

# ELECTRI<sup>i</sup> INTERNATIONAL

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## ELECTRI Belize Post- Meeting Tour March 11-16, 2017

*Dear ELECTRI Members and Guests—American Travel is offering meeting goers the perfect opportunity to explore the famous Tikal Archeological site and southern Belize. These areas offer two small hotels—both quite nice - Bel Campo near Punta Gorda and the inland resort at Chaa Creek. Reservation Forms are needed as soon as possible as we have a limited number of accommodations. Please join us!*

♦ *A full day culinary tour in Toledo region*

♦ *Tikal Mayan ruins tour in Guatemala*

♦ *Luxury jungle lodge accommodations*



**2016 ELECTRI  
International  
Cross-Border Meeting  
Extension**  
*Leaving from Ambergris  
Cay, Belize*



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## Itinerary



### **March 11, Saturday to Punta Gorda, Toledo**

- D
- Morning 2 hour flight from Ambergris Cay.
  - Mid-day arrival and short transfer to Bel Campo, a 12,000 acre nature reserve and resort.
  - Afternoon is open to enjoy kayaks, guided hiking, birdwatching or snorkeling. For fishing enthusiasts, southern Belize is world-renown permit territory. A sunset cruise is planned on the Rio Grande River.
  - Welcome dinner tonight.

### **March 12, Sunday** *Belcampo*

B,L, D • Toledo culinary tour –Early morning departure for an informative inland tour to The Spice Farm in Golden Stream. This 15 year old farm specializes in growing many of the exotic spices we well know but have probably never seen growing, such as black peppercorns, vanilla, nutmeg, all-spice, cardamom and cinnamon. Stroll through the edible landscape with a local guide who explains growing, pollination, harvesting and post harvesting techniques. Lunch at Coleman’s Café, where we’ll sample the local foods. Next we visit the charismatic Eladio Pop in the village of San Pedro Columbia. Eladio was featured in the documentary, The Chocolate Farmer. We’ll visit his home and family of 15 children to learn about the traditional method of transforming cacao into chocolate, which is by hand and ground on a metate. This is another authentic local experience.

- Mid-afternoon return to our hotel.
- Tonight we’ll enjoy another farm to table Bel Campo dining experience.

### **March 13, Monday** *Belcampo to San Ignacio and Chaa Creek*

- B,D
- This morning we fly to the Chaa Creek Resort in central Belize via San Ignacio.
  - This afternoon will be a good time to visit the Blue Morpho Butterfly Farm, Natural History Museum or Medicinal Plants Trail - all onsite at Chaa Creek.
  - Dinner at Chaa Creek.

### **March 14, Tuesday** *Chaa Creek*

B,L,D • We’ll leave early for a guided tour to Tikal National Park, in Guatemala’s Petén district. This crown jewel of Mayan archaeological sites has fascinated visitors for over 100 years with its stunning beauty and sheer grandeur that rises out of the lush jungle. Once the sprawling capital of one of the greatest empires of the ancient Maya, the site that is now Tikal National Park & Mayan Ruins was established well before the time of Christ. It flourished during the Maya Classic period of 200 to 900 AD and was the most important city-state in the Maya region. At its height the city of Tikal had an estimated population of 90,000. Earthworks and other defense systems surrounded an area of some 463 sq. miles supplied by ingenious irrigation and agricultural systems which can still be seen today. The layout, beautiful architecture and scale of impressive buildings connected by wide causeways, the rich jungle life and the relaxed ambience make this an unforgettable experience. Today, Tikal National Park is a UNESCO world heritage area and national park, with 222 sq. miles of unspoiled natural beauty and is home to many exotic animals, including tapir, jaguar, crocodile, cougars, monkeys, coatimundi and a colorful assortment of birds. It is also the largest excavated site in the American continent, containing over 3,000 structures and massive, beautiful temples rising 230ft. out of the dense jungle.

- Late-afternoon return to our hotel.
- Enjoy another farm to table dinner.

### **March 15, Wednesday** *Chaa Creek*

- B, D
- Chaa Creek offers several types of sacred Mayan cave tours, as well as zip-line tours for different levels of fitness. We’ll plan a 1/2 day tour.
  - Farewell dinner tonight.

### **March 16, Thursday** *Home*

- B
- Early morning departure for our 30-minute flight from San Ignacio to Belize International Airport and our flights home.

#### *Web Sites*

<http://www.belcampobz.com> , <https://www.travelbelize.org> , <https://www.chaacreek.com>

## TOUR INCLUSIONS for Electri International Post-Meeting Belize tour

- \* Airport transfer from Ambergris Cay for the flight to Punta Gorda
- \* Intra-Belize air flights and transfers, Ambergris Cay/Punta Gorda/San Ignacio/Belize City
- \* Deluxe hotel accommodations
- \* Two-nights Belcampo Resort
- \* Three-nights Chaa Creek Resort
- \* Breakfast daily
- \* Two lunches while touring per itinerary
- \* Two dinners and a sunset cruise in Punta Gorda
- \* Three dinners at the Chaa Creek Resort
- \* Guided tours with entrance fees in Punta Gorda, and Tikal
- \* Transportation to Tikal by motorcoach, with local English speaking guides
- \* Hotel taxes and service charges; hotel portorage
- \* Services of an ATA tour director and local guides throughout
- \* Guide Book of Belize plus Final Advice Memo with detailed travel information on weather, clothing, currency, airport procedures and much more .....



### Tour Price for the Post-Meeting tour

- \$ 3,336 per person double occupancy
- \* single occupancy available upon request

**Not Included:** Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone; meals and beverages—alcohol, soft drinks, coffee, tea unless otherwise specified.

**Room Upgrades—** Tour price is based on Jungle Suites at Belcampo and Cottages at Chaa Creek.

**Note\* Room availability is quite limited, first come, first served.** Links are provided below to help you choose. Upgrade costs are per room for the for the length of stay.

#### Belcampo upgrade costs,

Jungle Suite— two available, tour cost  
King Suite \$260—two available  
Ridge Suite \$394—four available

<http://www.belcampobz.com/>

#### Chaa Creek upgrade costs

Cottage Collection—four available, tour cost  
Macal Cottage \$561—one available  
Tree Top Suite \$561—two available

<https://www.chaacreek.com/>



**in**  
**BELIZE**

## CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment for the Post-Meeting Tour:** Reservations are confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA), upon receipt of the Reservation Form and deposit. Reservations require a **\$300 per person per tour deposit** to accompany the Reservation Coupon. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than **January 11, 2017**. For any reservations received after January 11th, the full payment is due with the Reservation Form. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express.

**Cancellation: Land Package:** A \$150 per person administrative fee will be charged regardless of the reason for cancellation. Penalty on cancellations received between January 12th and 30th will be 50% of the tour price; after January 30th, 100% of the tour price depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refunds once the tour has begun. *Cancellations* must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received (see Cancellation Insurance below).

**Weather: Mid-March** in tropical Belize will offer warm days and evenings—the average low is 72(f) the high 85. March falls after the rainy season and averages only 2" of rain. Chaa Creek will be affected by the mountainous interior and probably a bit cooler.

**Health:** The Participant(s) represent(s) that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with them has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition which may require medical attention or special equipment (ex. Wheelchair) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form. The walking surfaces can include steep stairs and cobblestone walks. Please prepare to wear practical shoes with non slip soles for those occasions. The Mayan ruins require climbing. We will plan plenty of pauses during the tours to allow for those who might need a slower pace.

**Airline Contract:** The usual passage contract when the ticket is issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the tour participant. ATA shall not be liable for airline cancellation penalties incurred by purchasing non-refundable tickets.

**Trip cancellation insurance:** can be obtained from Allianz [www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com) either on-line or over the phone (800-284-8300). The airlines also have good insurance options. Trip cancellation insurance is a good idea because it offsets non-refundable air, hotel, and operator charges. Please note the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion. If one exists, you need to purchase the insurance within 14 days of your first payment.



**Insurance (continued):** Allianz has a number of plans. For most, the Basic Plan is fine. However, everyone has different needs, and Allianz agents are available to assist you. Also check with your insurance agent to see what is covered under your existing homeowner and medical policies. For example, suitcases and contents are probably covered under your homeowner's policy.

**Prices:** The tour price is subject to change due to land cost increases and foreign exchange fluctuation. ATA reserves the right to change the price for such reasons or changes in the number of participants (14) upon which the tour costs are based. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on October 14, 2016.

**Responsibility:** American Travel Association (ATA), and the Foundation for Electrical Construction, Inc, (Electri International) and/or their employees or agents, act only on behalf of the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services such as hotels and restaurants to purchasers of this tour and their travel companions (Participants), subject to any and all items and conditions under which any transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such owners and contractors. ATA and Electri International, their affiliates and their employees and agents (collectively ATA and Electri International) shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for the acts or omissions of the aforesaid owners, contractors and employees thereof supplying transportation or other services hereunder, including but not limited to breach of contract, intentional or negligent delay or bodily or property loss, injury or damages. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they're provided. ATA and Electri International shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for any loss, injury or death, or other damages caused by or resulting from acts of God, fire, breakdown or defects vehicles, machinery or equipment, acts of governments and other authorities, wars, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics or quarantines, monetary crisis, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. Participants shall have the responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories, which may exist. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on any invoice or reservation itinerary, ATA and Electri International do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings or reservations. The Participants' retention of air tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions. In addition, Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. ATA and Electri International reserve the right to cancel any itinerary or any part thereof and to make such alterations in the itinerary they deem necessary or desirable.

**Travel Advisories/Warnings:** The areas we're visiting are generally safe and a State Department warning does not exist at this time. It is the responsibility of the Participant to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U. S. State Department's travel website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or by phone at 1-888-407- 4747. In this case of an active State Department Travel Warning, should the Participant choose to travel, notwithstanding this State Department Travel Warning, the Participant assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against. The State Department's travel information will be sent by American Travel with the welcome letter, and ATA will monitor and update if advisories change.

**Tax Deductibility:** Current U.S. tax regulations allow deductibility for travel and subsistence expenses incurred in travel related to trade or business. It is the responsibility of the traveler to become familiar with and adhere to the specific reporting requirements imposed.



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Belize



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Mexico

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Costa Rica

Panama

## ELECTRI International Belize Post-Meeting Tour Reservation Form

\* Please correspond to the following \_\_\_ office \_\_\_ home address:

**Company (if applicable)**

**Name/s as they appear on your passports**



**(If children coming please give ages and let us know if they will share a room with you)**

**Street** \_\_\_\_\_ **Apt/Suite** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other preferred Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**First** or preferred name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name/s** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Upgrades** Belcampo \_\_\_ King Suite \$260 \_\_\_ Ridge Suite \$394  
Chaa Creek \_\_\_ Macal Cottage \_\_\_ Tree Top Suite \$298

**Deposit** A deposit of \$300 per person is due by October 30th with the Reservation Form. **Final payment is due January 11th.** Payments can be by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards. Make checks payable to American Travel Association and confirm the amount of your enclosed check or the amount to charge your card here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* If you wish to wish to use credit card:

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of cardholder **if different** from above

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Intra Belize tour air flights will be booked by ATA. They are included in your tour price.**

**Return form to:** American Travel Association, 2126 Piedmont Lake Road, Pine Mountain, GA 31822

**Secure Fax:** 706-225-2551, **or scan/e-mail to:** [travelata@aol.com](mailto:travelata@aol.com)