Hope you’re ready for a nice and relaxing vacation. We will be enjoying the beautiful North Islands in Belize. There are so many things to do in Belize that it is hard to come up with a short list. But we will be doing some of the most popular and fun things. Cave tubing down an underground river once used by the ancient Maya. Explore dozens of inland cities, towns, and villages and sample local culture scenery, cuisine and historic sights. Lounge out by the beach, scuba dive or just snorkel - the Barrier reef extends the entire coast of the country making for protected waters and teeming sights unmatched in the Western Hemisphere. We will be staying at Coco beach resort. It has two outdoor swimming pools, a waterslide, and a spa tub. Complimentary wireless Internet access is available in public areas and a computer station is located on site. This beach hotel offers a restaurant, a coffee shop, and a poolside bar. The staff will provide us with tour/ticket assistance. Onsite parking is complimentary.

Things to bring:
- Passport
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Hats
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen lotion
- Favorite remedies for headaches or upset stomach
- Comfortable shoes
- Don’t forget to pack accordingly, you’re going to want to bring back entire Belize!
After we have a healthy buffet style breakfast at Caves Branch Jungle Lodge, we will embark on a 15 minute drive on their jungle buses to the caves branch river where we will tube along for 100 feet to the entrance of the cave system. The underground expedition will take us off the beaten path to explore ancient Mayan ceremonial centers, pottery, artifacts, altars, obsidian blood letting blades, jade and the actual footprints of the Shaman and priests that date back to 400 A.D. Imagine the experience as you float through an underground cathedral, turning you lights off and floating into time as a professional guide shares with us the history of the caves and the Mayan world. For lunch our guides will prepare us a underground riverside picnic spread complete with picnic blanket, tortillas with cold cuts, juice, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Eating our lunch by headlight, to the sounds of the underground caves while chatting with our fellow adventurers. This will be an experience we will not soon forget.

“Experience a bird’s-eye view of the Belize jungle”

If interested in staying dry, the canopy top zip line adventure is available as a trip in itself. Zip lining is as close as you can get to flying over the jungle. As you soar from tree to tree, experience a bird’s-eye view of the Belize jungle, and scenery that cannot be seen from the ground. You will be securely fastened to a harness that is attached to a cable. You push off from a platform up in a tree and zip along the cable to another platform. If you are not comfortable with heights, don’t look down. The excursion starts a few feet from your tender in the Port of Belize City where you will board your van for the drive to the Belizean Foothills. The drive will take you to the Western Highway for approximately 50 minutes where you will reach the Limestone Hills of Belize. Once at the zip line location the guides will help you gear, your harness, helmet, and hand gear in preparation for your aerial adventure. A short 5 minutes walk in this amazing natural rainforest will bring you to the start of the excursion where you will once again be instructed on the zip line method. Get ready for this fantastic ride.
We will first visit Xunan-tunich Mayan Ruin, also known as the "Maiden of the Rock". It stands 130 feet high, the second tallest Mayan ruin in Belize, and gives a panoramic view of the Cayo District, Guatemala and the Mopan River. The site has been largely excavated and has a great on site museum that we can stop at and look around for some goodies to take home. After we have lunch is San Ignacio, the Mayan ruin tour proceeds to Cahal Pech, meaning "Place of the Ticks". Cahal Pech Mayan ruin is located 15 minutes on the outskirts of San Ignacio, and was home to a Mayan Royal Family. With the local Bushmen as our guides, we will search for the lost Mayan ruins located around the 58,000 acre Caves Branch estate. We will walk across unexcavated ceremonial plazas, and stand on the palaces and temples of ancient kings and priests amidst the eerie sounds of the jungle. So bring comfortable shoes and your camera.

Bird Watching

We will be going bird watching. These early treks occur early in the morning, as is a time when most bird species are feeding or are moving to new locations, making it ideal for viewing. As the night lightens and the jungle comes to life, we will start our walk down the 1km drive that shares three different and distinctive birding habitats. It is not unusual to spot over 100 species over a couple of mornings. Belize birding tours concentrates its efforts on having a safe, enjoyable and interesting tour of the birds, wildlife, culture and cuisine of Belize. We will be going in extremely small group sizes (1-6 clients), this will allow us to see considerably more birds than you would in a larger group experience. For this we might want to bring something like rain boots, it will be a little wet and some binoculars.
Look down on the clear waters to see the reefs, fish, rays and sea turtles. Overhead there are migratory birds and sunshine for days. By the way, pack some sun screen.

Coastal and island resorts offer kayaks for short excursions up the beach and around the islands while professional kayak outfitters offer multiday packages that operate from a single base camp. Or you can do an island hopping tour. Either way, when the water calls, we have the answer.

This snorkeling adventure tour departs from caves branch at 6:45 A.M. From Hopkins village, a dive boat takes you to South water Caye. After we meet our guide, we will go on to the Barrier Reef for a two stop snorkeling day then later stopping at one of the research stations. We will then return to the mainland beach just after mid day and spend the rest of the afternoon on the sand beaches of Hopkins. Departing from Hopkins to Caves Branch at approximately 4:30 P.M. Even if you have never snorkeled before, the local guides are very knowledgeable and they will help us explore the kaleidoscope of colors found in hard and soft corals, sponges, and over 500 species of fish and marine life. There are hundreds of snorkeling sites of varying depths along the Belize Barrier Reef. Every spot is a little different from the other and if you go back to the same spot, each time you will see something different. From schools of fish, to turtles, to the occasional barracuda, there’s a lot going on underwater. You won’t be disappointed.