BELIZE
Mother Nature’s Best Kept Secret
Snuggled between Mexico to the north and Guatemala to the west and south, relaxed, English-speaking Belize is an adventurer’s paradise. It is a land rich in natural beauty and steeped in the magic of its Maya past. Renowned for pristine waters, exotic marine and wildlife, lush unspoiled landscapes, and superb diving, Belize is Mother Nature’s Best Kept Secret.

Only a two-hour plane ride from the continental United States, Belize features a diversity of adventure opportunities unmatched by any other country, and offers an intriguing mix of tropical forests, majestic mountains, mysterious Maya temples, and diving and fishing experiences beyond comparison. In a single day, one can go from tropical forest to the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere.

The upcoming summer season is filled with a diverse group of programs and packages in Belize, and the following properties and tour operators offer opportunities to participate in a wide range of sightseeing, cultural, and outdoor activities with something for every need and budget.

Almond Beach Resort

Almond Beach is an outstanding luxury resort in Belize, located beside the famous Jaguar Reef Lodge. It is ideal for honeymoons, anniversaries, family vacations, fishing and diving vacations. They are close to a number of Belize’s National Parks, Mayan ruins, and world famous diving and fishing. Their sister resort, Jaguar Reef Lodge, offers a number of tours to explore the eco-wonders of Belize’s diverse wildlife and landscape.

Their new spa, Butterflies, opening by May, 2007 at Almond Beach Belize will have it all: Scuba Spa, Snorkel Spa, Jungle Spa, and Beach Spa. Guests will have a unique opportunity to combine the best of Belize, with the best of spa therapies – massage, hydrotherapy, scrubs, wraps and body polishes, facials, hair and nail care in this beautiful new spa on the quiet south coast of Belize.

Butterflies Spa is offering three exciting Spa Weeks featuring inclusive packages which include meals, accommodation, local transfers, taxes and services and a choice of Spa Treatments uniquely integrated into an exploration of the natural rain forest jungle, reef, and culture of Belize.

There is a choice of accommodation from single or double garden rooms to private, beachfront, Casita’s, or suites accommodating two to eight people. Guests will have 12-14 spa treatments to choose from, including massage, scrub and wrap options, hydrotherapy, aromatherapy, and a choice of facials, hair, nails, plus complimentary Yoga. For daily adventure trips, snorkel the reef, explore the Jaguar Reserve, climb a Mayan site, float through ancient caves, and explore local areas.

Price for seven nights accommodation, meals, beer and wine, spa services, adventure trips, internal transfers, taxes and service charges is from $1,660 ppdo.

An exclusive spa adventure package is also being planned that will provide the ultimate spa experience, limited to only eight guests on four occasions in 2007.


Astrum Helicopters

Astrum Helicopters offer helicopter tours and helicopter chartered flights. They specialize on transfers to San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Placencia or any destination in Belize. Their custom helicopter tours can take passengers to the Blue Hole, Glover’s Reef, Turneffe Islands, Victoria Peak, 1000 ft Falls, Altun Ha, Caracol, Lamania, or many other destinations in Belize.

Their Helicopter Adventure to the Blue Hole is a once in a lifetime adventure that takes passengers to see two of the
three atolls in Belize which has the largest Barrier Reef in the Western Hemisphere. Once in flight, see Belize City from the air, and fly over Drowned Cayes and Gallows Pt. Further along will be the beautiful view of Turneffe Islands. The adventure continues into the open ocean heading towards the Lighthouse Reef Atoll, beyond the barrier en route to the Blue Hole, the largest ocean sinkhole in the world. The flight will also take you over one of Belize’s largest protected areas, Half Moon Caye Natural Monument. Price is $1,700.

Helicopter Adventure to 1,000 ft Falls & Victoria Peak is a journey that follows the Burdon Canal, heads to Northern Lagoon, flies over the Sibun River, then over the beautiful forest of Belize. Fly over the small but famous bathing spots such as Freetown Sibun, Butcher Burns, Cedar Bank and Gracy Rock Bank. Then, fly over Caves Branch where you will be able to see the beauty of the river as it flows through the cave system. Ahead of Caves Branch lays the forest of the Mountain Pine Ridge. Visit the largest waterfall in Belize and in Central America called 1000 ft Falls. After, head up across the Mountain Pine Ridge area to have a bird’s eye view of Victoria Peak. The tour then heads north across the Stann Creek District and Hummingbird Highway. Price is $2,000.

Helicopter Adventure to the Maya Ruins of Altun Ha & Lamanai takes you over the International Airport where you will fly over Salt Creek Estate. Moving along, you will fly over the Old Northern Highway. The flight heads over to the Altun Ha Maya Ruins located north of Belize City. Continuing on the journey, you will fly over a rainforest canopy across Northern Belize and then the famous Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary. You will land at a private airstrip where you will be transported to the Mayan Ruins of Lamanai for a private tour of the site. Next, head back to Belize City where you will get a bird’s eye view of the city. Price is $1,905.

All prices are for the helicopter, on the Bell 206 B3 Jet Ranger five place helicopter (up to four passengers, weight restrictions apply). Tours depart from Cisco Base, Belize City.

Astrum Helicopters will offer a five percent discount on their Helicopter Adventures until November 15, 2007.

Astrum Helicopters, 888-ASTRUM4, www.astrumhelicopters.com

Azul Resort

Azul Resort is a new, all-inclusive luxury property that combines the space, privacy and comforts of a private villa with the amenities and services of a world-class resort. Azul consists of two private, luxurious 3,000-square foot villas situated on 400 feet of beachfront and 10 quiet acres. The villas of Azul are designed to marry the best of natural elements and materials with modern comforts and sophisticated conveniences.

Rates for Summer and Fall (June 1-December 15) are $1,995 (double), $2,395 (quadruple occupancy) and $4,790 for a full resort rental (maximum occupancy of eight). Rates are inclusive of daily full breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks in their famous Rojo Lounge; all drinks from the well stocked bar; exceptional wines; premium room amenities that include bicycles, Ipod docks, Nespresso machines and personal concierge; roundtrip transfers from the San Pedro Airstrip; a staff to guest ratio of 3:1; and all taxes and services charges.

A stay at Azul can be customized to accommodate both special occasions and special interests. From catering the rehearsal dinner to planning the morning after brunch, they specialize in hosting and planning weddings. With one of the most picturesque settings for a beachfront wedding, a spacious pool and patio area for a reception, and a beachfront deck and palapa area for dining and dancing, Azul is the perfect setting for a tropical wedding. Honeymoon packages offer private massages and spa treatments in your villa, romantic beachfront picnics, and rooftop candlelight dinners. Daily excursions can be arranged for diving and fishing with the best dive masters and guides.

Azul Resort, info@azulbelize.com, www.azulbelize.com

Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel

Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel is a full service Caribbean style hotel situated in the quiet and serene residential area of Bella Vista on the northern outskirts of Belize City. The hotel is perfectly accessible on the Mundo Maya route, between Mexico and Guatemala on the Northern Highway. It is three miles from downtown Belize City and seven miles from the Phillip Goldson International Airport. The Biltmore is ideally located for day trips to the nearby Maya ruins and sanctuaries where endangered creatures roam freely in the wild. Belize World Heritage sites, such as the Blue Hole and the...
Barrier Reef, are easily accessible. Business travelers are afforded a peaceful setting to do their business transactions, utilizing the business center at their convenience and still having easy access to the commercial and financial districts of the country.

The Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel consists of 75 air-conditioned rooms, garden, courtyard, restaurant, two bars, gift shop, tour desk, conference facilities, business center, fitness center, massage center and swimming pool. They offer very attractive commission offer for wholesalers, tour operators and travel agents.

Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel, www.belizebiltmore.com

Francis Ford Coppola’s Blancaneaux Resorts

In 1993, Francis Ford Coppola opened his jungle paradise in Belize to the public. In December 2000, Coppola opened Turtle Inn, his second resort in Belize, in the seaside fishing community of Placencia. La Lancha, their newest property, is still evolving and is not yet intended to offer the same luxurious comforts and amenities as its sister properties in Belize. However, the close proximity to the important Mayan site of Tikal, the beautiful lake shore setting, and the stylish ambiance make it a great place to relax.

Six new, one-bedroom Pool Side Cottages have been added at Turtle Inn along with a new triangular fresh water pool and the Gauguin Grill restaurant. They also recently added a small authentic Belizean diner adjacent to the dive shop called Aunt Lyuba’s.

At Blancaneaux, a swimming pool will be added in late 2007. They will also add a very deluxe, secluded unit called ‘The Enchanted Cottage.’

The seven-night Mountain & Beach Package 2007 starts with a transfer from Belize International Airport to Blancaneaux Lodge. Enjoy three nights in a stylish Riverfront Cabaña. The package at Blancaneaux Lodge includes all meals; a canoe tour into Barton Creek Cave; full day tour to the Mayan site of Caracol with picnic lunch, and on your return journey to the lodge a visit to the Rio Frio Cave.

Guests will be transferred from Blancaneaux along the Hummingbird Highway to Turtle Inn in Placencia. During four nights at Turtle Inn you will stay in a Seaview Cottage. The package at Turtle Inn includes cooked breakfast each day, two lunches and two dinners in the Mare Restaurant; a full day snorkeling tour to nearby cayes; a full day tour of the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary and Jaguar Preserve; and scheduled flight from Placencia to Belize International Airport.

Package Price from April 10 – May 31 and December 1 - 19, 2007 is $4,962 per couple. Package price from June 1 – November 30, 2007 is $4,607 per couple.

Blancaneaux Lodge & Turtle Inn Honeymoon Package 2007 begins at Blancaneaux Lodge for three nights in a thatch-roof honeymoon cabaña. Guests will be greeted by a chilled bottle of Niebaum-Coppola’s “Sofia” champagne. All meals at Blancaneaux Lodge are included and honeymooners can enjoy a romantic candlelit dinner on the deck of their cabaña.

Exciting adventures include Barton Creek Cave, and a 4-wheel drive vehicle to the ancient Mayan city of Caracol. On the return journey, visit Rio Frio Cave, and take a swim at the Rio On Falls and Pools.

The four night package at Turtle Inn in the Honeymoon Suite includes two dinners plus all breakfasts and lunches, a barrier reef snorkel tour, and a tour exploring the rainforest and waterfalls of the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary and Jaguar Preserve. A spa treatment of either a herbal wrap or massage may be taken.

Package price from April 10 – May 31, and December 1 - 19, 2007 is $5,895 per couple. Package price from June 1 – November 30, 2007 is $5,525 per couple.

Francis Ford Coppola’s Blancaneaux Resorts, 800-746-3743, www.blancaneaux.com
Chaa Creek

As a private 365-acre nature reserve set along the banks of the Macal River in the foothills of the Maya Mountains, Chaa Creek has provided a unique rainforest experience for thousands of people while maintaining an unspoiled ambiance. Chaa Creek Inland Expeditions caters to the traveler looking for both physical and intellectual challenges, and their range of programs and activities have been designed to stimulate interest in the environment, culture, and archaeology of Belize.

There are many good reasons to visit Chaa Creek this summer. First of all, the weather is lovely and many folks who live in Belize consider summer to be the best time of year. Also, the days are longer during the summer and so guests can pack more into their day. Enjoy many of the onsite activities Chaa Creek has to offer, some of which are included in the room rate. Choices include guided visits to their Natural History Museum, Butterfly Farm and Rainforest Medicine Trail, Canoeing on the Macal River, guided Bird Watching, or simply relaxing.

Although Belize continues to thrive as a tourist destination, it is still uncrowded and charmingly laid back. This is especially true during the summer months when there are fewer visitors to the Mayan ruins and other local attraction, on the beaches and on the streets. If you like more open spaces and more personal attention, this is the time of year for you.

Summer is a family friendly time and Chaa Creek is a great place to bring kids of all ages and children under 18 stay free. With swimming and canoeing, and miles of trails for walking and horseback riding, the onsite Natural History Centre and Butterfly Farm to visit, boredom is out of the question. Friendly, knowledgeable guides are happy to explain the rich cultural and ecological wonders of the area. Babysitters are available for parents who want some time alone.

Chabil Mar Villas

A dream vacation awaits at Chabil Mar Villas. Whether its basking in the sun, an incredible journey into ancient rainforests, scuba diving or snorkeling while exploring the world’s second largest barrier reef, discovering the majesty of early Mayan ruins, exploring the jungles, experiencing the world of endangered howler monkeys, or world class fishing, Chabil Mar Villas has it all.

Their Summer and Fall Special from May 1 – November 19, 2007 is stay six nights, get one additional night free. They are also offering an agent incentive: from February– November 19, 2007 for every six nights, paid bookings agents will receive one night for two people free. These award nights must be used between July 1 and November 19, 2007 and the maximum number of award nights that an agent may receive is seven. There is no limit on the number of awards per agency. Agent or wholesaler may choose to use their award for personal use or gift.

Chan Chich Lodge

Chan Chich Lodge is Belize’s premier jungle lodge. Located on a 130,000 acre private nature reserve in northwestern Belize at the heart of “La Selva Maya,” this is a unique destination for serious eco-tourists and novices alike. Carefully situated in the plaza of an ancient Maya city and surrounded by pristine forest, the lodge consists of 12 individual thatched-roof cabanas and one two-bedroom Villa.

Retrace the footsteps of the Maya, wander the extensive trail system and discover the unforgettable flora, fauna and Maya history unique to this tropical paradise. With an unparalleled abundance of wildlife (and the best chance to see the elusive jaguar in its natural habitat), Chan Chich is an extraordinary destination for naturalists, birders and those seeking an authentic retreat to the jungle. Chan Chich is offering Spring/ Summer specials from May 1 - October 31, 2007 which include:

- book four nights and receive the fifth night free (room only);
- low season rates ranging from 10 percent – 19 percent off the winter rates; and
- online specials and deals posted on their web site.

They are also in the process of planning/designing a small spa area on the property scheduled to be completed by 2008, and they have created a small garden/sitting area on the upper plaza of Chan Chich which includes a native orchid collection.

El Pescador

El Pescador on Ambergris Caye, Belize, is a serene and gracious establishment well known as a world-class fishing destination on the doorstep of the world’s largest living Barrier Reef. In addition, the first-rate resort offers eco-adventures which take full advantage of Belize’s unique environment.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6
tage of Belize’s exotic flora and fauna. Snorkeling, manatee watching, cave-
tubing and zip-lining are just a small as-
sortment of the activities available
while staying at the resort. El Pescador
is proud of their philosophy to protect
and nurture friendship, adventure and
the environment. Donations are made
on behalf of guests to a non-profit or-
ganization, Green Reef Environmental
Educational and Coastal Research
Institute, to offset the carbon emissions
used to travel there.

Guests are invited to snorkel the wa-
ters of Hol Chan Marine Reserve and
explore the Mayan archaeological site,
Altun Ha. The area is a tropical wonder-
land with many species of exotic birds,
fish, and wildlife.

El Pescador is offering a 2 for the Price
of 1 Special. Buy any single occupancy
package at El Pescador and guests’
roommate comes free. This offer is valid
on trips that originate between August
15 and December 14, 2007. The offer is
for the second guest sharing room and
guide and may not be combined with

Exotic Caye

At Exotic Caye Beach Resort, guests
can relax on the beach, enjoy a soothing
massage, dance the night away, find ad-
venture trekking through the jungle,
diving the famous Blue Hole, and ex-
ploring ancient Mayan ruins on the
Belize mainland, or hit the links on a
private 18-hole golf course.

Exotic Caye is offering a special sum-
mer 15 percent discount on nightly pub-
lished rates

May 1 - November 15, 2007 for a min-
umum three night stay. Also from May 1-
November 15, 2007, Stay 7 Nights in a
One Bedroom Standard Ocean Front
Condo for $659 (double) or Stay 5
Nights in a One Bedroom Standard
Ocean Front Condo for $459 (double).

At Exotic Caye, the Pelican Beach
Front Restaurant will be open in Spring
of 2007. Their Monkey Bites Cafe
serves breakfast and lunch daily. Guests
can also lounge at Crazy Canucks

Hidden Valley Inn

A secluded, luxury resort on 7,200
acres of private reserve in the Maya
Mountains, Hidden Valley Inn is the
ideal base from which to enjoy the many
natural wonders of Belize. The Inn is
comprised of 12 elegant cottages, each
with a fireplace, and is a paradise for the
naturalist and hiker. 90 miles of well-
maintained hiking and mountain biki-
ting trails, as well as swimming in many
secluded pools and waterfalls set in
tropical rainforest are available exclu-
sively for guests.

The bird watching at Hidden Valley
Inn is spectacular. Green Jays, Blue-
Crowned Mot-Mot, Golden Hooded
Tanager, Hummingbirds, Keel-Billed
Toucan and Crested Guan are just a few
of the flamboyant species you may en-
counter in the area. The cliffs on the

Come Experience Paradise!

Resort San Pedro, Belize

RAMON'S VILLAGE

Travel World News
Hidden Valley property are one of the very few nesting sites for the endangered Orange Breasted Falcon. Other highlights for birders include King Vulture, Stygian Owl, and Grace’s Warbler.

The location of the Inn provides convenient access to the endless attractions of the area. Day trips to Mayan archaeological sites including Tikal, Caracol, Xunantunich and Cahal Pech are available. Other excursions include caving, horseback riding and river trips.

The Inn is proud to have been recently awarded the 2006 Islands Magazine/Caribbean Tourism Organization Sustainable Tourism award in recognition of its environmental conservation efforts. In addition, the luxury resort has been featured on BBC’s prime time travel program “Jetset” and in Forbes Magazine as a “Destination of the Week.”

The Main Lodge has recently expanded its dining room facilities offering a full bar area. The menu features some of the finest cuisine in Belize.

Hidden Valley Inn offers various Package Specials to meet every guest’s need, including their ‘Romantic Interlude’ featuring a private waterfall for the day, and their ‘Discovery Package’ which includes tours to Barton Creek Cave Canoeing, Caracol Maya Site, Rio Frio Cave and Rio On Pools.


Hugh Parkey Belize Adventures, a tour operator that specializes in offering unique Belize adventures, introduces its new “Dolphin Experience” excursion to bring travelers face-to-face with Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins born under human care in their natural habitat. Residing in Belize’s tranquil waters of the Caribbean Sea at the remote island of Spanish Lookout Caye, the dolphins are expertly trained and welcoming to visitors. For the first time ever in Belize, participants can get in the water alongside the dolphins and delight in the animals’ sociable behavior while watching trained behaviors and taking part in hands-on interaction. Designed to promote a fun, safe and educational interface with these gentle creatures, dolphin encounters are available to all interested animal lovers regardless of age or swimming capabilities.

Developed to encourage conservation of Belize’s precious marine ecosystem, the “Dolphin Experience” tour focuses entirely on the welfare of the resident dolphins. Before entering the water, all participants are educated on the natural history, physiology and proper care of the animals as well as briefed on marine conservation issues. While in the water, guides ensure that participants adhere to strict guidelines that promote a safe and enjoyable experience.

The cost for an up-close dolphin encounter is $100 per person and can be combined with a number of other exciting marine excursions offered by Hugh Parkey Belize Adventures, including snorkeling along the barrier reef or even sea kayaking around natural mangroves.

Hugh Parkey Belize Adventures, www.belizedolphins.com

Jaguar Reef Lodge

At Jaguar Reef Lodge you will be surrounded by millions of acres of reef and rainforest with unlimited opportunities for snorkeling, diving, fishing, biking, kayaking and hiking through these pristine and protected eco systems.

A stay here is a friendly, laid-back experience with an abundance of Belizean hospitality. They are recognized for their comfortable accommodations in luxurious cabanas and suites, exhilarating tours, and unrivaled attention to guests’ comfort. All of the bathrooms have been recently renovated and they have added large soaker tubs to each. Their new Butterflies Spa will be opening by May 2007.

From April 17 - December 21 room rates range from $130 for a Standard Room - Garden View to $265 for a two bed, two bath Beachfront Suite. They offer a variety of packages to choose from.

Their Multi-Sport packages include all meals and tours in-
Lodge at Big Falls

April 17-December 21.

rates start at $638 for three nights ppdo, nights stayed. Dive and Stay Package days of diving, depending on number of all taxes and gratuities; and two to six mentary use of bicycles and sea kayaks; come cocktail and orientation; compli- breakfast, lunch and dinner daily; wel- Jaguar Reef Lodge; accommodations; transfers from Dangriga Airstrip to the Lodge. Rates from April 17, 2007 to December 21, 2007 start at $572 ppdo for three nights.

Their Walk On The Wild Side Family Adventure is a family vacation in aconditioned two bedroom suites right on the beach. Families can enjoy exploring the rich rainforest, diverse culture and Mayan history, along with the colorful underwater world of the Caribbean Sea. Children 14 and under, sharing a suite with parents, eat free and sleep free. For two adults and two children, rates start at $3,995 from April 17, 2007 to December 21.

Their Dive & Stay package is the perfect dive trip and includes round trip transfers from Dangriga Airstrip to Jaguar Reef Lodge; accommodations; breakfast, lunch and dinner daily; welcome cocktail and orientation; complimentary use of bicycles and sea kayaks; all taxes and gratuities; and two to six days of diving, depending on number of nights stayed. Dive and Stay Package rates start at $638 for three nights ppdo, April 17-December 21.


Lodge at Big Falls

The Lodge at Big Falls, close to Punta Gorda, in Toledo, southern Belize, is the district’s premier inland resort. Vacation packages offer guests easy access to natural wonders, archaeological treasures and a host of adventures. Their packages include eco-tours which introduce travelers to the local Mayan people and culture, Mayan archaeology and the natural history of the area. Their birding packages offer a variety of habitats and an amazing range of resident and visiting species. The Lodge added a swimming pool in 2006, as well as a half mile tubing route around the lodge, badminton, and a horseshoes pit.

For those looking for a southern Belize adventure vacation, they offer jungle trekking, caving, river kayaking and snorkeling, fishing and manatee watching on the offshore cayes.

Special summer rates during the Green Season from May 1-31 October 31, 2007 are cabanas from $95, $125 double occupancy. They also offer Summer Specials throughout the Green Season. The Lodge offers commission of 10 percent on packages.

Their five-night/six-day package includes one free night’s accommodation; free use of kayaks, mountain bikes, inner tubes and internet; one full-day tour to Lubaantun Mayan site and waterfalls; accommodation, meals and transfers for $110 per person per day rack.

Their four-night/five-day package include one-day’s free meals; free use of kayaks, mountain bikes, inner tubes and internet; one full-day tour to Lubaantun Mayan site and waterfalls; accommodation, meals and transfers for $100 per person per day rack.

Maruba

Maruba Resort Jungle Spa is an oasis of charm and grace. Not a traditional spa, Maruba offers an alternative to the regimen and routine. The resort has been conceived and created to blend various Mayan, Creole, and African designs side by side with their jungle setting.

The spa offers all natural treatments derived from ancient techniques which incorporate their natural products produced from Maruba Therapy and the surrounding jungle environment. They specialize in a number of Mud Treatments using their all natural Mood Muds.

Maruba’s Easter Jungle Special runs from April 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007. Price is $320 ppdo and includes three nights in a Junior Suite EP Plan, one hour massage, and roundtrip hotel transfers (BZE International Airport). Nine percent hotel tax not included ($25/person). Package is valid for travel dates the month of April only.

Other exclusive special offers from April 1-December 5, 2007 include special pricing:

Standard Rooms are $155 first night, each additional night at $90; Junior Suites are $189 first night, each additional night at $120; Garden Suite is $235 first night, each additional night at $150; Master Suite is $315 first night, each additional night at $250; Jungle Tree House Suite is $315 first night,
each additional night at $250; Jungle Villa Suite is $333 first night, each additional night at $275; Honeymoon Suite is $368 first night, each additional night at $290; and Opium Villa Suite is $490 first night, each additional night at $380. Rates are based on room only, single or double occupancy.

Their Special Spa Package Five Night Rejuvenation Package includes accommodations, two full body massages, one African honeybee body scrub, one aromatherapy massage or one herbal, one facial, choice of manicure, breakfast, lunch, adventure tour to Altun Ha, horseback ride in the jungle, safari hike, and round trip hotel transfers. Price is $1,866 single, $1,416 ppdo.

An additional exclusive special is 20 percent off Honeymoon & Signature Spa Packages for three- to seven-night packages.

**Maruba Resort Jungle Spa, 800-MARUBA7, www.maruba-spa.com**

**Maya Travel Services**

Maya Travel Services is a Belize based tour operator, offering a wide selection of fascinating and exciting activities on the cayes, coast and mainland. They have hiked, paddled, galloped, driven and flown across much of Belize.

Their travel specialists will provide up-to-date, accurate information regarding the accommodations, tours and regions. They assemble tour packages and custom designed vacations for groups and individuals.

Their seven-night Belize Honeymoon & Romantic Getaway Package offers a chance to relax on the beach, discover exotic flora and fauna, go diving and snorkeling, hike through the Belize rainforest and enjoy a multitude of other activities and adventures that can be shared by two.

Package includes four nights accommodation at Hidden Valley Inn; three nights accommodation at SunBreeze Hotel in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; one way private road transfer from the International Airport to Belize City; Caracol Maya Ruins, Rio Frio Cave and Rio On Pools day tour; a day at Hidden Valley’s private pool and waterfall with sparkling wine and lunch; one hour massage at island Massage Studio (1/2 hour each); a bottle of Champagne in room in San Pedro; and hotel tax, service charge and general sales tax. Package Price from May 1 to December 15, 2007 is $1,950 per couple.

The Belize Reef and Rainforest Adventure Package takes visitors through the jungle and rainforest, and to the Caribbean Sea that contains the most splendid marine ecosystem in the entire western hemisphere – the Belize Barrier Reef and three of the four coral atolls in all the Caribbean.

This seven-night package includes two nights accommodation at Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Belize City; three nights accommodation at Hidden Valley Inn; two nights accommodation at the SunBreeze Hotel in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; one way private road transfer from the International Airport to Belize City Hotel; round trip private road transfer from Belize City to Hidden Valley Inn; Caracol Maya Ruins and Chiquibul Forest Reserve birding day tour; Cedar’s Cabin Botanical Trail half day birding tour; Barton Creek Cave Canoeing tour; and Shark Ray Alley half day snorkel trip.

Package Price from May 1 to December 15, 2007 is $1,099 (double), $910 (triple), and $940 (four people, two rooms).

Maya Travel Services is also offering a 10-20 percent discount on hotel rates throughout the summer from May 1- November 31, 2007. (Discount does not apply to other summer specials.) Book seven nights at selected a Belize hotel and pay for only for six nights. (Offer does not apply to other summer specials.) They are also offering a Group Super Summer Special:

**Continued on Page 10**

---

**Experience the Casual Elegance of Victoria House**

Ambergris Caye’s Premier Luxury Beachfront Resort

800.247.5189 or 713.334.2340 • Fax: 713.224.3287
Hotel: 501.226.2067
email: info@victoria-house.com • www.victoria-house.com
Free Tour Conductor pass for every 10 paying clients based on single or double occupancy groups. (Offer does not apply to other summer specials.)
Maya Travel Services Limited, www.mayatravelservices.com

Mayan Princess
The Mayan Princess, always known for its value and great location in town and on the beach, is now including complimentary continental breakfast when staying at their regular prices. Now with their Stay for 7 - Pay for 6 Program, they continue to be symbolic with “Value for Your Money.”
Mayan Princess is offering Ocean Adventure Packages for $814 ppdo. The Dive Package includes round trip Tropic Air transfer from Belize City to Ambergris Caye; roundtrip taxi transfers to the hotel; seven nights accommodations; hotel tax; service charges; hotel tax; service charges; Dolphin Experience; Manatee Watch; and Hol Chan Marine Reserve/Shark Ray Alley. Mayan Princess, 800-850-4101, mayanprincesshotel.com

Princess Hotel & Casino
In the heart of Belize lies the most prestigious hotel and Belize’s only entertainment center all in one: The Princess Hotel & Casino. This luxury hotel is strategically located 15 minutes south of the International Airport. It makes the ideal escape for both business travelers and leisure guests alike.
The Princess Hotel & Casino is considered the gateway into the eco-tourism market and the center to any of your destinations. You can easily experience scuba diving and snorkeling the longest living Barrier Reef in the World and the famous Blue Hole departing from their Marina. Guests can also journey into the exotic Rain Forest, National Reserves, go Cave Tubing, visit Crystal Waterfalls, go horseback riding and explore the Mysterious Mayan Temples.
With 172 lavishly appointed rooms and six conference rooms accommodating from 20 – 1,000 guests, Princess Hotel & Casino is the only entertainment center in Belize featuring a Las Vegas Style Casino which has over 400 slot machines and 12 tables for Black Jack, Wheel of Fortune, Roulette and Caribbean Poker, all complimented with international dancers and a midnight buffet.
The hotel boasts two cinemas and a Gift Shop. There is a full Business Center open 24 hours a day. For those that have come to be pampered, there is a massage salon available. The Sea View Restaurant offers buffet breakfast, international buffet lunches and dinners, and the Calypso Restaurant, which overlooks the Caribbean Sea, specializes in Seafood. The Princess Hotel & Casino also has a Gym/Fitness Center and one of the largest pools in Belize. Princess Hotel & Casino additional boasts a bowling alley and video arcade. After a full days’ activity, relax at The Vogue Bar, enjoying their daily Happy Hour. The day ends at Club Next, the hotel’s very own Night Club.
The Princess Hotel & Casino, sales@princessbelize.com, www.princessbelize.com

Sunbreeze Beach Resort
The SunBreeze Hotel is an oceanfront "U" shape hotel which overlooks the Caribbean Sea, where one can experience all the wonders Belize has to offer. Enjoy the serenity and beauty of the ocean or experience the sunrise and sunset from the wooden deck which surrounds the fresh water pool. They are centrally located within a stroll of the heart of the town of San Pedro with easy access to all the restaurants, entertainment and activities, yet out of the hustle and bustle of the town.
They are offering their Summer Buster UnBelizeable Dive Special with Aqua Dives, their onsite Dive Shop. Prices from August 1 – October 31, 2007 are $692 ppdo; $592 per non diver accompanying a diver; $642 per person triple occupancy diver; and $1,043 single occupancy. For a group of 12, the twelfth person pays $110. Package includes seven-nights accommodation; room tax and service charge; four days local two tank boat dives; one tank night dive (weights, belt and tanks included); free snorkel stop at Shark Ray Alley; and round trip air transfer from Belize International – San Pedro on Maya Island Air. Upgrade the night dive to a Blue Hole Trip for an extra $144 per diver. The park fee of $40 pp is not included in this package. When making a booking please refer to the Aqua Dives @ SunBreeze Special.
SunBreeze Hotel, 800-688-0191, www.sunbreezehotel.com

Tropic Air
Tropic Air offers over 180 scheduled flights throughout Belize and to Flores, Guatemala. They also offer charters to remote and exotic places within Belize and exciting tours to Lamanai in Belize.
and Tikal in Guatemala. Both day trips and overnight trips are available. With over 27 years of expertise they know everything that Belize has to offer. 

_Tropic Air, 800-422-3435, www.tropicair.com_

**Turneffe Flats**

Turneffe Flats has long been recognized as a premier saltwater fly fishing, scuba diving, and marine ecotourism destination.

Located on North America’s largest coral atoll, Turneffe Flats has a maximum occupancy of 24 guests per week, with a maximum of 12 anglers. Target species are bonefish, permit and tarpon. Turneffe Flats’ location on the Eastern side of the Turneffe Atoll offers easy and quick access to 60 dive sites in Belize, including Lighthouse Atoll with its Blue Hole.

Due to the Easter holiday and increased airline availability, Turneffe Flats is offering special week-long package rate for fishing, diving and atoll adventure tours.

Discounted Easter week rates are: Fishing: $2,410.45, Diving: $1,580.13, and Atoll Adventure: $1,269.83. Prices include all Belizean taxes, airport pickup, transfer by boat to the lodge, meals, lodging and activities. The discounted rates are available April 9-14. 

**Turneffe Flats, 888-512-8812, www.tflats.com**

_Viaventure_

Viaventure is a full-service tour operator and destination management company that delivers the very best in personalized, on-time service to destinations throughout Guatemala, Belize and Honduras. Each of their itineraries offers an inspiring, exciting, and enriching experience. From minivans to helicopters, sailfishing to mountain biking, or boutique hotels to resorts, they are happy to work with you to create a perfect itinerary.

A special offer from Viaventure is a three or four-night package at the Scientific Research Station at Las Cuevas in the Chiquibul Rainforest. The Chiquibul Rainforest in Belize provides one of the few remaining habitats for many endangered species. Las Cuevas Research Station and Explorers Lodge lies in the heart of this forest and provide a base for scientists undertaking important field research in the forest – and for conservation-orientated visitors who wish to experience living in this remote and unexplored part of the world. By staying here, guests are also helping by creating an economic incentive for saving these forests. Not only do visitors get the chance to see unspoiled nature but they also get to see ‘science-in-action.’

Las Cuevas is the perfect location from which to observe a host of endemic and non-endemic species. Spot birds, ocelots and other cats. During day trips and night drives there is also the chance to see other rare and exotic flora and fauna - including Jaguars, Harpy Eagles, Tapir, Black Orchids, Fer-de-lance, King Vultures, River Otter and more. The three-night package includes all accommodation and food. Contact Viaventure for pricing.

_Viaventure, info@viaventure.com, viaventure.com_

_Victoria House_

Nestled on Ambergris Caye just two miles south of the small town of San Pedro, Victoria House is the island’s premiere luxury resort, offering the most diverse accommodations in Belize. The ambiance is plantation style and tropical, surrounded by acres of flowering gardens, unspoiled beaches and tall swaying palm trees.

Although full service, it remains small, elegant and exclusive, offering 45 accommodations with two guest pools and two private villa pools. Located on the hotel pier is the hub of daytime activity, Fantasea Dive Shop, offering all aspects of water sports including world class Scuba diving with PADI certified Dive Masters, salt-water fly fishing guides, and inland jungle or Mayan ruin excursions.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12
Resort accommodations include Plantation Rooms and spacious suites, unique Palapa Casitas, and individual villas with private pools. The new luxury “Villas at Victoria House” comprises three/two bedroom villas and four one and two bedroom suites, all located on the edge of a 60-foot infinity pool and marble waterfall. In keeping with the relaxed ambiance of the resort there are no radios or telephones or even Jet Ski’s, however, upon guest request the new villas offer flat screen cable televisions. Villas at Victoria House all boast beautiful sea views, signature bath amenities; granite tiled bathrooms with indoor/outdoor shower gardens, state of the art appliances and beautifully crafted mahogany wood ceilings and four-poster beds.

San Pedro, a small and quaint village offers an abundance of souvenir shopping, local crafts and art galleries. Golf carts are the preferred mode of island transportation and can be rented from the hotel.

Victoria House is offering one free night when four or more nights are booked. This offer is available in most of room types and paid nights are fully commissionable to travel agents. Offer is valid from July 10 to November 16, 2007. Victoria House, 800-247-5159, www.victoria-house.com

Windy Hill Resort & Tour Company
Windy Hill Resort & Tour Company, San Ignacio, Belize, is a Belizean family owned and operated property. Windy Hill offers 20 all-inclusive packages that include round-trip transfers, accommodations, meals, and tours. The package rates also include all taxes, entrance fees, and guide fees. Children under 12 years old may join parents on any package for a flat rate of $165 per child regardless of length of stay.

The resort consists of 16 private air-conditioned cottages and nine standard rooms. The Windy Hill tour guides are all trained and licensed by the Belize Tourism Board.

Their Green Season Specials from May 1 – December 15, 2007 include: one extra night with meals free when booking any of their 20 all-inclusive packages; one extra night free (room only) when booking three nights or more; free upgrade to deluxe air-conditioned cottage when booking any five or six night package (extra night with meals also); and children under 12 may join parents on any all-inclusive packages for $165 per child (limit three children).

For Adventure Lovers, Windy Hill offers an ultimate adventure package that includes Caves Branch River Tubing, Jungle Horseback Riding, Barton Creek Cave Canoeing, Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave Exploration, Jaguar Paw Jungle Canopy Zip Line, and a trip to the Maya City of Tikal in Guatemala. This package also includes round-trip airport transfers, five nights accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guide fees, taxes, service charge and border crossing fees. Price is $1,583 ppdo (discounted rates available for three or more persons).

The Windy Hill Resort/Blue Tang Inn Family Package offers affordable summertime reef and rainforest vacation packages. Day One of the trip will provide a tour of the Belize Zoo. Guests will have a guided tour of the Xunantunich Maya site, with a spectacular pyramid that can be climbed for a panoramic view stretching all the way into neighboring Guatemala. On day two, families will be taken for a full-day tour of the Maya city of Tikal in Guatemala. On day three guests will be treated to a morning canoe trip to the Barton Creek Cave and an afternoon horseback ride to Buena Vista Maya site.

On the fourth and final day at Windy Hill, guests have a quick trip to the island of Ambergris Caye and then begin their stay at Blue Tang Inn. On day five, guests will take a half-day snorkel trip to Hol Chan Marine Reserve/Shark Ray Alley. On day 6, they will take a full-day snorkel trip to Mexico Rocks.

The six-night/seven-day package offers a per person price of $840, based on a family of four and includes all in-country transportation, accommodations, and meals and activities that are specified in the itinerary. The cost for children under the age of 12 is $165 each. The package does not include hotel tax or gratuities.


Follow in the footsteps of the True Pirates of the Caribbean in Panama aboard the MV CORAL STAR!

Captain Henry Morgan, Sir Francis Drake and others plundered treasure, gold, pearls and more from the heavily fortified forts and cities of Panama – Join their spirits in a swashbuckling adventure of your own to reveal the True Treasures of Panama!

Contact us about our exciting tours (866) 924-2837 www.coralstar.com
LAS PERLAS CONDO RESORT OPENING IN PANAMA; TRIPS AVAILABLE TO VIEW PROPERTY

Panama is becoming a very attractive option for Americans as a vacation destination, as the location for a second home and even for retirement. An intimate condo development/resort will soon rise on the tropical island in the Panamanian archipelago of Las Perlas that will set a new standard for luxury accommodations and will be a model for sustainable living for the 21st century. Each of the 40 villa units is priced at $400,000.

All 40 villas will have views of the Gulf of Panama. Las Perlas will also have a 35-foot infinity pool, two restaurants and a lounge, the Sapibenega Ayurveda Spa, and a fitness center. An organic farm will produce vegetables, herbs, fruit, cheese, free-range poultry and livestock. The resort’s private airstrip will accommodate jet planes.

The villa units will be fashioned from all natural materials. Based on long-held ecological principles, energy needs will be supplemented by a Biogas plant providing renewable and self-sustaining power.

The 3,660-square-foot villas will feature an expansive living room with dining room and adjoining family room, three bedrooms, three baths, a full kitchen and a laundry room. There will be an infinity pool, outdoor Jacuzzi and rain shower. The villas will have flat screen televisions with satellite channels, CD/DVD players, and high speed broadband access. The kitchen will have state-of-the-art amenities including a climate-controlled wine cellar.

Taking a holistic approach to each guest’s well being, therapists at the Spa at Cuna de Vida’s Las Perlas resort will use ancient treatments derived from the East and from Native Americans’ medicinal practices combined with the latest techniques of the West. The hydrotherapy center will feature water from natural springs and therapists will be able to treat muscle, joint and nerve pain through hydromassage. Offering an extensive range of treatments, the Sapibenega Spa will feature Ayurvedic procedures, Thai massage, herbal body wraps, facials, massages, reflexology and other body treatments. Guests might opt for the Himalayan Shirodara treatment, a hot stone massage first practiced by the Mayans, or an age-reversing rejuvenation therapy from Kerala in India.

At the fully equipped Fitness Center, guests can practice yoga, tai chi and Pilates. Las Perlas will offer programs complimenting the spiritual as well as the physical with daily meditation, spiritual satsangs and the stress-reducing reiki.

For those interested in purchasing a villa, Cuna de Vida is offering a five-night “Town & Country Discover Panama” package visiting Panama City with a trip to Las Perlas to view the property. Guests will be met by a personal concierge and taken in a chauffeur-driven private car to the five-star Bristol for five nights.

A high point will be exploring the Casco Viejo, the 300-year-old historic quarter of the country’s capital. A visit to the Panama Canal will provide an opportunity to see the world’s most accessible and pristine rainforest.

Las Perlas, 800-950-CUNA, www.cunadevida.com

---

Secluded Inn offering personal service, twelve luxury cottages with fireplaces, pool and hot tub. Situated on 7200 acres of private reserve in the Maya Mountains. Ten waterfalls, idyllic pools set in tropical jungle, 90 miles of trail, hiking, biking, wildlife, birding on property. Tours to ruins, caves, canoeing, horse riding.

Tel: 00-501-822-3320
Toll Free: 1-866-443-3364
www.hiddenvalleyinn.com
reservations@hiddenvalleyinn.com
**TAM GROUP LAUNCHES TAM VACATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA**

The TAM Group, perhaps best known for the top quality service of its airline TAM Brazilian Airlines, has unveiled TAM Vacations, a full service travel company with more than 250 travel products covering Brazil and South America.

TAM Group (TAM) is not new to the business. Back in 1988 the company created its first tour company serving the Brazilian market under the name of TAM Viagens (Portuguese for vacations). Due to the increasing business from the U.S. to Brazil and South America, as well as the number of destinations served by TAM Brazilian Airlines, TAM decided to bring TAM Viagens to the USA, under the name of TAM Vacations, to better serve its clients.

Through their network, including 49 representatives in Brazilian cities as well as their U.S.-based office in Miami, TAM Vacations has a wide range of professionals who can answer all questions about organizing meetings or incentive trips as well as special events throughout Brazil.

When looking for a pre-arranged tour package, agents can call TAM Vacations’ specialists or go on-line to TAM Vacations’ website and visit the “Classico Packages” section.

When catering to groups with specific needs, agents can also fill out an on-line form and request a proposal. TAM Vacations can create a tailor-made itinerary based on any client’s specific requests, whether they involve educational, cultural, historical or other specific activities.

Tam Vacations, 866-6BRAZIL (866-627-2945), info@tamvacations.net, www.tamvacations.com

**ANGEL-ECO TOURS ANNOUNCES MINI ECO PROGRAMS AND 2007 TOUR DATES FOR VENEZUELA**

Angel-Eco Tours has announced a series of new eco related mini programs for Venezuela and a number of dates for its 2007 programs to Angel Falls.

Paul Stanley, Angel-Eco’s President and co-founder hopes that the new mini trips will help boost sustainable tourism to eco-destinations other than Angel Falls.

He says: “Most people only know of Angel Falls, it is an icon for Venezuela being the tallest waterfall in the world, now we can give the agencies and travelers the option of choosing additional destinations of natural beauty and cultural diversity when they visit the country.”

Angel-Eco has also announced the dates of their group tours to Canaima National Park and Angel Falls.

Ultimate Angel Falls Experience is eight-days/seven-nights. Visit the Pemón of Kamarata Valley deep in the heart of Canaima National Park and travel with Pemón guides by river to Angel Falls and Canaima.

Dates are June 15, June 29, August 4, September 1, October 6, and November 24. Special departure dates are available for four or more.

“Special” Ruth Robertson Expedition is seven-days/six-nights. Retrace Ruth’s epic journey to Angel Falls in 1949 and hear anecdotes and stories from Ruth’s personal diary.

This trip also visits the Pemón in Canaima National Park. Dates are July 6 and August 11. Special departure dates are available for four or more.

Five percent of all revenues will be donated to Angel Conservation's "Project Kamarakoto" to help the Pemón in Kamarata Valley, Canaima National Park.

Angel-Eco Tours, 888-423-3864, info@angel-ecotours.com, www.angel-ecotours.com
EXPLORE THE COLCHAGUA VALLEY IN CHILE WITH SPORTSTOUR

The Colchagua Valley is the ideal destination to experience the roots of Chile, its culture, and traditions.

Located in the city of Santa Cruz, the Hotel Santa Cruz invites guests to enjoy the warmth, harmony and excellent service in the wine-producing heart of the Sixth Region. Specially decorated rooms allow for relaxation and have everything for an unforgettable stay.

The idyllic landscape of the Lolol Valley sets the stage for Viña Santa Cruz. Discover a world where wines of the highest quality are combined with Chilean traditions and typical cuisine. Visit the food center, tour the vineyards, and enjoy the only wine cellar in Chile that contains a museum inside.

Cable cars will transport guests to the Puerta del Sol (The Door of the Sun), an icon to the people of the indigenous villages. They have recreated authentic homes of indigenous families of the Mapuche, Rapa Nui and Aymara cultures.

Upon completing the trip, their astronomical center gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy the stars of the valley.

The Colchagua Museum boasts more than 10,000 pieces, some of which date back more than 300 million years, making it a cultural center recognized among Latin America’s best. Tourists have the option to utilize an audio guide system which explains the exhibits in a simple, yet detailed, manner.

To enjoy the traditions of the region, a house from the early 19th century contains “Espíritus de Colchagua” handmade liquors, salvaging the tradition of making homemade liquors using old distillery processes. More than 40 varieties—from boldo to cinnamon—are featured.

As for the land, Parador del Almazara is located in San Pedro de Alcántara, which lies 55 km from Santa Cruz. It is a typical Chilean estate that combines agriculture and tourism with the tradition of the land.

It has five rooms, a meeting room, and a large kitchen where guests can enjoy watching the preparation of the foods that are served.

Additionally, guests can board an antique train pulled by a steam locomotive built in the early 20th century and take a guided journey back to historic roots while coming closer to the unique world of the Colchaguan wine.

Sportstour invites guests to live the land in the Colchagua Valley, where you can enjoy experiences full of flavors, aromas, traditions, history and enchantment.

Sportstour, www.sportstour.cl

GET TO KNOW GHL HOTELES IN LATIN AMERICA

GHL HOTELES is an international hotel chain with more than 40 years of experience. Its hotel operations are located in the Andean Region and the Caribbean. It ranks as the chain with the highest growth in Latin America. GHL HOTELES is the developer and operator of the brands Sheraton, Four Points by Sheraton, Howard Johnson, and Sonesta Posadas del Inca, and is the owner of the brands GHL y GHL Comfort.

GHL HOTEL currently counts 28 hotels and has a presence in five countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Panamá and Belize, and it has expansion projects in Chile and Argentina. The main cities where GHL HOTELES operates are Lima, Bogotá, Quito, and Panamá, which makes up close to 50 percent of their business.

Additionally they have more hotels in popular tourist cities, including Cusco, Arequipa, the Sacred Valley and Puno in Perú, Guayaquil in Ecuador and Medellín, Cali, Santa Martha and San Andrés in Colombia.

They define themselves as a Latin American enterprise that knows how to combine its services standardization strategy and its international parameterization of hotel operations, with the Caribbean and Andean people’s warmth and kindness. Because of this, GHL HOTELES has successfully navigated through the different marketing segments of the housing and events organization industry.

that it is present in the main emitting markets of the world (Europe, The United States, and Japan), has demanded GHL HOTELES to be present in the main Global Distribution Systems (G.D.S.). They have recently signed a technological link contract with TRAVEL CLICK to connect seven of its hotels, which hold the GHL and GHL COMFORT brands, to the world wide network of hotel booking by Internet and GDS.

GHL HOTELES invites the tourism’s agencies and wholesalers to meet their properties and experience an Integrated Management System (IMS) which guarantees service standards over the five countries where it runs business.

Discover Earth’s greatest wilderness aboard the **DELFIN** classic Amazon riverboat, on 3, 5 and 7-day expedition voyages sailing weekly from **Iquitos** **PERU**

**FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**

Adventure Associates 800-527-2500  
Brendan Worldwide Vacations 800-421-8446  
Cox & Kings 800-999-1758  
Gate 1 Travel 800-682-3333  
Hanns Ebensten Travel 866-294-8174  
Latour / Isramworld 800-825-0825  
Pan American Travel Services 800-364-4359  
Panorama Tours 800-527-4888  
RSVP Vacations 800-328-7787  
Tourlite International 800-272-7600  
Travco 866-591-0070