



Services 2021

Island Fee at Windward Lodge: US\$83 per person, per day

Welcome to the Caribbean! Located on the Belize Barrier Reef (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Tobacco Cays is a tiny island in the midst of an exceptional underwater environment of South Water Caye Marine Reserve. The island fee covers daily costs on the island, including: accommodation, 3 meals a day, drinking water, access to survey and scientific equipment, and snorkel equipment rental.

Dangriga Water Taxi: US\$60 per person, round trip

The Dangriga Water Taxi will be waiting for you upon arrival at the Riverside Café in historic Dangriga. The boat will come out of the mouth of the Stann Creek River, and across 12 miles of turquoise barrier lagoon. In approximately 35 minutes you will be amongst some of the world's richest biodiversity, as you arrive at your base for marine exploration, Tobacco Caye.

Fisheries Reserve Fee: US\$15 per person

South Water Caye Marine Reserve is carefully managed by the Belize Fisheries Department. All visitors to the reserve are required to pay this fee to support marine conservation.

Introduction to Snorkelling: US\$18 per person

We start with a presentation on marine hazards in the classroom followed by the demonstration and fitting of snorkel gear. Participants are taken into calm and shallow water where they are taught essential snorkel skills. Groups that arrive late will do the in-water section the morning after arrival.

Night Snorkelling: US\$20 per person

A true advantage to the Tobacco Caye location. Step off the dock and into a completely different world of octopi, squid, moray eels, sea stars, crabs and lobsters that come alive at night. Underwater lights are provided, but participants also love our lights-out bioluminescence experience.

Tours

Tobacco Range Tour (half day): US\$60 per person (price for groups of above 8 people)

This half day trip will take you to Man 'O War Caye Bird Sanctuary, one of the few remaining nesting sites in the Caribbean of the Magnificent Frigatebird. You will then be able to enjoy snorkelling alongside the roots of the nearby Tobacco Range Mangroves before discovering the richness of the Tobacco Caye Reef. Fortunate groups might spot the resident West Indian Manatees cruising through the sheltered waters of Tobacco Range.

Custom half day tours: US\$75 per person (price for groups of above 8 people)

Custom half day tours involve two snorkel drops at a variety of snorkel spots including Carrie Bow Caye and Emily's Reef.

South Water Reserve Tour (full day): US\$90 per person (price for groups of above 8 people)

Spend a full day exploring the South Water Caye Marine Reserve and enjoy snorkelling along various ecosystems including South Water Caye Patch Reef and Tobacco Range Mangroves. The three snorkels in Belize's largest Marine Protected Area will be completed by a visit to the Smithsonian Institute's facility on Carrie Bow Caye, and a visit to Man 'O War Caye Bird Sanctuary.

Glover's Reef Atoll (full day): US\$125 per person (price for groups of above 8 people)

Fifteen miles east of the Belize Barrier Reef, over the Caribbean Sea you will discover the waves breaking on Glover's Reef Atoll, one of only four atolls in the Atlantic. Once through the fringing coral reef you will be surrounded by an incredible turquoise lagoon, filled with lush patch reefs. Participants will explore the fore reefs that drop from the atoll into the abyssal trench. This trip is dependent on calm weather, but offers an impressive day participants will never forget.

Packed Lunch: US\$12 per person

Lunch is included in the Island Fee, however day visitors, or those departing immediately after the tour, may book a packed lunch ahead of time.

Research and education

Lectures: US\$75 per lecture

TCMS staff offer lectures on their specialty areas, as well as fundamental marine science topics. Our current list of lectures is below and can be customised to meet particular group needs. With enough lead time, we are happy to work with leaders on new presentation topics.

Lectures available:

- Marine hazards – mandatory
- Intro to the marine environment of Belize
- Corals of the Belize Barrier Reef
- Marine ecology of Belize – mangroves, sea grass and coral reefs
- Fisheries, conservation and MPAs
- Climate change and coral reefs
- Fish identification
- Ocean Plastic and Pollution
- Tourism and the marine environment of Belize
- Symbiosis in the marine environment of Belize

Professional Services: US\$100 per day

The staff of TCMS are knowledgeable in Marine Environmental Science with practical experience in scientific methodologies and conservation. We are available to assist and guide participants in their research projects, including the use of our underwater survey and laboratory equipment.

Station equipment available:

- Core samplers
- Sediment sieves
- Transects
- Quadracts
- Petri dishes
- Underwater slates
- Micron nets
- Go pro and Go Pro Hero 3 underwater cameras

- Water table
- Coral health charts and data slates