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Students/Educators

Join IZE for a hands-on learning expedition as we explore the tropical diversity, marine ecology, and cultural heritage of this magnificent country of Belize!

Families

Get away from it all and embark on a journey of discovery with one of IZE's Family Adventure Vacations. Inspire, educate and create a lifetime of memories for the whole family!

Adventurers

Scuba dive, swim, snorkel the World's Second Largest Barrier Reef, explore the pristine rain forests looking for the elusive jaguar, hike the ruins of the Maya.
An eco-adventure of a lifetime for all ages!

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IZE's South Water Caye Field Station

IZE's marine field station and lodge located on South Water Caye just 14 miles from Dangriga Town sits perched directly on Belize's Barrier Reef, the second largest coral reef eco-system in the world. There is NOTHING like South Water Caye anywhere else in Belize. The area is so pristine, so teeming with life, so remarkable that U.N.S.E.S.C.O. proclaimed it a World Heritage Site. Belize's Barrier Reef has also made CEDAM International's list as one of "The Seven Wonders of the Underwater World" IZE's facilities on this private 12 acre island has several cabana's nestled in the mangroves, dormitories for students, a marine biology lab & classroom equipped with a research library, microscopes, wet tables, chalkboard, overhead projectors along with other basic scientific equipment to assist with your research. We provide boats & guides to assist you with exploration and research of the surrounding waters.

It is truly a one of a kind marine research environment giving you and your students a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore this magnificent eco-system!



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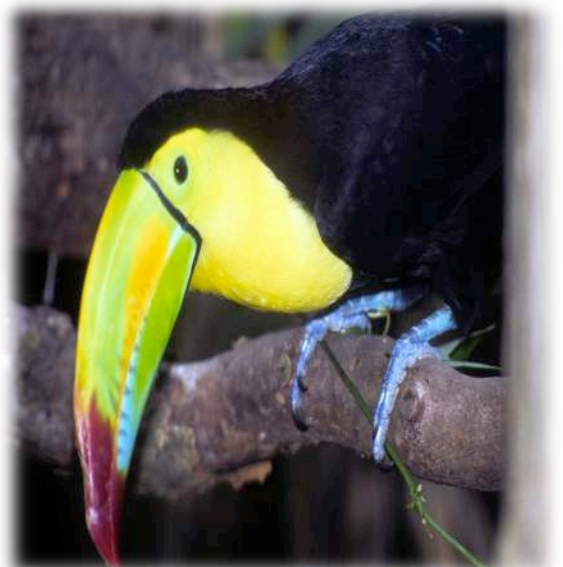
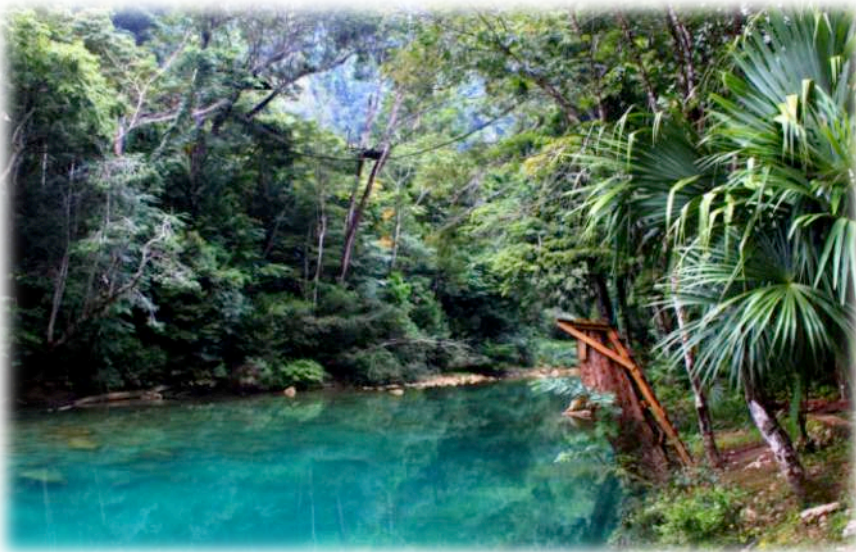
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IZE's Blue Creek Rainforest Field Station

A stay at IZE Blue Creek offers the ultimate rainforest experience. Its biodiversity is unsurpassed with enormous bromeliads, hundreds of species of birds, from the keel-billed toucan to the purpled-crowned fairy to

the roar of the howler monkeys that resonate throughout the forest! One need not search hard for a myriad of unusual insects as well as a striking array of amphibians and reptiles. The Blue Creek Preserve is also rich with spectacular limestone caves systems teeming with creatures, from bats to pigmentless fish to underground waterways that lead to Mayan hieroglyphics!



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Join IZE at our Blue Creek Rainforest Lodge as you immerse yourselves in an exciting cultural legacy made manifest in the silent ruins of the ancient Mayan civilization & in the thatched huts of remote Maya & Kekchi communities... A variety of ecological zones and a cultural melting pot of the ancient and the new... this is Belize... one of the finest outdoor classrooms in the world!

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Student Reviews

Amazing! –**Julia, University of Vermont**

Your staff was the best! They made us feel welcome & were always friendly & willing to help. Diving & snorkeling were some of the best I've ever done & that includes many islands of the South Pacific. Thanks for the memories! – **KiBear, Sacramento University**

It was great! I learned so much more than any teacher or book could ever teach me. –**Kate, Shawnee HS**

My overall experience was the best trip of my life. I wouldn't add or change anything. IZE is absolutely perfect! I would go back in a heartbeat. I've actually been talking to some of the members of the group I was with and since most of us are graduating from ODU next May, we all want to come back after graduation. –**Jim, Old Dominion University**

Last night I stayed with a Maya family. Their house was about the size of my room with dirt floors & thatched roof. They find happiness with simple things and life in general. I now realize how easy it is to miss the real meaning of life. Thank you IZE for allowing me to learn so much about biology, Geography, and best of all myself –**Ashley, DePere High School**

It was a once in a lifetime trip, the people we met were friendly, courteous & always willing to teach and talk. The sights were beyond beautiful. The caves, waterfalls, rainforest along with the Maya & Kekchi people of Blue Creek Village –amazing, beautiful and mind blowing, a truly magnificent example of natural beauty & power. –**Ben, University of Alabama**

The staff would play volleyball with us when they had downtime from their regular duties, answer questions about their way of life in Belize. The snorkeling was amazing & the guides were excellent at pointing out all of the different species we encountered. – **Morgan, Winona State**

Overall, it was a wonderful experience. I am so glad that my Tropical Maine Ecology class chose this location to continue our studies. I would not change a thing! The staff was all so accommodating & friendly. Thank you for a great experience! –**Gina, College of Atlantic**





Blue Creek Rainforest Field Station

- ❖ Rainforest Expeditions
- ❖ Explore the Spectacular Blue Creek Cave Systems
- ❖ Chocolate Farm Tours
- ❖ Arts & Crafts of the Maya & Kekchi
- ❖ Zip Lining & River Floating Excursions
- ❖ Community Service Projects & Home Stays
- ❖ Birding & Ethnobotany Tours
- ❖ Swimming/Snorkeling in the crystal clear waters of Blue Creek
- ❖ Explore the world of the Ancient Mayan Ruins

South Water Caye Marine Field Station

- ❖ U.N.E.S.C.O. World Heritage Site
- ❖ Second Largest Barrier Reef in the World
- ❖ Snorkeling – Beach Reef Access!
- ❖ Snorkeling Excursion by Boat
- ❖ World Class Scuba Diving Excursions
- ❖ Fishing – Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon
- ❖ Kayaking
- ❖ Birding
- ❖ “Theater under the Stars”