

PROGRAM FEES AND PAYMENTS

Program fees are roughly \$1,265, and we recommend bringing \$250 or more for food, excursions, and souvenirs. Students should expect to pay for most of their food during the week, excluding lunch at the school. Comparatively students can expect most items to be half of standard U.S. prices in Belize. A deposit of \$650 will be due with all applications on October 27, 2014.

Deadline for Applications: October 27, 2014

Undergraduate	In-State	Out-of-state
Program fee	\$1,265	\$1,265
Air fare	\$793	\$793
Meals not included	~\$100	~\$100
Personal Travel	\$0	\$0
Personal costs	~\$150	~\$150
Books and materials	\$0	\$0
Tuition and fees	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total estimated cost	\$2,308	\$2,308

ESTIMATED COSTS

Note: This estimated price for the trip includes accommodations, travel, food, project costs, Peacework Admin and Staff, Liability/Medical, and anything else you will need. This is also the maximum price likely for the trip. As the semester goes on and we receive sponsorship money, the price for all students should decrease. At any time feel free to contact for an updated price quote. We plan on fundraising throughout the semester to reduce program costs. We encourage all students to send out support letters to friends and family to help fund their journey.

BELIZE

Belize borders Mexico, Guatemala and the Caribbean Sea. It is the only country in the area where English is the primary language, although Spanish and Kriol are commonly spoken as well. Belize is separated into six districts, last year's trip traveled to the Stann Creek District and this year students will be going to San Ignacio in the Cayo District. The country is also home to some of the world's largest Mayan ruins!



PEACEWORK

Peacework is a local non-profit centered in Blacksburg, Va. Last year Peacework helped organize our travel, found a location to teach in, and sent us with a guide who stayed with us for the entire week. We are glad to announce that Peacework will be helping plan and lead the Belize trip again this year. Peacework has experience and many connections in the Belizean area and will do everything they can to help this program run smoothly.

Study Abroad

Winter Service Program

Belize

Cayo District (San Ignacio)

Winter Break

January 1—January 8, 2015



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Belize service program was created in 2011 by graduate student Zack Helmtoller and instructor Will Demere. The program is designed around a full 2 day workshop where students teach approximately 40 local Belizean teachers MS Office, focusing mainly on Excel. The group of teachers is split up into two groups, basic and advanced. Even students who are not well versed in Excel will be able to help the first group learn how to set up an email address, how to open programs, save files, and similar computer skills. Holland Anderson will lead one group of teachers in a typical classroom style, while the other student volunteers walk around and help the teachers one on one with specific questions. Another student or other leader will lead the other group. There will be many opportunities for students to teach lessons in front of the class if they wish to step up. Everyday of the workshop, students will have a free lunch with the Belize teachers. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Belizean culture and make new friends abroad. After the workshop is finished for the day, students will work together on another service project to be determined. Last year we painted a nearby primary school playground in Dangriga.

STUDENT HOUSING

Students will stay in a hotel in the Cayo District with 2-3 students per room. For the second half of the week as we travel, students will be staying together in the same hotel. Students can expect to be in rooms of 2-3 people.



AFTER THE WORKSHOP

Students will have two days to enjoy all that Belize has to offer. Last year we traveled to Caye Caulker, where we had the opportunity to go snorkeling, fishing, relaxing on the beach, and even visited Mayan ruins. This year we are considering staying in San Ignacio to go on an ATM Cave Tour, Mayan ruins, Cave Tubing, Zip lining, etc.

DATES TO REMEMBER

-Pamplin Study Abroad Fair: Tuesday, September 30th, 9 AM - 4 PM in the Pamplin Atrium.

-Fall Education Abroad Fair: Wednesday, September 24th on the Drillfield.

-Look out for posters and emails during October for dates of the first interest meetings.

-Applications and Deposits Due: Monday, October 27th, contact Holland Anderson for application. Please turn them in as early as possible. In order to secure a group flight, a min of ten people need to commit by September 28th.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all majors, but primarily geared towards Pamplin students.

Undergraduate and Graduate students are welcomed.

Note: This program is particularly designed to provide a more economical option for students who want to study abroad. Being relatively close and no tuition requirements brings the costs down much lower than routine month-long summer programs.

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