



SOUTHERN BELIZE: CULTURAL MELTING POT

A convergence of Maya, East Indian, Chinese and Garifuna traditions, Southern Belize packs a lot of interesting sights and activities in its pristine Toledo District locale. Mountains, rivers, deep waters and Maya magic bring intrepid travelers back time and again.

Top stops:

Punta Gorda

More than 50 traditional Maya villages make up this Toledo District capital, allowing visitors to experience the Maya lifestyle by visiting manmade huts and sampling local cuisine of homemade tortillas and chicken stew.

Monkey River Village

At the mouth of the Monkey River, this village welcomes travelers with guided river tours or treks into the jungle.

Snake Cayes and Sapodilla Cayes

River runoffs and deep waters create an environment for excellent diving and snorkeling at Snake Cayes, while Sapodilla Cayes, further offshore and at the southern end of the Belize Barrier Reef, is ideal for seeing lettuce coral, dolphins, turtles and whale sharks.

Lubaantun

A marvel of architectural engineering, this Maya site has a structure that rises 50 feet high, offering amazing views of the Caribbean Sea located 20 miles away.