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BELIZE

Nestled between Mexico and Guatemala is the English speaking, peaceful and ecologically diverse country of Belize. With more than 65% of the country covered by lush rainforest and a population of less than 500,000, it is the most sparsely populated country in Central America.

Biodiversity is vast for such a small country with 150 species of mammals, 540 species of birds and 600 species of freshwater and marine fishes. Spanning the length of the coastline is the second largest barrier reef on earth, which is a world heritage site. The ancient Maya ruins in the mountains and jungles date back to 500 BC, and the ethnically diverse population of Maya, Mestizo, Creole, Mennonite and Garifuna make for a unique and culturally rich experience.

Belize's fragile ecosystems are under threat from deforestation, improper agricultural practices, irresponsible tourism and development. The people are very conscious about conserving their natural habitat and have used ecotourism as a means of preserving their ecosystems - which is very important to the communities as they need them for food, medicine, shelter and water. In a country where 25% live below the poverty line, this is a tough challenge.

Life outside of the project

Belize has so much to offer in terms of history and adventure. In San Ignacio, grab a burrito at any of the local cafes or street vendors and relax by the river. Meet up with other volunteers in the evening at one of the local hotspots to hang out, catch some live music, or possibly join the karaoke. Weekends can be spent visiting caves, Mayan villages or magnificent historical sites!



Weather

Average Temperature: 26 °C

Wet Season: June - November

Dry Season: December - May

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Sustainable Farming, Food Security & Animal Husbandry Project in Belize

Support a local community on becoming less reliant on unhealthy and expensive imports by joining this initiative on how to plant and grow their own organic produce in Belize.

Wildlife Science and Conservation Internship in Belize

Protect wildlife and promote the integrity of the natural habitat through environmental education, community engagement, research, and sustainable management practices.

Enchanted Forest Art Therapy Volunteering in Belize

Work with a professional artist to empower youth for a brighter future through art. You'll work in an environment set up for abused children abandoned by the legal system.

Political Science Internship in Belize

You'll be working on the campaign of a leader for a minority party in the country, towards the election of 2025. Take part in initiatives such as collecting information from local communities, campaign strategy and fundraising.

Hospitals & Clinics Volunteering in Belize

Serve citizens while learning about the healthcare setting. Lend a hand in a public polyclinic or private hospital that serve local citizens, regardless of income or social standing.

Counselling and Social Work Volunteer Program in Belize

Volunteer within the social services system of the Cayo District on Placement. Help understaffed centers support young people and women who are in need.

Music Access and Development for School Children in Belize

Volunteer or intern at state-run schools to aid music access and development for school children.



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Dance Therapy Volunteer Program in Belize

Provide help to those dealing with the effects of abuse through encouragement of self expression and confidence building.

Teaching and Teacher Development Volunteering in Belize

Work as a teacher's assistance to foster a positive learning experience for children in the Cayo district.

At-Risk Youth Volunteering in Belize

Share your film and photography skills and inspire the youth of Belize to create environmental socio-political changes and give them skills for a career.

Medical Internship in Belize

Gain valuable clinical experience. You'll intern alongside a local qualified doctor who will mentor you during your stay. If you have a focus on a specific area of medicine, we can place you in line with that.

What are the benefits of Kaya Placements?

- International work experience
- Meaningful placements
- Global perspectives
- Cultural Immersion
- Structured and supported



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