

Hello Belize Travelers!

I hope you're ready for adventure! This is one of my favorite destinations and we've got a wonderful group of people signed up, so how can we lose?

ADVANCE TOUR SIGN-UPS:

We need to know how many people are interested in our 3 tours in San Ignacio. Here is some information on those tours:

Actun Tunichil Muknal

The Ultimate Jungle and Cave Adventure!

I'm going to **highly recommend the Actun Tunichil Muknal tour**. This is like Indiana Jones and starts off with a little swim at the entrance to the cave and then amazing pottery and even skeleton remains which is crystallized on the cave's floor. After a 45 minute drive, we then hike through lush jungles within the Tapir Mountain Reserve before arriving at the caves archaeologist base camp. Here we have lunch before gearing up with helmets and lights and then take a short swim into the cave. Once inside, witness centuries old stalactites and stalagmites rock formations and Mayan pottery, undisturbed after hundreds of years. On your journey we will reveal ancient passage ways, stories of Mayan Gods, skulls and evidence of a Mayan princess burial scene. This adventure is a history lesson of a lifetime. All of our guides are fully trained and licensed. **COST: \$65**

CAVES BRANCH RIVER TUBING:

See <http://www.cavesbranch.com/belize-cave-tubing> for full description and photos.

This is one of the most fun and unusual tours you will ever take. Everybody thoroughly loved this experience the last two times we were here. It's a tour not to be missed.

Enter an exciting realm where rivers disappear into the underworld as you float on inner tubes with only your headlamp to lead the way. Ian Anderson's first and still Belize's longest and most spectacular "River of Caves" cave tubing float is over 7 miles underground. Enter the exciting world of rivers disappearing into the underworld as you float on inner tubes with only your headlamp to light your way. Floating past side windows that filter the jungle light through the mist as you swirl around stalagmites jutting from the river and stalactites looming from above. Float past underground waterfalls then into the crystal cathedral, a spiritual center to the ancient Maya.

Since Ian introduced Cave Tubing to Belize tourism, Cave Tubing has become Belize's most popular adventure trip. The **original and full 7 mile** "River of Caves" tube float is only available through the Caves Branch Adventure Company

Some underground hiking and jungle trekking is necessary.

Our group rate is \$110 with tax, lunch and transportation. This represents a 20% discount.

FYI: Don't let the price of the river tubing on the Cahal Pech website fool you into thinking they are doing the same tour for less. It's just a fraction of the river (1-1/2 miles versus 7 miles) so I don't recommend it.

TIKAL:

Our last trip to Belize we discovered that it was a problem for our bus to cross over the border into

Guatemala so we went to Caracol, which was just too far a drive. So what I'm going to do this time is just offer a day for people to pick and choose which tours they'd like from the website of the Cahal Pech Resort. It is still possible to visit Tikal in smaller groups however the cost will be \$129 with the transportation and entry fee. It's also a long drive. **Visit this site for a great description and photos:** <http://www.belize.com/tikal.htm>

MOUNTAIN PINE RIDGE TOUR:

I'm going to recommend the [Mountain Pine Ridge tour](#) for the last of our 3 big group tours. We had people who went on this tour last time and really enjoyed it. Our cost, with our 20% discount will be \$52.

Mountain Pine Ridge has become one of the more popular destinations in Belize. Known for its dense Pine forests, cascading waterfalls and smooth granite boulders, the Mountain Pine Ridge tour offers the natural beauty of the inland heart of Belize. [More about Mountain Pine Ridge](#)

OTHER TOURS IN SAN IGNACIO

Click on this link <http://www.cahalpech.com/belize-tours/index.html> to read about more tours. If you do the ATMI and the River Tubing you will have time for one more tour – either the Mountain Pine Ridge Tour that we are recommending or one of the other tours on this list. We've had people do the horseback riding who were very happy with the tour and also the Barton's Creek. There are great ruins right next to our hotel and just down the street as well that you can take a taxi to (rather than paying for a tour). Maybe they're not as impressive as Tikal but they are easy to get to.

The only other tour that I have done is Barton's Creek, which is the canoeing. Our hotel will be setting up these tours and would like to sign us up in advance so they're prepared for us. All prices listed for their tours are 20% off!

ON AMBERGRIS CAYE

FULL DAY BOAT TOUR: This is a day not to be missed. We will board 2 powerboats for a full day of snorkeling and island hopping. We will stop to see if we can spot the manatees which are in a protected area. Then we boat over to the very small island of Goff's Caye for snorkeling and a great BBQ lunch. The snorkeling around the island is very nice. We also stop for snorkeling at Caye Caulker where we will see sting rays and sharks (nothing to be afraid of). We take a nice walk on Caye Caulker which is a funky, hippy kind of island and then return home around 5:30 p.m. **COST: \$99** (includes \$15 in state admission fees).

DIVING AND OTHER TOURS: The dive shop is located right on our property. When we arrive, we will have a meeting with the dive shop where you will be able to sign up for your dives and snorkeling. We will receive 20% off on all our dives and other tours from Belize Dive Connection. Visit their website at www.hpbelizeadventures.com Cost for a 2-tank dive will be \$60 (a 20% discount off their regular price). The Blue Hole with Lighthouse Atoll is \$245 plus a \$40 national park fee.

SIGN UP FORM:

Please sign up in advance for our tours as it's the only way to organize such a large group and simplify things when we get there. Please send a check, otherwise add 3% for the credit card charge.

We will be sending out our final trip letter no later than 2-weeks prior to the trip.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE TOURS BY JULY 15th

Use this form to mail in your check. Send to:

Singles in Paradise
P.O. Box 130126
Carlsbad, CA. 92013-0126

Name: _____

Check enclosed for the following: (please circle)

FEATURED TOURS IN SAN IGNACIO

Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave Tour -----\$65

Mountain Pine Ridge -----\$52

Cave Tubing: -----\$110

OTHER TOURS IN SAN IGNACIO:

River Canoeing: -----\$36

Barton Creek Canoeing: -----\$44

Horseback Riding -----\$32

IN AMBERGRIS CAYE

Full Day Boat & Snorkel Picnic: ----- \$99

Total enclosed: _____

Bill my credit card: Add 3% for credit cards and fax to 760.298-1640

Card #: _____ Expires: _____

You can also just email us to give us instructions to bill your credit card for the tours you'd like to sign up for.

We will be sending out a form with a grid as we get closer to the trip where you can see what everyone has signed up for.