



**Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort
Press Kit
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KANANTIK REEF & JUNGLE RESORT FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION	Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort is an eco-sensitive resort on the southern coast of Belize. Kanantik, which means "to take care" in Maya Mopan, is built on the seashore where the forest meets the sea and offers the best of both worlds. The resort's design, which focuses on sustainability and luxury at the same time, has received much attention and has been featured in <i>Architectural Digest</i> magazine.
LOCATION	Kanantik is located 18 miles south of Dangriga Town, the cultural center of the Garifuna people, and four miles south of the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the 150,000 acre national park dedicated to the preservation of the jaguar. The resort is surrounded by 300 acres of pristine forest, teeming with wildlife.
ADDRESS	Mile 19.2 Southern Highway P.O. Box 150 Dangriga Belize Central America
RESERVATIONS	1.877.759.8834
WEB SITE	www.kanantik.com
ROOMS	The resort offers 25 spacious and secluded thatched roof cabanas. The oceanfront cabanas are designed with an ancient Mayan feel and accented with a touch of contemporary Belizean flair. Both King and double bedded cabanas are available and all rooms feature beautiful handmade furnishings, rain showers and a large deck.
DINING	The culinary team at Kanantik brings together a medley of local flavors with a dash of Italian heritage. The resulting Creole-Mediterranean cuisine gives a vibrant taste of both cultures.

Highlights include an authentic Italian firewood pizza oven and espresso machine.

ACTIVITIES

Guided adventures include canoeing in the nearly uncharted Cabbage Haul Creek to see crocodiles, water birds and manatees in the Sapodilla Lagoon, bird watching, outings to the Cockscomb Basin, the world's first jaguar sanctuary, and scenic hikes to spectacular waterfalls and even a full day trip to Xunantunich Mayan ruin. Guests can explore the nearby coast with Hobie Cats and sea kayaks available at the resort. Snorkeling and SCUBA diving excursions with certified divemasters can also be arranged directly from the resort.

RATES

The resort offers two different daily rate options and five special packages. Prices are based on double occupancy and are in US dollars:

- "Cabaña only", double occupancy at \$300 per night, plus 9% hotel tax and 5% service charge. This is an 'a la carte choice'; all food, beverage and activities are additional.
 - "Deluxe Mayan Dream" all-inclusive daily rate of \$402 per person, double occupancy, per night; includes taxes, service charges and the following (excluding wines, champagnes and imported alcohol):
 - Beachside, fully air-conditioned, private thatched roof cabaña with wrap-around deck.
 - Full meal plan: a la carte breakfast, lunch and three course dinner
 - Daily coffees, teas, soft drinks and fresh squeezed juices
 - Belizean rum cocktails and Belikin beer
 - All guided tours
 - Unlimited use of sea kayaks and Hobie cats
 - Oceanfront outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool
 - Laundry service
 - Room service
 - Internet access in main lodge
 - "Reef & Jungle Package", five nights at \$3,415
 - "Reef, Jungle & Mayan Ruins Package", five nights at \$3,580
 - "Scuba Diving Package", five nights at \$3,750
 - "Romantic Honeymoon Package", six nights at \$4,185
 - "Romantic Beachside Wedding and Honeymoon Package", seven nights at \$5,730
- Note: Children 14 years and older are welcome

HOW TO GET THERE

After arriving in Belize City on American Airlines, Continental, Delta Airlines, Grupo TACA or US Airways, guests take a 30-minute flight direct from the Belize International Airport to Kanantik with Tropic Air. Kanantik has its own private airstrip, and Tropic Air will stop on request on regularly scheduled flights

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays only. The fare from and to Belize International is US\$ 95.00 per person, one way. For Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays guests will need to fly to Dangriga Municipal airstrip, 35 miles north of Kanantik. The rate is US\$64.00 per person one way and US \$60.00 for the land transfer, two passengers, one way.



Roberto Fabbri

Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort Owner and Manager

It is no surprise that after a lifetime of travel and adventure, Roberto Fabbri moved to a remote area of Belize to set up residence and open Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort. Born in Italy in 1941, Fabbri grew up in Rome and attended high school in Lausanne, Switzerland. Continuing his education at the University of Rome, Fabbri earned a master's degree in Political Science. His education and travels have enabled Fabbri to become fluent in four languages (Italian, French, Spanish and English).

Roberto's adventurous spirit led him to become an avid scuba diver, skier and competitive sailor of Olympic Star class and off-shore racing boats. Fabbri applied his love of water and boating during his 25-year career working for Finland's top custom yacht sail manufacturing company, Baltic Yachts. Fabbri's other passion in life is photography. He started underwater photography in the early '60s and is the only photographer in the world to record the sequence of a manta ray giving birth. Roberto was drawn to the mystical Mayan heritage of Belize as well as the exotic wildlife that he loves to photograph. Roberto lives at Kanantik, just few yards away from the resort, so when he isn't on-site entertaining his guests, he is taking pictures or spending time with his young Belizean daughter. His galleries can be viewed at www.robtofabbri-wildlife.com or <http://pa.photoshelter.com/c/roberto-fabbri>.



BELIZE FACT SHEET

- LOCATION** Belize is situated at the base of the Yucatan Peninsula in Central America and borders Mexico and Guatemala, with the Caribbean Sea to the east.
- GEOGRAPHY** An area of 8,867 square miles, including numerous small islands (cayes) off the coast. More than 65 percent of the country is forested. To the south and west is the Maya mountain range. The shallow offshore cayes to the east straddle a coral reef second only in size to Australia's Great Barrier Reef.
- POPULATION** Total population is 287,730. Approximately 12,000 people reside in the capital, Belmopan City, while just over 60,000 reside in Belize City.
- LANGUAGE** English is the official language. Spanish, Garifuna (Carib), Maya and Creole are also spoken, as well as a German dialect by the Mennonites.
- CLIMATE** The climate is subtropical - summer temperatures seldom exceed 96°F and winter lows are rarely below 60°F. The rainy season is between June and August and the dry season is from February through May.
- CURRENCY** The official currency for Belize is the Belize Dollar (BZD; symbol Bz\$). The exchange rate is approximately Bz \$2 to US \$1. Many businesses will accept U.S. dollars and major credit cards.
- ECONOMY** Tourism is the number one industry followed by the exporting of marine products, citrus, cane sugar, bananas and garments.
- TIME ZONE** Time observed year round is GMT-6. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
- ELECTRICITY** 110 volts AC, 60Hz (American-style two-pin plugs)
- ENTRY/EXIT** At the point of entry a passport, as well as evidence of sufficient funds and proof of return or onward ticket are required. There is a US \$35 departure tax that must be paid at the airport prior to leaving the country.
- AIR SERVICE** Belize is accessible from North America via Atlanta, Charlotte, Houston, Miami or Los Angeles. The major airlines servicing Belize are: *American Airlines, Continental, Delta Airlines, Grupo TACA* and *US Airways*. All international flights arrive at *Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (BZE)*.
- HISTORY** The region was at the heart of the Mayan empire, which disappeared between AD 1000 and 1500. Archaeologists estimate that at its peak, one to two million Maya lived within the borders of present-day Belize.

The country's modern history began when Belize, formerly British Honduras, was occupied by the British in 1638 and was formally recognized as a British colony in 1862. The country achieved internal self government in 1964. On September 21, 1981, Belize became an independent nation and soon after was admitted as a member of the United Nations.





VALENTINE'S DAY ESCAPE TO KANANTIK REEF & JUNGLE RESORT

Belize resort at edge of the jungle offers perfect beach getaway for couples

SOUTH STANN CREEK, Belize – January 2010 – There has never been a better time for lovebirds to head south for the winter, and February is the perfect month for a romantic Valentine's Day escape to Belize. [Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort](#), an eco-sensitive resort with just 25 custom-built cabanas scattered along a secluded natural beach, offers an idyllic setting for a romantic and secluded escape. Surrounded by 300 acres of jungle on the southern coast of Belize, the resort's unique location offers an exotic combination of the wild and the wonderful.

Whether winding down the day on the secluded deck of the charming cabanas or seeking out adventure in the natural surroundings, there is never a dull moment at Kanantik. Adventurous couples will enjoy excursions to the nearby jaguar preserve, snorkeling on the reef, visiting Maya ruins, hiking to scenic waterfalls and canoeing serpentine creeks, where it's possible to spot manatees and other wildlife. After an active day, couples can return to the resort for a refreshing swim in the pool or to relax on the beach as the waves lap the shore.

Dining by the sea in the open-air atmosphere of the bar and dining room will set the romantic mood for any couple. The talented culinary team creates a medley of local flavors, producing a Creole-Mediterranean cuisine blended together with the vibrant tastes of Italy, thanks to the resort's owner who has added his own cultural flair by installing an authentic Italian firewood pizza oven and espresso machine. After dinner, couples can continue their romantic evening with a stroll along the beach under a starlit sky or retreat back to their cabana where river stone-lined showers await and romantic four-poster beds welcome the end of a perfect day.

Ideal for a Valentine's Day vacation escape, Kanantik offers its Romantic Honeymoon Getaway, even for those who haven't just tied the knot. The six-night package includes roundtrip air transfer with Tropic Air from Belize City to Kanantik's private airstrip, a chilled bottle of champagne upon arrival, a la carte breakfast, full lunch and three-course dinner daily, three tours, flowers in room, room service (meals and drinks) and a secluded candlelight dinner on the beach. This special is available for the entire month of February and is priced at \$4,185 per couple, including all government taxes and service charges.

Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort is located 18 miles south of Dangriga, the cultural center of the indigenous Garifuna people and 125 miles from Belize City. Kanantik offers 25 secluded oceanfront cabanas, each designed with an ancient Mayan feel. Guests aged 14 and older are welcomed at the resort. There are two daily rate options – "Cabana Only" or "Deluxe Mayan Dream" all-inclusive rate. For more information, please visit www.kanantik.com or for reservations call 1-877-759-8834.

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WILD ABOUT KANANTIK

Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort in Belize offers an array of adventures including new Mayan ruins tours

SOUTH STANN CREEK, Belize – [Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort](#), an eco-sensitive resort surrounded by 300 acres of pristine jungle on the southern coast of Belize, is the ideal escape for travelers looking to envelop themselves in nature without sacrificing creature comforts. The resort's unique location, just four miles from the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the jaguar preserve, offers guests the opportunity to get out and explore the region's eco-systems.

There's never a shortage of adventure, as Mayan tour guides lead excursions deep into the forest, canoeing in scenic, peaceful rivers to the adjacent Sapodilla Lagoon where manatee might be seen, or to the nearby 150,000-acre Cockscomb Basin, the world's first protected park for jaguars. Other scenic hikes led by Kanantik guides take guests to secluded waterfalls. Wildlife enthusiasts will love walking the trails in the park, occasionally encountering wildlife, while several of the 500 species of birds that call Belize home can be spotted in the towering trees above. The resort even has two of its own observation towers, perfect for bird watching and even for spotting the occasional jaguar and other wildlife.

Kanantik offers several cultural adventures as well, with day trips to explore Mayan Ruins. This year the resort is offering new excursions to the ruins of Lubaantun, the largest in southern Belize and Nim Li Punit, situated in the hills below Belize's Maya Mountains. Lubaantun is said to have been the discovery site of the famous Mitchell-Hedges Crystal Skull. The Nim Li Punit ruins are home to 26 stelae, tall, carved stone slabs, constructed to honor a person or an event. Archaeologists believe that these ruins served as a trading center in the ancient Mayan culture and important landmarks include a ball court, series of tombs and the Plaza of Stelae.

The resort is built on the seashore at the edge of the jungle, so opportunities for water sports abound. Three Hobie Cats and several sea kayaks allow guests to explore on their own, while guided snorkeling on the Barrier Reef can be arranged with expert guides directly from the resort. "Cabana Only" rates start at \$300 per night and the "Deluxe Mayan Dream" all-inclusive daily rate is \$402 per person, per night. Visit Kanantik's website at www.kanantik.com for information on packages such as the Reef, Jungle & Mayan Ruins Package.

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KANANTIK: A GEM IN THE JUNGLE

Unique design makes eco-sensitive Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort in Belize stand out

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Kanantik is surrounded by 300 acres of pristine forest, teeming with wildlife and in an effort to blend with the environment, the resort’s owner has paid close attention to detail, incorporating natural, local materials as much as possible. The four-poster beds, chairs, tables and thatched roofing throughout the resort were all hand-crafted in-house by locals, using indigenous techniques. The Mayan construction workers painted the walls by using cloths to rub in natural dyes and each guestroom showcases artwork from local artisans. Windows are crisscrossed with architecturally designed ‘branches’ and while each cabana has air-conditioning, the open design allows for the breeze to blow in off the sea. Stones from nearby creeks line the rainfall showers in each cabana, as well as the resort’s swimming pool. The overall natural design invites guests to truly relax and even come to dinner barefoot.

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**THE BEST OF TWO WORLDS AT
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Belize resort offers four-for-three special on stays this winter

SOUTH STANN CREEK, Belize – Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort, located on the southern coast of Belize, is welcoming guests this November with special savings that allow for extra time to explore. From now to April 11, 2010 guests who book four nights pay for just three (a savings of more than \$300 per couple) and those staying for seven will pay for five (a savings of over \$650 per couple).

This eco-sensitive resort, built where the forest meets the sea, offers guests a variety of excursions to experience the surrounding wildlife. Guided adventures include canoeing in the nearly uncharted Cabbage Haul Creek to see crocodiles, water birds and possibly manatees in the Sapodilla Lagoon, bird watching on the property, outings to the Cockscomb Basin, the world's first jaguar sanctuary, scenic hikes to spectacular waterfalls and even a full day trip to see Mayan ruins. Guests can explore the nearby coast with Hobie Cats and sea kayaks available at the resort. Snorkeling excursions with certified dive masters can also be arranged directly at the resort. Of course there's always the option of relaxing in a swaying hammock or taking a refreshing dip in the pool.

The chefs at Kanantik bring local flavors together with a splash of Italian heritage, in honor of the resort's owner Roberto Fabbri a native of Rome. The resulting Creole-Mediterranean cuisine gives a refreshing taste of both cultures. Guests can enjoy traditional Garifuna songs and dance when the local Garifuna dance group performs at the resort.

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