



ALEXANDRA COUSTEAU  
DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE

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# Alexandra Cousteau's Expedition Belize

# Day 1 BLANCANEAUX

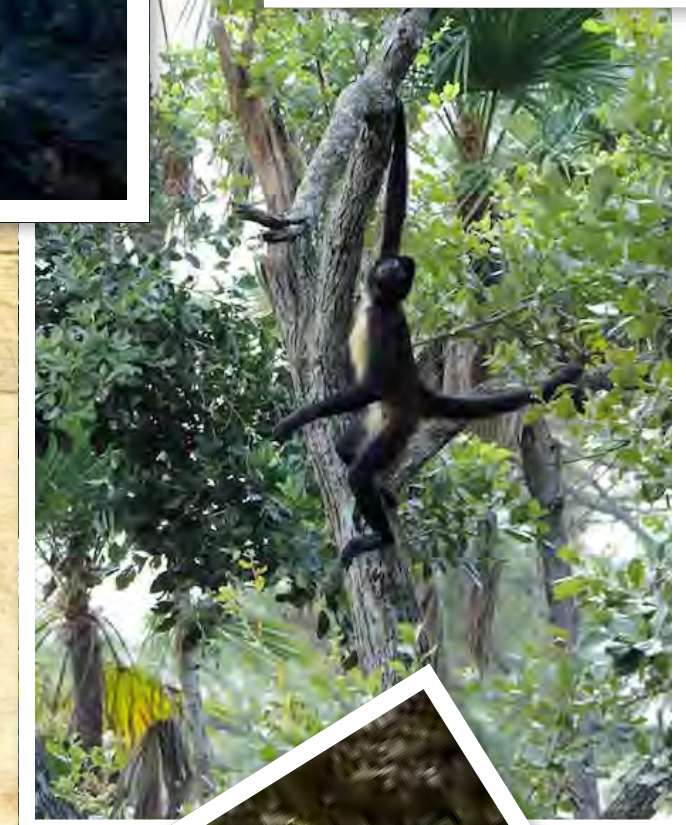
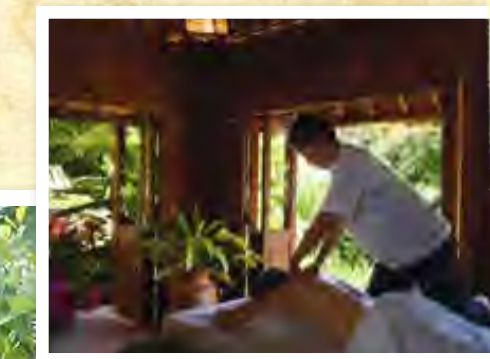
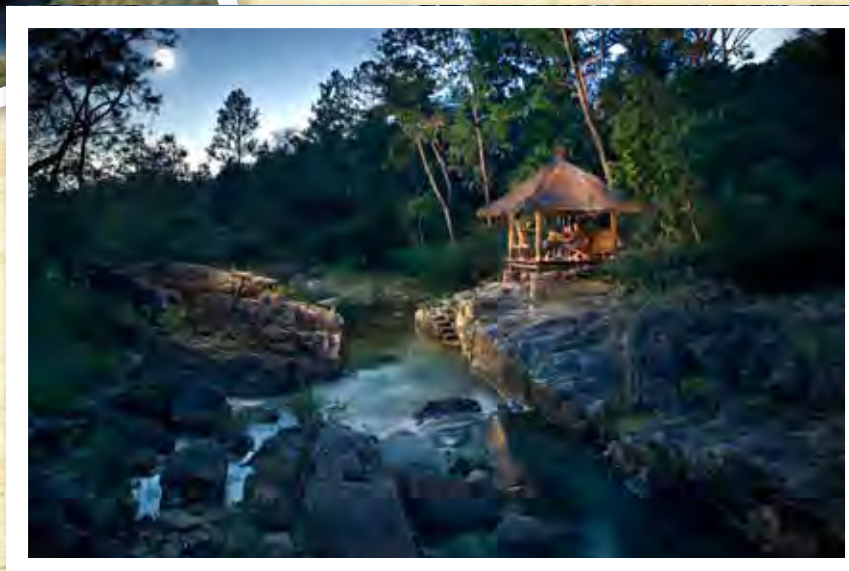


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A UNIQUE AND FUN CONSERVATION ADVENTURE INSPIRED  
BY ALEXANDRA COUSTEAU

"Follow in the footsteps of *National Geographic Emerging Explorer* Alexandra Cousteau to the far reaching corners of Belize, experiencing the country as she did, with a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the people, places and adventures that make Belize one of the most exciting destinations. As Alexandra, the granddaughter of renowned environmentalist Jacques-Yves Cousteau, trekked through the mountains and lowlands of Belize and dived off the coast of Placencia with her husband Fritz Neumeyer during their scouting trip in the autumn of 2011, her focus was on one purpose -- to gather information for her upcoming documentary, "Expedition Blue Planet: Belize," a film designed to raise awareness about Belize's crucial water issues. Slated to begin production in 2012 and focus on Belize's freshwater and marine environments, Alexandra has joined forces with Coppola Resorts to get an authentic insider's perspective into some of the most pristine areas of the country.

Now, guests have the opportunity to explore Belize just as Alexandra and Fritz experienced the country, and can follow in their footsteps with this exciting eight day journey. Each participant on this unique adventure is asked to support the funding of two NGOs in Belize; Friends for Conservation and Development and SEA Belize. Your donations will help protect and conserve Belize's biodiversity for future generations. For more on Alexandra's upcoming expedition to Belize and documentary, visit [www.bluelegacy.net](http://www.bluelegacy.net).



We stopped at the Belize Zoo on the way to Blancaneaux Lodge. It was great seeing all the native species so close up. Our cabana was located on the banks of Privassion Creek overlooking granite boulders, pools and waterfalls.



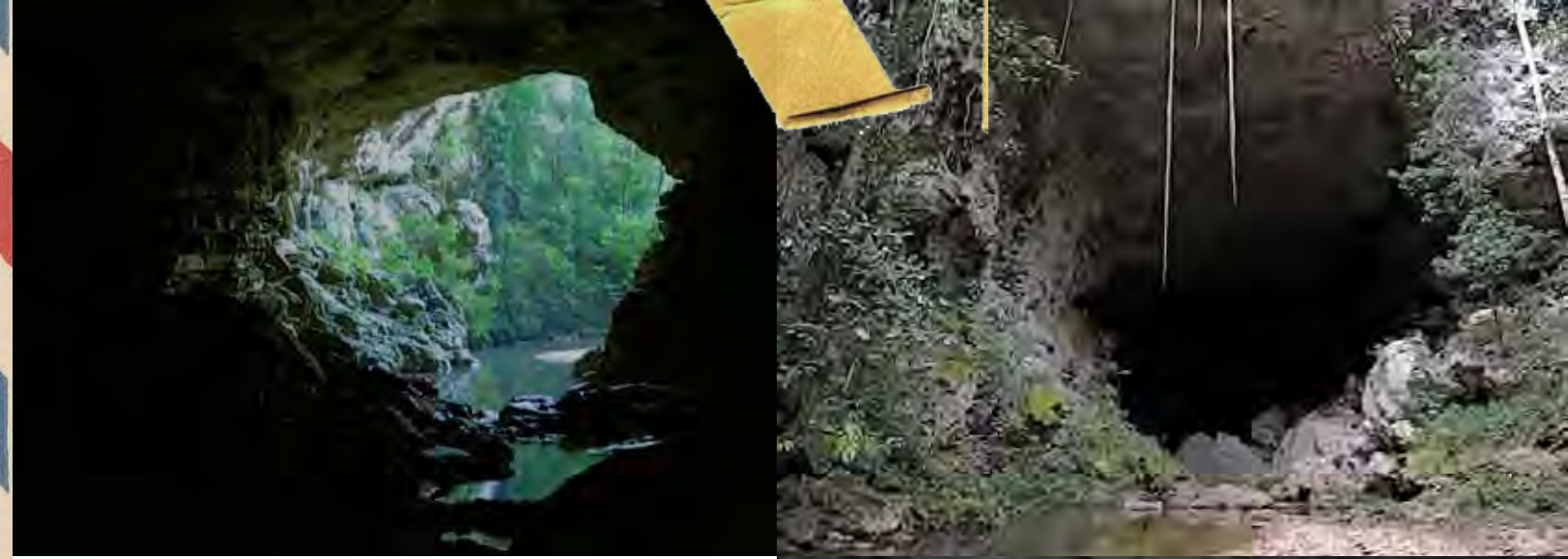


# Day 2 BLANCANEAUX



DAY TOUR TO CARACOL MAYA RUINS,  
RIO FRIO CAVE & RIO ON POOLS

The Maya ruins at Caracol were amazing.  
There are miles of jungle trails and from the  
top of the Caana temple the views over the  
Chiquibul Forest seem to go on forever.



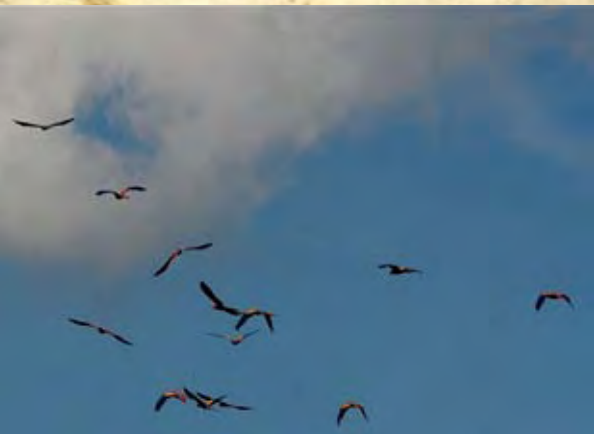
On our way back to Blancaneaux Lodge  
we stopped off at the enormous Rio Frio  
Cave and explored the trails inside this  
vast chamber. We also enjoyed the Rio On  
Pools for a refreshing swim on the way  
back to Blancaneaux Lodge.





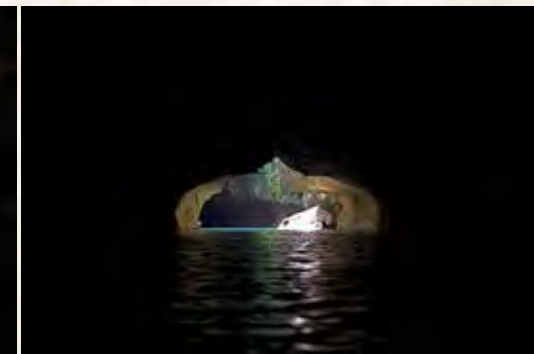
# Day 3 BLANCANEUX

THE CHIQUIBUL NATIONAL PARK AND THE NESTING SITE OF  
BELIZE'S SCARLET MACAWS



Seeing the Scarlet Macaws in the wild and learning from the FCD Rangers about how we could help protect them was inspiring. We quietly motored along the Chalillo reservoir to the confluence of the Upper Macal and Raspaculo Rivers. We were lucky to observe large groups of Macaw and spotted Morelet's crocodiles and Spider Monkeys. The Rangers took us up the Raspaculo River to the crystal clear turquoise limestone pools at Blue Hole Camp.

# to Day 4 Turtle Inn



Cave tubing through the Nohoch Che'en Caves Branch Reserve was a real adventure! After a 30-minute walk through the jungle the float took about an hour through a series of water filled caves. We then drove on to the airport for our short flight to Placencia.



Arrival at

# Day 4 Turtle Inn

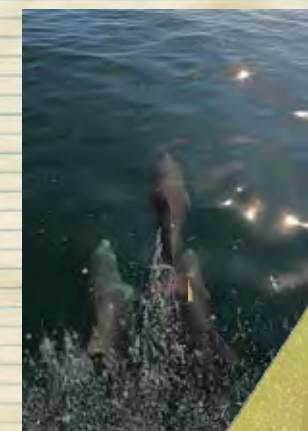


Our beautiful cottage had a private walled garden with outdoor shower and was just a stone's throw from the beach, and steps from the pool. We loved Auntie Luba's, Turtle Inn's Belizean diner. The rice and beans and curried chicken were our favorites.

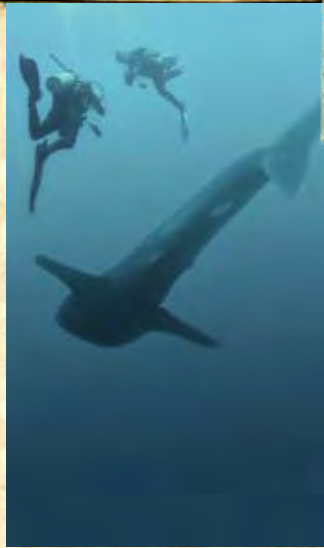


# Day 5 Turtle Inn

SNORKELING ALONG THE BARRIER REEF







# Day 6

## Relaxing at Turtle Inn



What a fun day. We snorkled and dived out at the Silk Cayes and Gladden Spit Marine Reserve. As we left the peninsula a pod of dolphins joined us, playfully riding the pressure wave of the boat. We learned about local NGO SEA Belize who co-manage the marine reserve and saw an amazing variety of fish and corals and for the expedition we'll be returning to dive with whale sharks at the annual spawning aggregation here at Gladden Spit & Silk Cayes Marine Reserve. We picnicked on the white sands of the Silk Cayes and headed back to Turtle Inn, glad that we had another day to explore the reef again.



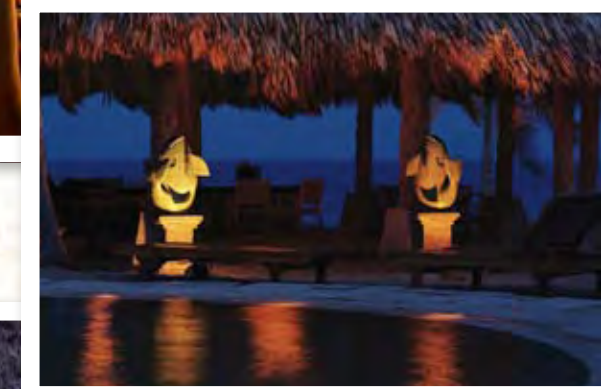
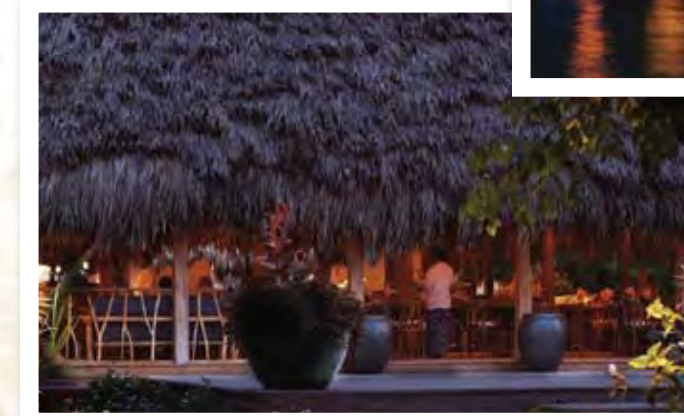
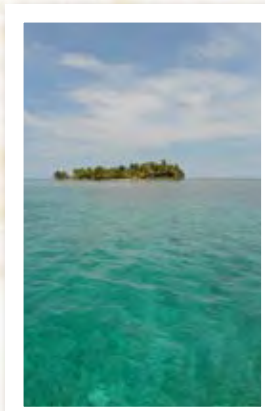
Although Alexandra and her crew focused on research work while on the scouting trip rather than on relaxation, Day 6 provides guests booked on the Alexandra Cousteau Discovery Experience the time to unwind and enjoy Turtle Inn's amenities, like two swimming pools and the Sunset Spa specializing in Thai massage.



# Day 7 Turtle Inn



SNORKELING THE BELIZE BARRIER REEF AND OFF-SHORE CAYES



After breakfast we slowly cruise past locals fishing from dories on the lagoon. Soon we were heading due east on Miss Ellie for another fascinating day of snorkeling out on the reef. Just inside the reef we spotted a fishing boat from the northern village of Sarteneja. As the fishermen cleaned their catch the waters below teemed with Loggerhead turtles, spotted eagle rays and gentle nurse sharks.

As your Alexandra Cousteau Discovery Experience comes to an end, enjoy Turtle Inn's beachfront Gauguin Grill for a celebratory dinner, choosing from the lobster, shrimp, conch or fresh snapper. After dinner, stroll over to Mare Restaurant, where Turtle Inn screens old black and white films during the weekly movie nights or kick back with an after dinner cocktail at Laughing Fish Bar.





# Day 8 Turtle Inn



FLY TO BELIZE INTERNATIONAL FOR ONWARD INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

A squadron of Pelicans glide overhead as we're woken by another spectacular sunrise. We were not the only ones walking the beach as we took a last swim in the warm Caribbean Sea. It's sad to leave Turtle Inn but we're excited knowing that we'll be back in 2012 to film Expedition Blue Planet Belize. We catch one last glimpse of the beach and turquoise water as we head to the airstrip for our flight home.

Please join us in helping support sustainable tourism and biodiversity conservation in Belize.

Your conservation donation will help support local NGOs, protect endangered species and fragile ecosystems.

Coppola Resorts & Alexandra Cousteau's Expedition Belize -2012



#### RATES:

Winter Season (up to 30 April 2012)  
\$6370 US per couple + \$667 taxes + \$394 Service charge  
\$5710 US per couple + \$585 taxes + \$394 Service charge  
based on 2 couples/4 persons traveling together.

Summer Season (01 May through 18th December 2012)  
\$5820 US per couple + \$618 taxes + \$339 Service charge  
\$5160 US per couple + \$535 taxes + \$339 Service charge  
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