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## BLANCANEUX – ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURES

### ADVENTURES

#### TIKAL

Perhaps the most visually stunning of all Maya sites, Tikal's five monolithic temples pierce the jungle canopy (Temple IV reaching a height of almost 230 feet) and ancient plazas, stelae and ball courts tell of a rich and powerful history when Tikal's population reached almost 100,000. By the beginning of the Classic Period (AD 250) Tikal was competing for regional domination with Uaxactún and Calakmul and later Tikal was briefly dominated by a powerful alliance of Caracol and Calakmul from AD 562 until AD 682. From AD 682 onwards Tikal flourished again under Lord Ah Cacau and continued to dominate the region into the 9th Century. Today the site is justifiably recognized as one of the archeological wonders of the Americas. Its unspoiled jungle setting within the Tikal National Park makes it a paradise for birders, nature lovers and amateur archaeologists. This tour takes an entire day, leaving the Lodge after a quick Continental breakfast and returning around 5 – 6 pm in the evening. On the return trip, you have the chance to do some shopping in the Guatemalan town of Melchor.

Departs: 6:00 am

Returns 6:00 pm

Attire: Short/Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, and tennis/hiking shoes

\*Total Travel Time - 6 Hrs. Drive

Border Crossing Fee is paid directly by guests.

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

#### CARACOL

Situated high on the Vaca Plateau deep in the Chiquibul Forest Reserve, Caracol is the most extensive Mayan site in Belize and was only re-discovered as recently as 1936. The site of Caracol covers over 80 square miles with 30,000 structures and at its peak supported a population in excess of 150,000. Situated at 1600 feet above sea level (one of the highest located sites of the southern uplands region) with no natural water body close by it remains a mystery why such a huge population center like Caracol evolved where it is. However, the close proximity to both extremely hard stone and copal, two commodities highly prized by the Maya may help explain this enigma. At the heart of the site lies the massive pyramid of Caana (Sky Palace) which is now almost fully restored and reaches a height of over 135 feet. From the top you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views over the forest clad mountains. The drive to the site in the early morning occasionally allows guests to glimpse tapir, jaguar or ocelot as they break their forest cover to cross the road. The sprawling site contains huge ceiba, mahogany and sapodilla trees and is superb for birding (the rare Keel-billed Motmot is a resident of the site). Wildlife such as howler and spider monkeys, Oscillated Turkey, coatimundi, gibbon and grey fox are often sighted while quietly wandering along the site's causeways or along trails connecting the plaza groups.

Departs: 8:30 am

Returns: 3:30 pm

Attire: Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, tennis/hiking shoes

\*Total travel time - 3 Hrs. Drive

Level of Difficult: Moderate

### **CARACOL, RIO FRIO CAVE & RIO ON POOLS**

This tour is an ideal combination of the Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve Tour and the tour of Caracol. After picnic lunch at Caracol, we drive back towards the Lodge, stopping at the Rio Frio Cave, and finishing our tour at the Rio On Pools, just as you are ready for a wonderful dip in the cooling pools of the Rio On.

Departs: 7:30 am

Returns 4:30 pm

Attire: Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, tennis/hiking shoes and swimwear

\*Total travel time - 3.5 Hrs. Drive

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

### **XUNANTUNICH**

Driving back down the mountain and through the town of San Ignacio, we head to the village of San Jose Succotz, where we take a hand-cranked ferry over the Mopan River to the site of Xunantunich (Maiden of the Rock). Xunantunich flourished during the Classic-period and appears to have survived the Maya 'collapse' to remain an important population center until around AD 1000. The site has 5 main plazas, although only 3 plazas are evident to visitors today. Dominating the site is El Castillo, rising to over 120 feet. A steep, but short climb to the top is highly recommended. This vantage point provides a breathtaking panoramic view of the surrounding Mopan and Belize River valleys, as well as Guatemala to the west. You will also get a close look at the restored portion of two unique stucco friezes. The visitor's center and small museum are excellent and there are many small restaurants in the area serving authentic local food, or you may choose to bring along a picnic lunch and eat at the site.

Departs: 8:00 am

Returns: 2.00 pm

Attire: Short/Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, and tennis/hiking shoes

\*Total travel time - 3 Hrs. Drive

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

### **XUNANTUNICH COMBINATION TOURS**

*Xunantunich is in the heart of Cayo District close to San Ignacio. There are many different sites of interest close by both natural, and archeological. Here are some suggestions:*

### **XUNANTUNICH, CAHAL PECH & CHOCOLATE MAKING TOUR**

Located on a hill overlooking San Ignacio, Cahal Pech is a medium-sized but major Mayan center. Situated on top of an acropolis on the Macal River, the center of Cahal Pech consists of 34 structures in a small area of only 2 acres. A visitors' Center contains artifacts and a reconstructed model of the site. Ajaw Chocolate is a local family owned business which offers a hands-on experience of the traditional chocolate making process while learning about its humble origin and the importance to the Maya Heritage.

Departs: 8.00 am

Returns 4:00 pm

Attire: Short/Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, and tennis/hiking shoes

\*Total travel time - 3.5 Hrs. Drive

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

### **CAYO DISTRICT SHOPPING TOUR**

Here's a good chance to visit some of the local craft shops in the area. Among the stops is a visit to the Magana's Zactunich Maya Art Gallery & Gift Shop, famous for traditional slate carvings. We will then visit the bustling town of San Ignacio and visit the village shops, enjoying lunch in town. An open-air market takes place each Saturday morning where Mennonites and farmers sell their produce; a good opportunity to purchase local honey, jams and habanero sauces. Before leaving San Ignacio you have the opportunity to visit the Iguana Hatchery or partake in an actual Marie Sharp Pepper, jams and jellies tasting or even the opportunity to participate in a local rum tasting experience with the famous award winning One Barrel rum of Travelers Limited.

Departs: 7:45 am Returns: 3:00pm

Attire: Short/Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, and tennis/hiking shoes

\*Total travel time - 3.5 Hrs. Drive

Level of Difficulty: Easy

### **ACTUN TUNICHIL MUKNAL (ATM) CAVE**

Ranked as one of the Top 10 Caves in the world By the National Geographic Magazine, the cave trips starts with an hour and a half drive from Blancaneaux Lodge followed by a 40 minute trek through the Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve to the Cave Entrance. ATM Cave is only recommended for those of an adventurous spirit who have a good level of fitness. The underground stream flows out of the cave entrance and it's necessary to take a short swim into the cave (water depth is about 12 feet). About 3 hours is spent in the cave and it is necessary to squeeze through some tight spaces and climb over rocks to reach the different levels. The rewards are worth it. Two small carved stelae are located above the stream, one carved in the shape of an obsidian blade and the other a stingray spine. On the next level lies the cave's most famous occupant, the crystal maiden, an ancient victim of ritual sacrifice probably from the Late Classic Period.

Departs: 7:45am Returns: 4:30pm

Attire: Tennis shoe or water shoes, pair of socks, Swim shorts, T-shirt, and a dry change of clothing for the drive back. Swimsuits only are not allowed as it is a sacred cave.

\*Total travel time - 3.5 Hrs. Drive & 1.5 Hrs. Hiking

Must be over 11 years old and 48" tall.

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

### **CRYSTAL CAVE**

Crystal Cave (also known as Mountain Cow Cave) is located in the St Herman's Blue Hole National Park (about a 2-hr drive from Blancaneaux). When you arrive at the park, you will be given your equipment (helmets and headlights), and after a quick pit stop, you start a 1-hr hike: an easy 15-20 minute walk followed by a vigorous uphill walk. Good walking shoes are a must, and you should be prepared to get muddy and dirty. Although this is a dry cave, it is very dark, humid and muddy inside. At the entrance of the cave there is a steep decline where you will have to balance your way down or glissade on the loose soil for a few minutes. This is followed by some rappelling to get down into the belly of the cave. Passing through a small flat space, you enter the Fertility Chamber, where the guide spends about 10-15 mins explaining its importance. From here, you will be exploring for about 1½ hours,

moving uphill on slick rocks, and using a lot of your upper body strength (Be prepared to be a little sore the next day). Inside the cave, there are many stalactites and stalagmites, broken pottery scattered around, bone fragments and even a collapsed skull. You reach a large open area/chamber where you can take a rest and have your snack and water. If you wish to continue further to “Wonderland”, you will continue on a 30 minute hike inside where you can see the crystalline formations glittering from your headlamps and formations clustered close together disappearing into the blackness. A reminder that before entering “Wonderland”, you will need to remove your shoes and either walk in socks or bare feet. Socks are preferred as the ground is uneven and a bit rough. After making your way back to the large chamber your guide will spend a few minutes with you in silence in total darkness.

**Other notes:**

After exiting the cave, guests can change into their clean pair of clothes or head over to the Inland Blue hole for a quick refreshing dip before lunch. Without swimming you should be back at the property at around 5:00pm or approximately 6pm if swimming is included.

This tour can also be done en route to our sister property on the coast, Turtle Inn.

Departs: 7.00am                      Return: 5.00 – 6.00pm

Attire: Tees, preferred long cool pants, extra pair of socks, dry clothing for return, insect repellent, light snacks, and water in a backpack

\*Total travel time - 4 Hrs. Drive

Level of difficulty: Difficult. Must be physically fit as this is a strenuous, extreme activity.

**BARTON CREEK CAVE**

An exciting canoe trip traveling almost two miles into a remote cave once used by the ancient Mayans as a burial site and for ceremonial purposes. The cave is adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. Mayan pottery shards and bones can be observed by the guide’s spotlights. En-route to the Cave you will drive through the traditional Mennonite village of Upper Barton Creek.

Departs: 8.00 am or 1.00 pm                      Duration: 4 hours

Attire: Shorts, T-shirts, Flip flops or water shoe, waters and Cameras

\*Total travel time - 1.5 Hrs. Drive

Must be 48” tall

Level of Difficulty: Easy

**BARTON CREEK CAVE TOUR WITH INTERMEDIO ZIPLINE**

For those who wish to continue the day’s adventure there’s the option of Zip Lining on the drive back to Blancaneaux Lodge. The Intermedio Zipline is a 45 minute to an hour tour that offers 2,573 feet of line separated in 7 runs and 12 platforms. This tour includes a short 10 minute hike through the forest that includes crossing a hammock bridge and a hydraulic lift to the lines making your way back to where you started

Departs: 8:00 am                      Returns: 1:30 pm

Departs: 1:00 pm                      Returns: 5:00 pm

Attire: Shorts, T-shirts, Flip flops or water shoe, waters and Cameras

\*Total travel time - 1.5 Hrs. Drive

Must be 48” tall

Level of Difficulty: Easy

### **BARTON CREEK AND XUNANTUNICH**

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Departs: 8:00 am                      Returns: 4:30 pm

Attire: Attire: Shorts, T-shirts, Flip flops or water shoe, waters and Cameras

\*Total travel time- 3.5 Hrs. Drive

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

Must be 48" tall

### **BARTON CREEK AND MAYAN VILLAGE TOUR**

For those who wish to continue the day's adventure with an experience of the Mayan culture. There's the option of visiting a nearby village of San Antonio on the drive back to Blancaneaux Lodge. A 15 minutes' drive takes you to a rather large community of the Yucatec Mayas who now lives more urbanely. The San Antonio women's group created an exhibition to promote and keep their culture alive. A half day tour can take you through their exhibition to see and partake in pottery making and food making. You can also partake in the food making if you wish.

### **BARTON CREEK AND CAYO SHOPPING TOUR**

A great opportunity to explore the neighboring towns, combine this tour and visit some of the local craft shops in the area. Among the stops is a visit to the Magana's Zactunich Maya Art Gallery & Gift Shop, famous for traditional slate carvings. We will then visit the bustling town of San Ignacio and the village shops, enjoying an authentic local lunch in town.

Departure: 8:00 am                      Return: 3:30 pm

Attire: Attire: Shorts, T-shirts, Flip flops or water shoes (cave), waters and Cameras

\*Total travel time - 3.5 Hrs. Drive

Must be over 48" tall for cave visit

Level of Difficulty: Easy

### **GREEN HILLS BUTTERFLY FARM**

Located just 30 minutes away from the Lodge, The Green Hills Butterfly Farm features dozens of different species of Belizean butterflies. A perfect short getaway for kids to enjoy seeing a variety of colorful butterflies and learn about their life cycle at different stages.

Attire: Shorts, T-shirts, sunscreen, repellent, flip flops or comfortable shoes, cameras and water bottle.

\*Total travel time - 1 Hr. Drive

Level of Difficulty: Easy

### **ANGEL FALLS XTREME ZIPLINE**

Nestled halfway along the unparalleled landscape of the Hummingbird Highway, is a setting surrounded by the palpitating lushness of the Maya Mountains. In Belize's overlapping puzzle of diverse tropical ecosystems, riddled by thousands of caves with miles of

underground rivers, we find the archeological wonders left behind by the ancient Maya, Angel Falls Extreme Adventures. The Xtreme Zipline consists of 8 Ziplines and 16 platforms. Your adventure begins with a quick drive to the first platform then on to the trails that take you into the forest and literally connect you to the platforms that zip line from mountain to mountain, with astonishing views of the deep valleys and gorges lined with streams and hidden pools below. Zip past waterfalls, over rainforest canopy and release the built up adrenaline with each line completed.

*NOTE: This tour is also available on transfers to/ from Blancaneaux to Turtle Inn or to Belize City. Inquire with the Concierge for details.*

Departs: 8:00 am Returns: 4:30 pm

Attire: Yoga or exercise pants preferred, tshirts, hat, sunscreen, comfortable tennis or hiking shoes, cameras. Water Bottle

\*Total travel time - 4 Hrs Drive

Kids 5-10 will have to go with a guide. Minimum weight to conduct a tour is 80 lbs.

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

### **CAVES TUBING AT NO-HUCH CHE'EN**

Belize's most popular on-shore activity for cruise ships while visiting the country. In order to miss the crowds for this amazing experience, Blancaneaux Lodge offers an early morning option for all guests who wish to do this tour as a full day activity. After 2 hours' drive you stop at the No-hoch Che'en Reserve for an hour's float along the Caves Branch River and a gentle 45 minutes jungle walk to reach the starting point for cave tubing. Each participant has a special 'tube' for the float, a headlamp, life vest and 'water shoes.' The float goes through a series of huge inter-connection caves separated by open sections where the river is flanked by high jungle.

*NOTE: This tour is also available on transfers to/ from Blancaneaux to Turtle Inn or to Belize City. Inquire with the Concierge for details.*

Departs: 8.00am Returns: 4.30pm

Attire: Tees, preferred long cool pants or shorts, extra pair of socks, dry clothing for return, insect repellent, cameras.

\*Total travel time - 3.5 Hrs. Drive and 30 min. easy hike

Level of Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Must be 48" tall

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **NATURAL HISTORY ADVENTURES**

*If you have a specific natural history interest, our team of expert guides would be happy to make suggestions for a custom nature trek. Whether it's a quest for a long anticipated entry in your lifelong birding list, or the desire to see Belize's national flower, the Black Orchid in the wild, we can help.*

*Duration of tours and prices will depend on your interest. Check with your concierge to customize tours.*

### **FULL OR HALF DAY JUNGLE HIKE**

Follow serpentine trails across the pine savannah and through islands of broadleaf forest until the terrain gradually transforms into the steep jungle clad hills of the Elijo Pantí

National Park. With an expert guide you'll follow fresh jaguar tracks, marvel at delicate orchids and observe charismatic bird species such as the Keel-billed Toucan. Discover medicinal plants used by the ancient Maya thousands of years ago and learn their secrets with the help of your guide. After a very active half day, you take lunch beside a cooling waterfall and be refreshed by its relaxing waters. We finish off easy, meandering along old logging trails in the tropical pine forest while the sun begins to set and the hours are cooler.

- **Full Day Hike**

Departs: 8.00am      Returns: 3:30 pm

- **Half Day Hike**

Departs: 8:00 am      Returns: 12:00 pm

Attire: Long pant, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, tennis/hiking shoes and swimwear

Level of Difficulty: Moderate to High

### **HIKE TO BIG ROCK FALLS**

Your self-guided adventure begins alongside the Privassion Creek. Most of the hike follows a gently undulating trail that overlooks the creek and waterfalls; however, three steep climbs remind you that this is a real challenge. Make sure you take enough water along, and kindly advise the Front Desk of your departure. Keep your pace slow and easy and take the time to observe the many birds that call this reserve their home. Admire the abundant brightly colored orchids that adorn the granite rock outcroppings and that thrive in the thin soils of the savannah meadows. Relax at one of the many streams crisscrossing the trail, lie in the shade of an ancient granite outcropping and enjoy the spectacular scenery. A swift descent to the creek side and the thundering sound of pounding water indicates that you have arrived. Silently slipping into the creek you'll be instantly energized by the cool mountain water and invigorating massage provided free of charge by the massive waterfall.

Guided hikes can be arranged with a concierge.

Departs: Optional, anytime before 3.00pm

Attire: Long pant, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, tennis/hiking shoes and swimwear

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

### **NIGHT EXPEDITION**

Departing the property before sunset, arriving at the Chiquibul Forest you can hike to an amazing birding tower. Here one can enjoy a panoramic view of the thick luscious rainforest. This is the perfect time as it is a relaxing experience to watch the sunset as different species of birds make their way back to their nests. As darkness covers the rainforest, the predators start to roam their kingdom in search of prey. As most of Belize's large mammals are nocturnal, this is your best chance to actually see them in their natural habitat. Driving from the pine forest to the rainforest at a slow and quiet pace, we stealthily search the forest for gibbon, armadillos, peccaries and other wildlife. Although seldom seen, the elusive jaguar leaves enough tracks behind for us to understand that this is his realm. Keep an open eye for our national animal the Tapir, who forages on trail-side vegetation. After a couple hours silently exploring the jungle, we have a snack by the creek under the forest canopy. On our way back, we keep vigilant for signs of a white tailed deer or the arboreal Mexican porcupine. As we slowly drive back to the lodge, there is time to marvel at the magnificent

clarity of the night sky.

Departs: 3.30pm Returns: 8:00 pm

\*Total travel time - 3.5 Hrs with couple stops

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

## **HORSEBACK RIDING**

*Explore the surrounding area on horseback. Our horseback riding tours are ideal for all riders, and even non-riders. We take care to match the rider with the most suitable horse to ensure comfort and safety. We recommend wearing long pants and sturdy shoes for comfort. Riding helmets are available. Choose from two hour to full-day tours, all suitable for beginners and experienced riders.*

- **Sunrise in the Rainforest**

Take your mount as the sun rises over the forest. We will ride about 30 minutes to a rainforest. First light is an ideal time to observe a kaleidoscope of colorful birds, under a rainforest canopy of vines, palms and exotic bromeliads. You may also catch sight of a whitetail deer, coatimundi or grey fox. Brilliant butterflies and a chorus of birdsong make this the ideal start to the day. ***Please request for later rides.***

Departs: Depends on sunrise Duration: Approx. 2½ hours

Level of Difficulty: Easy

- **Horseback Riding to Big Rock Falls**

A gentle meandering ride through the forest to hidden falls. Take a break from the saddle and swim under a cascading waterfall. Ideal for beginners or those who just want a short time in the saddle.

Departs: Optional, anytime before 3:00 pm Duration: Approx. 3 hrs.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

- **Horse and Buggy Ride to Big Rock Falls**

Departs: Optional, anytime before 3:00 pm Duration: Approx. 2 hrs.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

- **Full Day Horseback Ride**

Following local trails, the terrain transforms from pine to rainforest. Once we reach the Noj Kaax Meen Elijio Panti National Park we ride under the shady canopy of the rainforest. Your guide will point out the amazing flora and fauna of the forest as we ride to Sapodilla Falls. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch and refreshing swim before riding back to the lodge. Blancaneaux Lodge also offers hiking trails and jungle treks, bird watching tours, complimentary bikes, tours of the Organic Garden and swimming in the pool or in the pristine waters of Privassion Creek. For relaxation the "Hot Pool" eases away any aches and pains from the day's activities

Departs: 8.00 am Returns: 3:00 pm

Level of Difficulty: Easy

- **Sunset in the Rainforest Horseback Ride**

As the sun starts to dip towards the horizon we ride east into the Noj Kaax Meen Elijio Panti National Park. We'll ride to a vantage point in the moist tropical broadleaf forest, home to jaguar, tapir and ocelot. We'll enjoy the evening chorus of birdsong and as the sun sets over



the Maya Mountains we'll ride back to the lodge.

Departs: Depends of time of sunset

Duration: 2.5 - 3 Hrs.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

- **Horse & Buggy Romantic Sunset Tour**

Departs: Depends on time of sunset

Duration: 2 - 2.5 Hrs.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

- **Horse and Buggy Kid's Riding Experience:**

Departs: Optional, anytime before 4:00 pm

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Level of Difficulty: Easy

### **GUIDED MOUNTAIN FULL OR HALF DAY BIKING**

There's no better way to explore the diverse ecosystems of the Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve than a bike tour. Guided bike trips will take you on scenic routes and trails around the Reserve. Check with the Concierge to discuss departures times, difficulty or terrain, length of trip. The Concierge will help you match the trip to your ability.

Departs: 8:00 am for half day (1-3 hours) or full day (1-6 hours)

Attire: Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, and tennis/hiking shoes, extra water

- **Full Day Biking**

Departs: 8:00 am Returns: 2:00 pm

Level of Difficulty: Difficult

- **Half Day Biking**

Departs: 8:00 am Returns: 12:00 pm

Level of Difficulty: Moderate- Difficult

### **KIDS CAMP**

Kids are welcome to have fun and give their parents a little break during vacation. Our Kids friendly lodge offers this entertaining, educational and fun program for kids of all ages. Our trained staff will engage your children in activities such as Arts & Craft, Kite Making and Kite Flying, Educational walk through the Orchid Trails & Stables, egg collection from our chicken coop, harvesting of fresh carrots to feed our horses and Barbie Trail Rides through the property.

Attire: T-shirts, long light pants preferable or shorts (apply repellent) , sunscreen, a hat or cap, comfortable tennis shoes or closed sandals. Water Bottle.

Departs: Optional anytime before 3:00 pm

Duration: 2 Hrs.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

### **FARM TO FORK COOKING CLASS**

Celebrate the diverse cultures of Belize with Blancaneaux Lodge's Farm-to-Fork Cooking Class. Guests can experience authentic Belizean culture through cuisine. The class begins with a behind-the-scenes tour of the resort's expansive organic garden where guests can hand pick the seasonal vegetables needed for the meal. With a selection of local dishes to choose from representing various ethnic groups of Belize, guests can work with the Lodge's professional chefs to create a feast suited to their tastes. By following these traditional

recipes, this unique culinary experience keeps the spirit and culture of Belize alive. Any of the menus chosen will consist of an appetizer, main course, and dessert. Daily from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

### **COCKTAILS IN THE ORGANIC GARDEN**

A two hours unique experience where you'll discover iconic cocktails with local spirits. Each libation draws inspiration from our on-site organic garden. This also includes some Hors d'oeuvres.

### **WINE TASTING IN THE ORGANIC GARDEN**

Included in the one hour wine tasting experience are four wines from the Francis Ford Coppola Winery's Diamond Collection and Inglenook estate. To pair you'll have included our locally sourced cheese platter.

### **KIDS EVENING BUG HUNT**

For the adventurous kids, we offer this short tour which takes place at dusk. Your kids will be accompanied by one of our knowledgeable and friendly guides in hunt of bugs. They will visit the Pinocchio pond looking for small rain frogs and other insects before making their way to a little creek on property. Kids will be fascinated listening to the call of crickets and helping our guides to identify the different bugs and insects. Flashlights are provided.

Departs: During evening hours, inquire at desk      Duration: 2 hours

Attire: Long pants, t-shirt, bug spray and comfortable shoes

Level of Difficulty: Easy

### **SUNRISE BIRD WATCHING**

As the sun rises at Blancaneaux, the morning is greeted by the call of Chachalacas as squadrons of Aztec Parakeets fly overhead and across the river. For a few short hours the forest is alive with the sound of exotic birdlife. Take a short walk around the property's gardens and trails, and let your guide point out the well camouflaged birds hiding in the nearby forest. Learn about our migrant species and the many secrets of our feathered friends. With almost 600 species documented in Belize, this walk is an excellent introduction to the birds of the region. The colorful Green Jay, the jester-like Acorn Woodpecker and the Melodious Blackbird are just some of the many species to be seen on property.

Departs: Depends on sunrise      Duration: 1 hour (Concierge can arrange for half day or full day birding)

Attire: Long pant, t-shirt, bug spray, sunscreen, and tennis/hiking shoes

Level of Difficulty: Easy