

BELIZE-EDUCATION (OPEN TRIP)

Day 1

Arrive at the Philip Goldson International Airport in Belize City. After lunch visit the infamous Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center which has over 150 animals and 45 different species all native to Belize. See spider monkeys, jaguars, manatees, dolphins and more! Be sure to bring your camera. Transfer to San Ignacio and check-in at Martha's Inn and Guesthouse . Relax for the evening.

Day 2

After breakfast, walk to the San Ignacio market. Enjoy local fruits and vegetables and see how the locals buy and sell their produce. This is also a great place to find homemade crafts to take home as souvenirs! Eat lunch & Xunantunich Mayan ruins. Xunantunich means “stone woman” in the Mayan language. After lunch take a bus and afternoon water taxi to Caye Caulker, an island off the coast of Belize in the Caribbean sea. Check into your hotel at Tropical Paradise the take a Bike tour of Caye Caulker with the Ocean Academy students.

Day 3

Today, attend a Catholic church service if you want or sleep in and explore the town. Get ready because you will experience a Full-day snorkel trip! In the evening listen to a few guest speakers talk about the Belize education system.

Day 4 and 5

Now it's time to get to work! Spend the next 2 days volunteering at the Caye Caulker Roman Catholic School (CCRCS) – K-7. This education trip includes small group tutoring, leading P.E. classes, health talks in science classes and assisting in the computer lab. You will also work with the students in after-school tutoring sessions at the Ocean Academy (depends on high-school student needs and volunteers' subject area expertise).

Day 6

Today you will participate in the Ocean Academy elective classes where you will learn the traditional dance, play the guitar and also composting club.

Day 7

In the morning, participate in the mangrove restoration project on the north side of the island where you will help clean up the children's park. In the afternoon, return to the Ocean Academy and participate in their P.E. class – join a beach volleyball

team or a basketball team and play with the kids! Today you will also visit the island clinic and doctor and learn about their health care system.

Other volunteer activities for today may include a tour/guest speaker from Humane Society/PAWS, four ESL adult night classes for those who speak Spanish and exam tutoring for Std VI students preparing for their national exam in Science (gr.7 level).

Day 8 Take a water taxi to Belize City and bus transport to international airport. Return home.