

Belize N.G.O. Media & Journalism Internship

Further your journalistic skills whilst spending time in a stunning part of the Caribbean.

Nestled in Central America on the Caribbean coast between Mexico and Guatemala, Belize lies at the centre of the Mesoamerican "biodiversity hotspot". Pristine subtropical forests provide a refuge for wildlife and conceal ancient Mayan ruins whilst the warm clear waters of the Caribbean lap sandy Cayes offering access to the world's second longest barrier reef and a UNESCO World Heritage Site; renowned for its spectacular snorkelling and diving. Infused throughout is the country's culture influenced by Belize's Afro-Caribbean roots, creating a fabulous laid-back atmosphere.

Your journalism placement will give you the opportunity to work as a field journalist, integrating yourself with day-to-day activities and reporting or documenting the work and social activities of volunteers at the location.

You may undertake this placement from a variety of perspectives, depending on your skills and experience. These include:

- Article Production (written and online journalism)
- Photography
- Videography
- Blogging or Vlogging

You will gain experience of reporting and content production in a remote location, and this placement is a perfect entry into the world of travel journalism.

Acceptance for this placement is dependent on submission of an up-to-date CV/resume detailing relevant experience and/or qualifications.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in true Belizean culture
- Live in the idyllic beach camp on the beautiful Caye Caulker
- Gain valuable professional travel journalism experience and references
- Make lifelong friends

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- CV required
- Minimum 2 month placement
- Relevant journalism or media experience and qualifications
- Laptop and/or camera/video camera that you are able to take to the project

FAST FACTS

Location	Caye Caulker, Belize
Activities	Article production Photography Videography Blogging/Vlogging
Transport	Airport pickup and transfer to the project site is provided for free if you arrive on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. If you want to join the project at any other time, you can book an airport pick up and transfer from Frontier for an additional £120GBP.
Accommodation	Beach camp at research station on Caye Caulker

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

Online Journalism

Report on the activities of volunteers and staff on the project. Think outside the box to offer a unique and informative outlook on this fascinating project using your writing skills. You will produce a number of written articles each week and liaise with volunteers and staff to create content such as interviews and activity logs.

Photography

Use your photography skills to showcase this amazing project to the world. Create regular photo galleries and work with the volunteers and staff to document their activities on camp and in the local community.

Videography

Film and produce videos documenting the work and social life on your project. Liaise with volunteers and staff to create video interviews and showcase the most interesting aspects of life on the project.

Blogging/Vlogging

If blogging or Vlogging is your thing, you will be tasked with creating regular updates on work and life on the project, helping connect people to the project worldwide.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Depending on your skills, you will be given specific targets and suggestions for content production, and will liaise with volunteers and field staff as well as journalism and marketing staff at our HQ to create amazing content. This content will be used to showcase the great work being done on the projects, as well as your skill and commitment as a journalist.

You will be given support from field and HQ staff but will also be encouraged to use your imagination and ingenuity to suggest new and interesting ways to document your time as a field journalist.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

Volunteers arriving before 2pm (local time) on the first Monday of the month will be welcomed by a Frontier representative at Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport. From here it's a short minibus or taxi ride from the airport to Belize City where you will then transfer to the project site via water taxi and be introduced to the Frontier-Belize programme.

You will meet the staff, receive some initial briefings, including an introduction to the science programme and techniques used, as well as health and safety lectures, so make sure your medical kit is complete and start reading your safety and medical briefs.

Independent travellers arriving on dates other than the first Monday of the month can arrange a separate airport collection (extra cost; US\$204GBP) by contacting your volunteer coordinator at least 1 week prior to arrival.

At the end of your stay, project staff will assist you to plan your return to the airport or onward travel.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

During the project you'll live in the beach camp alongside other Frontier volunteers and staff. We aim to provide you with a unique and memorable living experience. The project is situated on the north island at a research station, with living space, toilet, shower facilities and communal living and cooking areas. Camp life is very simple, unsophisticated and fun.

You will be staying in an indoor sleeping area in hammocks or on roll mats, your "shower" will be a jug or a bucket of water and you will cook using a simple stove: so prepare for the basic, virtually footprint less, unencumbered lifestyle!

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

Food on camp is simple, nutritious and consists largely of locally sourced fresh vegetables and fruit, rice, beans and noodles, all of which are purchased from nearby communities thereby helping to support the local economy. Luxuries such as chocolate, peanut butter, soda and other drinks are available in Belize City, so make sure you stock up before heading to your field camp or at nearby stalls accessible only by boat on weekends.

Part of your role on camp will be to help with the cooking. Creating spectacular meals will become second nature, so get your cookbooks out now and start thinking up recipes! Also, with luck you'll be invited to local feasts and festivals – a great way to engage with local communities and discover local cuisines and cultures.

COSTS

8 weeks	US\$ 2,895
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12 weeks	US\$ 4,045
20 weeks	US\$ 5,995
extra week	US\$ 345

DEPARTURE DATES

First and third Monday of every month.

Alternative dates available on request, at an extra cost.

DURATION

You can join this project for a minimum of 2 months

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Pre-departure support & documentation
- Travel & medical advice
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt
- UK residential briefing weekend including food, accommodation and training (extra cost applies)

In-country

- Basic food
- Accommodation
- Airport pickup and transfer to the project site if you arrive on the 1st Monday of the month.
- Internal ground transfers & in-transit accommodation for volunteers arriving on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.
- Local orientation
- Project training
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Belize City Goldson Intl Apt (BZE)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Call us on 020 7613 2422 (UK) / 1 949 336 8178 (US)

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