

**Floating atop the warm, clear turquoise waters with a mask and snorkel provides an exciting glimpse into Belize's underwater glories and is a "must see" even for the first-time snorkeler. Knowledgeable local guides will help you explore the kaleidoscope of color found in hard and soft corals, vibrant sponges and over 500 species of fish.**



There are thousands of snorkeling sites of varying depths along the Belize Barrier Reef. Every snorkel spot is a little different from the other and if you go back to the same spot, each time you will see something different.

- Even the toddler dipping their face in 2 ft of water with a white sand bottom will often yield a hovering Silver shad and the dart of a tiny "julala" hiding in an abandoned conch shell.
- Waist deep at Shark Ray alley will surround you with gentle nurse shark and rays
- In 15 ft above a patch reef, the color and schools of fish will astound you while at that same depth near mangrove roots, the subdued light will show glistening schools of tiny fish and sponge encrusted roots.
- At night, many marine species come out to feed, and the underwater world comes awake
- If you've never snorkeled before it is a good idea first try your equipment in water you can stand in first. If you're uncomfortable, try using a life jacket for added assurance. Just remember to breathe steadily through your mouth - once you get a glimpse of what lies beneath the waves it will come naturally.

Waterproof identification cards are a helpful to use in the water or to share your experience when back on shore.