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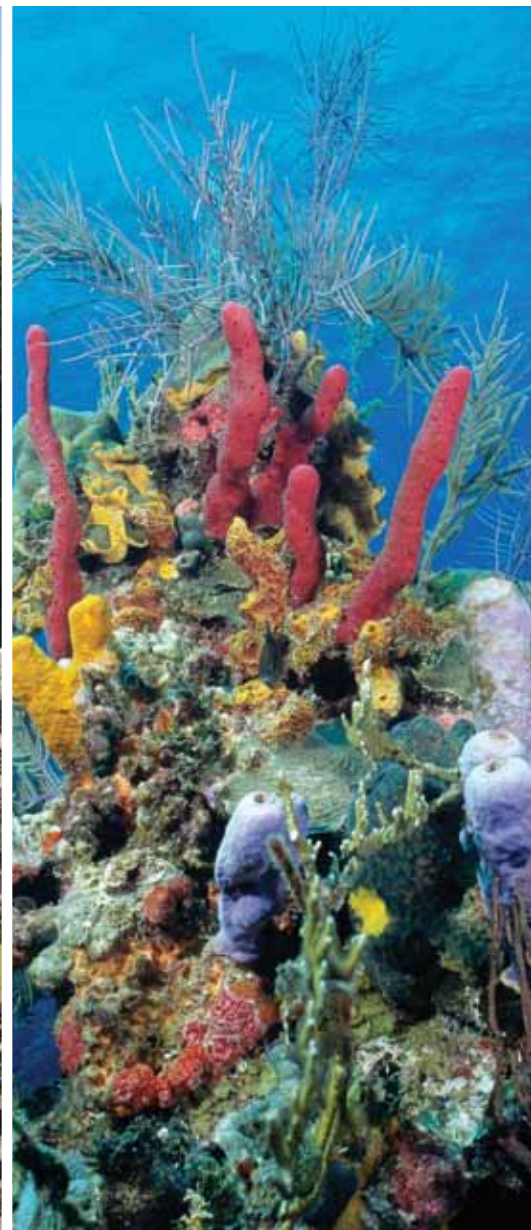


A Cruise Expedition to
**ANCIENT SITES,
RAIN FORESTS & CORAL REEFS**

Exploring the Natural & Archaeological
Treasures of Belize and Guatemala

• Aboard the American Small Cruise Ship *Yorktown* •

January – February 2013



BELIZE IS ENDOWED WITH AN UNSPOILED COASTLINE, ANCIENT MAYA CITIES, AND TROPICAL RAIN FORESTS.

Beneath its Caribbean waters is one of the largest barrier reef systems in the world and is home to an amazingly diverse marine life.

On this cruise to Belize and neighboring Guatemala, you will explore ancient Maya ruins set amongst the natural environment, experience the wonders of the rain forest, swim in pristine white sand beaches, and snorkel in crystal clear waters to discover the reef's astonishing marine life. All in all, this is the perfect winter getaway.

The cruise will be led by expert naturalists, who are familiar with the incredible wildlife of the rain forests and the marine life of the coral reefs, as well as historians who will interpret for us the accomplishments of the ancient Maya.

We will cruise aboard the American-flagged and operated *Yorktown*, whose size and limited passenger capacity will allow for easy passage through the many cays that line the barrier reef and make it possible to access the small ports we will call at along the coast.

Belize is only a short flight away from home. Join us for a cruise expedition of a lifetime.

P.S. *Yorktown* accommodates a small number of travelers. Book early to take advantage of the free airfare provided.



Right: The ancient Maya site of Quirigua is noted for its sculpted stelae

“THE RICHEST AND MOST REMARKABLE CORAL REEFS IN THE ENTIRE WESTERN CARIBBEAN.” –CHARLES DARWIN

Stretching for 190 miles off the coast of Belize, the Belize Barrier Reef is one of the world’s most diverse marine ecosystems. Researchers have identified 70 species of hard coral, 36 species of soft coral, 500 species of fish, and hundreds of species of invertebrates. And in all probability, these finds represent only 10 percent of the marine life of the reef.

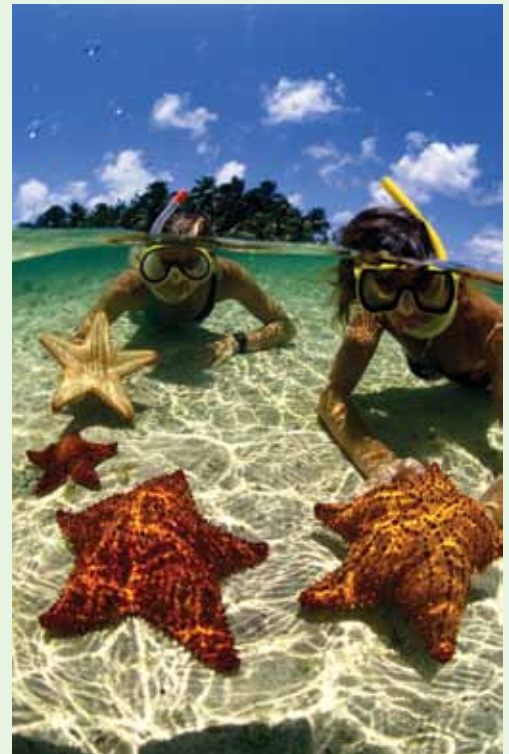
Experts will introduce you to the wonders of a magnificent world that is home to countless tropical fish and several varieties of other marine life. Snorkelers can make their own discoveries along Half Moon Caye, while birders can visit the permanent colonies of red-footed boobies and frigates.



Scarlet Macaws



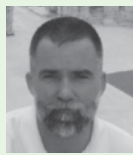
Coral reef marine life



Snorkeling in Belize's crystal clear waters

TRAVEL IN THE COMPANY OF EXPERTS

Each voyage features an experienced team of expedition staff and lecturers—naturalists, Mayanists, archaeologists, scientists, and leaders who are intimately familiar with our destinations. Among the experts you may travel with are:



Expedition Leader John Frick has been an active traveler for the past 30 years, and for over 15 years, he has led groups on programs throughout Central America, the Galapagos, the Mediterranean, Antarctica, and several other regions of the globe. He especially enjoys sharing his expertise in stargazing and astronomy with his fellow travelers.



Naturalist and ornithologist Juan Jose Apestegui is a world-roaming naturalist who has lectured and led groups for the last 20 years. He has trained extensively in natural history at the University of Costa Rica and the National Apprenticeship Institute in San Jose.



Naturalist and photographer Jonathan Green studied Geology and Geography at the University of North London. He has spent the last 20 years working as a diver, photographer, and naturalist in the Galapagos, Central America, Andes, Amazon, and Patagonia.



Naturalist and field biologist Chris Cutler studied biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he began several years of investigation of birds and marine mammals. Keenly interested in ecology, evolution, and conservation, he is an engaging interpreter of the natural world and a lifelong student of its endless lessons.



Renowned epigrapher and translator of the Paris Codex, Bruce Love has more than 35 years of experience working at ancient Maya sites. He has published a number of books and articles on subjects ranging from contemporary Maya ritual practice to hieroglyphic writing of the Maya Classic Period (A.D. 300-900).



Bio-archaeologist Stephen L. Whittington, Director of the Museum of Anthropology and Adjunct Associate Professor of Anthropology at Wake Forest University, has directed archaeological projects and analyzed ancient Maya skeletal remains at various ancient Maya sites.



DEPARTURE DATES	
DEPART	RETURN
January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013
January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013
January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013
February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013
February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013
February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013

THE EDEN OF THE AMERICAS

Belize is an ecological marvel. Its rain forests are home to jaguars, howler monkeys, ocelots, and giant tapirs. Its lush plant life attracts more tropical birds than any other place in Central America, including the keel-billed toucan. Along the banks of the jungle rivers grow mahogany, campeche, sapote, and the towering ceiba, one of the tallest trees in the rain forest. Overhead, flowering vines link the trees, creating a gorgeous jungle canopy.



A welcoming Belizean smile

ITINERARY

DAY 1 USA | BELIZE CITY, Belize | EMBARK

Fly to Belize City and embark *Yorktown*. Overnight aboard ship. (D)

DAY 2 LIGHTHOUSE REEF

Sail in the morning for Lighthouse Reef, navigating through the Barrier Reef. Land at Half Moon Caye, at the southern fringe of the reef, which is the breeding ground of the endangered red-footed booby and other birds. After exploring this idyllic spot, board local boats for the short trip to the celebrated Great Blue Hole, a large circular formation with its incredible blue and black hues. Part of an underwater national park, the hole is surrounded by a 1,000-foot coral rim that rises to the lagoon's surface. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 DANGRIGA | MAYFLOWER BOCAWINA NATIONAL PARK | DANGRIGA

Arrive in Dangriga and drive to the nearby Mayflower Bocawina National Park, a lush forested area at the foothills of the Maya Mountains. Walking trails lead to waterfalls and Maya temples, including Mayflower, a Late Classic site. After exploring this area of great beauty, return to Dangriga to learn about Garifuna culture at the Gulisi Garifuna Museum, visit local artists' galleries, and shop for fine crafts made by the Garifuna people, or relax at a nearby beach. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLA | QUIRIGUA | SAN FELIPE FORTRESS |

SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLA, Guatemala

Surrounded by rain forest, Quirigua is an ancient Maya center, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, that is justly famous for its superbly intricate and well-preserved carvings on huge stone stelae that are spread around the Great Plaza. After exploring the site, drive to the waterside village of San Felipe for a visit to its fortress, which was built by the Spanish in the mid-17th century to protect their trade routes from British pirates, and today offers splendid views of the lake and the surrounding forest. (B, L, D)



Kayaking through Belize's pristine rain forest

DAY 5 PUNTA GORDA | LUBAANTUN | NIM LI PUNIT | SNAKE CAYES, Belize

Sail to Punta Gorda, a small town set on cliffs above the sea. Drive inland to explore two rarely-visited ancient Maya sites, Lubaantun and Nim Li Punit. Lubaantun includes five plazas flanked by buildings and ball courts, and Nim Li Punit was the ceremonial and religious center of the region, known for its impressive stelae. Return to Punta Gorda to reboard *Yorktown*. Over lunch aboard, sail to the Snake Cayes for swimming and snorkeling. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 BIG CREEK | COCKSCOMB BASIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

From Big Creek, drive to the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, a dense tropical rain forest set against the peaks of the Maya Mountains. Clear streams and rivers traverse this protected sanctuary that is home to a rich variety of wildlife, including tapir, armadillo, anteater, jaguar, and over 290 species of birds. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 LAUGHING BIRD CAYE & SOUTH WATER CAYE

Sail in the morning for Laughing Bird Caye, part of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Spend the morning discovering the fantastic marine world. Cruising north in the Inner Channel, we reach South Water Caye, which affords memorable swimming and snorkeling in crystal-clear water, while the beach is ideal for relaxing. Late in the afternoon, sail to Belize City, arriving in the evening. Overnight aboard docked in port. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 BELIZE CITY | DISEMBARK | USA

Disembark in the morning and transfer to the airport for the return flight home. (B)

THE EMPIRE OF THE MAYA

In mathematics, astronomy, architecture, art, even pottery, the Maya surpassed many civilizations. They developed a complicated form of hieroglyphic writing and sophisticated calendars. They cleared vast areas of the rain forest and erected magnificent stone cities. Yet for all their scientific and technological sophistication, they never discovered the wheel. Then, around A.D. 900, Maya civilization collapsed, and the Maya abandoned their splendid cities. What brought about the fall of this great civilization? There are theories, but to this day there is no definitive answer to that question.

No journey to Central America would be complete without visiting Maya sites, and our itinerary includes Quirigua, famous for its collection of magnificently carved stelae that represent Maya kings and priests, and Lubaantun, a ceremonial center where all the stone structures were built without mortar: Maya masons cut each block so carefully that they fit perfectly together, like a jigsaw puzzle in stone. If you wish, you can join a pre-cruise excursion to Tikal, one of the most magnificent Maya sites, famous for its soaring pyramids.



Maya carving



Hiking in the Cockscomb Basin Jaguar Preserve



YORKTOWN—A SHIP BUILT FOR COASTAL CRUISING

Built in Florida, staffed by American crew and officers, and flying the American flag, *Yorktown* is the ideal ship for this voyage to Belize and Guatemala. As a small ship—257 feet long, 43 feet wide, with a draft of 8 feet—*Yorktown* can navigate the Barrier Reef, small bays, and little cayes that are inaccessible to mammoth cruise liners.

The ship accommodates no more than 138 guests in 69 exterior cabins. The atmosphere aboard is warm, friendly, and informal. The spacious, comfortable lounge is ideal for conversation and presentations from accompanying naturalists and marine biologists. The large dining room—where all guests are accommodated in a single, unassigned seating—is surrounded by large windows.

The ship also features a large sun deck, a swimming platform, and Internet access.

OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION TO TIKAL

Explore two magnificent Maya sites in depth, prior to embarking on your voyage. The optional pre-cruise extension begins with one night in the *Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina* in Belize City. From here, we drive to Xunantunich, one of the country's most impressive Maya archaeological sites, then cross the border into Guatemala and continue driving to Tikal, located near the town of Flores and Petén Itzá Lake. Accommodations will be at the *Hotel Camino Real Tikal* for two nights. Explore fabled Tikal, perhaps the most magnificent and significant site in the Maya world, at your leisure. On the final day of the excursion, visit Tikal at sunrise and then return to Belize City to board *Yorktown*, stopping en route at the Belize Zoo to view Belize's native animals in quarters that resemble their natural habitat.

Rate: \$985 per person, double occupancy
Single supplement: \$265



FREE AIRFARE

Free round-trip economy class airfare from Miami, Atlanta, Houston, or Dallas will be provided. Airfare from other U.S. cities available and it may entail an additional cost.



OUR ALL-INCLUSIVE CRUISE FEATURES:

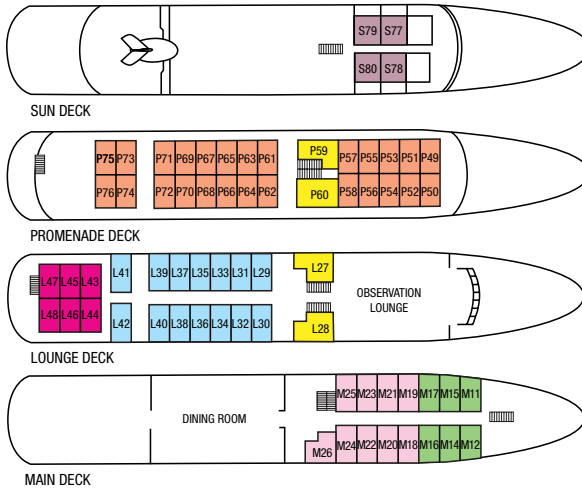
- FREE AIRFARE FROM SELECT U.S. CITIES (see above)
- 7-night cruise aboard the 138-guest *Yorktown*
- Complete program of tours and excursions in each port of call
- All meals aboard ship, including complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by accompanying naturalists and study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare other than specified above; port and embarkation taxes; luggage and trip cancellation insurance; alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer with lunch and dinner; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel.

THE 138-GUEST YORKTOWN DECK PLAN

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

A limited number of cabins in Categories B & C have been set aside for single occupancy at NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT.



Most cabins feature a large picture window



Yorktown's inviting dining room

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY		
CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES
E	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two portholes, and private bathroom. Cabins M11-M17	\$3,795
D	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins L43-L48	\$4,395
C	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins P49-P76	\$4,995
B	Outside cabins with two lower beds, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins M18-M26	\$5,595
A	Outside cabins with two lower beds, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins L29-L42	\$5,995
AA	Outside cabins with two lower beds that can convert to a queen bed, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins L27, L28, P59*, P60 *P59's two lower beds cannot be converted.	\$6,495
S	Superior outside cabins with walk-out balcony, full-size bed, private bathroom, and mini-refrigerator. Cabins S77-S80	\$6,995
PORT TAXES & CHARGES: \$195 per person		

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENTS: A \$750 deposit per person is required to confirm your reservation. For your convenience, you may charge your deposit to your American Express, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard or pay it by personal check. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure and must be by personal check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$500 per person fee. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties.

INSURANCE: We recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Details will be sent upon registration.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International.

FUEL SUPPLEMENT: Travel Dynamics International reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement, without prior notice, if the NYMEX oil price exceeds \$85 per barrel. This supplement may be charged even if the cruise fare has been paid in full.

SHIP'S REGISTRY: USA

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REGISTRATION

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$_____ (\$750 per person) as a deposit to hold ____ place(s) on **Ancient Sites, Rain Forests & Coral Reefs**.

I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check only.

Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:

International Wildlife Adventures

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Please select cabin category in order of preference:

S__ AA__ A__ B__ C__ D__ E__

Twin Beds Double Bed Single Occupancy Share

(Cannot be guaranteed)

Please select your preferred departure date:

Jan. 12-19, 2013 (13602) Jan. 26-Feb. 2, 2013 (13604) Feb. 9-16, 2013 (13606)

Jan. 19-26, 2013 (13603) Feb. 2-9, 2013 (13605) Feb. 16-23, 2013 (13607)

Please book me/us on the Pre-Cruise Optional Extension in Tikal (at additional cost)

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E-MAIL

**Each participant must sign below:
I/We have read the "General Information" section and agree to its terms.**

SIGNATURE DATE

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