

Vacation Escapes

Finding Beauty And Adventure Off The Beaten Path In Belize

(NAPSA)—Families seeking a vacation that combines the best of adventure and relaxation may want to consider the Central American nation of Belize, just a two-hour plane trip from the continental U.S.



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Belize's beautiful beaches and blue Caribbean Sea combine with rainforest adventures, culture and wildlife for an ideal vacation spot.

Nestled between Mexico and Guatemala, Belize is an English-speaking, safe and friendly destination, known for its spectacular snorkeling and diving on the western hemisphere's longest barrier reef. Over 40 percent of Belize is nature and wildlife preserves and its rainforest interior is home to more Mayan sites than anywhere else in the world.

Families can visit butterfly farms, explore ancient caves on foot or in the comfort of an inner tube, canoe winding rivers, or visit the Belize Zoo for a glimpse at some unusual creatures. For marine activities, Belize offers diving, snorkeling and manatee watching. And no trip is complete without a visit to the Shark/Ray Alley to snorkel with docile nurse sharks and rays.

Accommodations range from luxurious jungle lodges, to quaint bed and breakfast inns, to beach-front thatched roof cabanas and family resorts.

For more information, visit www.travelbelize.org or call 800-624-0686.