

Belize

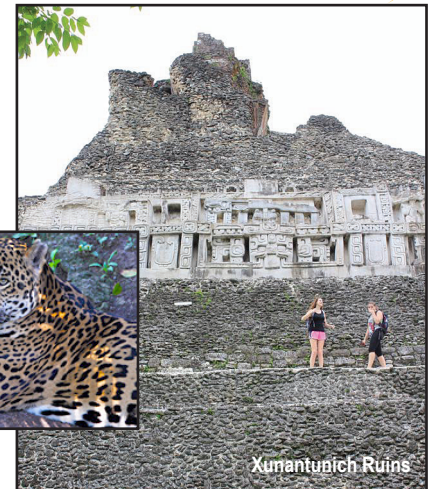


A Bridge to Belize: Ecology, Archaeology, and Sustainability

8 days: **May 16 – 23, 2015**

Trip cost: \$2,450 plus tuition

Includes: Round trip Airfare, airport transfer from Mercer, parking, lodging, meals, health insurance, guided tours, excursions, and seminars listed on itinerary, 2 faculty leaders. **Not Included:** luggage fees, trip insurance



Xunantunich Ruins



Canoeing Barton Creek Cave

Laughing Bird Caye

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Highlights

Belize is a country that ranges from rainforests to mountains to island cays. There are ~320,000 people in Belize, including a vibrant mix of Creole, Garifuna, Mestizo, Spanish, Maya, British, Mennonite, Lebanese, Chinese, and East Indian people. Belize is south of Mexico and was a British colony until it gained independence in 1981. The language of the country is English.

Experience the vibrant street market of San Ignacio, canoe through a cave to explore ancient Maya artifacts, explore Caracol, terraced ruins of one the largest Maya civilizations in the world, and study the relationship between environmental practices, climate, and the collapse of a once vibrant society. Interact with Belizean people every day and learn about the country's rich cultural history. Study ecology as you hike the Pine Ridge forest, Rio Frio pools, and Rainforest Medicine Trail to learn about ancient healing techniques still practiced today. Explore the Caribbean coast and learn from expert guides as you snorkel the coral reefs of South Water Caye. Visit the unique Belize Zoo and more. Accommodations are in an Eco lodge and a beach hotel.

Information Sessions:

Tu	9/23	Noon	WWC	CM108
Tu	10/28	Noon	WWC	CM108
Tu	11/25	Noon	WWC	CM108
Tu	12/9	Noon	WWC	CM108

Scholarships may be available for credit students thanks to the MCCC Foundation. Contact Study Abroad office for details.

This experiential learning trip focuses on ecology, archaeology, and sustainability and provides an excellent opportunity to explore issues of cultural diversity, environmental resource protection, biodiversity, and economic and environmental sustainability. Students taking Environmental Science, Biology, Sustainability, Anthropology, Global Studies, Central American Studies, and other courses will be interested in this trip. Onsite classroom facilities for discussion and guest lecturers are an integral part of this study abroad experience.

Application Procedure:

Get forms online at www.mccc.edu/studyabroad, Submit forms and \$500 deposit to Study Abroad Office, BS109

Registration begins: Monday, October 6th, 2014. **Registration ends:** Friday, December 12, 2014.

Final payment due: Friday, January 16, 2015.

