



## LAMANAI

- Located north of Belize City in the Orange Walk District.
- Departs from Belize City or Belize International Airport. Please contact us for departures from other locations.
- Duration: 5hrs
- Price: \$110 USD each
- Minimum 2 persons
- Please contact us about private tours, group rates, and specials on tour/shuttle service packages.



Lamanai (Mayan for submerged crocodile) is one of the largest Mayan sites in Belize. It's believed by archeologist to have been inhabited continuously up to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century, well beyond most other Mayan sites. From Belize City, it takes about an hour drive to Tower Hill Bridge and a scenic 26 mile boat ride up the Belize New River. This scenic boat ride is amazing as Lamanai itself, as it is a breathtaking opportunity for beautiful tropical birds and wildlife spotting. Along the way, you may also see crocodiles sun bathing on the river banks. Much of Lamanai remains unexcavated. However, the three largest structures have been excavated and restored. They are the Temple of the Jaguar Mask, the Mask Temple and the High Temple. The site occupies about 1.13 square kilometers with about 700

structures within the complex and may have had a population of about 35,000 inhabitants. Lamanai was built on the banks of the New River Lagoon which has a large crocodile population. The main temples and excavated artifacts depict the fame crocodiles. At the top of the High Temple awaits a great view of the surrounding pristine jungle, the lagoon and the New River below. There is an onsite museum that houses a collection of the Mayan artifacts that were uncovered at the site. This museum also houses the remains of two 16<sup>th</sup> century Roman Catholic churches that were burned down in a Mayan revolt.

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