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BELIZE: RAINFOREST TO REEF

NOVEMBER 9-16, 2019
Day 1 (Sat, Nov 9) ~ Arrival/ Cayo & Orange Walk Border (Chan Chich Lodge)
Upon arrival to Belize International Airport, you'll be met for your ground transfer to Chan Chich Lodge (transfer time approximately 3-4 hrs). Set within a 3,000-year-old Maya plaza and surrounded by 500,000 acres of conservation land, Chan Chich Lodge is home to over 370 species of tropical birds. In addition to top-notch birding, Chan Chich is noted as one of the world’s best places to spot Jaguars, Pumas and Ocelots in their natural habitat.
Accommodations: Chan Chich Lodge – Garden Cottage
Meals: Dinner

Day 2 (Sun, Nov 10) ~ Cayo & Orange Walk Border (Chan Chich Lodge)
Wake early this morning for your Escarpment Bird of Prey Tour. Sitting over 900 feet above sea level, the upper escarpment is one of the highest points on the property and worth it for the breathtaking vista alone. The high elevation and broad field of view allow birders glimpses of various raptors and vultures that soar the area’s thermals. Black-and-White Hawk-Eagles and White Hawks are common to the area. After breakfast back at the lodge, enjoy a mid-morning Archaeology Tour of a 3,000-year-old Maya Plaza and Jungle Canopy Birding this afternoon.
Accommodations: Chan Chich Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 (Mon, Nov 11) ~ Cayo & Orange Walk Border (Chan Chich Lodge)
Full day of birding at Chan Chich. Enjoy sights and sounds of the rainforest this evening during your Jungle Night Safari.
Accommodations: Chan Chich Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4 (Tues, Nov 12) ~ Cayo & Orange Walk Border (Chan Chich Lodge)
Today’s activities will be based on the group’s interests and sightings so far at the lodge. For those interested, a photography lesson is available. Your last day at Chan Chich ends with sunset birding at Laguna Verde.
Accommodations: Chan Chich Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 (Wed, Nov 13) ~ Lamanai Ruins & Chunox Village (Orchid Bay Resort)
After a final breakfast at the lodge, check out and then private road transfer to Orchid Bay Resort with a stop at Lamanai Ruins en route for birding and exploring. Enjoy a Welcome Cocktail this evening at Orchid Bay. Located in Northern Belize, Orchid Bay Resort is perched at the edge of a marine biosphere reserve featuring powdery soft white sand and serene Caribbean waters.
Accommodations: Orchid Bay Resort – Beach Cabana w/ King Bed
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6 (Thurs, Nov 14) ~ Belize Barrier Reef (Orchid Bay Resort)
Travel by speedboat to the border of Mexico and Belize and carefully navigate a channel built by Mayan hands to the most isolated portion of the Belize Barrier Reef. Snorkel with an array of tropical fish and reef species before exploring exotic sandbars.
Accommodations: Orchid Bay Resort
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 (Fri, Nov 15) ~ Cerros Ruins & New River (Orchid Bay Resort)
Enjoy an early morning birding excursion to Cerros Mayan Ruins, a unique waterfront Mayan site located near Chetumal Bay and the mouth of the New River. After birding and picnic breakfast at Cerros, continue birding at Chetumal Bay and up the New River by boat. In addition to a wide variety of birds, New River is also home to crocodiles, manatees, and more. The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy your last full day in Belize.
Accommodations: Orchid Bay Resort
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8 (Sat, Nov 16) ~ Departure
Private transfer to Belize International Airport in time for your flight home.
Meals: Breakfast

Price: $2795* per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement: $775*.

Package includes accommodations, meals starting with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 8, private ground transportation, local naturalist guides, full-time trip host from Denver Audubon, activities, and entrance fees as listed. A donation to support Denver Audubon will be made on behalf of all participants.

Exclusions: international airfare, passport/visa fees, optional activities, travel insurance, items of a personal nature, and gratuities.

*Pricing and availability are subject to change without notice until booked and deposit received. A 3% discount will be applied to payments by check.