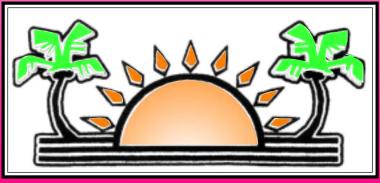
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# **Bacab Eco Park: exotically exquisite**



The horseback safari takes riders through five miles of dense tropical forests. On the way we spotted several critters perched on stones for a bath under the midday sun.



Who would have thought that amidst the hustle and bustle of a very active Belize City lies an ecological park where one can commune with nature, take a dip into the cold water of a pool surrounded by lush vegetation, get together with family and friends, bike one's way to good health, or, more simply, lounge around in total natural bliss! Believe it or not, there is such a place! Located right on the outskirts of the big city, coming alive every weekend and making its way to the top of the list of places to visit when

in Belize, Bacab Eco Park is definitely the place to go to.

Bacab Eco Park is the perfect weekend destination for families and large groups looking to unwind from the fast pace of everyday life. Those wanting to spend quality time with family and friends in a relaxing atmosphere know that Bacab is the place to go. *The San Pedro Sun*, always enthusiastic and eager to explore Belize's backyard, took a trip to Bacab and found out that not only is the area one

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of the newest tourist attractions, but is also definitely worth the visit, always living up to their motto of having "Something for everyone."

Just off the Burrell Boom cut-off, a left turn-off at mile marker 14 on the Hattieville Road heading towards Hattieville, Bacab Eco Park sits on thirty-six acres of jungle terrain alongside the Belize River. It is part of a resurgence of investment in the Belize District spurred by the Cruise Tourism Industry trade, and proprietor Giovanni Smith has had this slice of heaven in the family for years. It was not until 2004 that construction of the park began and officially opened its doors to the public on February 18th, 2006. Since its inception, Bacab has attracted thousands of tourists and locals to their pools and the glorious surroundings offered there. Operations Tour Manager, Sydney Peyrefitte is one of the first faces we encountered on our trip. Peyrefitte, who grew up working in the Tourism Industry possesses a wealth of knowledge and is not only well versed on the entire operations of the park, but has a great sense of humor as well.

To take full advantage of the park's features and privileged natural surroundings, choose from among the many fun and exciting activities available. The ones you enjoy

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citing guided tours, or simply relaxes under the shady thatch of the on-site restaurant, one can appreciate that Bacab Eco Park is indeed one of the seemingly few places where nature truly compliments the infrastructure of cool pools and the man-made makings of a sweet escape. If lounging by the pool and sipping on cocktails is not your 'cup of tea,' not to worry, at Bacab you can do some exploring of your own. Why not arrange for a Horse-Back Safari? Equestrian enthusiasts are invited to ride the densely forested riverside trail through the homes of giant green iguanas, raucous howler monkeys and rare bird species. Fifty (50) resident horses occupy the area. Uninhabited for over 300 years, the area where the park sits boasts over 200 species of tropical flowering fauna and a diverse wildlife population.

Still, if horses don't do it for you, how about a Rainforest Nature Trail? It allows you the opportunity to have one on one contact with nature. Take a walk through orchards that reveal over 50 species of fruit trees, namely; Sapodilla, Passion fruit, Casa-banana and an abundance of other wide and varying varieties. With your senses alert and your eyes wide open, it's impossible to miss the birds that fly overhead and the iguanas rushing through the bushes seeking the midday sun. Enjoy the tranquility that a green tropical forest and its inhabitants

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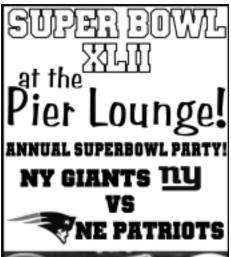
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natural colors of the jungle and if you are lucky, you just might spot a wild jaguar, boar or tapir!

Another tour featured in a day's agenda is Jungle Adventure Bike Trailing. This takes the rider through varied terrain that will test any peddler's biking skills as one maneuvers through savannahs and riverside forest. No worries though, for in less than an hour, you should get the hang of it and notice your skill and comfort levels increase, as well as your enjoyment level

Bacab Eco Park is surrounded by unparalleled natural beauty, and its panoramic swimming pool. This presents the spectacular option of taking a fresh dip that is guaranteed to delight all of your senses and relax every muscle in your body. There is also a mini pool for the younger ones, with a mushroom waterfall which furnishes a distinctive touch.

The amiable staff at Bacab caters to your every need, even providing pool-side

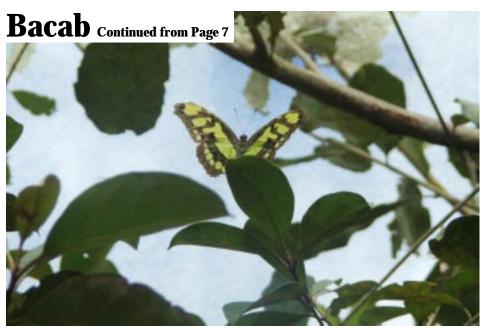
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The Wild Wings Butterfly Pavilion houses 10 species of Belize's most delicate creature - the butterfly.

services. Many comfortable lounge chairs have been placed around the pool for visitors to fully relax whilst deciding how they would like to be pampered. Young or old, activities abound for the kiddies to engage in so you'll find that this getaway is full of fun for the entire

Just a stone's throw away from the pool area is a back path that takes you through a trip down tranquility lane. Though it's peacefully nestled, this trail leads to a discovery that is both scientific and educational. Hundreds of richly colored and exotically named butterflies the Blue Morpho springs to mind — flit about the tropical enclosure. An added attraction and observance that cannot be overlooked is the earshot of many places from where water trickles out of natural fountains and into ponds.

The tour is riveting, and amazing in its detail, as guides explain the life cycle of some of nature's most delicate and delightful creatures. The evolutionary

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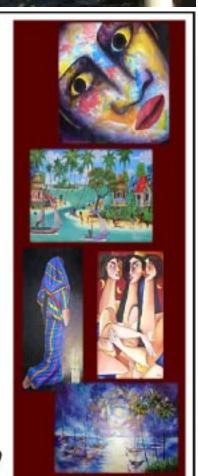




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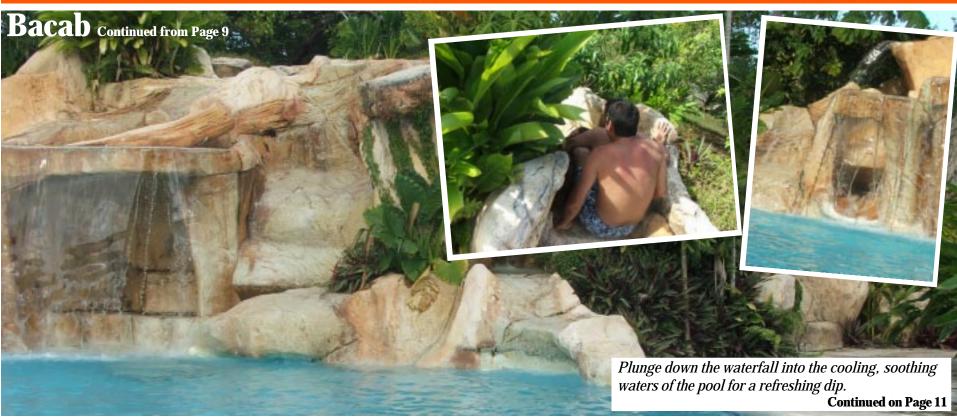
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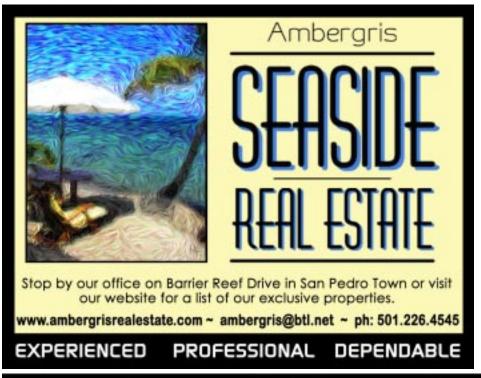
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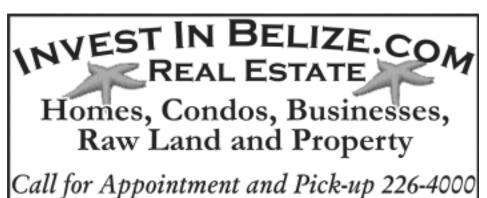
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One of the most idyllic choices includes lounging by the pool, enjoying fresh mixed drinks from Pokonobwai Bar.

cycle of the focal species is explained from egg to caterpillar, then chrysalis to the glorious winged works of Mother Nature's living art that is hatched. Make it an early morning trip; chances are, you'll be witness to a butterfly's first sighting of light.

After a long day of touring Bacab's





backyard, you may want to grab a bite to eat. No worries. For all your 'comfort foods', be sure to visit the "Pokonobwai Bar" (which is actually also a restaurant).

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Great adventure, the availability of tasty foods and cold drinks, the abundance of nature, and tons of newly found friends is what Bacab Eco Park is all about. Can you think of a more comfortable and relaxing place to enjoy the magic of nature? Visit Bacab! Sense the world of colors, fragrances, sounds, and flavors found on this charming hidden estate!

For further details on how to book a tour call 225-3537, or visit their website at www.bacabecopark.com. Bacab Eco-park: Come, there's something for everyone!

When asked about the importance of the park and why they see it as vital to keep conserving, Sydney commented, "We are providing a great service to both tourists and locals whilst preserving the natural environment that abounds. Bacab Eco Park is a great way to advertise the country of Belize and we urge everyone to visit us." Truly, the Eco Park is a natural haven that combines Eco-tourism, leisure and adventure activities.

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# Reef Brief Starfish

All of the marine creatures from the reef, such as sea cucumbers, anemones, sea hares, urchins and conch are interesting, but there is little doubt that one of the most popular and easily recognizable creatures found in the sea is the starfish (or sea star).

It could be because they exist in a wide range of beautiful colors, from blue to red to yellow; or because they are docile and completely harmless to humans. Whatever the reason, the starfish is easily one of the most popular and distinguishable of all marine invertebrates (no backbone). There is no mistaking the body of this slow moving creature, characterized with five to six arms that radially extend from the center of the body, forming the shape of a star. These arms are covered with tube feet and suckers, which assist the starfish in crawling, feeding and clinging to surfaces. The strength of these suckers is apparent if you have ever tried to



Beautiful to look at, the starfish are one of the most recognizable creatures of the sea.

pry a starfish from a rock. The rigid body of the starfish is rough to the touch, covered with spines and most species range in width from 0.4 inches to 26 inches.

There are approximately 1,500 species of starfish found throughout the world, all of which are abundant at most ocean depths. All **Continued on Page 14** 







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Depending on who you believe, this is either: (a) a reticulated sea star; (b) a reticulated starfish; (c) a cushion star or (d) a Bahama starfish. And if you speak Latin, then it's an Oreaster reticulatus.

starfish species use a mouth located on the underside of their body to feed on ocean-bottom debris, as well as on mussels and clams. Occasionally. when the starfish encounters larger prey, it will force its stomach out through its mouth and digest the prey outside of its body. Because of the variety of food the starfish consumes, it plays a very important role in maintaining the diversity of the food chain.

Despite a slightly developed sense of touch, smell and taste, the starfish is a relatively simple creature with a nervous system that lacks a brain. To reproduce, most species release eggs and sperm into the surrounding water, where fertilization takes place. Interestingly, these invertebrates are also capable of regenerating body parts from body fragments. For example, if a starfish were cut in half, two whole starfish would grow from both halves. Generally, these creatures avoid predation because they are known to be unappetizing and lack

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nutrients, thus their populations are able to thrive. Occasionally, in fact, starfish populations exceed normal levels, which can result in the degradation of reef environments when these creatures overfeed on coral.

For the most part, however, starfish are amazing inhabitants of the sea and bring enjoyment to those who come into contact with them. Like all marine creatures, they play a role in the marine ecosystem that cannot be underestimated.

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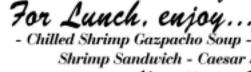
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The Usual Suspects Band had just arrived in Caye Caulker for our Friday night gig at the Oceanside Night Club. As we walked down the dock Jaime stopped me because he knew he could count on selling at least two copies of Amandala, the mainland's leading newspaper.

"Why do you always buy two copies?" Drummer Dan asked.

"I get a copy for O.J.," I told him. "He always wants that Friday paper as soon as it comes in."

"He never reads it though," Derrick said. "I watched for the last two weeks when you gave it to him. He looks at the front page and curses. Then he throws it in the trash can."

"I never noticed that," I said.

At the Oceanside, Drummer Dan went in and got us something to drink while we sat at the picnic table outside. When he returned he said, "O.J. is upstairs in the office. Do you want me to take the paper up to him when I go up to the room?'

"Sure."

Before Dan could finish his drink O.J. came downstairs and walked over to our table. He picked up the newspaper, glanced at the front page and cursed. Then he tossed the paper in a trash can.

"Hey, Oje," I said. "What's that all about? You didn't even read the paper before you threw it away."

"I read enough," O.J. said. "The only thing I'm interested in is obituary notices.'

"But the obituary notices are way in the back of the paper," I said. "You only looked at the front page."

"Believe me," O.J. said. "When the man I'm interested in dies, it will be a headline on page one."

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# Trivia Tidbits...

# Things you should know but probably don't!

- \* The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.
- \* By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was completely useless.)
- \* The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.
- \* Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with. It's the same with apples!
  - \* Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
  - \* The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher...
- \* Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.
- $*111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321.$



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**Police** 226-2022 **Fire** 226-2372

**Lions Health Clinic** - 226-4052; emergencies 600-9071 or Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am to 8pm; Sat., 8am - noon.

**Los Pinos Clinic** 602-6383 and 226-2686. **Dr. Lerida Rodriguez:** 226-2197 or cell 620-1974.

San Pedro Chiropractic Clinic 600-7119 Hyperbaric Chamber - 226-2851, Dr. Otto Rodriguez - 604-7599 or 226-2854. Antonia Guerrero - 600-5475. Eleazar Portillo - 610-4560 or 226-3195.

**San Pedro Polyclinic II** - 226-2536. Dr. Zuniga: 670-8755 and Dr. Otto Rodriguez: 604-7599.

**Ambergris Hopes Clinic** - 226-2660, Emergencies: 606-2316

**US Embassy** - 822-4011

**Labour Office** - 226-2700 (Open 8am - 5pm, Mon. - Fri.)

Canadian Consulate - 223-1060

Mexican Embassy - 223-0193

**Guatemalan Embassy** - 223-3150

Honduran Embassy - 224-5889

**San Carlos Medical** (MD & Dentist Services) - 7:30am - 9:00pm, 226-2918.

# **Church Services**

San Pedro Roman Catholic Church Sunday Mass: (English) 8am & 10am & Baptism: 11am; Spanish: 7pm; Mass or Communion Service every night at 7pm. Saturday evening: Anticipated Sunday Mass: 7p.m. Daily Masses 7am & 7pm. Living Word Church Service Sun. 10:45 a.m. Bible study Mon. 7:30 p.m. We do Christian charity work. 226-2950.

Assembly of God Church on Angel Coral St. T-W-St.-Sn. at 7:30 p.m. Lighthouse Christian Radio - 101.3 FM. 226-4673, Cor. Buccaneer & Pescador Drive.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Sunday Service: 9:30 am, Wednesday Scripture Study 7:00 pm. 17 Lagoon St. (between the bakery and the bridge).

**San Pedro Community Church** - meets Sundays at 10a.m. at the Ambergris Elementary School. All Are Welcome.

#### Miscellaneous

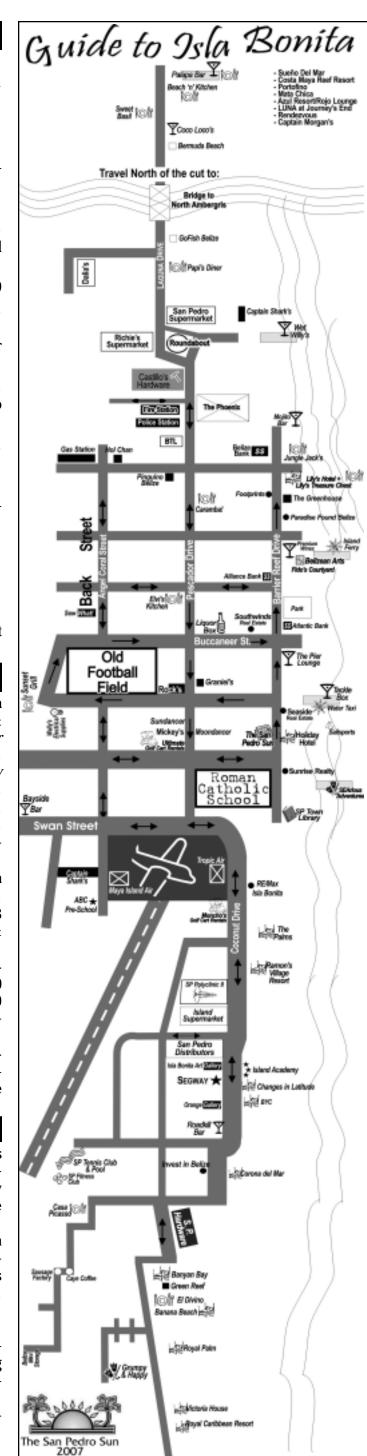
**The Lions Club of San Pedro** relies on income from its Friday and Saturday Night BBQ to support the needy community. Help a great cause -have dinner with us!

**Green Reef** A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sustainable use and conservation of Belize's marine and coastal resources. greenreef@btl.net/226-2833

San Pedro AA - 226-4464, 600-9061 Saga Society A non-profit "humane society" to address the stray cat and dog population in San Pedro. Phone 226-3266.

**CARE BELIZE** - Children's Specialist, San Pedro. 622-8200

**SP Town Library** - 206-2028



# Tourist Information

Belize Tourism Board - 223-1910.

**Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA)** - 227-5717. **San Pedro Tourist Guide Association** 226-2391.

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PORTOFINO RESTAURANT AND GREEN PAR-ROT BEACH BAR - Meet our boat at 6:30 p.m. at Fido's Dock for a complimentary ride to one of the best culinary experiences you will have while in paradise. For reservations, call 220-5096.

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