

# THESE TOURS ARE FROM OUR LAST TRIP TO BELIZE

## Prices and info may change for 2020

### TOUR SIGN-UPS:

Please sign up in advance for the tours as it's the only way we can organize our large group. Here are the tour write-ups.

### CAVES BRANCH RIVER TUBING

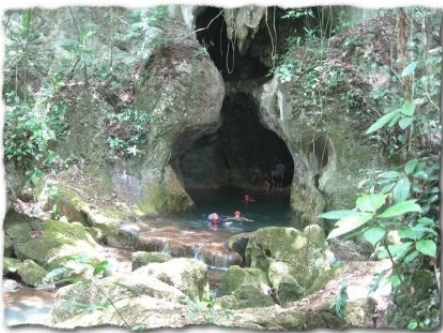


This is one of the most fun and unusual tours you will ever take. Everybody has thoroughly loved this experience every time. It's a tour not to be missed.

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. See <http://www.cavesbranch.com/belize-cave-tubing> for full description and photos. **COST: \$120** with transportation and taxes – a 20% discount!

### Actun Tunichil Muknal



The Ultimate Jungle and Cave Adventure!

I am **highly recommending the Actun Tunichil Muknal tour**. Also known simple as ATM Cave. 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. Price includes lunch and our transportation.. There is a 45 minute hike to get to the cave. We should be in the cave for 3 hours depending on everyone's ability level (we were there for 5 hours on one trip!). We taking this tour with the number 1 company on Tripadvisor and the original company to take tours into the cave. Read more: <https://www.mayawalk.com/belize-atm-cave-tour> **COST: \$85 (reg \$110).**

**NOTE:** This is not a tour for out of shape people. You should be in at least average shape to tackle this tour as there is climbing involved. This tour is not recommended if you have issues climbing, fear of tight spaces, unable to stoop down. You don't necessarily need to swim or you can hang on to someone who does for short spurts.

## OTHER TOURS:

We have been on several other tours on the mainland in Belize trips past however this is when we were staying in San Ignacio, not on the water. A few of the sites that I can recommend from experience are nearby our hotel and include [Xunantunich which is a Mayan ruin site](#). Mountain Pine Reserve, where there are cascading water as well as a beautiful waterfall. And there is also Tikal which is very famous but almost 5 hours away. Our hotel would be able to sign you up for optional tours such as these.

Another tour that almost made our itinerary is a zip-line and waterfall rappelling tour. These are run by a company called [Bocawina Rainforest resort](#). You will see from their website that they offer some exciting tours but with only 3 days for adventure here I still think you will enjoy the 3 that we have listed. But you certainly have the option to sign up with them directly and I did negotiate a discount for our group on the combo zipline and rappelling. Normally \$142.50, our rate would be \$112.50 if we have enough people. Transportation was also discounted to \$12.50pp. My suggestion is to email Javier at Bocawina direct at [javier@bocawina.com](mailto:javier@bocawina.com) and let him know you're with the Singles in Paradise group.

## IN AMBERGRIS CAYE

### SNORKELING

The best snorkeling on Ambergris Caye is by boat. We have been offered a group discount on a couple of different snorkeling tours. One tour you will already be doing, Hol Chan, on the island hopping tour listed above, but you may want to do it again. The other is a spot called Mexican Rocks. Cost for either one is \$45 for the boat and park fee. Snorkel equipment and guide are included. If you had to pick just one snorkel I recommend the Hol Chan but both are very good.

**SNORKELING, ISLAND HOPPING & BBQ BOAT TOUR:** This is a day not to be missed. We will board 2 powerboats for a full day of snorkeling and island hopping. First we stop for snorkeling at the protected reef called Hol Chan. It's excellent! Then we cruise over to the very small island of Goff's Caye for more snorkeling and a delicious BBQ lunch. The snorkeling around the island is also 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: \$105** (includes \$20 in state admission fees).



**DIVING AND OTHER TOURS:** Although there is a dive shop located right on our property I can't say now whether they are the best or not. I will leave that to you to visit them and check out their equipment and speak with them. We will reserve a couple of days for group diving. Please express an interest first on the form below.

There is another shop that we used last time which is listed #2 on Tripadvisor (out of 83 activities) called Belize Pro Dive. When we arrive, we will have a meeting with the guys at this dive shop where you will be able to meet the dive masters and sign up for your dives. We will receive 10% off on their dive packages. Many divers will undoubtedly want to visit the Blue Hole. You will certainly find shops

that will make that trek (about 2 hours each way) however this dive shop says: “Unfortunately, we don't push Blue Hole anymore; weather conditions change quickly and we find ourselves needing to cancel last minute; this disappoints our guests. We offer the Turneffe Atoll, a full day 3 tank wall dive tour. 3 dive sites similar to the 2nd and 3rd dives of the Blue Hole tour at \$235 plus 12.5% tax. I can offer a 15% discount on advance booking for this tour”. The manager is Emeliano.

<http://www.belizeprodivercenter.com/>