



# Belize

October 8-18, 2014



Unique and unspoiled, Belize is the hidden gem in our backyard. With one foot in the Central American jungle and the other dipped in the Caribbean Sea, Belize boasts miles of beautiful coral reefs,

tropical rainforests, exotic wildlife and a rich cultural history. Just a 2 hour flight from Miami, it has the world's second largest barrier reef, tropical weather, warm clear waters, soft sandy beaches, Mayan culture and ruins, diverse jungle habitats with jaguars, tapirs, monkeys, toucans and macaws, and to top it all off it is the only country in Central America where the official language is English.

We'll fly non-stop from Miami to Belize City, then take a short local flight south to Placencia, on a long peninsula in the Caribbean sea. There we'll check into our 4-star resort hotel on the beach, and relax and acclimate to the tropical lifestyle. We'll enjoy 3 nights at the resort, breakfasts included, giving you plenty of time for scuba diving trips (PADI 5-star dive center), jungle tours, visits to the Mayan ruins, or just wandering the white sand beach. Of course you can easily spend all your time at the resort, too, soaking up the sun by one of the three pools, canoeing and kayaking, biking, pedal boating, windsurfing, or sailing one their hobie cats. And after all that, there are 3 restaurants to choose from, plus a bakery/deli.



On Saturday we'll head to the marina and board our waiting luxury catamarans, enjoying a full week of sailing amongst the islands and coral of the Belizean reef. One day might have you sailing the fresh Caribbean trade winds to Lagoon Cay, with its abundant ospreys, cormorants, frigate birds and pelicans, and outstanding shallow water snorkeling along the coral ring.

Another day may take you to South Water Cay, part of the World Heritage Site, and an amazing 15-acre coral island sitting right on the edge of the barrier reef. With its crystal clear waters, soft powder white sand beaches, majestic coconut palms and mangrove lined inlets, you can snorkel right off the beach and onto the reef. Taking a break from the water, you might discover a few bars and restaurants ashore, and sample the fresh local lobster.

If fishing is your thing, this whole area offers a fantastic catch, and none better than around Wippiari Cay, where the dolphin play in your bow wave, the beaches are deserted, and the sunsets unforgettable. And if don't like catching the fish, head ashore to the open-air Sea Urchin Bar and Restaurant and let an expert cook up the local catch for you.





No matter where you choose to sail, you can't go wrong, and you are sure to treasure each day in this magical place. October weather normally has highs in the 80's and lows in the 70's, water temperature of 84 degrees, winds of about 15 knots, and only about a foot of tide. Although hurricane season technically lasts until November 1, most of the storms and rain arrive in July and August, so we expect warm, ideal conditions for our adventures at Latitude 16.

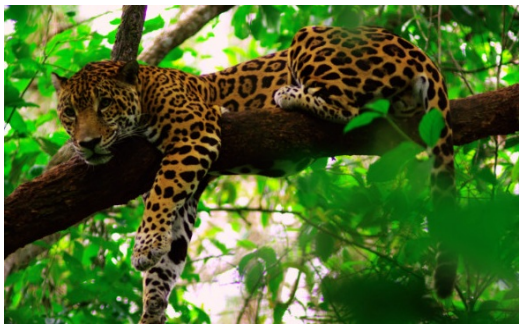


### So what's the deal?

The trip costs just **\$2,695** per person, and it includes pretty much everything:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare from Miami (MIA) to Belize, and to Placencia
- ✓ 3 nights luxury resort hotel, including breakfasts
- ✓ 7 nights aboard the yachts
- ✓ All ground transfers
- ✓ A special welcome dinner hosted by ASA

The only thing you'll need to buy there is food and drink. You may also choose to arrange other activities during our days at the resort, like scuba diving or a jungle tour, but that's up to you. You'll also need to get yourself to Miami, but we can help arrange that for you, too, if you like.



You are welcome to participate in sailing the boat, or you can just relax and enjoy the ride. If you have your ASA Bareboat certificate and would like to skipper one of the boats, that may be possible, too. We welcome couples, families, and flexible singles, and work very hard to ensure everyone has an absolutely great time. ASA is again partnering with David Kory of AVI Nautica, who has led the best sailing vacations to all corners of the globe for over 12 years. And the best part is, you'll be sharing your adventures with some of the best people around— other ASA members!

A deposit of \$695 per person will hold your spot, with an additional deposit of \$1000 due by April 1, and the balance will be due by August 1. Visa/MC/Discover, Paypal, and checks are all fine, and payment plans are available, too. These trips always sell out early, and space is very limited, so don't delay- sign up today!

For answers to your questions, or if you are ready to join us, email David directly at:

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\* The price listed includes all taxes and fuel surcharges as of October 1, 2013. If the world goes crazy again and the airlines add new fuel surcharges or invent new taxes, we may have to pass these on to you.

I don't expect that to happen, but I have to warn you just in case.



**Cancellation policy:** 6 months before departure, full refund. 90 days to 6 months, loss of deposits. Less than 90 days, no refund.

