
- Single - Double occupancy for staff
- Accommodations (pending availability):
 - Night 1: Calgary Airport Hotel
 - Night 2: Belize Zoo
 - Night 3: Belize Zoo, or similar
 - Nights 4 - 6: T.R.E.E.S Research and Education Station
 - Nights 7 - 8: Tobacco Caye Marine Station

Meals

- All meals are included while in Belize
 - Lunch and Dinner only day 1
 - Breakfast only day 9
 - 3 meals/day all other days

Transportation



Snorkeling and conducting scientific research



Enjoying our beautiful accommodation

- Return coach airfare from Winnipeg to Belize City, Belize
- Private transportation as needed for duration of trip

Additional Personnel

- 1 Evolve Tour Director for duration of trip in Belize
- Local guides, staff, & scientists as needed

Exclusives

- Creative trip programming and leadership activities
- Optional Videography and Photography
- Forever Green by Evolve Tours- Carbon Offset this whole trip (ask for details)

Package Price is based on

Paying Students	18-20	21-25	26-30	26-30
Complimentary Chaperones	3	3	3	4
Price per Paying Student	\$4,972	\$4,736	\$4,636	\$4,699

- All prices listed in Canadian dollars
- Prices subject to availability and change until contract signed
- Total Package price may vary if number of paying customers changes
- Does not include airline baggage fees if applicable
- Tips for drivers and guides are appreciated
- This quote expires September 1, 2022

Insurance

Manulife Insurance:

Premium Protection Plan: \$632.37 per student (cancel for any reason coverage)

Youth Deluxe Package: \$192.60

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DAY 1 MARCH 22, 2023 TRAVEL TO BELIZE

Today we will Travel to Belize via connections via YYZ

In the early afternoon we will arrive in Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport in Belize. We will Transfer via private transportation to our eco lodge. Upon arrival at the lodge we will enjoy a welcome community lunch and orientation to our whole trip.

Following dinner, depart to the Belize Zoo for a special after-hours guided night tour to interact with Belize's unique fauna when they are most active - after dark - in their natural surroundings. Black howler monkey, Kinkajou, Gibnut, Coatimundi, Jaguar, Harpy eagle, Tapir and Morlette's crocodile to name a few. Overnight accommodations are bunkhouse beds in the dorms while the local staff prepares a wide variety of incredible meals and a library full of references on Belize are at your disposal.

DAY 2 MARCH 23, 2023 BELIZE

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DAY 3 MARCH 24, 2023 CAROOL

- Morning We will head out to the Mayan Ruins of Carocol. The Carocol ruins which at one time in history had a population of about 185,000, cover an area of 75 square miles. The highlight of the stay in Pine Ridge is the is Big Rock Falls.
- We'll head back to the lodge and go for a short hike & nature tour, ending with a swim in the pools at the bottom of the waterfalls.
- Afternoon Cool water rushes down, flies over smooth granite boulders, and then drops 150-feet straight into a crystal clear pool suitable for swimming.

DAYS 4 - 6 MARCH 25, 26, 27, 2023**T.R.E.E.S. RESEARCH AND EDUCATION STATION**

Following breakfast you will enjoy a morning hike and swim at the Sibun River, then pack up and transfer to the T.R.E.E.S Hosting Center on the Hummingbird Highway to arrive in time for lunch.

The next three days will be spent working with ecologists that study the flora and fauna of the Maya Mountains of Belize. Here you will learn different field techniques to study birds, amphibians/reptiles, and mammals (including bats) as well as learn about stream ecology and how to sample macro-invertebrates and identify them in the lab.

Students will also get to design their own research project using the scientific method and field equipment available at T.R.E.E.S., with the help of T.R.E.E.S biologists on a topic of their choosing (example topics will be provided, including for ex. hummingbird behavior studies, leaf-cutter behavior/movement studies, orchid abundance counts, turtle movement and habitat use, etc.)

DAYS 7-9 MARCH 28, 29, 30 2023**TOBACCO CAYE MARINE STATION**

The Belize Barrier Reef has been named by U.N.E.S.C.O. as a "World Heritage Site" and the waters surrounding Tobacco Caye Marine Station.

Activities available during our time at the marine station will include:

- Fore Reef - A leisurely drift snorkel adventure along Belize's Great Barrier Reef. Colorful, healthy spur and groove coral formations, spotted eagle rays, turtles, tarpon & grouper may join you as you drift along taking in this spectacular reef.
- Carrie Bow Caye - A guided tour around the Smithsonian's research station. Visits to Carrie Bow Caye include a shallow depth snorkel around the islands reef where wrasses, octopus, and angelfish can regularly be found.
- Third Cut of the Reef - This narrow channel location is where local deep water fish migrations funnel into the lagoon. Large groupers, schools of horse eyed jacks, and more can be regularly spotted.
- Twin Cayes - A mangrove snorkel! A great opportunity to see seahorses, upside-down photosynthesizing jellyfish and possibly, the gentle giant Manatee!
- Whale Shoal - Whale Shoal is a picture perfect patch reef where you're sure to see triggerfish, rock beauties, Creole wrasses, parrotfish and an assortment of angelfish. The coral gardens are also teeming with sea fans, large brain coral formations to stag horn coral!
- The Aquarium - The name says it all! This shallow snorkel is delightfully abundant with colorful tropical fish and soft coral gardens.
- Tobacco Cut - In this deep channel cut through the great barrier reef, you will have the opportunity to swim with stingrays, spotted eagle rays and sometimes even manta rays!

DAY 10**MARCH 31, 2023****BELIZE>WINNIPEG**

Travel back to Winnipeg with an overnight in YYZ

DAY 11**APRIL 1, 2023****YYZ>WINNIPEG**

Arrive by noon in Winnipeg.



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