MAINLAND BELIZ RECREATIONAL OPTIONS

Complementary:

Mayan Ruins of Lamanai, Altun Ha, or Xunantunich

Included in your trip price is a tour of the Mayan ruins. We will visit the Mayan ruins closest to your ministry location. The Mayan ruins of Belize include a number of well-known and historical Maya archaeological sites. Your guided tour through the ruins will take you through well-designed and impressively built ancient cities and give you the opportunity to climb the high temple. The experience will definitely give you an appreciation for the Mayan culture in Belize! Half-day tour. Bus transportation, lunch, national park entrance, and guided tour included.



If your group has been to the Mayan Ruins before or would just like to spend your half-day of recreation experiencing another cultural option, here are some opportunities to consider.

If Lamanai is your Mayan ruins destination, we recommend taking an eco tour to the ruins instead of the included bus tour. This boat tour will bring you down a jungle river with many wildlife viewing opportunities, including the potential to see monkeys, crocodiles, toucans, and more. While stopping to view flora and fauna, this trip provides a smooth, fun, recreational way to visit Lamanai. Half-day tour. Transportation, lunch, national park entrance, guided tour included. Minimum eight people, \$40/person.



The Belize Zoo is 30 acres of tropical savanna that hosts over 45 different species, all native to Belize. A visit to the zoo is the best way to get an introduction to the animals of Belize, and to understand why it is important to protect the habitats that sustain them. Half-day tour. Transportation, lunch, zoo entrance, guided tour included. Minimum eight people, \$55/person.

Blue Hole National Park and

St. Herman's Cave was used by the Maya during the Classic Period, as evidenced by Mayan pottery vessels, spears, and torches found there. Upon arriving at the cave,

you can walk on a concrete path with steps for more than 1.6 kilometers underground. Flashlight provided. Two miles from St Herman's Cave is the Blue Hole, an azure blue swimming hole fringed with vines and ferns and fed by a stream from St Herman's Cave. The area is surrounded by moss and lush vegetation. Half-day tour. Transportation, lunch, park entrance, guided tour included. Minimum eight people, \$65/person.







A bus trip to Caves Branch National Park, just east of Belmopan, will bring you to the jungle and an amazing cave system. Guided by experienced Belizean tour guides, you will hike for about 30 minutes through the Belizean rainforest, then tube down the refreshing Caves Branch River making your way through spectacular cave systems. Half-day tour. Transportation, national park fees, life vest, tube, head lamp, tour guide, barbeque chicken lunch. Minimum eight people, \$55/person.

Zip Lining

The zip line adventure begins with a ten-minute hike through the Belizean rainforest. You'll be fitted into a harness and enjoy flying through the rainforest canopy on seven runs ranging from 200 to 600 feet between treetop platforms. There will be a guide on each platform to assist you with landing and taking off. Halfday tour. Transportation, national park fees, tour guide, helmet, harness, gloves, and barbeque chicken lunch. Minimum eight people, \$55/person.

Cave Tubing and Zip Lining Combined Adventure · · · · ·

Cave tubing and zip lining are located near each other in Caves Branch National Park. See details above. *Half-day tour.* \$80/person.

Bacab Eco Park welcomes you to a lush jungle playground. The park proudly boasts over 200 species of tropical flowering plants, towering hardwood trees, palms, and different species of ferns as well as a great population of wildlife. The largest swimming pool



in Belize, complete with water slide, palm trees, lounge chairs, large palapa huts, changing rooms, and a great restaurant, are a refreshing highlight for all. Half-day tour. Park entrance fee, swimming pool entrance, transportation, chicken or hamburger basket lunch provided. \$40/person. *This tour may be added to any tour, other than Mayan Ruins, for \$25/person.

Please reserve your tours at least one month prior to your mission trip by calling the Thirst Missions office.

