



# Hidden Trails

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## About Hidden Trails



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love horses and adventure activities. We have been involved with riding and other outdoor vacations for over 20 years.

With our partners Voyage du Cheval (France), Pegasus (Germany) as well as Equitour (Switzerland and France) we have collected the best riding destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These rides are about galloping on endless beaches, forging rivers, cantering through forests, trotting along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for horses has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand. The majority of the overseas rides are from inn to inn, some from castle to castle and a few are camping rides.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends. The Hidden Trails trips are the best you can find.

They have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special riding vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.

We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

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# Trailblazer Jungle Ride - Belize, Central America

Tour Code: IT-BESR01B  
7 days / 6 nights ~\$1,400.00  
Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating: ●●●●●  
Difficulty: ●●●●●  
Lodging: ●●●

**Tack:** Western Wintec, some English saddles o...  
**Horses:** Spanish quarterhorse local breed mix  
**Pace:** Moderate with lots of opportunities fo...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

**Airport:** Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (BZE)



## Introduction

Interior, Belize

Situated on the mighty Belize River and central to all of Belize, the ranch is a place where the horses roam free and huge iguanas laze in the branches above the bamboo. The land here is surrounded by evidence of both the ancient Maya and a historic logging tradition. Nestled in a quiet jungle setting, in the midst of birds and other tropical wildlife, the jungle ranch resort features delightful accommodations that blend with the local landscape and culture. Home to the finest equestrian center in Belize, here you will experience something different from the familiar. If you've ridden over mountains, prairies and park lands we know your expectations are high. Can the tropics show you anything you haven't already seen? Absolutely!

You awaken to the shimmering glow of dawn materializing through the tropical haze. Horses are roaming freely and grazing in green pastures surrounded by large palms. The day is young and a sudden rush of excitement fills the air. It's time to ride! The ranch is big, beautiful and boisterous. Miles of jungle and riverside trails are awaiting you. There are opportunities to experience horsemanship in a variety of ways, from setting your own trail itinerary to participating in structured instructor lessons. The well kept horses, quiet river, gentle breeze, flocks of parrots, saturated sunsets, delicious meals, friendly people, and exotic surroundings will sooth your soul.

In addition to the day to day riding tours, you have the opportunity to participate in a hands on experience with the horses here. In the arena or on the trail, communication between horse and rider begins to meld. The concepts we follow are those of natural horsemanship, as presented by John Lyons and Pat Parelli, two of the most popular horse clinicians in the United States, and are the basis for horsemanship at the ranch - even down south here in Belize! Key words are communication, trust and discipline. Of course you may just opt for just some exciting trail riding instead.

While we mostly ride western, we also have two sets of English saddles and tack for your use. There are miles of jungle trails in and out of the forest canopy. Nice long canters along jungle trails can be an exhilarating experience. This is a place far from the real world and near to the things you've dreamed of. An exciting, yet peaceful place. You will be taking more than pictures home. You'll have memories to last a lifetime!

## Accommodation

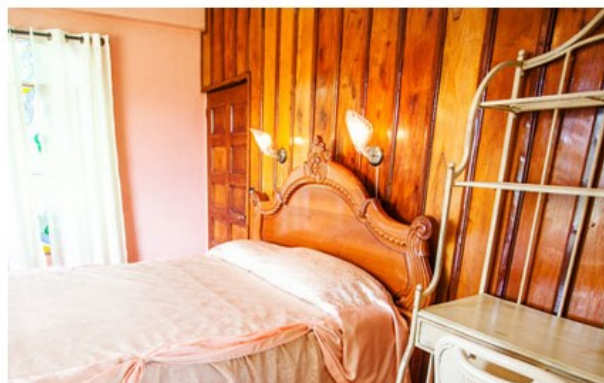


### Accommodations

This is a stationary ride, so nights will be spent in the same location.

### Description

Nestled near the river in a quiet jungle setting, in the midst of birds and other tropical wildlife! The tropical jungle resort features delightful accommodations that blend with the local landscape and culture. You will stay in standard rooms in the main lodge or in cabanas with roofs made from jungle bay leaf thatch and are uniquely designed. Built by local craftsmen with fine Belizean woods, they are, in themselves each works of art. All standard rooms and suites are equipped with A/C for your comfort (we also have some rooms in the cabanas with A/C). The cabanas and chalet rooms are equipped with ceiling fans and / or standing fans. On site you'll enjoy a swimming pool, bird sanctuary, and 14" Meade telescope for star gazing at night. Wireless is available at the front desk/reception area of the lodge and in the Chateau Brio building. Laundry is also available.





#### Standard Rooms

Beautiful stained glass windows and solarium bathrooms make these all delightful places to stay. The unique use of sea shells in a bathroom mirror, Carolyn Carr art, artistic tiling, local arts and crafts, honor the Belize culture and beauty in these designer rooms. Rooms are air-conditioned and have a reading desk, comfortable easy chair, as well as a queen bed, and most of them have a single bed as well. Four of our standard rooms are in the lodge which has a communal sitting area, adjacent to a patio that overlooks the river. The other two standard rooms are in our Chateau Brio. The building features curved stairs with beautiful banisters and amazing masonry around all the windows. On the second floor there is a large patio where evening conversation can be enjoyed. Inside the rooms you can relish the view of the beautiful landscaping and pool through arched, stained glass windows.



#### Cabanas

With roofs made from jungle bay leaf thatching are uniquely designed. Crafted by the Banana Bank craftsmen with fine Belizean woods, they are, in themselves works of art. Each cabana has a solarium bath, a sitting room, and two bedrooms, each room with a queen size and single bed. Four to six family members, friends or groups traveling together can be easily accommodated in each cabana. Carved doors, original oil paintings and jungle ambiance create a truly memorable surrounding.

#### Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if you are traveling as a single rider.  
Triple occupancy is possible.



#### Meals

All meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on your last day are included.

The dining room has an exotic feel to it. The tone is set by the soaring thatched roof. Carved banisters, pink gypsum stonewalls, and rich local hard wood paneling make this a beautiful place to enjoy. Our meals are served family style and are widely reported to be some of the best in Belize. The family atmosphere provides a setting for lively discussion between guests from different parts of the world and diverse interest. Menus vary but center around the kind of home cooking we call "grandma's food" although our girls cook up some of the best local cuisine found in Belize.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions if given prior notice.

#### **Riding**





#### Riding

Your Belize horseback riding vacation will be unlike any other vacation you have had before. We offer the best horseback riding in Belize with miles of jungle trails combined with years of experience, on the 4000-acre property. Allow us to show you the thrill of riding through the tropical broad leaf forest as we point out birds, wildlife, trees and medicinal plants. Learn about the culture and the beauty of Belize.

#### Pace

Rides can vary from 2-hour rides to 4-5 hours in the saddle. For the all-day rides we offer two options. You can either go out to ride in the morning – come back to the lodge for lunch – and then continue the ride in the afternoon, or, you can carry a picnic lunch with you and go a further distance riding. With so many trails and activities, it is all up to you!



#### Horses

About a hundred horses of thoroughbred mixed with quarter horse breeds are found at our farm. Years of careful hands on training from when they are foals, provide trustworthy but agile mounts that will easily carry you through the jungle trails. We train our horses as per horse whispering concepts and methods. We are experts at matching horses and riders.

#### Tack

While we mostly ride western, we do have two sets of English saddles and tack for your use.

#### Staff

Our cowboys are eager to meet you and take you on memorable rides throughout the many trails. Cesar, Sherman, John and Chico will show you the joy of riding through the jungle. All our cowboys not only conduct the rides, but they train as per horse whispering methods and John Carr horsemanship practices, all our born and bred horses.

## Itinerary



#### Sample 7 days Itinerary- *subject to changes*

##### Day 1:

Arrival at Phillip S.W. Goldson International Airport in Belize City. You will be met by our driver in our vehicle and transported the 50 miles inland to the ranch.

After getting settled into your room likely it will be time for dinner. Freshly home cooked meals at the ranch are

served family style.  
*Meal included: Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 2:**

Horsemanship will be best experienced if both the horse and the rider are at ease so this will be the goal for this day. Our horses have been raised on trust so they can be trusted. To communicate trust is the first step in gaining confidence and control. It is part of the horses' basic nature to want to get along. (Bill Dorrance). Your trainer will lead you in some skill sets to test your confidence and control.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 3:**

Today is about learning to feel and move with the horses gait, the walk, trot, canter and gallop. You will concentrate on achieve oneness with the horses' motion by getting in time with the gait. This will take place in the large arena.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 4:**

Today is a beginning instruction in learning to give directions to the horse using leg pressure and body weight shift. This discipline takes months to accomplish but every achievement starts somewhere. If you have already had experience in this level of horsemanship then the trainer will introduce to some more challenging disciplines. It puts you on the road to the next level of riding.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 5:**

This will be an all day ride back to Tom's Place, an 8 mile ride away from the ranch through various types of farm land. Ride through the village of Valley of Peace and see what has come from the raw edge of survival to a thriving community. Lunch will be served while there. It is a short distance on to Tom's Place. The natural beauty will be well worth the trip. The way back to the ranch will be by Buggy along the Valley of Peace road.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 6:**

Today is a day of review. A gymkhana will be set up and events will be timed. Ideally there will be other riders with whom to compete and test your skills. We will video your performance to preserve a memory of your week of accomplishment.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 7:**

After a hardy breakfast and a heartfelt good-by to your hosts, trainer and horse, you will be transported to your next destination, either another hotel, the municipal airport or the Phillip Goldson International Airport.

*Meal included: Breakfast*

**Sample 8 days Itinerary- subject to changes**

**Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival**

We will meet you at the airport. After check-in, you can tour the grounds and get acquainted with our own horses and wildlife. Soon dinner will be served family style, providing perfect time and setting to meet your hosts and the other guests.

*Meal included: Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 2 (Sunday): Full day Ride**

Horse enrichment connection and horse introduction and learning about a trust relationship between you and your horse. Groom, saddle and mount, and 3 hour introductory trail ride including checking the cattle. The day usually starts at 9 am and ends at about 4:30 pm.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 3 (Monday): Morning Ride and Mayan Temple Visit**

Saddle up for a morning ride. Begin your day with a peaceful horseback ride to Tiger Creek, guided by our wrangler who will share helpful tips along the way. After lunch, we'll take a scenic drive (about 35 miles) to explore one of Belize's most treasured Maya sites—Xunantunich or Cahal Pech. You'll also have the option to stop by a charming butterfly farm.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride to the Three Sisters Maya Temple**

We'll start with some work in the round pen and you will be connecting with your horse in a special way. Then off to the 3 Sisters Maya Temple (undeveloped) for an all day ride where you will unsaddle, have lunch and then ride back to the lodge.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 5 (Wednesday): Half-Day Ride and Sightseeing**

Saddle up for a trail ride to check on the cattle and horses. Then, we will head for the arena to do barrel racing, pole bending and other Gymkhana events – you may have never done this before and we don't generally use a watch. In the afternoon, we go to the beautiful Hummingbird Highway for chocolate growing and tasting exhibit and then special ice cream and swim in the beautiful inland Blue Hole.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 6 (Thursday): Belize River Boat Ride**

For a change in pace, we will board the boat at the Cawich Bridge where you will be guided along the Belize River. It will be a wonderful river trip where we usually see howler monkeys, bats, beautiful trees and multitude of birds. Iguanas dart along the paths and scamper up the trees while you observe hundreds of botanic wonders. After lunch back and an afternoon of relaxation, we'll saddle up for an evening ride.

*Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at the Lodge*

**Day 7 (Friday): Ride to Belmopan market and Roaring River**

Swim our horses across the Belize River and have lunch at the Belmopan Market (Belmopan is the smallest capital in the world) then out toward the Roaring River to explore caves and spend a little time with your horse in the water. Back to the lodge at around 4:00-4:30pm.

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight at the Lodge

#### Day 8 (Saturday): Departure

In case you didn't get enough riding in, you may choose to do a short ride (we hate to say goodbye). If there's time you can stop for a tour at the Belize Zoo on the way back.

Meal included: Breakfast



#### Optional Tour - Tikal (4-5 hours)

There is an option to visit Mayan Temples of Tikal (Guatemala) during the week or we can add a day for you. There is an extra charge (145 USD pp, \*subject to change) and we will need a minimum of 3 participants.

Tikal is one of the largest archaeological sites and urban centers of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization. It is located in the archaeological region of the Petén Basin in what is now northern Guatemala. Tikal was the capital of a conquest state that became one of the most powerful kingdoms of the ancient Maya. Though monumental architecture at the site dates back as far as the 4th century BC, Tikal reached its apogee during the Classic Period, ca. 200 to 900 AD. During this time, the city dominated much of the Maya region politically, economically, and militarily, while interacting with areas throughout Mesoamerica such as the great metropolis of Teotihuacan in the distant Valley of Mexico.

Tikal is the best understood of any of the large lowland Maya cities, with a long dynastic ruler list, the discovery of the tombs of many of the rulers on this list and the investigation of their monuments, temples and palaces. An early breakfast prepares you for a 'must see' trip to visit the Temples at Tikal in Guatemala. Your English speaking guide will lead you through the 5 major temples built around 700 AD - the dominant features of the city, identified only by numbers. Two of them stand in the middle of the square which can be viewed only from the top of the temple number 2. The top of this temple reaches the height of 38 m. Temple number 1 is not accessible, for safety reasons. The north acropolis stands among these temples. Archaeologists uncovered layers of earth, and thus proved that the Maya had lived here before Christ. The current appearance of the acropolis comes from the 8th century AD. Nowadays, Tikal has become a part of the Tikal National Park, and in 1979 it has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



#### Optional Tour - Caracol (full day)

There is an option to visit Mayan Temples of Caracol during the week or we can add a day for you. There is an extra charge (130 USD pp, \*subject to change) and we will need a minimum of 3 participants.

Join your guide into the incredible history of the Maya in Belize. Caracol is embedded in the lush jungles of the Mountain Pine Ridge. You will learn of CAANA (Sky House) and the important role of its king - Lord Can II. Caracol is credited with the conquest of Tikal and Naranjo in AD562.

### Other Info

**Meeting:** Belize City

**Airport:** Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (BZE)

**Train station:** --

**Transfer:** Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (BZE) or Belize City Municipal Airport (TZA)

**Distance:** 92 km / 57 miles

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (BZE) or Belize City Municipal Airport (TZA) at any time on any day of the week. Check-out at 11:00am on the last day.

**Tack:** Western Wintec, some English saddles on request

**Horses:** Spanish quarterhorse local breed mix

**Pace:** Moderate with lots of opportunities for canters and gallops - according to riding level.  
Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |  
**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2.5 to 4 out of 5) Low to Strong Intermediate  
**Age:** Min 3 Max 90  
**Weight:** 350 lbs  
**Riders:** Min 2 riders Max 12 riders Max Capacity 45  
(per riding group)

## Non Riders Activities

At the lodge you will find:

- Roaming, grazing or relaxing horses
- Over 240 species of birds spotted and identified
- Orchadia with over 50 different varieties of orchids and bromeliads
- Remnants of the Mayan civilization - unexcavated house mounds & temples
- Substantial collection of artifacts
- Two story birding observation tower overlooking lagoon
- Beautiful swimming pool in a gorgeous jungle setting
- Internet and wireless connection available in Chateau Brio or front desk area
- Swimming pool
- Great family environment (kids love it here and don't want to leave)
- An assortment of delightful native animals & birds right on the premises
- Star gazing with a Hi-tech computerized 16" Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope (see planets, nebula, galaxies, super novas, globular clusters, and more)
- Carolyn Carr's studio and gallery (you may find her working on an oil painting)
- A solid team of cooks, housekeepers, gardeners, wranglers, drivers and guides who will help make your stay memorable



### Weekly activities

#### **River Tubing, or River Boat Trip - Up to 1 ½ hrs**

Meander down the Belize River with our Tour Guide pointing out Plants and Wildlife in their natural habitat. Birds, Iguanas, Otters, Howler Monkeys may be sighted.

#### **Inland Blue Hole & St Hermans Cave (min of 2 participants) - Half Day Tour**

Beautiful Jungle Walk to St. Herman's cave. Flash/head light provided. Great trip for Birders and Naturalists. Finish the tour with a swim in the pristine limestone aqua Blue Hole. Picnic lunch included.

#### **Tikal (min of 3 participants) - Full Day Tour**

Early Breakfast prepares you for a must see trip to visit the Temples at Tikal in Guatemala. Your English speaking guide will lead you through the 5 major temples built around 700AD. Lunch and all border fees included.

Note: tour for 2 persons may be arranged at 3 persons rate.

#### **Caracol (min of 3 participants) - Full Day Tour**

Join your guide into the incredible history of the Maya in Belize. Caracol is embedded in the lush jungles of the Mountain Pine Ridge. You will learn of CAANA (Sky House) and the important role of it's king - Lord Can II. Caracol is credited with the conquest of Tikal and Naranjo in AD562.

Tour includes lunch, guide, & entry fee.

Note: tour for 2 persons may be arranged at 3 persons rate.

#### **Crystal Cave Tubing (min of 2 participants) - Full Day or Half Day Tour**

Tubing along underground waterways, cave walls glistening, showing off their crystal formations. The Mayans used these caves a thousand years ago and fascinating artifacts remain. You will be in awe at stalactites, stalagmites, the very immensity of the cave itself.

This adventurous tour will take you through lush rainforest to explore 5 magnificent caves. The Jungle trailer will transport your group to Yaha Creek to start the trek. Formerly a logwood harvesting area, this forest is now a reserve full of the jungle flora and fauna of Belize. You'll tube through bright daylight and into caves as dark as night, then emerge into Indian Creek for a relaxing ride under the overarching trees. The scenes and sounds of nature will accompany you back to the resort where you can enjoy a refreshing swim. Then a sumptuous picnic lunch awaits. This is cave tubing at its finest and an adventure of a lifetime! Lifejackets, tubes, headlamp and swim shoes are provided.

#### **Zip - Lining & Half-day Cave Tubing Combo (min of 2 participants) - Full Day Tour**

This is a fun-packed day and great way to experience the jungle and caves if your time is short on the mainland. Lunch is included.

#### **Zip - Lining (min of 2 participants) - Half Day Tour**

Aerial Trek Canopy Tour offers the adventurous spirit an exhilarating opportunity to soar through the jungle, high above the broadleaf Caving forest floor. The canopy tour involves traversing from one platform to another along a steel cable suspended up to 80 feet above the ground.

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#### **Belize Zoo (min of 2 participants) - Half Day Tour**

See Kinkajous, Tapirs, Jabiru Stork, and many other exotic native animals of Belize.

#### **Cayo West Tour (min of 2 participants) - Full Day or Half Day Tour**

The day starts with a visit to either Xunantunich, Cahal Pech or Che Chem Ha. Each of these are unique sites and it will be hard to choose but all are equally impressive. Your guide then takes you to have a wonderful lunch and then an opportunity for shopping or you may wish to visit the Butterfly Farm.

1 Maya site / lunch not included

#### **Actun Tunichil Muknal (min of 2 participants) - Full Day Tour**

The cave of the Stone Sepulchre, displays some of the most spectacular limestone solution dripstone formations. We will walk for 45 minutes through the jungle before reaching the cave. At the entrance of the cave there's a short swim (life jackets are available).

Just saying the name 'Actun Tunichil Muknal' brings mysterious visions to mind. This showing of the Maya Underworld is not a usual visitors tour in the sense that you are not paying to walk through a cave. You are paying for the privilege of being among an untouched archeological site. Getting to the actual ritual site takes about one hour of jungle hiking, then swimming, wading and climbing in an underground river to get to the site. In respect of this sacred site rules must be followed. Shoes must be taken off at the site and it is important to wear socks through the chambers. Footsteps must be taken with great care so as to not step on and possibly crush the bones and artifacts within. Overnight tours are offered sometimes and visitors have told stories of strange noises and ghostly visions passing by and disappearing into the cave walls, leaving the observer chilled and in awe. Plunging stalactites reach down to meet jutting stalagmites and sparkling crystal glows though this grand cathedral. For those interested in cave exploration an Actun Tunichil Muknal tour is a must.

Lunch provided.

#### **Black Hole Drop (min of 2 participants) - Full Day Tour**

The "Mother of all Caves" at the foothills of the Maya Mountains. The edge of the Actun Loch Tunich sink hole sits over 300 feet above the basin below, 200 feet above the rainforest canopy that grows out from the sink hole basin. Our fully trained caving guides rig a system of rappelling ropes for your decent to the basin below. Then a return hike out of the foothills and back to the camp.

The Black Hole Drop tour takes the adventurous traveller into the Maya Mountains to the top of a huge sink hole. Along the way you might spot all sorts of wild life or even a hummingbird's nest at the tip of a leaf. When you reach the top, you'll be lowered down into the vast remains of what was once an enormous cave. After a delicious meal of tortillas stuffed with fresh meat and veggies, more wonderous sights await you on the journey back.

Lunch, Water & Equipment included.

#### **Barton Creek (min of 2 participants) - Full Day Tour**

The trip starts with a drive through the picturesque Mennonite farm community to the Caves. Board a canoe and your guide will row you deep inside Barton Creek Cave. Sit back, relax and direct your candle lamp at the amazing formations inside the huge cave believed by the Maya to be the Underworld. Great Swimming spot. Lunch and then on to Green Hills Butterfly Ranch.

#### **Night Walk**

Walk or horseback ride during a beautiful night through Banana Bank grounds and jungle. Must have moonlight for horseback ride / no moon makes a better night walk to see more nocturnal animals.

Flash/headlamps provided.

#### **Local Cultural & Capital Tour (min of 2 participants) - Half Day Tour**

Belize is a cultural melting pot. You will visit Spanish Lookout, (the home of the German decent Mennonites), Creole villages on the Western Highway and Valley of Peace Your guide will also take you to Belmopan - the smallest Capital in the world!

A locally cooked lunch provided.

## **Mayan Adventure Getaway**

**Day 1 :** We will meet you at the Municipal or International Airport and transfer you to the lodge. If you arrive early enough you may choose to visit the Belize Zoo. Upon your arrival you can take a tour of the local sites. (It's a jungle out there!) Oops, time for dinner already! (7:00...ish) LD

**Day 2 :** After breakfast enjoy an all day Jungle horseback ride. Explore the vast area of the 200 acre farm with agricultural fields, tree farms, cattle grazing, and horse pastures. Cross small streams, canter on jungle paths and swim with the horses in the Belize River. BLD

**optional:** all day Cave adventure or combo of Cave Tubing and Zip line.

**Day 3 :** Today we will have a brisk half day ride through the jungle. In the afternoon we are off to Roaring River Cave. We'll ride through the village of Roaring Creek and explore a seldom visited cave where you'll see ancient artifacts and feel an exquisite Mayan presence. We'll break at a wonderful swimming hole so be sure to bring your swimming suit. The water's quite clear so you might want to bring along a snorkel mask too. In the evening we will take you on a Jungle Night Walk. BLD

**Day 4 :** After an early breakfast we depart for a day trip to Guatemala to see the 'Great Dame' better know as the **Mayan City of Tikal**. Your English-speaking guide will regale you with tales of the most spectacular Maya site constructed. It takes 4-5 hours to explore this ancient city, then we'll return for another great meal back at the lodge (this trip option requires a minimum of 2 participants).

**Optional:** Enjoy a day of exploring the jungle on the Howler Monkey Trail, Tiger Creek Trail and Devil Dip Trail. These trails span over the 4000 acres and let you experience the beauty of the jungle as well as open fields and teak plantations.

**Day 5 :** Departure after breakfast.

Beach extensions are possible.

## **Jungle Explorer Getaway**

**Day 1 :** We will meet you at the Municipal or International Airport and transfer you to the lodge. If you arrive early enough you may choose to visit the Belize Zoo. Upon your arrival you can take a tour of the local sites. (It's a jungle out there!) Oops, time for dinner already! (7:00...ish) LD

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### **optional activities**

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**Day 4** : Departure after breakfast.

Beach extensions are possible.

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-BESR01B

Rates include: Accommodations in cabana or A/C standard room, All meals, 6 Riding Days, Visit to Xunantunich, Half-Day Sightseeing along Hummingbird Highway, Belize River Boat Ride, Transfers & Taxes  
Riding helmets can be provided

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	7 day Lodge Ride	\$1400
	Single supplement	\$440
	Triple room discount, pp	(\$95)
B 2026	8 day Lodge Ride	\$1860
	Single supplement	\$495
	Triple room discount, pp	(\$165)

## Transfer Option

### Description

2026	Transfer from Belize City included in the afternoon	
2026	Optional Belize Zoo visit (during transfer in or out) - Half-day	\$50
2026	Optional Caracol Full Day Tour including lunch (min 3 participants)	\$145
2026	Optional Tikal Full Day Tour including lunch (min 3 participants)	\$145
2026	Child discount (8 and younger) -- please inquire	

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	7d / 6n	7 day Lodge Ride
B 2026	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	8d / 7n	8 day Lodge Ride

### Min/Max: 2/12

Available every week from Saturday to Saturday.

Rates do not include: Alcoholic Beverages, Gratuities, optional Temple Visit (Caracol and or Tikal) & optional Zoo Visit

# Reservation Form

**Tour :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Code #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **from:** \_\_\_\_\_ **to :** \_\_\_\_\_

The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single room / or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight	Special diets												
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking			
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Special Diets: \_\_\_\_\_

Your fitness level: Excellent  Moderate  Poor  How long have you been riding? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you ride? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been on other riding tours? No  Yes  last trip when? \_\_\_\_\_

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES  NO

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and the Hidden Trails Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.

I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (wk) \_\_\_\_\_ (hm) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (mandatory) 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before the travel date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA  or Mastercard  (no debit cards)

Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than mailing address):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check for the deposit

Additional Signatures:

2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Cancellation Insurance** Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up  initial \_\_\_\_\_

No, we will provide our own  initial \_\_\_\_\_

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