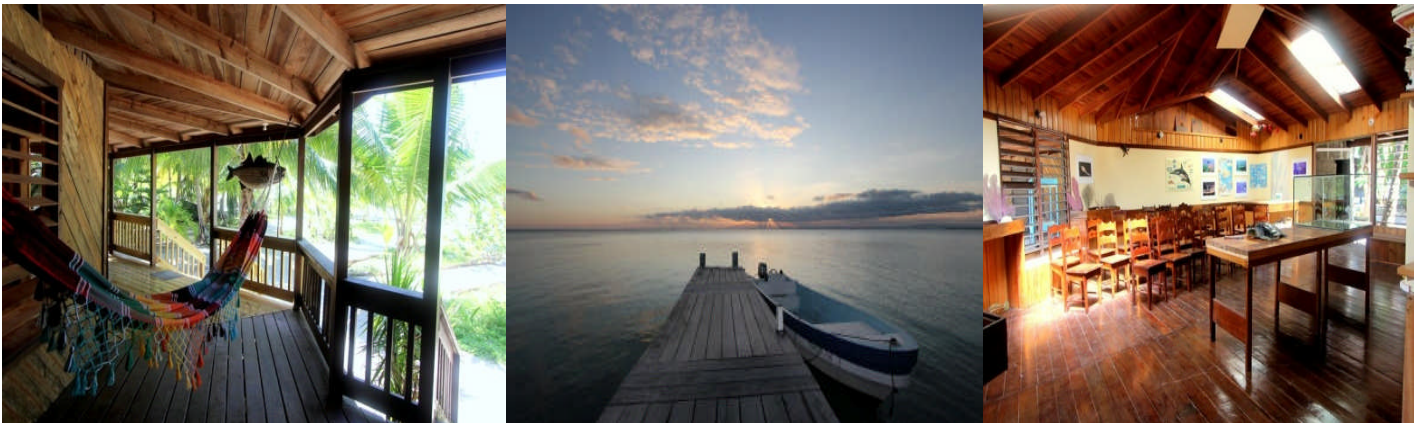




## SOUTH WATER CAYE

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After lunch, you will make your way to the WHY NOT dock, where your boat captain will transport you across 14 miles of sapphire blue water, to South Water Caye. This 12-acre island paradise, covered with coconut palms, tropical flowers, and white sand beaches, is perched on the second longest barrier reef in the world and offers some of the BEST diving and snorkeling in the Caribbean. The Belize Barrier Reef has been named by U.N.E.S.C.O. as a “World Heritage Site” and the waters surrounding South Water Caye is a marine reserve.



Each day you will have a chance to explore this pristine marine habitat. IZE’s marine biology field station is located in the center of the island surrounded by a wrap around verandah overlooking the tropical flowers and trees with the beach just steps away. Private cottages are nestled in the mangroves on the eastern shoreline of the island to take advantage of the cooling trade winds. They feature secluded decks and private bathrooms. While enjoying the relaxing atmosphere on South Water Caye, consider brushing up on your species identification of reef fish, coral and invertebrates, by sitting in on one of the classes being offered by visiting universities!

Belize is well known for having the second largest living barrier reef in the world with 185 miles of coral formations of marine life. The area around South Water Caye offers unique snorkeling opportunities for both beginners and the experienced. With visibility ranging from 60 to 100ft, spotting eagle rays, sea turtles, exotic fish, and even dolphins can frequently be seen! Below is a sampling of a few of the adventures that await you.

**Fore Reef** - A leisurely drift snorkel adventure along Belize's Great Barrier Reef. Colorful, healthy spur and groove coral formations, spotted eagle rays, turtles, tarpon & grouper may join you as you drift along taking in this spectacular reef.

**Carrie Bow Caye** - A guided tour around the Smithsonian's research station. Visits to Carrie Bow Caye include a shallow depth snorkel around the islands reef where wrasses, octopus, and angelfish can regularly be found.

**Third Cut of the Reef** - This narrow channel location is where local deep water fish migrations funnel into the lagoon. Large groupers, schools of horse eyed jacks, and more can be regularly spotted.

**Twin Cayes** - A mangrove snorkel! A great opportunity to see seahorses, upside-down photosynthesizing jellyfish and possibly, the gentle giant Manatee!

**Whale Shoal** - Whale Shoal is a picture perfect patch reef where you're sure to see triggerfish, rock beauties, Creole wrasses, parrotfish and an assortment of angelfish. The coral gardens are also teeming with sea fans, large brain coral formations to stag horn coral!

**The Aquarium** - The name says it all! This shallow snorkel is delightfully abundant with colorful tropical fish and soft coral gardens.

**Tobacco Cut** - In this deep channel cut through the great barrier reef, you will have the opportunity to swim with stingrays, spotted eagle rays and sometimes even manta rays!

**Night Snorkeling** - The thrill and excitement of night snorkeling make for a great adventure! Octopus, shrimp, and many forms of coral, that most of the time are closed up during the day, are all magnificent during the night!

Each night after dinner a forum held. And movies showing at our theater under the stars complete with fire pit for roasting marshmallows!



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- Cabana accommodation South Water Caye Marine Reserve
- All meals (B, L, D)
- Boat transfers (DGA\_SWC\_DGA)
- (3) guided snorkeling excursions on South Water Caye
- Unlimited use of kayaks, paddle boards and marine facility
- All taxes ( 9 % hotel , 12.5 % GST )
- \$15.00 US per person South Water Caye Marine Reserve fee

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

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- International Airfare
- Any meals during transportation between IZE sites or any meals off site
- Scuba Diving Costs

Deposits are nonrefundable unless a trip is cancelled by the provider, then the deposit is 100% refundable.  
Deposit amount is \$250/person. \*\*Full payment is due 60 days prior to travel

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