Jungle Adventure + Island Paradise = The Best of Both Worlds in Belize!

Maya Archaeological Sites with Remarkable Geology and Ecology of Rainforest and Marine Environments

In the footsteps of the ancient Maya, we visit their magical temple complexes, explore their bountiful rainforests, and enter their ceremonial underground cave systems. We will visit the majestic Tikal on a day trip to Guatemala. We depart the jungle for a private-island paradise to experience the magnificent coral reefs. The brilliant colors of the water distinctly change hues with the geology below. There are many types of geologic formations along the coastline of Belize. Each houses a unique ecosystem, with different varieties of corals, sponges, crustaceans, mollusks and fishes native to the Caribbean. The vibrant marine life can be viewed by leisurely snorkeling. (No SCUBA diving on this trip.)

Trip leaders are archaeologist Dirk Van Tuerenhout, Ph.D., HMNS curator who has participated in excavations in Belize, marine geologist André Droxler, Ph.D. of Rice University’s Department of Earth Science and Baker Institute who has spent his career studying coral reefs and global change, and Amy Featherston Potts who has produced numerous Museum trips in her tenure as Director of Adult Education.

In this exclusive trip offered to HMNS, Dr. Droxler will take our group to the private-island research center at South Water Caye that, until now, has only been shared with his students and fellow researchers. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit research sites with a researcher who will explain the geology of the majestic reefs and coastlines.

Register by October 18 for Members-only early-bird discount.
The Lodge at Chaa Creek, San Ignacio

Our home base for our inland rainforest Maya adventure is Chaa Creek which sits on a lush, private 400-acre nature reserve along the Macal River at the foothills of the Maya Mountains. The palm-thatched cottages are furnished with hand-crafted furniture and fine tilework that complement the natural beauty of the jungle surroundings.

Each cottage features a private veranda with hammocks to enjoy the soothing sights and sounds of the rainforest. The spacious cottages with high ceilings are cooled by the breeze flowing through the screened windows. The staff, some of whom are Maya, maintains the resort in an eco-friendly, sustainable way, including growing farm-to-table organic foods prepared for your meals. The cottages are spaciously spread out around the common areas of the dining room, pool and bar.

Complimentary WiFi is available in the common areas. Let the sounds of nature lull you to sleep. Wake up to Mother Nature’s alarm clocks: the howler monkeys as they greet the rising sun, and each other.

Pelican Beach Resort on South Water Caye

Our home for our island expedition is Pelican Beach Resort on the southern end of South Water Caye. This idyllic private island is one of the few off Belize that sits right atop the barrier reef. One can step off the beach and snorkel amongst coral and brightly colored fish. The grounds and beaches are impeccably maintained and shaded with coconut and other trees of the Caribbean.

South Water Caye is in the middle of Belize’s largest marine protected area, the South Water Caye Marine Reserve. The trip package includes a marine reserve fee to help protect and manage Belize’s largest marine protected area. The entire property is wind and solar powered in a commitment to manage the island, in perpetuity, in a sound and environmentally-friendly way. Rice University and the Smithsonian are among the research institutions who study at South Water Caye.

Each room has a view of the water. Ceiling fans and screened windows make the rooms comfortable. Complimentary WiFi is available in the main lodge.

Accommodation Upgrades

Cottages at South Water Caye are available as an upgrade to the base price of the trip ($375 per person double occupancy). A very limited number of luxury villas with air conditioning are available. These are first come first serve.
Detailed Itinerary

Day 1, April 1: HOU - BZE, Arrive at Chaa Creek

We depart for our Maya expedition from Houston where you will meet the group at Houston Hobby airport. Your direct flight from Hobby to Belize is included in your trip package. Upon arrival in Belize City, we drive two hours inland on the Hummingbird Highway to The Lodge at Chaa Creek in a 400-acre nature reserve near San Ignacio. A welcome dinner awaits upon our arrival.

Day 2, April 2: Maya Mounds and Nature Hike, Medicine Trail and Butterfly Center

Our first full day at Chaa Creek will find us hiking with our local guides. Immersed in lush tropical foliage on well-maintained trails, you will experience the rainforest in which the Maya thrived centuries ago and built their cities. Along the trails, your guide will introduce you to medicinal plants and herbs used in traditional Maya medicine and utilitarian purposes of everyday life. While enjoying the fragrance of forest flowers, you will also see flashes of color as tropical birds fly by and different species of iguana scamper by. Stops will include the onsite natural history center to see artifacts and specimens found at Chaa Creek, as well as the greenhouse that rears butterflies that are important to the educational story of this ecosystem.

Day 3, April 3: Xunantunich and Cahal Pech Maya Temple Complexes

This morning we head to the Classic Period site Xunantunich or “Maiden of the Rock” which we will reach by hand-cranked ferry across the Mopan River.

Xunantunich was a major Maya ceremonial center. One of the tallest buildings in Belize is its pyramid named El Castillo, which rises 40 meters above plaza level and offers an impressive view of the entire river valley. The pyramid supports two temples. From the top one can see far into both Belize and Guatemala. The lower temple is famous for its large stucco frieze. It contains a large mask with big ears, probably representing the sun god. Next to this mask, there is a moon sign with a border of symbols representing Venus.

After a traditional pibil lunch at Benny’s Kitchen, we head to another famous Maya site: Cahal Pech. The site center contains 34 structures located around several courtyards, including temple pyramids and residential buildings. There are also two ball courts, eight stelae and one altar. Preliminary investigations carried out in 1988 revealed that Cahal Pech was settled by 1200 BC and abandoned around 850 AD, making Cahal Pech one of the earliest Maya sites in Belize. A carved monument discovered here is the earliest carved stela yet discovered in the eastern Maya lowlands.
Day 4, April 4: Barton Creek Cave Canoeing (or Optional ATM), afternoon free to choose activity

Today we explore a stunning Maya ceremonial cave by canoe—an introduction to one of Belize’s most fascinating natural and cultural wonders. The Maya thought of caves as passageways to the underworld, and thus held them sacred. Cenotes, or sinkholes, formed as the abundant rainfall dissolved and collapsed the limestone surface, exposing underground rivers. We will float on the meandering river through Barton Creek Cave for about one mile through the beautiful cathedral-like chambers with glittering stalactites and stalagmites. Along the way, you will also pass splendid waterfalls.

Return to Chaa Creek for lunch and spend an afternoon enjoying an activity of your choice. (Options listed on page 10.) Or, you may choose to picnic at Barton Creek followed by a rainforest zipline adventure at Calico Jacks.

Optional Actun Tunichil Muknal (all day, instead of Barton Creek)
Those who are agile and physically capable hikers and swimmers can choose to forego Barton Creek for an all-day adventure to Actun Tunichil Muknal cave system, known as ATM. The adventure includes a 5-mile hike, 3 river crossings, entering the cave by swimming, rock climbing and slick surfaces. The highlight is viewing the Crystal Maiden, a young Maya female who was laid to rest inside the cave and whose body is now encrusted with crystal-like cave deposits. As you get close to her resting place, you must take off your shoes and wear socks on your feet. No cameras of any kind are allowed in this cave. The privilege of the public entering this cave is not expected to last into perpetuity as conservation is a priority. This full-day adventure will bring you back to Chaa Creek in the afternoon. +$225

Optional Rainforest Zip Line (afternoon, following Barton Creek)
Zip lining is an exhilarating experience with spectacular views and a perspective you can’t get by any other means. Soaring through the subtropical jungle of Belize on the country’s longest aerial runway gives you a bird’s eye view of the rainforest. Calico Jacks is acknowledged as a safe zip line, double cabled, and built to exceed conventional standards. You will have fun and excitement with peace of mind for your safety. Three different courses of different lengths and difficulties are available so everyone can give this a try. This option includes a picnic lunch before leaving Barton Creek for Calico Jacks. +$175

Note: Those participating in ATM cave option will not be able to participate in Rainforest Zip line today, but can on day 6.
Day 5, April 5: Guatemala day trip to Tikal

Tikal is the crown jewel of Maya archaeological sites with massive temples rising 230 feet out of the dense jungle in northern Guatemala. As the largest excavated site on the American continent, over 3,000 structures have been documented. The National Park has been fascinating visitors with its stunning beauty and sheer grandeur in the lush jungle of Guatemala’s Petén department. The beautiful architecture and scale of impressive buildings are connected by wide causeways.

This sprawling ancient Maya city flourished during the Maya Classic Period of 200 to 800 AD. Tikal was the most important city-state in the Maya region, bouncing back from defeat by rivals Calakmul and Caracol.

At its height the city of Tikal was home to more than 100,000 people. This estimate is bound to go up as recent Lidar surveys uncovered a vast network of unexplored structures in the surrounding jungle. The city was protected by earthworks and swamps. Far from any rivers, Tikal maintained an elaborate water reservoir system, still present today. Tikal’s vast realm declined in the late 800s, victim to rivalries with other major Maya cities and changing climate conditions.

Tikal National Park is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site with 222 square miles of natural beauty and home to many exotic animals, including tapirs, jaguars, crocodiles, cougars, howler monkeys, spider monkeys, coatis and other species, as well as a colorful assortment of birds.

After crossing the border into Guatemala, we travel 2 hours by coach. Today’s Tikal experience will begin at the Tikal Museum where artifacts found at the site are on display and houses a new lab where researchers are working on conservation efforts. Following lunch at El Meson, we will visit several portions of the site. If you are up for a long ascent of 187 feet, climb Temple IV and find yourself above the jungle canopy.

The gift shop here has Guatemalan pottery, jewelry, wood carvings, traditional clothing and t-shirts. We return to Belize for dinner at Chaa Creek.
Day 6, April 6: Canoe to Cayo Market, Chocolate Demonstration, afternoon free to choose activity

Local market days are great opportunities to experience Belizean life and color, and this is certainly true of the Cayo district where every Saturday the market area comes alive with its own multicultural blend of colors, sounds, flavors and foodstuffs. This is the day when farmers and almost everyone comes into San Ignacio town to buy, sell, trade, gossip and generally catch up.

If you want to experience real Western Belize life, this is the place, and what a pleasant, heady experience it is. Vendors from nearby and remote communities contribute to the melodic mix of Maya, Creole, English and Spanish, while Mennonite farmers can be heard conversing in German.

Our market day experience begins with a picturesque, downstream canoe trip down the meandering Macal River where a variety of birds and exotic jungle life can be seen along the verdant banks.

The canoe landing is adjacent to the marketplace where our guide will familiarize us with the area and then lead us to a special chocolate demonstration. After lunch at Guava Limb Café, the group will disperse to experience the vibrant market at your own pace.

In addition to local market staples such as fruits and vegetables, there are also dried fruits, homemade cereals and condiments, Maya herbal remedies, arts and crafts, clothing and tropical plants to be found. A number of local shops are all nearby, many located in the pedestrian walkway for ease of shopping.

There will be a few different pick up times by Chaa Creek vans so you can spend the amount of time you wish in town.

The rest of the afternoon is free for you to do the final activities of your choice at Chaa Creek, or Optional Zip Line if you missed it on day 4. (Options listed on page 10.)
Day 7, April 7: Cenote Cave Tubing, Water Taxi to South Water Caye, Arrive at Pelican Beach Resort

An intricate part of the Maya religion and culture, caves were used as places of worship and burial. Pottery shards and the occasional burial have been encountered deep inside Maya cave systems.

This adventure at Caves Branch combines cave tubing and exploration. You will be dazzled by spectacular crystal formations over 5,000,000 years old, casting shadows into the abyss as you explore and experience the most sacred area of the ancient Maya. Most of the cave-dwelling bats will be sleeping above, but we will spot a few flitting around.

After we change into dry clothes we enjoy a picnic lunch on the way to Dangriga to meet our water taxi. Our one-hour voyage brings us to South Water Caye, our private-island paradise. After checking into Pelican Beach Resort, we will meet on the beach to test our snorkeling equipment so we are ready for our barrier reef expedition the following day.

Enjoy sundowners and watch the brilliant sunset from the palapa-thatched observation deck. Dinner will be served at the main lodge where we will also have an orientation of South Water Caye and briefing of the next day’s activities.

While based at South Water Caye, we will explore diverse locations including a lagoon reef, the inner and outer sides of a barrier reef, atolls, drop off, mangrove system, rhomboid shoals dating to the Holocene, and slumped mangrove peat (known locally as the “sinkholes”). Our group is snorkeling only. (SCUBA diving is not an option.)

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the underwater world with an expert who will explain the history and formation of islands and reefs, as well as their future and evolving ecology.

Day 8, April 8: Inner and Outer Barrier Reef

Belize boasts the longest stretch of coral in the western hemisphere—the Earth’s 2nd longest barrier reef. The immense biodiversity of Belize’s barrier reef includes 65 species of stony coral and 500 species of fish. The reefs we will visit are not in deep water and can be enjoyed while leisurely snorkeling.
Today we start our marine exploration with the barrier reef. We will witness varieties of corals, sponges, crustaceans, mollusks and fishes native to the Caribbean. In the morning we will explore the inner reef. We will return to South Water Caye for lunch and siesta before heading out in the afternoon to the outer reef.

**Day 9, April 9: Glover’s Reef World Heritage Site, Atoll and Rhomboids, Optional Night Snorkel**

Belize has 3 of the 4 Caribbean atolls, created from eroded coral over many centuries. One of the notable sites in Belize is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Glover’s Reef, a protected marine nature preserve well known for rich diversity of marine life and importance as a spawning area and nursery. The research station there is operated by the Wildlife Conservation Society and has hosted over 200 scientific expeditions by numerous institutions since opening in 1997. In 2002 Glover’s Reef was declared a marine sanctuary and closed to fishing because of its importance to sustaining marine life, including sea turtles.

We will also visit the Drop Off, a spectacular ridge where the water turns dark blue with the sudden increase in depth.

**Optional Night Snorkel**

Explore the reef at night with flashlights to see nocturnal marine life. You may catch a look at octopus, squid, crab, lobster and eel. **+$80**

**Day 10, April 10: Lagoon Reef and Mangrove System, Farewell Celebration Dinner**

The mangrove system plays the critical role of nursery for young fish and eggs. As the mangroves provide protection to the reef from disturbance, many of these areas have been invaded by corals, forming a remarkable place to observe marine life. The mangrove cayes amaze scientists with their biologically productive habitats.

Not only will you will see signs of erosion, you will witness the remarkable recovery of corals after devastating disease.

As we leisurely snorkel past corals and sponges, keep a watchful eye for beautiful feather duster worms, starfish, sea urchins, sea anemones, rays and sharks. Several varieties of parrotfish, snapper and butterfly fish are among the numerous vibrant fishes that will swim in and around corals, grasses and mangroves.
We will stop to observe Man-O-War Caye, an island covered in tall red mangroves. This crown bird sanctuary is a nesting habitat that supports up to 350 nesting birds, including the magnificent frigate birds and brown boobies.

A festive Belizian celebration will be hosted on our final evening together.

**Day 11, April 11: Depart South Water Caye, BZE - HOU**

Today we enjoy breakfast at South Water Caye and then board our water taxi to return to the mainland. Lunch will be at Pelican Beach Resort’s sister resort in Dangriga. From there we will drive two hours to the airport in Belize City for our return flight to Houston Hobby.

**But wait, there's more...**

**Early Bird Watching Tour – Chaa Creek**  
*Day 2-6 (April 2-6), 6:30 - 8:00 a.m., limited to groups of 8, sign-up with concierge for your preferred day*

With 308 species of resident and migratory birds, the Chaa Creek Nature Reserve features some of the best bird watching in Belize. The Early Bird Watching tour will take you around the 400-acre private nature reserve where professional naturalist guides, who are trained and knowledgeable birders, will assist you in spotting many of the tropical avian species that abound in western Belize.

The varied topography and vegetation makes Belize abundantly rich in a variety of ecosystems that provide sustainable habitats for an enormous number of local and migratory bird species. Birds of Belize that you may see on this walk include the keel-billed toucan, rufous-tailed hummingbird, pale-billed woodpecker, violaceous trogan, grey-necked wood-rail, thick-billed seed finch, collared forest falcon, and a host of parrot species, as well as the blue crowned motmot whose gentle “hoot-hoot” pays homage to Kinich Ahau, the Maya sun god.

**Night Hike – Chaa Creek**  
*Day 2-6 (April 2-6), 8:00 - 9:00 p.m., limited to groups of 8, sign-up with concierge for your preferred day*

Experience the undiscovered side of the rainforest! Our experienced and knowledgeable naturalist guides will take you through trails populated by ocelots, howler monkeys, tarantulas, patoos, jaguarundis and other intriguing rainforest residents.

The exotic beauty of the tropical night comes alive with troops of fireflies dancing through the trees, decorating the river valley below. The light from your headlamp may capture a surprised inhabitant, while a special ultraviolet light illuminates phosphorescent insects busy at work. Look out for armadillos scampering through the bushes searching for food.

When the sun goes down the night comes to life with the sounds of chirping crickets, hooting owls, croaking toads and barking kinkajous filling the rainforest. In the canopy above, howler monkeys live up to their name as they let their fellow primates – including us – know where they are.
Afternoon Options – Chaa Creek
Days 4 and 6 (April 4 & 7), $ = additional fee paid to Chaa Creek

- Horseback Riding, guided $
- RTV Rainforest Safari, guided $
- Maya Organic Farm, guided via vehicle/horse/RTV $
- Mountain Biking, self-guided
- Infinity pool
- Hiking, self-guided
- Spa $
- Canoe on the Macal River, self-guided
- Botanical Gardens, guided via river tubing/vehicle $

Kayaking – Pelican Beach Resort
Day 7-10 (April 7-10), Complimentary, No Reservations Required
Based on kayak availability. Enjoy a trip around our private island at sunset.

Fishing – Pelican Beach Resort
Day 7-10 (April 7-10), Complimentary, No Reservations Required
Hand lines are provided for fishing right off the docks.

Physical Requirements
- Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible to assist them.
- This trip requires physical independence and mobility. Participants should be in good physical condition and capable of traversing unpaved steep terrain and swimming independently in open water.
- Participants are responsible for carrying their own luggage and belongings.
- Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motor coaches, vans and small boats alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion, as well as climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance.
- Unfortunately, handicap accessibility is not available at all sites.
- In case of an emergency situation, any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair, shellfish allergy) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. This includes allergies, dietary restrictions, as well as mental, mobility, vision and hearing impairments.
- If asked, participants will provide a written release from your doctor stating your level of physical fitness or mental health is adequate for this trip.
- Notify travel@hmns.org to inquire about accommodations that are necessary for you to enjoy the tour prior to registration.

Specific to snorkeling, participants should be:
- Comfortable swimming in open water.
- Experienced with snorkeling equipment: mask, snorkel, fins.
- Capable to put on mask, snorkel, fins in the water with no assistance.
- Capable to climb up ladder from water and into boat with no assistance.
Participant Requirements, Responsibilities & Notices

- A passport valid until October 2019 is required. At this time there are no visa requirements for travelers with US passports to Belize or Guatemala.
- Participants must be self-sufficient and are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and courteous manner.
- The minimum age of participant for this trip is 15 years. Each minor must be accompanied by an adult guardian. Guardians are responsible for the supervision and safety of their minors.
- Participants should be observant and respectful of trip guides and leaders for the safety and enjoyment of the group.
- As their guests, adhere to our hotels’ environmental requests, particularly water usage and waste disposal.
- Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted during group activities. All hotel rooms and indoor facilities are smoke-free. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas.
- Illegal substances and firearms are not allowed.
- Prior to trip, participants must complete HMNS Release and Consent form.
- Participants will meet for group flight at Houston Hobby airport. All ground transportation in Belize and Guatemala is included in the trip package. You must make own arrangements for parking/ride to/from Hobby airport.
- Room configuration cannot be guaranteed. We will try to accommodate preferences of one queen bed or two twin beds. Rooms will be assigned based on order of registration and availability.
- No partial refunds will be made for missed activities. Participants who are late and miss the departure time may not be able to join the group later in the day.
- The itinerary is subject to change due to weather, unforeseen events and conditions beyond our control.
- Optional excursions booked through Chaa Creek Lodge may be subject to minimum/maximum numbers. It is advisable to pre-book these by February 1, 2019.
- Most of the group meals are prix fixe. Please alert HMNS Staff upon registration of any food allergies or dietary restrictions so accommodations can be made.
- HMNS does not offer travel insurance, but will send our suggested provider and coverage package upon registration.

Advisory
Trip guides and leaders have the right to deny a participant’s participation in an activity if felt safety of the participant and safety of others could be compromised. You should only sign up for this trip if you are confident you are capable of the physical requirements and responsibilities listed above.

Eco-Conscious Lodging
Being eco-friendly is not a nicety in Belize. It is an absolute necessity. Things taken for granted by most travelers are scarce resources in Belize. As their guests, adhere to our hotels’ environmental requests, particularly water usage and waste disposal.

WiFi & Cell Service
Complimentary WiFi is available at both resorts in the common areas. WiFi is also available in Chaa Creek accommodations. All travelers are required to download What’s App for group announcements via WiFi on your smart phone. Cell service is not reliable, but signal is sometimes available. Chaa Creek’s front desk has a Vonage phone where guests can make complimentary international calls.

Laundry
Next-day laundry service is available at Chaa Creek.
Tipping
All expected tips are included in this tour package. Additional tipping can be made to the resort managers. It is customary at both resorts that all tips are fairly divided among frontline and back-of-house staff.

Non-Snorkelers
A limited number of spots may be available for Maya Jungle portion only for those who do not want to do the Island Snorkel portion. Check with travel@hmns.org for availability and more information.

Collecting
It is illegal to take archaeological artifacts and organic materials outside of Belize. This includes shells, corals, sponges, animals (dead or living), leaves, seeds, plants, soil, fruit.

Pricing
• $5,695 per person double occupancy
• $4,495 Single supplement for those registering as a single traveler
• Cottage upgrades at Pelican Beach Resort for an additional $375 per person double occupancy, limited availability
• Limited number of luxury villa upgrades at Chaa Creek Lodge available. These include air conditioning and private pool.
• 3rd or 4th persons in a room receive a discount of $1,500 off of the double occupancy rate, and do not need to pay for cottage upgrade if applicable.
• Those registering by October 18, 2018 will receive an early-bird discount of $250 per person. This is available to HMNS Members only.

Price Does Not Include
• Adult beverages
• Optional Excursions that require an additional payment (page 10)
• Additional tip of your choosing to treat local drivers and guides

Price Includes
• Round-trip airfare HOU-BZE
• All meals (10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners)
• Tips for guides, drivers, service staff
• Hotel accommodations for 10 nights
• Printed fish, bird and guide sheets (1 per room)
• Ground transportation in Belize
• All activities included unless noted in Optional Excursion listing
• Accompanying experts: Dr. André Droxeuer, Rice University Marine Geologist & Dr. Dirk Van Tuerenhout, HMNS Curator of Anthropology
• Admissions and fees for group activities listed in the itinerary

Registration
Registration requires a deposit of $1,000 per person, completed registration form (page 14) and copy of your passport. By registering, you understand and agree to the Participant Requirements, Responsibilities and Notices (pages 10-11), and Registration and Cancellation Information (page 13) of this document. Availability and room preference is based by order of registration. Final payment is required by December 5, 2018.
Cancellation Information

- Deposits for registration are nonrefundable.
- For cancellations prior to the final payment date of December 5, 2018, a 100% refund of the full trip payment less the $1,000 nonrefundable deposit will be issued.
- For cancellations between December 5, 2018 and February 1, 2019, a 50% refund of the full trip payment less the $1,000 nonrefundable deposit will be issued. After February 1, 2018, no refunds are available for cancellations. If the trip sells out and your canceled spot is filled by another traveler, a refund of your previously forfeited 50% of your full trip payment less the $1,000 nonrefundable deposit will be issued.
- A minimum of 16 registered participants by November 15, 2018 is required for this trip.
- If for any reason HMNS must cancel this trip, 100% of deposits and final payments will be refunded.

Packing List

- Smart phone with What’s App
- Sun hat with chin strap for sun protection
- Snorkeling equipment: mask, snorkel, fins, water shoes
- Waterproof sunscreen
- Lightweight dive skin or rash guard with long sleeves and long pants (a traditional neoprene wetsuit is not necessary and will be too hot)
- Bathing suit and cover up
- Dry pack
- Gear pack for snorkeling equipment
- Insect repellant with DEET
- Sea sickness/motion sickness medication if prone to motion sickness
- UV sunglasses with strap
- Water shoes/sandals
- Waterproof flashlight
- Underwater camera that you are experienced using
- US dollars are accepted at most businesses for souvenirs
- Pack-a-Pound – you are encouraged to pack school supplies which Chaa Creek distributes to nearby schools in need
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Name as it appears on passport: ______________________________________________________________________
I do not yet have a valid passport.
Passport expiration date: ___________________________ Enclosed/attached is a copy of my passport.
e-mail address: ___________________________________________ HMNS Membership #: ________
Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: _____________________________ Cell Phone: _____________________________
Dietary Restrictions / Allergies / Physical Limitations / Medical Conditions / Mental Limitations:
__________________________________________________________________________________________

Room Selection
☐ Double Room Occupancy Rate: $5,695 (2 queen beds at Chaa Creek, 2 double beds at Pelican Beach Resort)
Roommate Name: ____________________________________ (must fill out separate registration form)
☐ 3rd: ____________________________________ ☐ 4th: ____________________________________
Additional 3rd and 4th persons in a room receive a discount of $1,000 each off of the double occupancy rate.
☐ Single Room Occupancy Supplement: + $4,495 - I wish to have my own room and will pay the Single
Supplement of $4,495 in addition to the double occupancy rate.
☐ I’d like to upgrade to cottage at Pelican Beach Resort for additional $375 per person double occupancy.
☐ I’m interested in the luxury villa upgrade at Chaa Creek with air conditioning and private pool, starting at $2,550 per person double occupancy.

Early-Bird Discount for HMNS Members Only
☐ Apply $250 discount for my registration. (Requires paid deposit by October 18, 2018.)

Optional Excursion Selections
These optional excursions are not included in the trip package because of their higher level of physical
requirements. The additional cost(s) will be included in my invoice for final payment. By signing up, I confirm that
I have read the descriptions in the itinerary. Signing up now secures your spot.
☐ ATM Cave, day 3, +$225 ☐ Rainforest Zip Line, day 3 or 6, +$175 ☐ Night Snorkel, day 8, +$80

Deposit Due
Registration requires both a completed registration form and nonrefundable deposit of $1,000 per person which
will go towards the total cost of the trip. After HMNS Travel has processed your registration form, you will receive
a confirmation email with invoice for your final payment. Click here to pay your deposit online.

Final Payment
Final payment is required by December 5, 2018.

Traveler Agreement
I confirm that I am mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour, and that I have read this trip
document and I understand and agree to the Physical Requirements; Participant Requirements, Responsibilities
and Notices, Registration and Cancellation sections on pages 10-14.

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Signature                                      Date

Availability and room preference are based by order of completed registration and deposit.