

*Introducing*

***Ian Anderson's  
CAVES BRANCH..  
The ADVENTURE Co. &  
JUNGLE LODGE***

**If you haven't experienced CAVES BRANCH ..**

**You haven't experienced ADVENTURE ...**

**You haven't experienced BELIZE !**

**ADVENTURE is what CAVES BRANCH  
specializes in ...**

**Sightseeing is what a lot of the others do!**

## **THE CAVES BRANCH ESTATE**

The Caves Branch Estate is our privately owned 58,000 acre estate of virtually pristine tropical forests, pine ridge mountains, shimmering waterfalls, major river ways, babbling creeks, magnificent limestone cliffs, underground rivers, crystal caves, Maya ruins .. burial mounds and ceremonial sites, deep, lush sub-tropical jungle and rainforest, filled with over 160 varieties of orchids, bromeliads, and air ferns, various species of palm, ceiba and guanacaste trees and 6 different Blue Holes. Tropical hardwoods flourish and the majestic mahogany can still be seen towering throughout Caves Branch. Wildlife at Caves Branch is just as vitally rich as the main character on stage is still the magnificent jaguar. Other local inhabitants are howler and spider monkeys, tapir, gibbon, warrie, peccary, white tailed deer, armadillo, ocelot, tarantulas, scorpions and dozens of different frogs, toads and iguana .. just to mention a few! Caves Branch is considered to be in the top 3 locations in the country for birding.

## **THE CAVES BRANCH JUNGLE LODGE**

The Caves Branch Jungle Lodge is centered on the Caves Branch Estate in the heart of the Belizean jungle ... overlooking the pristine turquoise waters of the Caves Branch River and nestled below a 100 foot rainforest canopy.

We are not sanitized from the jungle .. we are a part of it. Wildlife surrounds us. Our various cabana styles are thatched in the tradition of the Maya and are completely screened offering a comfortable and bug free environment yet wide open to the symphony of nature. With our torches burning throughout the night, casting an eerie glow through the jungle, the babbling river and the cacophony of night creatures, you settle in for a good night's sleep but are roused early to the sounds of the jungle coming to life.

We consider ourselves an **INCREDIBLY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.**

On any given morning, avid bird watchers can identify as many as 165 species of birds along our 1 km entranceway, which passes through 3 distinctive bird habitats. Butterflies and dragonflies fill the canopy during the day and after dark, the sounds of the night come alive.

The Caves Branch Jungle Lodge provides an array of accommodations from camping, bunkhouse and jungle cabanas to jungle suites and bungalows. While maintaining our original objective of each traveler

experiencing the rugged beauty and natural symphony of the nature that surrounds us, we have provided accommodations that suit every expectation.

## **RATES**

- **Effective from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008- December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**
- **All prices in US\$.**
- **Taxes are not included** in the prices listed. These taxes are a 9% Government hotel tax and a 10% Government sales tax also known as GST. All room charges are subject to the hotel tax. Expeditions, meals, transfers and other miscellaneous charges are subject to the sales tax.

- **Gratuities are not included** in any individual charges and **we do not add** gratuities to any bill. Gratuities are, however, appreciated by all staff but we prefer to leave tipping to the individual.

Caves Branch reserves the right to adjust pricing without notice before any reservation is confirmed. Once a reservation is confirmed, all advertised pricing is guaranteed final. However, we do not have control over increases in taxation implemented by the government without notice and taxing increases will be invoiced.

## **Accommodations**

### ***New 2 bedroom Treehouses Suites***

Our newest rooms at Caves Branch are built on a hillside overlooking the Caves Branch River. They are set among the trees and raised up to 20 feet off the ground providing a perfect perch to look down at the river below. They are split level with a raised bedroom set back behind a screened in living area. The bedroom has a king size bed and the living area has a bunkbed. There is a spacious bathroom with an indoor shower and also there is an outdoor shower, both with hot water. There is a stairway that follows to another bedroom on top with a king size bed. The room is finished with natural materials, a welcoming blend of stone, wood and marble. Decorations, furniture and artwork are all from local and regional sources. The finishings, furnishings and open air design provide for a rustic feel, luxurious look and comfortable space to relax in after a days adventure.

Quad occupancy: \$285.00 per night

Children 16 years and under, no additional charge

Additional adult over 4, add \$30.00 per person

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Single or Double occupancy: \$225.00 per night

Children 16 years and under, no additional charge

Additional adult over 2, add \$30.00 per person

### ***Jungle Suites***

Full comfort in our cabana suites, a master bedroom with Queen size bed, full washroom facilities with hot and cold shower, furnished living room with double pull out bed or bunk beds for family use and completely screened for a bug free environment, yet open to the sights and sounds of the jungle. Appropriate for couples and families. (when accommodating children, front room furniture is replaced with additional beds). It also has an outdoor Garden shower.

Single or Double occupancy: \$185.00 per night

Children 16 years and under, no additional charge  
Additional adult over 2, add \$20.00 per person

### **Jungle Bungalows**

Fully screened yet open to the sounds of the jungle, and just as comfortable in every way as our suites. The jungle bungalow is set with a Queen size bed, with double futon and sitting room furnishings, inside full washroom facilities with hot water, mixed hard wood ceilings and terra cotta floor tile with wrap around veranda. More appropriate for couples and small families.

Single or Double occupancy: \$165.00  
Children 16 years and under, no additional charge  
Additional adult over 2, add \$20.00 per person

### **Jungle Cabanas**

Our more rustic jungle cabanas combine double and single beds for a more versatile use. Completely screened for a bug free environment, yet open to the sights and sounds of the jungle. Flush toilet and hand basin located in each cabana. Our warm water "jungle showers" shrouded in leaf and surrounded by the jungle canopy is located outside the cabana. These jungle cabanas are appropriate for singles, couples and families with children who are a bit more price conscious or looking for a more rustic experience.

Single or Double occupancy: \$98.00  
Children 16 and under, no additional charge  
Additional adult over 2, add \$15.00 per person

### **Bunkroom**

Our bunkroom is snug and friendly. Just perfect for the more budget oriented traveler. As with our other cabanas, the bunkroom is fully screened and open to the sights and sounds of the jungle. Full washroom facilities are located outside the bunkroom with modern toilet facilities and our warm water "jungle showers" shrouded in leaf.  
Per Person \$15.00 US per night

**All rooms are fitted with powerful ceiling fans**

### **Camping**

Along the upper bank of the Caves Branch river we have set aside a very pretty spot full of flowering jungle plants and high canopy trees overlooking the river. You must bring your own camping equipment but camp cooking of any type is not allowed. Full toilet and warm water jungle shower facilities provided.  
per person \$ 5.00 US per night

### **MEALS**

(All meals served buffet family style and are designed for both meat and vegetarian diets with a large variety of dishes).

<b>Breakfast</b>	\$12.00 per person
<b>Lunch</b>	\$12.00 per person (all full day expeditions include lunch at no additional charge)
<b>Dinner</b>	\$24.00 per person

Plus 10% General Sales tax.

## **CAVES BRANCH ADVENTURE EXPEDITIONS.**

Ian was the first to create open expeditions into the underworld realm of the ancient Maya ... the Caves and the Caverns of Xibalba ... and is today, Belize's foremost explorer of those ancient sacred sites. Through

continuous explorations, new discoveries are constantly being made .. areas that no human has seen since the ancient Maya priests and Shaman performed their most sacred ceremonies to the Gods, almost 2,000 years ago. Some of these new discoveries are shared with our guests each year.

All of our expeditions have been designed not only to create the utmost in adventure but also to give each traveler a once in a lifetime experience of the natural, historical and cultural wonders within the world of the ancient Maya; the tropical jungle, the caves and caverns, the rivers, the lost Maya ruins, burial sites and ceremonial centers, the indigenous wildlife and the mysticism that surrounds it all.

While supporting the efforts of the Department of Archaeology of Belize, by providing highly trained guides to ensure that we maintain the natural and historical integrity of these most sacred areas, We also strive to create expeditions that not only provide the utmost in adventure, but also to educate travelers to Belize and our pristine resources; the tropical forest, its wildlife, the great ancient Maya Civilization and its most sacred ceremonial centers ... Xibalba!.. "The KINGDOM of the ancient Gods". Our efforts to preserve and maintain the natural and historical integrity of these sites is unprecedented. Whether you are an individual traveler, an organization, researchers or student groups, We now invite you to join us on some of the most adventurous and conscience altering expeditions that few will ever have the opportunity to experience. All expeditions take place on our private estate. We are the only company that operates in Caves Branch. We are Caves Branch!

## **CAVES BRANCH GUIDES.**

Ian Anderson, Belize's premier explorer into Xibalba (the Maya Underworld), has hand picked and trained each of the local guides that lead you into the world of a civilization lost. Each guide has received intensive training in cave and wilderness rescue evacuation / wilderness first aid and all are founding members of the "Belize Disaster and Rescue Response Team", created by Ian in 1994. Each guide must be re-certified TWICE each year in Wilderness and Cave Rescue and Wilderness First Responder Medics. All senior guides are adjunct instructors with the "Belize Institute of Wilderness and Tropical Medicine, Search and Rescue". This is mandated by Ian Anderson. "I personally and professionally feel that Caves Branch has the best trained guides in safety / rescue, medical training and Cave /

Wilderness guiding in the entire country, bar none, and they have repeatedly proven them selves in rescue, medical and relief assistance on numerous occasions during National disasters" says Anderson. He continues .. "When participating in High Adventure activities, you should always consider the qualifications of your guides .. We absolutely have the best !". In 2005, Walter Santos, a senior Master Guide at Caves Branch Jungle Lodge, was selected to be a member on the medical support team

to escort an international scientific team to K2 in the Himalayas. K2 is the second highest and most dangerous

mountain in the World. Walter Santos is an example of the quality of Caves Branch guides.

### **THE “RIVER OF CAVES” TUBE FLOAT**

***This is where it all started!*** Ian Anderson’s first and still Belize’s longest and most spectacular “River of Caves” cave tubing float .. over 7 miles underground. Enter the exciting world of rivers disappearing into the underworld as you float on inner tubes with only your headlamp to light your way. Floating past side windows that filter the jungle light through the mist as you swirl around stalagmites jutting from the river and stalactites looming from above. Float past underground waterfalls then into the crystal cathedral, a spiritual center to the ancient Maya. Since Ian introduced Cave Tubing to Belize tourism, Cave Tubing has become Belize’s most popular adventure trip. The original and full 7 mile "River of Caves" tube float is only available through the Caves Branch Adventure Co. Some underground hiking and jungle trekking is necessary. Only available from July through

February but subject to cancellation from time to time due to seasonal high water.

Pre set departures dates from July to February.. subject to high water levels during the rainy season

Minimum 4. Maximum 8. \$95.00 per person

### **“RIVER OF CAVES TUBE FLOAT” AND “ZIP LINE” COMBO ADVENTURE**

Experience the full 7 mile float, only available through Caves Branch, then after lunch, experience the adrenaline rush on the new “Zip Line”

aerial adventure through the tree tops of the tropical rainforest. A special Adventure Combo only available at Caves Branch.

Pre set departures dates from July to February.. subject to high water levels during the rainy season

Minimum 4. Maximum 8. \$155.00 per person (\$55.00 surcharge to package pricing)

### **ZIP LINE ADVENTURE**

For those interested in staying dry, the canopy top ZIP LINE ADVENTURE is available as a trip in itself.

Minimum 4, no maximum. \$75.00 per person,

### **RIVER CAVE EXPEDITION**

***More underground rivers ..*** This time combine cave tubing and cave exploration to explore this incredible river cave system where ancient Maya Ceremonial centers, pottery, artifacts, altars, obsidian blood letting blades, jade and the actual footprints of the Shaman and priests dated to 400 A.D. are still seen. Spectacular crystal formations over 5,000,000 years old cast eerie shadows into the black abyss as you explore and experience the most sacred area of the ancient Maya. A living museum where the past can still be experienced in its historical and natural location. Massive cathedral

size chambers with walls of river sculptured rock dwarf explorers as we pass on foot and inner tube. Imagine the experience as we float through a cathedral and you turn off our lights ... leaving you with the sensation of floating in timelessness. This river cave expedition trip has proven to be the most popular of all Cave Branch trips.

Daily departures year round .. subject to high water levels during the rainy season.

Minimum 2. Maximum 8. \$85.00 per person.

## **WATERFALL CAVE EXPEDITION**

**Waterfalls .. waterfalls .. and more waterfalls.** Hundreds of feet under the limestone mountain ridge above, explore this river cave with a total of six waterfalls that must be challenged and conquered before days end. No cave tubing today. Spectacular crystal formations loom above and ancient Maya ceremonial centers are hidden in side chambers as you explore this mist shrouded kingdom. At the end of the day, a three kilometer hike through the forest where a driver will be waiting to bring you back to the lodge. This expedition has a very high difficulty level and all participants must be fit and agile.

Daily departures year round .. subject to high water levels during the rainy season.

Minimum 2. Maximum 6. \$90.00 per person.

## **LOST WORLD CAVE EXPEDITION**

If You Dare...enter into the world which was believed by ancient Mayan priests to be the "ENTRANCES TO THE UNDERWORLD".. the Realm .. the Domain .. **The Kingdom of their Gods .. XIBALBA.** Fighting the forces of the spirits left from a civilization lost, walk the actual steps that Mayan Shaman walked as they entered .. Xibalba. Feel the presence of the ancient Gods as we explore spectacular and awe filled crystal chambers that hold 2,000 year old Maya ceremonial centers. Fire pits, charcoal and ash, pottery, bowls, relics, alters, wall carvings, glyph writings and actual skeletal remains of sacrificial victims are found in various ceremonial caves. These caves are dry caves.

Daily departures year round, not subject to seasonal rains. Minimum 2.

Maximum 8. \$85.00 per person.

## **THE BLACK HOLE DROP**

Its now tried and tested and the results .. **SPECTACULAR, INCREDIBLE, A RUSH LIKE NO OTHER !!!**

The "Mother of all Caves" .. Actun Loch Tunich ! This expedition starts off with a vigorous hike into the foothills of the Maya Mountains. The edge of the Actun Loch Tunich sink hole sits over 300 feet above the basin below, 200 feet above the rainforest canopy that grows out from the sink hole basin. Our fully trained caving guides then rig a system of rappelling ropes for your decent to the basin below. The first 10 feet provides the adrenaline, the next 200 feet provides an

unforgettable experience and sights to behold, and the last 100 feet takes you down into and through the rainforest canopy. But before you start it all .. you might just throw up! The sink hole is not actually black, but you can't see the bottom from where you start. Once you're at the bottom, the question is .. How do we get you out??? Then a return hike out of the

foothills and a well deserved cold beer at camp. There is the Actun Loch Tunich river cave .. but no cave tubing. This expedition is not for the faint of heart and all participants must be relatively fit.

Daily departures year round, not subject to seasonal rains.

Minimum 2, Maximum 8 persons. \$105.00 per person

**OVERNIGHT CAVING EXPEDITIONS .. 2 days / 1 night** -Starting off on day one with the Black Hole drop. Once you are in the basin of the sink hole, your guides then lead you into the incredible rim stone dam entrance of the Actun Loch Tunich river cave system.

Camp is set up inside the entrance and dinner prepared. Then on to exploring the upper crystal chambers, ceremonial sites of the ancient Maya. With the campfire ablaze, you settle into a rest filled sleep as the sounds of the jungle eerily sift into the darkness of the cave and the mists of "Chac", the Mayan rain god, rise from the darkness below. The next morning, after a hardy breakfast, you trek down another 400 feet along cave cliff walls on routes of the ancient Maya to the Actun Loch Tunich underground river, with over 24 kilometers of mapped passageways, exploring in the steps of the ancient Maya, past bubbling springs and an underground waterfall. At the end of the second day, the problem still exists ... how do we get you out ? Regardless, we will still have a cold beer waiting for you back at the Lodge!

When exploring the Actun Loch Tunich River Cave, you do so by trekking, no cave tubing. This expedition is not for the faint of heart and all participants must be relatively fit.

Daily departures year round, seasonal rains could alter specific activities.

Minimum 2, Maximum 6. \$ 250.00 per person

### **LOST MAYAN RUIN EXPEDITION**

With local bushmen as your guides, explore the jungle searching for the "Lost Maya cities"...buried by the jungle for the last 1,400 years. Walk across the plaza where priests once dictated and stand on the palaces where kings once ruled. Listen to the eerie sounds of the jungle and try to hear the sounds of a civilization lost.

Daily departures year round, seasonal rains will not affect expedition.

Minimum 2. Maximum 8. \$85.00 per person.

### **JUNGLE SAFARI AFTER DARK**

Departing the Jungle Lodge after dinner, local bushmen guides will lead you through the jungle in search of many of the elusive animals that feed under the cover of darkness .. howler and spider monkey, gibbon, kinkajou, wild boar, deer, quash, armadillo, tarantulas, scorpions, leaf-cutter ants and of course .. snakes! On a number of outings since we opened the Lodge, even the elusive jaguar has been sighted as close as 2 minutes from the Lodge itself. An exciting and enthralling experience for all.

Nightly departures year round, full moon negatively effects possible number of animals seen.

Minimum 2. Maximum 6. \$30.00 per person.

### **JUNGLE TREKS**

A full day in pristine jungle with local bushmen guides. Learn many of the secrets that the jungle holds: natural medicines, herbs, barks and many plants that are still used today by natural healers throughout Central

America. Ancient ruins, burial sites and altars lurk below the shadows, hidden by time, as you trek through areas few have ever seen. Explore the Blue Hole River as it surges from below a 250ft cliff and take the opportunity for a refreshing dip in its aqua blue waters.

Daily departures year round, seasonal rain does not effect expedition.

Minimum 2, Maximum 8. \$75.00 per person.

## **BIRD WATCHING**

As the black sky greys and the jungle comes to life, you'll start your walk down our 1 k.m. drive that shares 3 different and distinctive birding habitats. It is not unusual to spot over 100 species over a couple of mornings. Morning bird watching run from dawn to 8:00 am (breakfast). See our full list of Caves Branch Birds on our website.

MORNINGS: No minimum , Maximum 6, \$35.00 per person

FULL DAYS: Minimum 2, Maximum 6, \$90.00 per person.

## **OVERNIGHT JUNGLE EXPEDITIONS**

2 full days and 1 night deep in pristine jungle...just what every adventurer needs to experience. Bushmen guides will take you out and teach you how to survive in the jungle on this mini jungle survival trek. Tents? Nope! Learn how to build your own shelter .. then sleep in it. Food? Well, we'll bring a bit, but for the rest .. learn where to find it in the jungle .. then learn how to cook it. Upset stomach? Possibly! Special herbs and barks make great medicinal tea. Participant must provide own full size back pack. All participants must be relatively fit.

Minimum 2. Maximum 6. \$250.00 per person.

## **RIVER KAYAKING**

One of the best rivers for kayaking in the country .. The Sibun .. with a full variety of waters and narrow enough to see all the wildlife and birdlife on offer. Take your time to stop and enjoy your surroundings throughout the day and take in the spectacular flora and fauna along this beautiful 8 mile run. Guided by natural history guides for your utmost enjoyment. One day and two day/overnight trips available. \* At various times of the year the Sibun might be have overly high or low water levels at which times the trips will take you to another river way.

**Minimum 2. Maximum 8. \$85.00 per person.**

## **MOUNTAIN ( JUNGLE ) BIKING**

Well, it's called mountain biking everywhere else in the world, but at Caves Branch we call it "Jungle Biking". 100 feet below the rainforest canopy, lush tropical forests surrounding you, magnificent cliff faces, breathtaking vistas .. 5 stream crossings most of the year in addition to learning about all the wonders of jungle life. Guided by jungle survival

guides. One day and two day/overnight trips available. If you are into mountain biking .. think "jungle adventure on wheels" !

**Minimum 2. Maximum 8. \$75.00 per person.**

## **"JUNGLE QUEST" EXPEDITION**

***This expedition is designed for the true adventurer***

The ULTIMATE CHALLENGE! This is a 4 day/3 night hard core adventure for the hardest and most adventurous people. No couch potatoes allowed. The 2 day Jungle Trek is just a teaser. This is "Jungle Survival" at a

premium. Leave the Jungle Lodge with only a Machete and your Bushman Guide. When you return... You will have proven yourself. **CERTIFICATES AWARDED** for accomplishment!

Participants must provide own full size backpack. This expedition is high on adventure and difficulty. All participants must be fit and adventurously aggressive.

**Minimum 2. Maximum 6. \$450.00 per person.**

### **ADDITIONAL TRIPS**

These full 1 day trips take you away from the Caves Branch Estate and includes transportation to and from each site, full lunch service, licensed guides, all entrance fees, bottled water and refreshments, accommodations and other meals where stated. All trips depart from and return to the Caves Branch Jungle Lodge.

### **THE BELIZE ZOO AND BABOON SANCTUARY**

Minimum 2. Maximum 6. \$95.00 per person.

### **CAHAL PECH & XUANANTUNICH MAYA RUINS**

Minimum 2. Maximum 6. \$95.00 per person

### **HORSE BACK RIDING**

along jungle trails, tropical rivers and Maya ruins. Spend time with John Carr of the Banana Bank Equestrian center and learn how the horses "whisper" !

Minimum 2. Maximum 6. \$95.00 per person

### **TIKAL, Guatemala, one day return to Caves Branch.**

Tikal, the Grandma Ma of all Mayan sites. Once the center of the Mayan civilization, we highly recommend this experience.

Minimum 2, \$150.00 per person

\* Tikal day trips are available as part of our packages with a surcharge of \$75.00 us per person.

### **SNORKELING DAY TRIPS**

Departing Caves Branch at 6:45 am for an incredible drive through the foothills of the Maya Mountains, arriving in the beach village of Hopkins by 8 am. One of our dive boats will take you to South water caye where your snorkel guides will meet you. Then on to the barrier reef for a two stop snorkel day on pristine barrier reef and stopping at one of the research stations along the reef for a familiarization tour of the stations. Returning to the main land beaches just after mid day. Spend the rest of the afternoon on the white sand beaches of Hopkins.

Departing from Hopkins to Caves Branch at approximately 4:30 pm. A full day of sand, sun and surf.

Minimum 2 persons, no maximum. \$75.00 us per person. Lunch not included

### **DIVING THE BARRIER REEF**

Following the same travel and time itinerary of the snorkelers, you are taken from Hopkins village directly to the barrier reef and two one tank dives at different dive locations along the reef. Spectacular diving on a part of the reef that sees very little dive tourism to date.

Minimum 2 persons, no maximum. \$95.00 us per person. Lunch not included.

### **A NOTE FROM IAN:**

“Ninety per cent of all our guests have never had either high adventure, caving nor jungle experience before coming to Caves Branch. We have taken children from the age of 6 years to seniors at the age of 76 years many of our expeditions but have on numerous occasions, refused participation to 20, 30 and 40 year olds. Age is not “necessarily” a deciding factor on our expeditions, however, a degree of fitness and most importantly, your sense of adventure is what will be the deciding factor.

From time to time, weather conditions will cause us to cancel or alter expeditions whose activities are subject to drastic changes in water levels. Safety is our highest priority and all decisions to cancel or alter activities due to potential weather changes are decisive and final.

All of the Caves Branch guides are re-certified each year in Cave and Wilderness Rescue and Wilderness First Responder Medic First Aid and are all founding members of the Belize Cave and Wilderness Rescue Team, created and solely sponsored by Caves Branch. Caves Branch, along with our medical director, Dr. Keith Brown and our rescue director, Mr. Bruce Hagen, has also created and sponsored the “Belize Institute of Wilderness and Tropical Medicine” as well as created, developed and solely sponsored the National Rescue organization, the “Belize Disaster and Rescue Response Team”. Every expedition that leaves Caves Branch has a back up to support the possibility of a potential injury. Each expedition is monitored by radio to within an hour of returning to base.

When planning Caving or Jungle expeditions in Belize, please ensure that you are with fully trained “caving / wilderness guides”. Ask for proof that they are fully certified in Cave and Wilderness Rescue and Wilderness First Responder Medic certification. Your life is in their hands.

### **What is your life worth?**

## **ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGES**

### **THREE NIGHT PACKAGE ..**

Three nights one of the jungle style accommodations

All meals from dinner incl. local juice, coffee and tea on arriving day to breakfast on departing day.

Choice of any 2 expeditions of one day OR 1 expedition of two days Overnight, Including all local drinks.

### **FOUR NIGHT PACKAGE**

Four nights one of the jungle style accommodations

All meals from dinner incl. local juice, coffee and tea on arriving day to breakfast on departing day.

Choice of any 3 expeditions of one day OR

1 expedition of two days / overnight and 1 expedition of one day. Including all local drinks .

### **FIVE NIGHT PACKAGE**

Five nights one of the jungle style accommodations

All meals from dinner incl. local juice, coffee and tea on arriving day to breakfast on departing day.

Choice of any 3 expeditions of one day OR

1 expedition of two days / overnight and 1 expedition of one day.

including all local drinks

### SIX NIGHT PACKAGE

Six nights one of the jungle style accommodations

All meals from dinner incl. local juice, coffee and tea on arriving day to breakfast on departing day.

Choice of any 4 expeditions of one day OR

1 expedition of two days / overnight and 2 expedition of one day.

including all local drinks

### SEVEN NIGHT PACKAGE

Seven nights one of the jungle style accommodations, All meals from dinner incl. local juice, coffee and tea on arriving day to breakfast on departing day. Choice of any 5 expeditions of one day OR 1 expedition of two days / overnight and 3 expedition of one day including all local drinks.

### HONEYMOONERS 5 NIGHT ADVENTURE

Complimentary drinks on arrival. Your first night in our private Cabana- or Treehouse Suite overlooking the sunset and the Caves Branch River then.....off into the abyss of the ancient Maya Gods where our guides will take you down 300 feet on rappelling rope into one of the most spectacular underground caverns found anywhere on the planet. Your honeymoon experience awaits deep within the underworld, alongside a subterranean bubbling spring and waterfall. We love surprising couples with a sensuous sanctuary of candles, champagne, delicious treats and a flower-strewn bed, but we can't tell you the rest. Be assured your honeymoon setting will be especially prepared for you to tantalize your senses for 24 hours of awesome adventure and eternal tranquility. Then back to Caves Branch Jungle Lodge for 3 more nights in our Cabana- or Treehouse Suite and 2 more adventures of your choice. All meals included an local drinks from dinner on arrival day to breakfast on day of departure.

### PACKAGE RATES

All pricing is per person based on double occupancy. **Hotel and Sales tax figures are not included in pricing below. The 2 bedroom Treehouse is based on Quad Occupancy.** Actual invoice upon confirmation of reservation will have these taxes added.

Room Type	3 night Package	4 night Package	5 night Package	6 night Package	7 night Package	Honeymoon Package
Cabana	\$482.55	\$672.18	\$775.45	\$965.09	\$1154.73	N/A
Bungalow	\$573.91	\$794.00	\$927.73	\$1147.82	\$1367.91	N/A
Suite	\$601.18	\$830.36	\$973.18	\$1202.36	\$1431.55	* \$2146.36
Treehouse	\$655.73	\$903.09	\$1064.09	\$1311.45	\$1558.82	*\$2428.18
2bdm Treehouse	\$546.64	\$757.64	\$882.27	\$1093.27	\$1304.27	N/A
Children 10-16	\$293.94	\$415.91	\$465.91	\$587.88	\$709.85	N/A
Children 9 under	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	N/A

Packages for single travelers, please add 50 % to above per person pricing.

No packages are available in the bunkhouse.

- Honeymoon Package: price listed is **per COUPLE**, not per person
- 2 bedroom Treehouse price is based on **Quad (4 person) occupancy**.

## **ADVENTURES IN EDUCATION**

### **Sibun .. Student Adventure Lodge**

Ian has opened a new and exciting Student Adventure Lodge on the banks of the Sibun River, nestled along the Sibun Forest Reserve, just a few miles from the Caves Branch Jungle Lodge. The Sibun student adventure lodge, with a 1200 sq ft lecture / dining hall, is specifically designed for providing educational and adventure experiences in rainforest biodiversity. AN exciting mix of education and adventure will provide your student group with an experience they will not ever forget. We also are working in conjunction with the Spanish Bay Marine Research Center to bring an jungle and marine combination of education and adventure. Contact us for all inclusive student adventure / educational packages.

### **“Belize Cave and Wilderness Rescue Team” Training Courses**

The creation of the "Belize Cave and Wilderness Rescue Team" the National Rescue Team, by Ian Anderson and Bruce Hagen, in 1996 is based at the Caves Branch Jungle Lodge has been tested and proven to be an intricate part of Belize Rescue and Relief as well as recognized by many other Search and Rescue organizations throughout the United States and Europe. While our guides are re-certifying each year, we open these training classes to general participants. For an incredible, once in a life time training experience .. training side by side with the national rescue team, contact us for more information.

### **“Belize Institute of Tropical and Wilderness Medicine” Training Courses**

All of Ian's guides are all rigorously and though trained as Wilderness First Responder Medics and are re-certified annually to American Medical Association ( A.M.A. ) standards. The establishment of the “Belize Institute of Tropical and Wilderness Medicine” at the Sibun Student Adventure Lodge has brought a higher standard of medical training to Belize and the opportunity for students from outside Belize to study wilderness Medicine where it really counts ..

In the wilderness !! We offer wilderness medical training twice each year. US. College credits issue by 6 US. Medical colleges. Contact us for more information.

**TRANSFERS:** Caves Branch.. The Jungle Lodge is located 12 miles south of Belmopan, the capital city, on the Hummingbird Highway and can be reached in 3 easily accessible ways: 1) your own automobile using the Hummingbird highway from Belmopan. 2) Bus service that runs from both Dangriga and Belize City, through Belmopan, 7 times daily. Ask to be dropped off at “Ian's Place in Caves Branch” or “the Jungle Lodge in Caves Branch”. Then walk in 15 minutes along our driveway to the Lodge. or 3) private transfers .. all following prices are one way trips to or from the stated cities to Caves Branch and are provided by private vehicle and driver. Transfers from individual resorts outside these areas may slightly change prices.

Belize City .. \$130.00

San Ignacio .. \$ 75.00

Placencia .. N/A-Contact Caves Branch for other travel options.

Dangriga .. \$120.00

Hopkins .. \$145.00

**Please note that the 10% GST tax is not included in these rates and is additional.**

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**CAVES BRANCH .. The ADVENTURE Co. & JUNGLE LODGE** is neither a sightseeing business nor a “Resort”! All of our expeditions are fairly strenuous and designed for the adventurous spirit. Our Jungle Lodge is located in the heart of the “Jungle”!

The **CAVES BRANCH JUNGLE LODGE** and surrounding areas are also considered home to many wild animals which do, from time to time, visit the guest areas.

### **CAVES BRANCH POLICIES.**

- **RESERVATIONS** can be made by phone, fax or by email, either by yourself or your travel agent. If the reservation is made by an individual booking for themselves, the space is blocked for 24 hours.
- During that time we ask that you send to us a deposit covering 50 % of your booking. If a deposit is not received within the 24 hour period, the blocked space will be released.
- **DEPOSITS** should be mailed to: “Caves Branch”, P.O. Box 356, Belmopan, Belize, Central America. We request a deposit of 50 % of your booking. The deposit can be made in the form of a personal cheque drawn on a US. account, bank draft, travelers cheques or certified cheque. All deposits must be in US. Dollars and are to be made out to “Caves Branch”. We do accept credit cards for deposits and final payment on site.
- **TRAVEL AGENTS AND WHOLESALERS** commissions are paid on all accommodations and expeditions and packages. Meals and transfers are not commissionable. Net payment to Caves Branch in full must be received 6 weeks before guests arrival. Exceptions for late bookings of course.
- **CANCELLATION** must be received in writing. Cancellations 60 days or more before arrival, 100 % refund less \$100.00 US processing fee. 60-45 days in advance of arrival, 50 % refund less \$100.00 processing fee . 44 days before arrival, no refund. Caves Branch can not be held responsible or liable for trip cancellations or altered itineraries due to reasons beyond our control. responsible or liable for trip cancellations or altered itineraries due to reasons beyond our control.
- **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** must be signed by each participant on every expedition while on sight at Caves Branch. All participants must acknowledge and accept responsibility that expeditions offered by Caves Branch contain a high element of potential risk and danger to ones well-being. Caving, jungle and

adventure activities, in themselves, due to the nature of the environment and activity, may result in injury or death.

- **CANCELLATION OR TRAVEL INSURANCE** We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that all travelers purchase Travel Insurance. This can be purchased directly from a link on our website or from any Travel Insurance Company you desire. With the times being of great uncertainty, it would be a shame for you to have to lose your deposits or portion of your payment due to sickness, airline cancellations or postponement, poor weather, etc., that are beyond your control or the control of Caves Branch. Once again, we **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** that all travelers to Caves Branch purchase travel insurance to cover medical and cancellation expenses.
- **GUARANTEE OF PARTICIPATION** cannot be made in advance for any person even if they have made a reservation and or made a deposit or made payment in full for any activity. Caves Branch Jungle Lodge, the management and their staff have the right to refuse participation of any person at any time for any reason due to their concern that the person's fitness or actions might put that person, or others, in harm's way. All decisions are final and not arbitrated. Our concern for your safety is our primary mandate. Alternative activities will be recommended if we feel that it would be better for your safety if you did not participate on a specific trip. We ask that you take these recommendations as being in your best interest. No one at Caves Branch is out to ruin your vacation, only to ensure it is as safe as can be expected.
- **CHILDREN**, as any adult, will not be guaranteed participation in any activity unless the staff of Caves Branch approve their participation. Age is not necessarily a deciding factor but our concerns are strictly for your child's safety. If your child listens well and follows instructions, does not get bored or fidgety easily, does not whine and is fairly fit, then there should not be a problem.
- **FAMILY RATES:** Families staying at Caves Branch with children will be offered the following discounts: Children 9 years of age and less, when staying with parents, will stay, eat and participate on activities (when approved to participate) at no charge. Students 10 - 17 years of age, we offer specially priced packages when staying with parents. Persons 18 years and older will be charged rates as adults.
- **DAY TRIPS ONLY:** If you are staying at another location and are coming to Caves Branch for a day trip, "All children" up to the age of 17 will receive a 10 % discount on all day trips. Ages 18 and above will be priced as adults.
- **STUDENT PACKAGES:** Discounted student group packages available. We look forward to hosting educational or research groups. Please allow us the opportunity to put an incredibly exciting combined adventure and educational Reef and Rainforest package together for your group. Thank you.

#### **MANDATORY CLOTHING:**

**NOTE: No TIVA'S, FLIPFLOPS, SANDALS, DIVE BOOTIES OR ANY TYPE OF OPEN SKIN FOOTWEAR are allowed on any expedition !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**All river cave expeditions:** Hiking boots / well treaded sneakers, shorts and t-shirt, sturdy day back pack

**All dry cave expeditions:** Hiking boots / well treaded sneakers, long pants and long sleeve shirt, sturdy day back pack

**All jungle expeditions:** Hiking boots / well treaded sneakers, long pants, long sleeve shirt and mosquito repellent, sturdy day back pack

**All rappelling expeditions:** Hiking boots / well treaded sneakers, long pants, long sleeve shirt and mosquito repellent, sturdy day back pack

**Kayaking expeditions:** Due to being under the sun most of the day in a large cockpit Kayak, we require all guests doing Kayaking to wear a light weight long sleeve shirt, light weight long pants, a cap with a peak, sunglasses, tennis shoes or river shoes and to ensure copious amounts of sunscreen.

**All over night expeditions:** Hiking boots, long pants, long sleeve shirt, mosquito repellent, one full change of cloths, full size back pack. Caves Branch provides headlamps.

Those that are Caves Branch Lodge guests need to bring mosquito repellent and a flashlight / headlamp with them.

**Day Trips Only:** Those guests only on day trips at Caves Branch should bring an extra full change of cloths to get changed into at the end of the day before returning to their hotel.

**Important Note:**

**Due to our concern for YOUR safety, those not prepared with mandatory clothing will not be allowed to participate on any adventure.**

If your foot wear is determined by Caves Branch to not be up to standard to provide a safe trip, we do rent hiking boots at a nominal charge of \$5.00 per day, however, we only have a limited supply of various sizes. Please remember, all expeditions at Caves Branch require a minimum of well treaded sneakers and we recommend HIKING BOOTS.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us at your earliest convenience. We all look forward to personally meeting you and having you stay with us at Caves Branch .

Sincerely,  
*Ian and the Caves Branch Team.*