

## Conejo Ski and Sports Club



## **BELIZE ADVENTURE ESCAPE HALF MOON CAYE TO JAGUAR REEF RESORT**

Join us on a ten day, nearly all-inclusive, epic adventure beginning in the lush, tropical wildlife sanctuary of the Crooked Tree Wetlands, then out to our idyllic island retreat, Half Moon Caye, returning to the Belize Zoo, and wrapping up in style at the luxurious, beachfront Jaguar Reef Lodge & Spa in Hopkins Village.

**Duration:** 10 nights  
**Int'l Airport:** Belize City  
**Guides:** 2-6 leaders  
**Tour Price:** \$3,515 includes air, tips, taxes, entrance fees, intra country air, Included Meals, Included Activities (Double Occupancy)  
**MEMBERS ONLY**

**Single Supplement:** Add \$560  
**Habitats:** Wetlands, Reef, Rainforest  
**Activity level:** 2 - No experience required  
**Included Meals:** B-6, L-8, D-7  
**Date:** April 24 – May 4, 2018

**Included Activities:** Sea Kayaking (paddling & sailing), Snorkeling, Fishing, Birding, Stand-Up Paddle boarding (SUP), Zoo Tour, Cave Tubing, Ziplining, Waterfall Rappelling, Cultural Tours, River Paddling, Photography, and Natural History Interpretation. \*\*Scuba Diving is available for an additional fee and must be arranged separately.

**Accommodations:** Lodge at Crooked Tree, Half Moon Caye Basecamp on the Lighthouse Atoll, Belize Zoo Jungle Lodge, Jaguar Reef Lodge & Spa.

**Leader:** Carolyn Phillips 805-796-7015 [phillipscaroc@gmail.com](mailto:phillipscaroc@gmail.com)

Our trip starts with an overnight inland adventure to Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary and then takes us by boat through the warm Caribbean Sea to Lighthouse Reef Atoll. Lighthouse Reef is a well-known tropical marine park and UNESCO World Heritage site fifty-five miles from the Belize mainland. Abundant with marine life, this Atoll offers unparalleled snorkeling and paddling. We will spend four nights at this remote location in comfortable safari-style tent cabanas. Our all-inclusive Adventure Basecamp is located on Half Moon Cave, a protected island managed by the Belize Audubon Society and home to 4,000 red-footed boobies who nest at the opposite end of our idyllic island retreat! Enjoy a choice of daily guided reef activities such as snorkeling, fishing, paddle boarding, sea kayaking, and birding along with snorkeling excursions to the 'Aquarium' and to Jacques Cousteau's legendary Blue Hole.

We leave the island and head back to Belize City where we will overnight at the Belize Zoo Jungle Lodge located in the savannah pine habitat of the Belize District. Here we have a unique opportunity for a private nocturnal tour of the Belize Zoo with a zookeeper. Our next stop is cave tubing and then on to Hopkins Village where we will spend our final four nights at the luxurious beachfront Jaguar Reef Lodge & Spa. Hopkins, and the surrounding area, offer plenty of opportunities to soak up the local culture, including the Maya Center, Mayflower Bocawina National Park, and a Chocolate Farm & Factory tour.

### SIGNUPS BEGIN NOW

You may mail, or drop off, your deposit check of \$500.00 made payable to Conejo Ski and Sport Club along with your completed registration form and other required documents listed on the sign up form to: Carolyn Phillips, 2625 Townsgate Rd. Suite 330, Westlake Village, CA 91361 or bring it to the next club meeting. Please enclose your documents and check in a sealed envelope.

Registration will end on August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. unless the trip is not filled, then registration will be extended. Note: Our Island, Half Moon Cave, only accommodates 30 people at a time. A second group may be formed if there are enough additional participants. This second group will be a reverse tour beginning in Hopkins Village and ending at Crooked Tree with all travelers meeting for lunch, mid-tour, at Half Moon Base Camp on the Lighthouse Reef Atoll. Everything else will be equal.

We hope to be able to accommodate all interested members. However, if we are unable to accommodate all members who signed up then, at the club meeting on August 2, 2017, we will draw names and put members on a waiting list.

Deposit checks will not be cashed until you are confirmed on the trip. Deposits are non-refundable once you are confirmed. You will receive an email to confirm your spot on the trip and to inform you we will be cashing your check subsequent to the August 2, 2017 meeting.

### PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

\$500 deposit at sign-up, which is non-refundable.  
Payment # 2 - \$535 due on September 15, 2017.  
Payment #3 - \$1,000 due on November 15, 2017.  
The final payment of \$1,480 is due on February 15, 2018.

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

If you cancel this trip the following terms apply:  
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Cancellation 21-40 days prior to departure - \$2,550 is non-refundable.  
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## Detailed Daily Itinerary:

**Apr 24 Day 1:** After an overnight flight, we arrive mid-morning at the Belize International Airport where an Island Expeditions' representative will welcome us to the country. We will then travel to the Bird's Eye View Lodge in the Crooked Tree Village and Wildlife Sanctuary. The exotic neo-tropical Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary, with its swamps, wetlands, and four lagoons, provides an ideal resting place for thousands of migrating and resident birds. After checking into our accommodations, we'll have a chance to relax, explore, and enjoy a meal together. If time permits, you might want to explore one of Belize's oldest Creole Settlements, Crooked Tree Village. Airport transfers, dinner, and lodging are included. Day 1 is the day to acclimatize to our new tropical environment. **Accommodation:** Lodge **Meal:** Dinner

**Apr 25 Day 2:** Coffee is served at sunrise. With our binoculars in hand, we enjoy the sounds and sights of the awakening wilderness. There are usually several hundred birds of many species feeding in front of the lodge along the shores of the Crooked Tree lagoons. After a healthy Belizean breakfast, we'll embark by boat to explore the surrounding areas. Throughout this adventure, the aim of Island Expeditions is to provide us with tremendous birding and wildlife opportunities. Turtles, parrots, ibis, Morelet's crocodiles, and iguanas are frequently spotted. After breakfast, we'll be driven along the "Old Belize Road" to the seashore where we'll board a motor charter. This charter takes us into the Caribbean Sea, through white sand cays, mangrove ranges, and beyond the main Barrier Reef to Lighthouse Reef Atoll. Lighthouse Reef Atoll is located at the furthest edge of the Belizean Reef System and is 55 miles from the mainland. Upon reaching Half Moon Caye, our guide team will orient us to our new island setting and help us settle into our accommodations. We'll then enjoy a late lunch and an afternoon snorkel or kayak around Half Moon Caye. This is a rustic camp located on a protected coral reef. It does not have modern hotel amenities. There will be no internet service at Half Moon Basecamp. Electricity is limited.

**Accommodation:** Half Moon Basecamp **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Apr 26, 27, 28 Days 3, 4, 5:** Early risers may want to go for a swim or just grab a cup of coffee and watch the tropical Caribbean sunrise. After a healthy Belizean breakfast, everyone gathers to plan the day's activities. The waters of Lighthouse Reef Atoll are exceptionally clear with a fabulously rich reef system and offer some of the best kayaking, snorkeling, and diving in the Caribbean. Throughout our stay, we'll have opportunities to try a variety of included activities such as snorkeling, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, sea kayaking (both paddling and sailing), hiking, and bird watching, as we explore this remote and magical part of Belize. Snorkeling at the 'Aquarium' is often a favorite guest activity because of the profusion of tropical fish and its uncommon towering coral formations. We'll also be taken on a snorkeling excursion to the renowned Blue Hole, made famous by the legendary explorer, Jacques Cousteau. The Blue Hole is an underwater cave and sinkhole in the middle of the Lighthouse lagoon. In the mornings and evenings a favorite guest activity is to walk to the red-footed booby colony to watch the birds come in from the sea to feed their chicks. Scuba can be arranged, but is not included.

**Accommodation:** Half Moon Basecamp **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Apr 29 Day 6:** On our last morning at Lighthouse Reef Atoll, the choice is ours. We can snorkel to our favorite patch reefs, walk the island trails, relax in a hammock, or beach comb along the immaculate island beaches. After lunch, our motor charter arrives, so we need to prepare for the trip back to the mainland. Our return journey takes us through Turneffe atoll across the Great Barrier Reef and arrives back in Belize City by late afternoon. We will then be transferred to the Tropical Education Center, adjacent to the Belize Zoo where we can explore the surrounding savannah forest through a network of interpretive trails and wildlife viewing platforms. The Education Center offers a terrific Interpretive Center which explains the vital mosaic of habitat which is the diverse ecology of Belize. After checking into our forest cabana, we'll enjoy a Belizean dinner and then, later that evening, join an optional, specially arranged, nocturnal tour of the Belize Zoo. This tour is great exposure to the fauna of Belize, such as jaguars, ocelots, tapirs, and other native species and is offered on a donation basis.

**Accommodation:** Forest Cabana

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Apr 30 Day 7:** After breakfast, we head to the River of Caves to explore fascinating rock formations. We will be outfitted with a headlamp, helmet, and inner tube before our guides lead us on a short, 20-minute hike through lush rainforest to the cave's entrance. Now, it's time to travel on inner tubes for a two-hour underground float through a limestone cave system rich with amazing formations including massive crystallized flow stone, stalactites, and stalagmites. We'll then enjoy a Belizean lunch before travelling, two hours overland, to the village of Hopkins where we will settle into our luxury accommodations at the lovely, beachside Jaguar Reef Lodge & Spa which will be our home for the next four nights. If you want to "spa" make your appointment at <http://www.butterfliesspa.com>, by calling 888-822-2448, or emailing [butterfliesspa@yahoo.com](mailto:butterfliesspa@yahoo.com) Spa treatments are not included in package price.

**Accommodation:** Hopkins Lodge

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**May 1 Day 8:** We meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Lodge reception and transfer overland 30 minutes to the Mayflower Bocawina National Rainforest Park. Today, we have choices of how active we want to be. Mayflower Bocawina National Park includes 9 miles of trails, 5 waterfalls, unexcavated Mayan mounds, treetop zip-lining, and the opportunity to rappel a waterfall. Prepare for an active and exciting rainforest adventure! Lunch is included. **Accommodation:** Hopkins Lodge

**Meals:** Lunch

**May 2 Day 9:** This morning, we venture deeper into the life of the modern Maya. We'll spend an hour or so touring the Village Botanical Garden and Medicine trail. Next, we learn the bean to bar chocolate process of the local chocolatiers beginning at the cacao farm and finally tasting these wonderful chocolate concoctions. This afternoon, we launch our kayaks and glide along the river in the lush and diverse ecosystem of the Sittee River which is home to an abundance of exotic birds and other animals. Watch for parrots and macaws in the trees and lazy iguanas sunning on mangrove branches! We return to our lodge by 4 p.m. Dinner is on our own. **Accommodation:** Hopkins Lodge

**Meals:** Lunch

**May 3 Day 10:** Our final day is free. One might spend the day relaxing by the pool, enjoying the beach, or discovering Hopkins Village, its people, and the surrounding areas. Watch local fisherman paddle out at sunrise in dug-out canoes to catch their fish for the day. Paddle a kayak out to watch the sun set over Victoria's Peak and view the mystical Maya Mountains as another day in paradise comes to a close. Tonight, we get together for our farewell dinner. After dinner, explore the local nightlife....enjoy local Garifuna Drumming, sample some Belizean cuisine, mingle with the friendly villagers, and experience Hopkins' rich Garifuna culture. **Accommodation:** Hopkins Lodge

**Meals:** Dinner

**May 4 Day 11:** Enjoy an early morning swim, or take a bike ride through the village. This last morning is yours to enjoy. A domestic flight to the International Airport is included and is scheduled to coincide with our international flight departure times. The drive time to the Dangriga airstrip is 40 minutes.

*NOTE: Due to the remote location of the Lighthouse Reef Basecamp, the activities on the reef portion of this trip are weather dependent. This itinerary is a 'guide' and must remain flexible and open to changes at the guides' discretion. We hope you bring a spirit of adventure with you and allow us to adjust the sails. Costs incurred by inclement weather or guests late arrivals are not included in the above trip costs.*

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## BELIZE ADVENTURE ESCAPE REGISTRATION FORM

APRIL 24 – MAY 4, 2018

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) on the CSSC Belize Adventure Escape departing LAX on April 24, 2018.

Member Name: (exactly as it appears on your passport):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

I have read and understand the flyer for this trip which is incorporated herein by this reference. I have read the Payment Requirements and the Cancellation and Refund Policy below and agree to these terms and conditions.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: (exactly as it appears on your passport):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Completed Registration form
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. CSSC Waiver and Release of Liability, specific to this trip, completed and executed by each member.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Copy of each member's passport.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Check for \$500 per member made payable to Conejo Ski and Sports Club.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Registration is open now and ends on August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. unless the trip is not filled in which case registration will be extended. (See details in flyer.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Travel Insurance: Conejo Ski & Sports club strongly recommends Trip Cancellation and Travel Insurance which is not included in this package.

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# BELIZE ADVENTURE ESCAPE

April 24, - May 4, 2018

## WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

**READ BEFORE SIGNING**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the **Conejo Ski & Sports Club** programs, related events and activities,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:  
*(Participant's name printed)*

1. The risk of injury from the many of the activities is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. **I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** or others and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Conejo Ski & Sports Club**, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and leasers of premises used to conduct the event ("**RELEASEES**"), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Activity participant agrees that this release will apply to all known and unknown as well as unanticipated claims, injuries and damages resulting from club activities, as well as those now disclosed and all rights under section 1542 of the Civil Code of California and hereby are expressly waived. Section 1542 of the Civil Code of California reads as follows:

"A general release does not extend to claims which the (person signing the release) does not know or suspect to exist in his (or her) favor, at the time of execution of the release, which if known by him (or her) must have materially affected his (or her) signing the release."

I have read and understand the above statements, and I am signing this document, granting this release and participating in this activity voluntarily. In addition, I have read, understand and agree to the Conduct Policy as stated on the back, and agree that, if I violate this conduct policy, I may be removed from this activity.

**X**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Participant's Signature)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date Signed)*

**X**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Emergency Phone Number)*

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*(Emergency Contact)*