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taking sea life. San Pedro is also home to worldclass fishing and scuba diving.

For the more adventurous, "La Isla Bonita" offers a wide array of water sports and for those looking to get a glimpse of the mystical world of the Maya, these historical ruins are just a short expedition away.

On behalf of the people of San Pedro Town, I extend a warm welcome to all visitors arriving to trip to "La Isla Bonita" will be no ordinary vacation. Our island is sity, where Mestizos, Creole and Garinagu blend to form a unique encounter. While here, I encourage you to explore the Caribbean treasures. Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark-Ray Alley are just two of the many spots where you can enjoy our coral reef formation and abundant and breath-

You will also be able to discover Belize's vast cave systems and many natural sanctuaries that are our shores. I assure you that your home to our country's unique flora and fauna.

Whether you are spending your famous for its rich cultural diver- honeymoon at an exclusive resort or looking for an adventurous, yet romantic escape, San Pedro is surely the place to be. I invite you to explore our home and see Sea and find Belize's abundant the many wonders it has to offer.

We welcome you with open arms. Bienvenidos a San Pedro!

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#### Belizean Proverbs ~Yu wahn get am wen fowl gat teet. ~You'll get it when chickens grow teeth. ~Meaning: You'll never get it. Grama use fu seh... Grandmother used to say...

#### Banana Bank - far from the real world, near your dreams...

When vacationing on Ambergris Caye you are immersed in the ultimate Caribbean experience; coconut trees border white sandy beaches, white water breaks on the distant reef and the water between the reef and you is every shade of brilliant shimmering turquoise. You are sun kissed and satiated in tropical bliss. But in order to truly appreciate this incredibly diverse country you need to explore the main land of Belize. Once you have had your fill of sun and sand, or are just ready for a new adventure, it is time to head to the jungle.

The perfect place to experience it all is Banana Bank Lodge and Jungle

Equestrian Adventure. Situated on the peaceful Belize River and surrounded by 4,000 acres of pristine rainforest, Banana Bank Lodge is located on the outskirts of Belmopan and is just a short hour's drive from Belize City. Banana Bank Lodge is a family run lodge that has been offering Belize horseback riding vacation packages, jungle adventures and Belize tours for over 20 years.

The rich history behind Banana Bank Lodge adds to the enchantment of the area. As far back as anyone can remember there has been Banana Bank. In the



carried down the river to the Caribbean Sea. The panels were loaded onto a boat at Corozal and taken all the way to the mouth of the Belize River, then up the river to Banana Bank. This is a distance of some 350 miles. It is only about 25 miles from Gallon Jug to Banana Bank as the crow flies. It has lived many lives,

and after it was painted green it earned the name, "the old green house."

1800's logging was the main thrust of the economy and the only way to the interior was by boat. Banana Bank served as an outpost on the Belize River as well as the head quarters for Belize Estates Corporation. Over time the purpose of the ranch shifted from logging to cattle and a large herd was maintained along with a group of 50 saddle horses. Largely due to the flamboyant nature of the managers of the day, Banana Bank was known countrywide as a place to come for a jolly good time and anyone involved with horses spent time there. The train sta-

tion/headquarters served as the main house. A racetrack evolved and during the dry season, horses were brought across the river at a shallow point near Little Orange Walk. In the 50's and 60's horse races were held at Banana Bank on a regular basis and the ranch was famous countrywide for its horses and horsemen. A horse named Warrior Chief is still talked about today in racing circles.

In 1973 when John Carr and his partner Bill Jaeger came to see Banana Bank and buy it two weeks later, the place looked anything but prosperous. Although the property was in ill repair it still posed a captivating beauty. The Belize River, with a personality like a fickle lover, wrapped its arms around the property

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Chateau Brio, designed by John and Carolyn, demonstrates a classic blend of styles featuring curved stairs and a large patio that can be viewed through arched, stained glass windows.

## Azul Resort & Rojo Lounge

The only resort and restaurant on Ambergris Caye awarded the selection of \*\overline{\tau}\) Fodor's Choice in the 2007 Fodor's Guide To Belize

#### **Azul Resort**

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#### Rojo Lounge

This is the hippest restaurant and bar on the Cayes. Rojo Lounge, in a sultry open air palapa on a beautiful beach is definitely red hot. ...lunch offers sophisticated snacks, dinner is romantic and delicious... the bar serves killer frozen mojitos. -Fodor's

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affording it 20 miles of riverfront. A modern day settler of sorts, Banana Bank reached into the heart of John who was raised on a ranch in Montana. Joining him in this move was his wife Carolyn (an accomplished artist) and their two daughters. Together, they lived in the train station/headquarters which was renamed "the old green house."

Over the next 15 years, Banana Bank Lodge was developed. It is a classic example of the ecotourism facilities for which Belize is famous: family run jungle lodge, unique in character and personality. The lodge is based on the principle that guests come to participate in an environment. Banana Bank is again a refuge from the hardships of the corporate jungle and a place of excitement for those thirsty for a taste of adventure.

After 15 years in tourism in Belize, it was time to do something that no one else was doing. The Equestrian Center was built and

"the old green house" lives on with a few new floor joists, shoring and a new coat of white paint, plans are for it to eventually become a clubhouse-cafe known as "The Headquarters".

The Carr family is friendly, welcoming folks with a warm sense of humor. They have an intense desire to learn and understand the country and posses a genuine passion for its people and culture. Fluent in Spanish and even Creole, they have

infused their lives into all that is Belizean. Don't let John's easy manner lead you to believe that he is just another "aw shucks" cowboy, he's incredibly well read and well versed in Belizean history and current affairs, and can hold a very captivating conversation. Everywhere you look, Carolyn's artistic signature is a part of the Banana Bank Lodge. From the hand carved door in the lodge that tells a story of rebirth,

to the inception and design of their new swimming pool, Carolyn's magical touch has graced it all. Their eldest daughter Leisa manages the lodge and serves as a very accommodating and attentive host, assuring that

your visit's expectations are meet in every way. Leisa extended an invitation to *The San Pedro Sun* to come and experience their jungle lodge and we were delighted to accept the invitation.

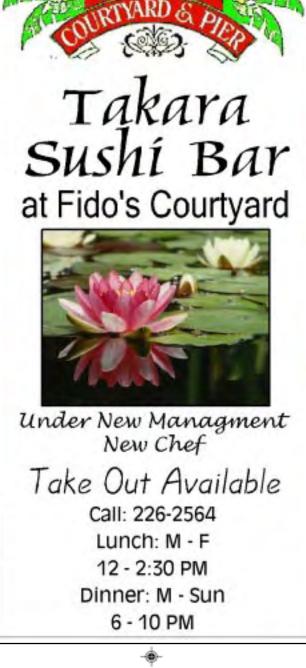
We travel by air to the Belize Municipal airport where we are picked up for transport to the lodge by Carlos. There is such a variety of things to do at Banana Bank Lodge that there are even two different ways to get there, each offering its own sense of adventure. If you are traveling light, the shortest and undoubtedly most exciting way is by crossing the river to the lodge via boat. Once you ar-

rive to the parking area you bang on the gong to summon the boat, then you walk down the stairs to the river bed where the boat comes to meet you from the other shore. After you cross the river you climb another steep set of stairs that end at an open expanse of green

Eden. Our route took us the alternate way, traveling through large expanses of rolling hills, lush farmland and orange orchards where we approach from the **Continued on Page 5** 









5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

back side of the compound.

We are greeted by the reception staff and escorted to our rooms in the lovely Chateau Brio. The three story building was designed by John and Carolyn and demonstrates a classic blend of styles fea-

turing curved stairs and a large patio that can be viewed through arched, stained glass windows. The Chateau has three suites and two standard rooms and is perfect for weddings and romantic getaways. Carolyn's artwork adorns the walls and the rooms are spacious and light with antique furnishing and large comfy beds. The view from the

patio overlooks the new swimming pool and the aviary enclosure. In a nearby tree their pet spider monkey "Chico" literally hangs out, entertaining all with his acrobatics and comic behavior. From the aviary, which houses a variety of tropical birds from around the world, their constant chatter adds to the jungle atmosphere and is amusing when on occasion you recognize a "mimicked" word...hello???

As we explore the grounds the pathways, paved with unique tile stones and bottle fragments, lead us through lush landscapes of beautiful tropical foliage and flowering plants of all sizes and colors. Iridescent teal colored peacocks

> browse the lawn while brightly colored tropical birds sing and dart from tree to tree. A huge Rain tree looms, alive with birds and bromeliads. With more than 50 different varieties of orchids and bromeliads on grounds, not only can you see them adorning the trees but you can peruse their orchid dwell-

ing where the exotic plants gestate their gorgeous fragrant blooms.

After wandering the grounds for awhile we head to the main lodge that houses the dining room. The large thatched roof structure contains carved banisters, pink gypsum stonewalls and rich local hard wood paneling, creating a comfortable and exotic atmosphere. The meals are served family style and

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- \*1 (8 ounce) thin beef eye of round steak
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- \*2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- \*4 pineapple rings

#### Directions:

\*Marinate the steak in bowl with pineapple juice for 25 minutes. After marinating, remove the steak from the juice and sprinkle 1 tablespoon of brown sugar on each side. Discard the pineapple juice.

\*Heat a large skillet on medium heat and melt the butter or margarine. Evenly sprinkle the remaining 1 tablespoon of brown sugar in the pan. Place the pineapple slices around the outside of the skillet, reserving one ring and leaving a space in the middle for the steak.

\*Place the steak in the middle of the skillet and place one ring of pineapple on top. Once the steak is browned on the bottom, turn over, cover the skillet with a lid, and cook on low for an additional ten minutes.

\*Serve the steak with the sauce from the pan and pineapple rings as garnish.



11:30am - 2:30pm 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Boca del Rio

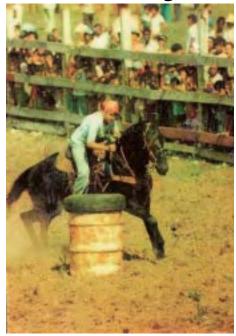






are widely reported to be some of the best in Belize and the family atmosphere provides a setting for lively discussion between guests of different locations and interest. The menu varies but focuses on what they refer to as "grandma food." We agree that their kitchen staff puts on some of the best cuisine found in Belize! YUM! We sit down to enjoy a delicious lunch of meat and potato stuffed empanadas, rice and beans, coleslaw and refreshing limeade, and Leisa joins us for lunch. While we dine she tells us of the life she has lived there for the past 30 odd years. As a child she fondly remembers a life filled with jungle adventures, horses and maintaining a working ranch. It is a captivating story that fuels our growing affection for the area. After lunc, Leisa leads us on a short tour of the area and allows us to take a look at some of their cabañas. These quaint casitas blend with the jungle landscape and have uniquely designed roofs made from jungle bay leaf thatch. Built by Banana Bank craftsmen with fine Belizean woods, they are, in themselves works of art. Each cabaña has a solarium bath, a sitting room and two bedrooms, each with queen and single bed. Carved doors, artwork by Carolyn Carr and jungle ambiance create a truly memorable surrounding and each cabaña has a lovely sitting porch outside. After our tour it is time for us to get ready for our jungle horse ride adventure!

#### Horses...a way of life at Banana Bank Lodge



Leisa barrel races "Midnight" in 1979.

As a cowboy who spent his younger years "rodeoing" in Montana and Wyoming, the Carr family shares John's deep love and respect for horses. When John bought Banana Bank, horse racing had long since vanished, and the only income at this time was cattle. About the only remainder of the glory days was a huge black stallion that came with the ranch along with 1500 heads of cattle. His name was Nigger. Thinking his name entirely inappropriate and offensive John tried to change it to Midnight. Nigger, however, was known throughout the country as an outstanding horse and it was impossible to change his name. Today, Jet Stream is



Heir Apparent "Jet Stream" has big racing plans this year.

the only remaining horse on Banana Bank whose roots reach back to the glory days of horse racing in Belize. His maternal grandfather, Nigger, probably came from Jamaican bloodstock and his fraternal grandfather is the famous American legend Alydar. Now six years old and after resting for two years from the track, he will run the 2007 season. They have high hopes that he can take Horse of the Year as his half brother Aly Banana did in 2004 and they are confident that he has the blood and the guts to do it.

Leisa herself has participated in her share of rodeos at the annual National Agriculture and Trade Show, competing in barrel racing contests. Banana Bank Lodge is home to about 100 head of well-kept, mixed breeds, predominately quarter horses. This combina-

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Our steeds await us at the riding platform where it is easy to mount the horses, and we are greeted by our riding guides Avery and Eddie. After they establish our level of riding expertise (which is minimal) they determine which horse best meets our abilities and make the necessary adjustments to the saddles once we have mounted. Avery gives us instructions on how to steer the horse and the gentle nudges they may need to get them moving. Leisa joins us as well and soon we are off, riding through the ranch land, escorted by a few of the resident dogs that are eager to share the adventure. It is clear that Banana Bank is a working ranch, where cowboys and ranch hands tend to the critters while others work the fertile land growing corn and black-eyed peas. It is not long before we turn off of the gravel road and on to a trail that leads right into the dense

jungle. The rains had been relentless over the past weeks which make for very muddy maneuvering. Although at times our horses are knee deep in mud, they always seem sure-footed and comfortable navigating through the mucky terrain. We venture through thick jungle, the trail canopied by towering trees and tangled vines. Eventually we end up at the river bank where the horses enjoy a drink of fresh water and stop to nibble on tender green grass on the shore.

The scene is lovely, with the wide

river slowly working its way through the cavernous jungle as swallows skim the waters surface for insects. After a short break we continue back into the jungle and eventually come to a clearing where we pass through orange orchards and a teak plantation. Leisa explains that they planted the trees nine years ago and jokes that when they reach their maturity in 20 years they will be her father's 401K...and who says money doesn't grow on trees? We also visit the Equestrian Center and meet their new "cremello" colt and see the historic "old green house" as well. Leisa tells us that for those who want to develop their riding skills, Banana Bank Lodge is now offering summer riding camps for people of all ages. Last summer was their first year of offering the camps and the response was tremendous. Leisa and the staff loved the experience and are excited to again offer the program this summer.

In fine humor, as we ride back to the **Continued on Page 9** 



John's 401K: A Teak Plantation set to mature in 20 years.





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lodge, Leisa mentions that many of their horses are named after country western singers, and we have great fun going down the list of singers we can recall to see if their legacy lives on in a Belizean horse! It is a great day of riding and we are happy and invigorated by the end of the ride. After we regroup from our ride we continue our exploration of Banana Bank Lodge by visiting Carolyn's art gallery and studio.

#### Carolyn Carr's Artistic "Expressions"

As we enter the large, open gallery/studio Leisa serves as our guide while Carolyn chats with a couple of guests who clearly admire her work. Among the finished and framed oil paintings are other paintings in various stages of completion and it is a rare insight to see how a painted creation can unfold. Carolyn has embraced the Belizean culture vividly in her paintings by recreating common scenes that are anything but common in her colorful, textured depictions of busy



Visitors have the unique opportunity to meet resident artist Carolyn Carr while admiring her paintings at her on site gallery and studio.

market places, sidewalk scenes and even a day at the horse race. Each scenario stimulates your imagination into reliving that moment in time all over again. In her detailed portraits of ethnic individuals



Whatever the painting may be, Carolyn has the gift of bringing the subject to life, with details that radiate warmth and vitality.

she sees the beauty in the faces of the Belizean people and replicates their features with intense detail, each telling a story of their own. She also demonstrates a keen eye for the tropical wildlife of Belize and her jaguar paintings seem to come alive, leaping off the canvas while her bird paintings all but take wing from the branch they are perched on.

Her highly recognizable artwork is a significant contribution to the art community of Belize and she has been exhibiting her paintings in Belize since 1989. This year, Carolyn plans to hold an exhibit with internationally recognized Belizean



artist and musician Pen Cayetano.

At the gallery you may purchase prints that are available in three mediums, offset lithograph, giclee and enhanced giclee on authentic artist's canvas. If you don't have the opportunity to purchase a print while you are there you can always acquire

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one from her website www.carolyncarrbelize.com. The gallery also has on display a substantial collection of antiques and artifacts found on Banana Bank that are quite interesting to look at.

#### Endless activities

After enjoying Carolyn's beautiful paintings we venture outside for more exploration. The Carr's are excited about their new swimming pool which was designed by Carolyn. The pool is intended to give a person the sense of oneness with a natural setting, a truly relaxing environment that has a sense of nature or nurturing, something like being enveloped in a peaceful lagoon. According to Carolyn the concept, shape and color is inspired by the Inland Blue Hole. To us it is a sparkling aqua oasis amidst the jungle green and the temptation to linger for long lazy afternoons is almost overwhelming.

We then move on to get a closer look at the kaleidoscope of colorful tropical birds that reside in the aviary enclosure. Leisa has asked one of their helpers to perch some of their favorite ones outside of their cages so that we may get a closer look at their breathtaking beauty. Leisa explains that her mother



Their new pool is so inviting that it is tempting to just spend the day lounging at this tropical oasis.



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A gorgeous Scarlet Macaw perches at attention while we ooh and aah over its pretty colors. has a passion for tropical birds and many different areas of the world are

represented here in these avian ambassadors. They also house indigenous

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"Hello? Hello?" This beautiful Cockatiel playfully gets a closer look at Mary.



The aviary holds many birds, including this beautiful yellow Ringneck.

birds and the large brilliant red and cobalt blue Scarlet Macaw parrot of the Belizean rain forest clearly reigns. After learning about the resident birds the helper then brings out their pet kinkajou. The Kinkajou, also known as the Honey Bear, is a nocturnal rainforest mammal related to the ringtail, raccoon and the lesser panda. Its large eyes and small round ears give it a "startled" look and we are allowed to pet its soft dense fur. We all agree that it is adorable and appreciate the opportunity to actually pet one and see one up close.

After a long day of horse back riding and exploring the grounds it is time to freshen up for dinner and we have managed to work up a huge hunger. If dinner is anything like lunch was we know we are in for a culinary treat! Inside the dining lodge two long tables are set and guests join each other to share the meal and good conversation. At our table we dine with people from various parts of Canada and Colorado, USA. John joins us at the head of the table and he is good about making sure that introductions are made and that folks feel comfortable "breaking bread" with one another. We devour the finger lickin' good barbequed chicken and thoroughly enjoy every last bite. The conversations flow with incredible diversity with laughter and camaraderie warming the atmosphere.



This irridiscent peacock was suffering a mild case of identity crisis - it kept thinking it was a turkey!

For a few of us who are "birders," (and not ashamed to admit it) John offers to take us out early the next morning to look for Jabiru Storks that frequent the area. After dinner, with full tummies and sleepy heads, we return to our rooms to dream of what tomorrow holds for us at Banana Bank Lodge.

While my San Pedro Sun traveling partners are still deep in slumber I rise at 6:00 am to join John and a couple rus for all of Central America. They from Canada in search of the illusive Jabiru Stork. The Jabiru Stork is a very rare bird and is endangered throughout its range. One of the largest birds in the New World, the Jabiru stands five feet tall and has a wingspan of eight feet. Its heavy bill is about 12 inches long and is perfectly designed to catch fish, frogs and snakes. Recent studies have confirmed that Belize has the healthiest breeding population of jabi-

arrive in Belize from Mexico in November and nest in the tall pines of the savannas and marshes of the Belizean lowlands. They remain in Belize until June or July, flying north with the first rains. Hunting and habitat destruction have decimated a once healthy population throughout the region.

John is an awesome tour guide, and as we barrel through fields of corn and **Continued on Page 14** 





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John (left) takes us for an early morning bird watching tour in hopes of spotting the elusive Jabiru stork.

black-eyed peas in his big white Suburban, he shares his wealth of information about the surrounding area and the history behind it. As we look for the Jabiru he points out sights of interest and estimates that there are over 100 remnants of the Mayan civilization - unexcavated house mounds and





Standing five feet tall, once you have spotted a Jabiru there is little doubt as to what it is! When the bird takes to the air, its eight foot wingspan is amazing.

temples on the property. Often we stop and scope the area, and even when we do not spot Jabirus we see beautiful white Wood Storks, vibrant red Vermilion flycatchers, Scissor-tailed flycatchers and bright yellow and black Kiskadees. The morning is misty and magical and while surveying the lush and fertile farmland the air is full of bird song. As the sun rises, so do the sounds of the jungle and you can hear the Howler monkeys growl from the distant jungle that borders the planted fields. Once you spot a Jabiru there is usually little doubt that you Continued on Page 15







The family style dining room enables guests to mingle and get acquainted while enjoying a hearty and delicious Belizean meal.

have...standing 5 feet tall in the field they dwarf the other grazing wood storks and egrets. Although it is distant we can gain a good look at the bird through our binoculars and John's spotting scope, and what a magnificent creature it is! What a treat for us, and even John, who has lived there for 30 years never tires of seeing the regal storks. We manage to spot two while on our outing and the second one de-

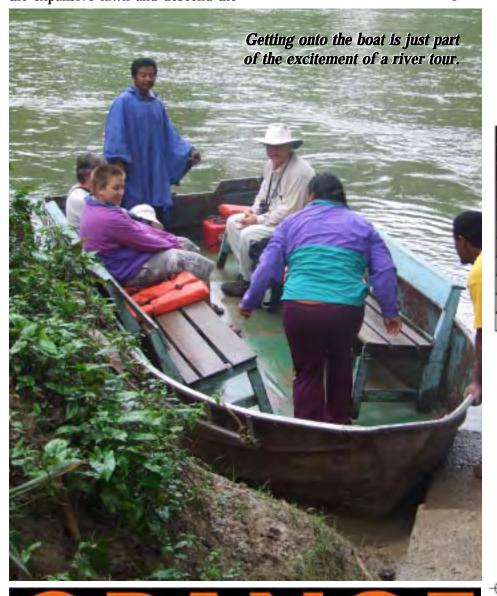
lights us all when it takes off in flight, demonstrating is huge wingspan as it effortlessly takes to the air.

By the time we return to the lodge breakfast is in full swing and my cohorts have managed to get out of bed in time to eat....imagine that! We enjoy our breakfast of scrambled eggs, fry jacks and fresh fruit accompanied with the most delicious cold, fresh squeezed orange juice while planning the day before us. With the rainy weather not all that cooperative, we decide that a river boat tour is in order.

#### River ride

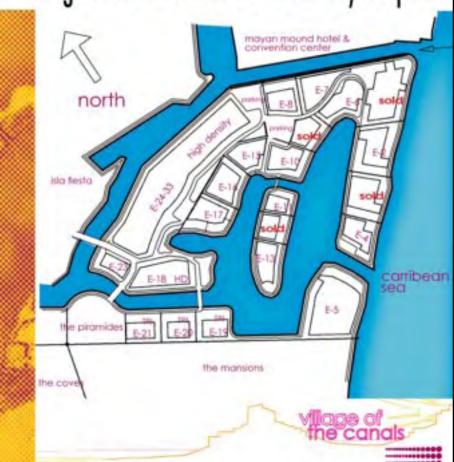
The adventure continues as we cross the expansive lawn and descend the steep stone steps to the river where our boat and tour guide await us. Albert introduces himself and the captain and we embark on our tour of the Belize River. Jungle growth meets river water as we gently glide through the en

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The Village of Canals—across from Cayo Espanto



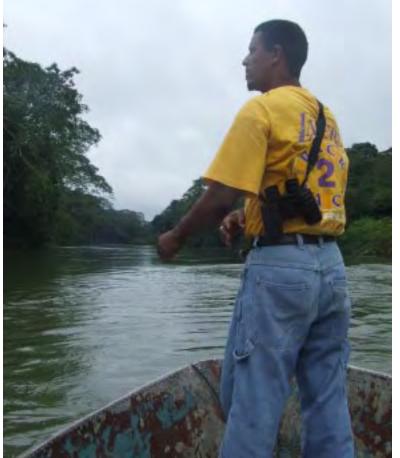
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As we set sail with our able guides, Chepe and Albert, on our river tour, we catch sight of several birds, take in the breathtaking verdant view, and enjoy a quiet morning interspersed only by the sound of the

Belize or a Belizean looking to Continued on Page 17

via the river shuttle and ascended the stairs to the parking lot. Our river guide Albert chauffeured us back to the municipal airport in Belize City where we boarded a plane back to San Pedro. What an amazing change in landscape in such a short trip! We leave behind a taste for more....as the variety of activities offered at Banana Bank Lodge are never ending. From horseback riding, cave tubing, bird watching, river tours, extensive day trips exploring nearby Mayan ruins, jungle adventures to star gazing at night with their Hi-tech computerized 14" Meade telescope where you can see planets, nebula, galaxies, super novas, globular clusters and more, the possibilities seem endless. Whether you are a visitor to

boat's low engine hum.





We come across some very friendly fishermen (L) out to test their luck, and our guide Albert points out some sleeping baby fruit bats on a giant river tree (R).

chanted forest. White egrets take wing while swallows perch on emerging rocks and King Fishers dart through the low hanging branches. Often Albert asks the captain to slow to a specific spot where we may get a closer look at the likes of roosts bats or lazing iguanas. We encounter an occasional group of fishermen fishing from their canoe, and meet a Ruta Maya team that is training for the annual river race which is a four-day, 170-mile canoe race across Belize. Their strength and determination as they slice through the water in their canoe is impressive and we marvel at the stamina it must take to endure a race like that. The height of the trip is on the way back, when we spot

a bright yellow and black Trogon perched on a tree branch above. The jury is still out on whether it was a Citreoline or Black-Headed Trogan but I think it was a Citroline! What ever it was, it was a rare beauty to spot and enjoy! After a little more than an hour on the river we return to the lodge where we prepare to leave before indulging in one last meal at Banana Bank. Although we did not think we were hungry we soon found a new appetite when delicious burritos were served for lunch. Over the meal we finished visiting with Leisa and could not thank her enough for their incredible hospitality and the excellent visit we had enjoyed.

As a final treat we departed the lodge

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#### Raw land

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Ambergris Bay (G36) Lot # 33. Measuring approx. 58' x 155'. \$70,000.00 US.

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Crossing the river to get to the lodge is an exciting route to try. On our way back, we get to experience this treat, and even come across the gong that is used to signal new arrivals across the river!

be a tourist in your own back yard, Banana Bank Lodge extends an invitation to all. They offer Belize rates for Belizeans or foreigners living in Belize on lodging, meals and on site activities. They also plan to offer a "RIDE

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nana Bank Lodge please visit their website at www.bananabank.com.

Editors Note: Some text and photos provided by Banana Bank Lodge and their website @ www.bananabank.com



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To John, Leisa and Carolyn and all the staff at Banana Bank for your wonderful hospitality.

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From Tamara, Jem and Mary

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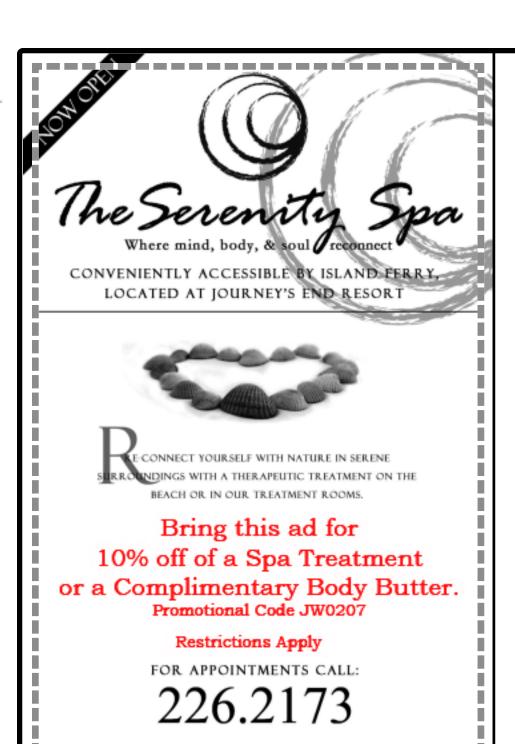


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#### Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

#### We eat dogs

"Hey, Dennis," Bruce called. "I want you to meet my friend."

I laid my guitar on the railing at BC's and walked over to where Bruce was standing with a tiny little Oriental-looking man.

"Dennis, this is my friend John Feng Shu," Bruce said. "John, this is Dennis, one of our local musicians. He plays music here at BC's on Thursday and Sun-

"It nice a meet you, Missa Wolfe," John said.

"Nice to meet you too, John."

"John is from Hong Kong and he exports musical instruments. I thought he might be a person you would be interested in talking to."

Soon, John Feng Shu and I were deep in a discussion of sound equipment and synthesizers. It turned out that this was his first trip out of his country and he had just arrived that day. He had a lot of questions for me, too.

"John, I'm getting hungry," I told him. "I was going down to the park to get something to eat. You want to go with me and maybe get a hot dog?'

John's little Oriental eyes got big and round as he said, "You eat a dog? I don't know you eat dog in Belize."

Oh, boy! This was going to be fun.

"Sure," I told him. "We always eat dog. We eat hot dogs."

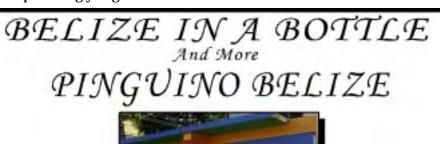
"Two hot dogs with everything on them," I told the girl at the stand.

She fixed them and passed them over the counter to me.

"Here," I said, handing one of the hot dogs to John. "Enjoy your dog."

"What's wrong?" I said, after taking a big bite of mine.

"Missa Wolfe," John said, looking doubtfully at his hot dog. "I mus ask you. Which part a dog you get?"





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\*The penguin is the only bird that can swim, but not fly. It is also the only bird that walks upright.

\*Zsa Zsa Gabor was the first – and only – recipient of a Golden Globe Award for "Most Glamorous Actress." She won the peculiar award in 1958. The category was deleted thereafter.

\*Lillian Millicent Entwistle, actress, died in 1932 – she committed suicide by umping from the "H" of the Hollywood sign.

\*An ear of corn averages 800 kernels in 16 rows.

\*To dream of a lizard is a sign that you have a secret enemy.

\*If a candle lighted as part of a ceremony blows out, it is a sign that evil spirits are nearby.

- \* Virga are streaks of water drops or ice particles falling out of a cloud and evaporating before reaching the ground.
- \* When asked to name his favorite among all his paintings, Pablo Picasso replied "the next one."



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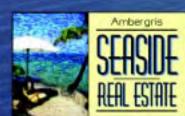


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