

BELIZE-MEDICAL AND EDUCATION

Day 1

Arrive at the Philip Goldson International Airport in Belize City. Transport to the Orange Walk district in the northwest part of the country and tour the Banquitas House of Culture, a cultural center and school of arts which helps in the development, promotion and conservation of the artistic and cultural dynamics of the people. Enjoy homemade tortilla chips and salsa and learn to dance! Check-in at Hotel de la Fuente that evening.

Day 2

Today you will visit the Lamanai Mayan Ruins located in Orange Walk. "Lamanai" comes from the Maya term for "submerged crocodile", a nod to the toothy reptiles who live along the banks of the New River. Lamanai Belize jungle brims with exotic birds and hydrophilic iguanas. There is evidence on Mayan life that dates from about 1500 B.C. through Postclassic (A.D. 950-1544) and Spanish colonial times (A.D. 1544-1700)

Day 3, 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). Over lunch, you will meet with Dr. Jerry Lanza, an Ocean Academy volunteer as well as the Village Council Lobster Fest Committee. Dinner will be with the Belizean families of the Ocean Academy students.

Day 6

Spend today exploring the town! Get ready because you will experience either a half day or Full-day snorkel trip! (extra cost). In the evening listen to a few guest speakers talk about the Belize education system. Participate in the 9th Annual Lobster Fest Pageant that evening. The Central Park will come alive as music and savory flavors fill the air creating the perfect atmosphere of rhythm and thrill as lobster critics go from booth to booth basking in the ambiance all attributed to good food. Chefs of the island take part in the event to showcase some of their finest lobster dishes both new and created just for the event, or traditional recipe that never fail to satisfy even the pickiest eater.

Day 7

Today you will participate in the Ocean Academy Health Fair in the village center as part of the Lobster Fest.

Day 8

Attend a Catholic church service if you want or sleep in and explore the town. But don't sleep in too late because in the afternoon you will go on a Kayaking with the students.

Day 9

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