



JAGUAR REEF LODGE

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SWIMMING WITH BARRACUDA, SPOTTING SPIDER MONKEYS, TOUCANS *July 1–Sept. 5 families can “Walk on the Wild Side” in Belize*

HOPKIN’S VILLAGE, BELIZE, C.A. – Howler monkeys screech in the distance. Keel-billed Toucans flutter overhead. A Nurse Shark lies motionless looking at you from its coral garden.



Its day one on a family adventure where parents and children alike play Indiana Jones in the steamy jungles and coral reefs of friendly Belize. This is no video game – it’s the real thing, and when your child returns to school in September, show and tell will never be the same.

Jaguar Reef Lodge – an up-scale, multi-sport beach front lodge is offering families a solution to the annual family vacation dilemma. The “Walk on the Wild Side” package offers adventure for the energetic, beauty to appease the scenery enthusiast, and history to appeal to the curious.

Under the care of professional guides, families will trek through the only jaguar preserve on earth, spot manatees and crocodiles along the Sittie River, snorkel the largest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere and navigate subterranean Mayan cave systems via inner tube.

“The setting was spectacular, and the resort was perfect for families (very low-key and relaxing),” said Celia Glass of Sacramento, California who recently visited with her three children. “We went kayaking and swimming right off the beach. We took a boat trip out to Glover’s Reef and snorkeled. In addition, we did the Caves Branch River Tubing trip, floating down the river and then touring the caves with headlamps on. The kids also loved just swimming at the pool and drinking the infamous Jaguar Juices (virgin, of course, for them).”

IF YOU GO:

Jaguar Reef Lodge’s all-inclusive “Walk on the Wild Side” package starts at US\$3,595 where children under 18 eat and stay free. The package includes all meals, room, use of bicycles, snorkel gear, sea kayaks, fishing gear and three adventure tours. There are even rates for single parents with children. Call 1-800-289-5756, or visit www.jaguarreef.com.

Donations to help preserve endangered Belizean wildlife can be made through the Protected Areas Conservation Trust at www.pactbelize.org.

For travel information on Belize visit www.travelbelize.org

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Located directly below Mexico, and roughly the size of Massachusetts, English-speaking Belize is a two-hour flight from Houston and Miami. With over 40% of its land designated as natural reserves, the small Caribbean nation presents visitors with unlimited opportunities for land, sea and river adventures.

Its impressive variety of attractions include white sandy beaches, the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, tropical rain forests and wildlife, mysterious underground rivers and caves, and an exceptional archaeological heritage of Maya temples, pyramids and palaces. However, its greatest resource is its people, some of the most gracious and friendly on Earth.



Taking full advantage of this unique destination, Jaguar Reef Lodge incorporates the comfort of up-scale accommodations into the beauty of its natural surroundings.

The lodge is situated on one of the finest beaches in Belize, next to the second largest barrier reef in the world and a scenic boat ride away from Glover's Atoll, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Set among 300 acres of tropical forest, Jaguar Reef Lodge is one of the few properties in Belize to offer travelers marine, land, and river-based adventures.

Adventures featured at the Lodge include: Cockscomb Basin Jaguar Preserve, Sittee River and Barrier Reef snorkel, river of caves expedition at Caves Branch, jaguar preserve kayaking tour, Mayan Mountain horseback riding, Glover's Reef diving, St. Herman's Cave & Blue Hole National Park Tour, Mayan ruins & waterfalls, birds of paradise tour, and sports fishing to name only a few.

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