Meet the Island with a Student

by Kayak, Bicycle, or with a Fly-fishing Rod

Caye Caulker, Belize, Central America





"I believe this is a different way to get to enjoy the island while creating a positive impact . . . these kids know these waters like the back of their hand."

- Norbert, GloboTreks

Photo: Norbert, GloboTreks

Learn about Caye Caulker through the eyes of Ocean Academy High School students.

High School is New to Caye Caulker

Ocean Academy opened in 2008 as the island's first high school. Prior to 2008, most children finished their last year of education at the local primary school in Standard VI (Grade 7), then struggled to find a good job.

Students Apply Knowledge and Gain Real-World Experience

Ocean Academy's "Meet the Island" Visitor's Program is a hands-on extension to student learning. Students apply the knowledge they gain in their social studies, history, tourism, and aquatics P.E. program to this real-world experience. They meet visitors from around the world and gain professional experience.

You Support Universal Education

The program is part of Ocean Academy's commitment to universal education - something most North Americans take for granted (only 40% of high-school-age children are in high school in Belize; Caye Caulker is nearing 100%). The donations earned through this program help to pay for the students' school fees.

Cost Per Person: Cost of Rental (Kayak or Fishing Rod \$30 Belize / \$15 USD; Bike \$10 Belize / \$5 USD)

\$50 Belize (\$25.00 US Dollars) - Donation to Ocean Academy

Description

Spend 1.5 hours enjoying the peaceful island and its waters while learning about resident plants, animals, and sea creatures. Just as the school's motto is "Preserving our Heritage, Creating our Future," the students share their unique perspective of how they value the roots and the careful development of their precious island.

Availability

Students are available on weekends and holidays. The winter holiday is December 13th - January 5th.

Reservations

Reserve your "Meet the Island" experience through Mercedes Requena, "Founding" Student Host and recent O.A. graduate. Contact her at <u>ocean.academy.student.hosts@gmail.com</u>, ask your hotel front desk, or look for her at Sea Dreams Hotel. (001)-501-634-4682. <u>www.cayecaulkerschool.com</u>