



## Winemaker's Trip to The Family Coppola Hideaways, Belize

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 6, 2017 (8 days/ 7 nights)

### Day 1: Wednesday, November 29

*Your journey begins upon landing at Belize International Airport and being greeted by a Blancaneaux Lodge driver and guide. The drive is part of the adventure as you'll pass through local villages and spend the last 30 minutes off the grid approaching an oasis in the middle of a pine ridge forest. (About a 2.5 hour drive)*

#### **A bit more about Blancaneaux Lodge**

In the early 1980s, Francis Ford Coppola visited Belize, immediately fell in love with the location, and purchased the abandoned Blancaneaux Lodge. For more than a decade the hideaway was used as a family retreat before Francis opened his tropical paradise to the public in 1993.

Blancaneaux Lodge is a luxury hideaway where waterfalls tumble into turquoise pools above the jungle canopy. Its remote mountain setting allows guests to explore the ancient civilization of the Maya and to return to their own thatched roof dwelling, rich with Guatemalan décor and nestled in the foliage of the Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve.

- Arrive at the beautiful Blancaneaux Lodge.
- Relax, unwind and settle in to your dwelling chosen upon booking this trip.
- You will find a printed itinerary to help map your Belize adventure, as well as a "Welcome" bottle of wine.

### Day 2: Thursday, November 30

- Start your day with a continental breakfast in our Montagna restaurant
- A free day for you to set the pace for your trip - If you are the adventurous type, we suggest hiking or even a cave adventure. If you would prefer to lounge by the pool, our infinity pool will be sure to please, or maybe book a spa treatment. You are completely in charge of your day. ([Click here](#) for a full listing of our activities and adventures that our concierge will be happy to help book for you. **Activities booked on this day not included in package price**).
- Lunch at our restaurant onsite - enjoy a classic Italian pizza.

- After your day of resting or adventuring, join us for a private winemaker dinner in our organic garden.

### Day 3: Friday, December 1

- Start your day with a group breakfast with our winemaker.
- Enjoy one of the two activities that is included in your package: either the Barton Creek Cave Tour or a Horseback Ride.
- Lunch at our restaurant, or arrange for a packed lunch to take with you on your adventure.
- Complete your stay at Blancaneaux Lodge with a winemaker dinner at the resort. This menu will be specially curated with a pre-set menu and wine list.

### Day 4: Saturday, December 2

*After your three night stay at Blancaneaux Lodge, you'll be driven to our seafront hideaway Turtle Inn. (About a 4 hour drive)*

#### **A bit more about Turtle Inn**

Francis and Eleanor Coppola acquired this beachside hideaway in 2001 and created an idyllic refuge for those seeking a relaxing or adventure-filled getaway to Belize. This seafront escape delights guests with individual thatched cottages, decorated with handcrafted Balinese furnishings, naturally cooled by the ever-present sea breezes. Just steps beyond your private deck, the white-sand beach dissolves into the clear Caribbean Sea. In addition to offering an ideal location to experience the sea, Turtle Inn is located a short bicycle ride or walk from the charming sea-front fishing village of Placencia, where local artisan shops and dining spots can be enjoyed.

- Start your day with an early breakfast at Blancaneaux Lodge.
- Travel from Blancaneaux Lodge to Turtle Inn.
- Upon arrival, you will enjoy lunch at Mare restaurant at Turtle Inn.
- The rest of the day will be free for you to relax, take in the scenery, and settle into the dwelling you chose upon booking while enjoying your special welcome gift basket.
- You can explore the charming town of Placencia for dinner, or enjoy dinner at the resort. **(Dinner not included in the package price).**

### Day 5: Sunday, December 3

*Enjoy a day of snorkeling and sightseeing. Please note that this day's activities will be subject to change, due to the weather.*

- Start your day with breakfast at the resort.
- The adventure begins with a half-day of snorkeling, where you will be treated to a BBQ lunch at our 2-acre private island [Coral Caye](#).

- Upon your return to Turtle Inn, you will have the rest of the day free to spend an evening at the resort, or plan a night out on the town (**Dinner not included in the package price**).

**Day 6: Monday, December 4**

- Start your day off with breakfast at the resort.
- You have a free day to enjoy more activities (Click [here](#) for our offerings), to relax by the pool, or indulge in a spa treatment. (**Activities/ Spa treatments booked on this day not included in package price**).
- Before dinner with our winemaker, enjoy a specially curated wine tasting in our 1200-bottle [Wine Aquarium](#).

**Day 7: Tuesday, December 5**

- Breakfast will be served at the resort.
- You will have your last full day free to explore as you wish. Make the most of our Belizean hospitality. (**Activities booked on this day not included in package price**).
- Join us in the evening where we will be sending off wish lanterns after enjoying a special farewell dinner with our winemaker.

**Day 8: Wednesday, December 6**

*Say goodbye, for now, as you depart for the international airport. We hope to welcome you back soon!*

- Start your travel day off right by enjoying a breakfast at the resort.
- Catch a short hopper flight from Placencia airstrip back to the Belize International airport, to catch your flight home. We will book this short hopper flight for you as part of the package.

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