

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2012

Month	Event	Location	Comment
January 11	Public Lecture 7:00p.m.	Bliss Centre	Lecture on the Maya calendar and 2012 by Dr. Mark Van Stone.
January 12	Public Lecture 7:00 p.m.	San Ignacio Hotel	Lecture on the Maya calendar and 2012 by Dr. Mark Van Stone.
January 25	Traditional Healers Workshop 10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Cahal Pech	Traditional Healers Workshop, (Cahal Pech)
February 19	Maya Festival	Altun Ha	In conjunction with Kinich Ahau Art Exhibit
March	Luk Ya 3 Exhibition	Pen Cayetano Art Gallery in Dangriga	A month long Maya exhibit at the Gulluci Museum organized by the Women's department and Pen Cayetano
March 6-25	Tumul K'in Month Long Activity	Tumul K'in	"Towards the New Era: Celebrating our Identity" Torch Run; Clay Pot Making; Miss Maya Competition; Lord of the Rainforest Bicycle Race; Chaj Chaay (Sacred Maya Ball game)
March 8-12	Ruta Maya River Challenge	Cayo-Belize	4 day long river challenge from San Ignacio to Belize City
March 9	Nat. Heroes & Benefactors (Maya leaders)	Belize	Annual NICH event
Mar 20-21	Vernal Equinox	Caracol	Overnight at Caracol to witness equinox. Will include ceremony by Maya priests, and traditional Maya food.
March 28- 29	Maya Women's Expo	Old Post Office Site Caye Caulker Water Taxi Parking lot/ NICH parking lot	An exposition organized by the women's department featuring the various income generating products of the indigenous women's group.
April 1 – 15 May	Traveling Exhibition	Country wide	Exhibition highlighting Maya artistic achievements and significant historical moments in Belizean history. Country-wide.
May 5	Lamanai Canoe Challenge	Orange Walk	Canoe Race From Lamanai to Orange Walk Town.
May 18-20	Cacao Festival	Toledo	Festival celebrating the Maya domestication and use of cacao. Maya deer dance and other activities
June 20-23	Coastal Maya Trader Exhibition	San Pedro, Ambergris Caye	On Site tours and exhibition highlighting items used as trade in everyday life from Marco Gonzalez archaeological reserve.
June 20-21 Wed-Thur	solstice (1 of 2)	Caracol	Overnight at Caracol for Solstice. Will include ceremony by Maya priests and traditional Maya food
June 26-29	Archaeology Symposium	San Ignacio	Annual IOA-ISCR Anthropology Symposium. Special Topic: Time and the Maya
July 13-17	Bze. Film Fest	Belize City	Annual Event that will feature some films that celebrate Maya culture
August 2-5	Costa Maya	San Pedro	Annual fair in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye
August 17- 19	San Joaquin Fiesta	San Joaquin	Annual community fair in the Maya village of San Joaquin in Corozal District.
Sept. 20-21	Autumnal Equinox	Caracol	Overnight at Caracol to witness equinox. Will include ceremony by Maya priests and traditional Maya food
Oct.12-14	World Indigenous Music Fest.	Belize City	Musical festival at Bliss Centre for Performing Arts. Will feature indigenous music from the Americas.
Nov. 22-24	Dance X Belize 2012	Belize City	Special Dance festival at the Bliss Centre for Performing Arts.
Dec. 12	Mass Wedding	Cahal Pech	This 12-12-12 event will be available for a limited number of participants who will have an opportunity to celebrate their wedding at the Cahal Pech Maya site.
Dec 20-21	Solstice (2 of 2)	Caracol	Overnight at Caracol to witness solstice. Will include ceremony by Maya priests and traditional Maya food.
Dec 22	Solstice Festival	Cahal Pech	Closing event with performance, music, fire ceremony, and torch run. Will also include a musical concert.