

This is the official 'Diamond Sluggers' Activity Selection Guide for the award trip to El Pescador Lodge. There are five (5) great options for you to choose from and every guest has two (2) activities included with their trip.

After reading through each of the activity options we will ask you to pick your 'Top 3' when filling out the Travel Reservation Form. We'll be looking to accommodate your 1st and 2nd choices and only use your 3rd choice if necessary.

Are you ready? Let's get started!



# Option 1: Saltwater Flats Fishing



At El Pescador, an Orvis Endorsed Lodge, it is possible to achieve the anglers' ultimate dream - a Grand Slam of bonefish, tarpon and permit. Belize's shallow water contains the only classic tarpon flats outside of South Florida. The fishing flats of Belize are world renowned for offering the opportunity to sight cast to tarpon 12 months a year! And while these 3 species make a Grand Slam, there are countless other species that you may target with fly, or with conventional tackle. There are seemingly endless supplies of snappers, barracuda, snook, ladyfish, groupers, jacks, cobia, and on and on.

El Pescador's Fishing Director's addiction to fishing is a valuable resource for our guests. Please take advantage of the daily casting clinics offered on the dock each afternoon to get your casting, fly or spin, to the next level. And don't worry, you do NOT have to be an expert with a fly rod to be successful. In fact, you don't have to use a fly rod at all. The guides work with many guests using conventional spin casting rods and reels with great success! So, for any of you Northerner's who are used to jigging for walleye with a spinning rod, you'll have a blast on the flats!

#### Timing: 7:00 am - 2:30 pm

Includes: up to 2 guests per boat with 1 guide; lunch; fishing gear\*; fishing license\*\*

\*Fishing Gear: for pairing up purposes on boats we'll ask your rod preference (fly; spin cast or no preference).

\*\*Once we know who our guests are that have selected 'Saltwater Flats Fishing', we will be in touch regarding your fishing license and getting them processed prior to the trip.

# Option 2: The 'Mega Combo'



## Reef Fishing - Snorkeling - Beach BBQ

### We call this activity option the 'Mega Combo' because there are 3 experiences in 1 activity!

- 1. Fishing the reef for your "catch of the day".
- 2. Beach BBQ lunch featuring the freshly caught fish from the reef!
- 3. Snorkeling, and spending the afternoon wading, shelling, more reef fishing or just relaxing.

You'll join your guide at 8:30 am for a morning of reef fishing. Once you've caught lunch it's time to head to the beach. Your guide will cook a fabulous shore lunch over a fire as well as prepare some of the best, and freshest, ceviche you'll ever taste! While your lunch is being prepared you're free to wander the beach or just sit and relax and enjoy the beautiful views of the Caribbean sipping a rum punch. After the feast you will go snorkeling at nearby 'Mexico Rocks Marine Park'. You'll swim among the many coral heads viewing an array of colorful fish, sting rays and turtles.

Important Note: Limited Availability

The 'Mega Combo' has a limited capacity of 42 spots during the trip. We will confirm the 'Mega Combo' activity on a first come, first serve basis based on the date/time stamp receipt of your Travel Reservation Form.

Timing: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

## **Option 3:** Sea & Land Adventure



## Half-Day Snorkeling - Lunch At El Pescador Lodge - Half-Day Golf Cart

#### Sea Adventure

Ambergris Caye snorkeling is the ideal activity that can be experienced in a half-day trip. The reef is only about a mile from the Caye in some areas. And that is one of the reasons that Ambergris is the snorkeling (and diving) center of Belize.

On the half-day 'Sea Adventure' trip you will head out from the lodge around 8:00 am, snorkel in two of the most popular spots (below), and be back to El Pescador for lunch.

Hol Chan Marine Reserve - This is the most popular Ambergris Caye snorkeling spot. You get a chance to see some bigger species of fish because of the flush of current through this break in the barrier reef.

**Shark Ray Alley** - This spot is a natural combination to the Hol Chan as it is close by. 'Ray Alley' is a great shallow snorkel spot that provides some exciting encounters with nurse sharks, rays, large schools of fish, and some wonderful coral areas.

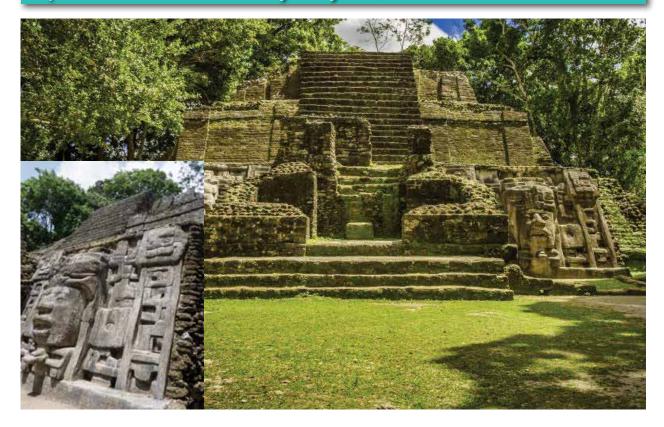
Included: water, soda and all snorkel gear.

#### Land Adventure

After lunch at the lodge you'll have the afternoon to create your own self-guided tour of Ambergris Caye. There are only three primary modes of transportation around here - walking, biking or golf carts. There are no golf courses but these small four seaters are the perfect way to get around the 'Caye'! Not to mention, they are pretty fun!

Included: 1 golf cart for a half-day; map of Ambergris Caye

# Option 4: The Ancient Maya City of Lamanai



Belize has been the home to the Maya civilization for over 3,000 years with some of the largest Mayan Cities ever built. Lamanai translated means 'the place of submerged crocodiles'.

In 2002, there was a lot of work taking place to restore the main temple structures. And while archaeological site excavations take time, a lot of that work has been completed, which means once again the temples can be enjoyed as they were over 1000 years ago.

What makes this tour very enjoyable is the journey there, for although Lamanai can be reached by road (but makes for a longer day), the best way to see Lamanai is by air and boat (a shorter day).

### The Trip to Lamanai

After breakfast at El Pescador Lodge we'll transfer to San Pedro Airport for a 20 minute flight to Tower Hill, followed by a 10 minute ride through sugar cane fields that brings you to the banks of the New River. Then we'll climb aboard and enjoy a boat ride through mangroves and swamp savannah. You'll have opportunities to see monkeys, birds, bats, flora, turtles, and crocodiles as you make your way to the New River Lagoon and the Lamanai Maya site. Once there, we'll walk through dense jungle and learn about Belizean bush medicine. Explore impressive Maya monuments, and climb the huge El Castillo Temple for an expansive view of the lagoon. Be sure to listen for Howler Monkeys, and look out for Toucans as you stroll through the rainforest. We'll visit the Lamanai museum, enjoy a tasty Belizean lunch and visit the gift shop before you get back on board the boat to begin the return journey to El Pescador Lodge

**Timing:** 7:00am – 2:30pm (this is approximate total time, door-to-door, from the lodge) Items to Bring Along: sunscreen; sunglasses; hat/cap; comfortable walking shoes;

cash for souvenirs

# **Option 5:** Spa Appointment & San Pedro Shopping



## Spa Appointment - Lunch At El Pescador Lodge - Half-Day Golf Cart

### Massage or Facial

Enjoy a fabulous deep tissue massage or facial from one of our specialists. Spa services may be conducted in our massage Room (in the main lodge on the second floor above the office), in your room or villa, on the dock or even on the beach! It's your choice!

## San Pedro Shopping Adventure

After lunch at the lodge you'll have the afternoon to create your own self-guided tour of Ambergris Caye an shopping trip to San Pedro Town. There are only three primary modes of transportation around here - walking, biking or golf carts. There are no golf courses but these small four seaters are the perfect way to get around the 'Caye'! Not to mention, they are pretty fun!

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