

Who Should Apply?

The Belize Study Tour is a program that seeks students who have a desire to learn about Belizean culture, history, flora and fauna, and diversity. Participation in the program requires a willingness to participate in new experiences and challenges and to explore policy issues regarding the conservation of Belize's precious natural resources. Students must be in a good state of health and fitness as many activities will require hiking, climbing, and swimming.

The program is open to all students with a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 (or permission of the program administrators). You will enroll in three credits of SOCI 395 or ANTH 395, which fulfills the Global Perspectives (GP) requirement. Consult with your advisor, it is possible that the credits can be used in your major or minor.

Application Deadline

The process for applying requires you start by completing an online application, which can be found on the Office of International Education's website (<http://uwrf.studioabroad.com/>). The completed online application, an interview with program personnel, a completed questionnaire, and a \$275 deposit are due by the 10th of November. Spaces in the program are limited, and your spot is secured when you have completed all of those steps.



Program Locations in Belize

We start in western Belize, at a lodge outside of San Ignacio, exploring Mayan culture, the diversity of the jungles, and the significance of conservation and sustainability. We then head to the southern coast to begin our exploration of the barrier reef and how people are working to preserve this fragile resource. Our third location is on the northern coast, on Ambergris Caye, getting to know the culture, the communities, and the environment in this northern Caribbean location.

Study Abroad Affordability

The billable per student costs of the Belize Study Tour is estimated to be \$3,300. This figure includes airfare to Belize, transportation within Belize, twelve nights of lodging, many of your meals, cultural events, activities, and guides. Costs not included in this price are the program administration costs, passport, personal expenses, immunizations, some meals, and optional activities.

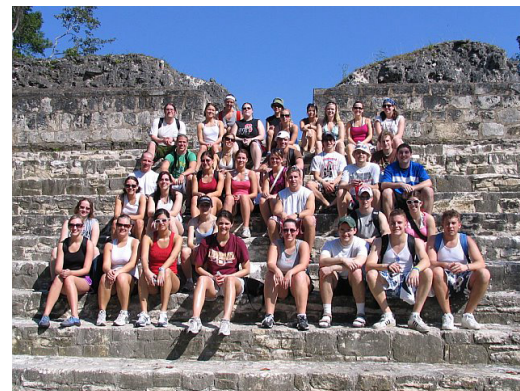
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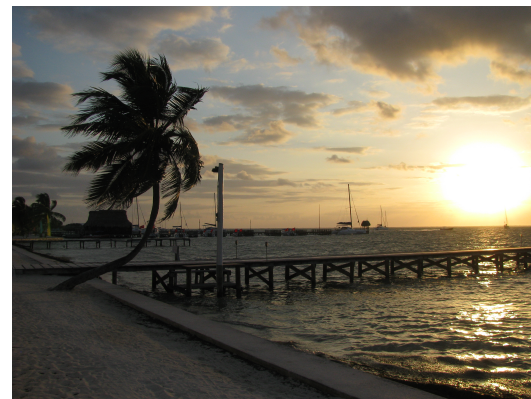
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Imagine crystal clear waters ... fantastic coral formations ... huge fish, stingrays, sharks ... and YOU sharing their protected marine habitat. Imagine Mayan temples thrusting through the canopy... toucans, orchids, and howling monkeys ... the second largest cave system in the world ... giant waterfalls ... and YOU learning about diversity, history, geology, flora, and fauna in this lush jungle environment. Imagine indigenous peoples ... African and Caribbean traditions ... European influences ... and YOU exploring and understanding this rich cultural heritage.

THIS IS BELIZE!



Getting to Know Belize

Belize is a small Central American country nestled between Mexico, Guatemala, and the Caribbean Sea. Belize is a country where wildlife outnumbers people, 65% of the land is forest/jungle, and the world's second largest barrier reef is just off shore.

Belize gained its independence from Britain in 1981 is the only English speaking country in Central America. It has a population of approximately 350,000, including those of Maya, Mestizo, Creole, Garifuna, and Mennonite descent.

In Belize, conservation and environmentalism pay. It is by the very protection of Belize's natural treasure that the government, private sector, and public together strive to achieve a balance between the needs of the people and the need to protect the natural environment. Belize does not trade of one for the other, and each visitor to the country is a witness to the special bond being created.



The Goal of the Belize Study Tour

Belize protects its lands, its wildlife, and its marine ecosystem. But how can this tiny country of 8,800 square miles, the size of Massachusetts, afford to devote resources to conservation when its people also struggle to survive? Our goal is to increase your appreciation of just how important the conservation of diversity is and how Belize supports its people while maintaining its dedication to conservation.



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