

PERMIT QUEST WITH TODD CALITRI, MARCH 21-27, 2013

BELCAMPO LODGE, PUNTA GORDA, BELIZE
TROPICAL NATURE, LUXURIOUS LODGING & UNIQUE FLY FISHING

Join Orvis Travel Saltwater Expert Todd Calitri and a small group of anglers and their companions in southern Belize, and learn what it takes to catch the elusive and hard fighting permit. This part of Belize is arguably the best place in the world to catch a permit on a fly, and this trip was put together to maximize your chances for success. The trip includes top notch Orvis equipment, fishing with experienced local guides, access to superb permit flats, and the expert coaching of an accomplished permit angler. Guests will be staying at Orvis Endorsed Belcampo Lodge, so even the most discriminating traveler is sure to enjoy the luxurious accommodations, personalized service and fine dining. Nonangling companions are encouraged to attend, and will have a wide variety of nature and cultural excursions to enjoy during their stay. The trip is limited to only 10 anglers, and their companions, so reserve your spot soon by calling Orvis Travel at 800-547-4322.

Belcampo Lodge is the only place in far southern Belize where you can explore the tropical forest or fly fish while enjoying luxurious accommodations and gourmet food. It is surrounded by tropical nature both on land and at sea. The lodge is situated on a hillside above the Rio Grande in a 12,000 acre private reserve, where you can observe tropical birds in the canopy, and adjacent to the Port of Honduras Marine Reserve, one of the best places in the world to catch permit on a fly rod.

Modeled after the private game lodges in southern Africa, Belcampo manages to provide luxury, service and excellent food without sacrificing an authentic natural experience. Comprehensive conservation programs ensure ample populations of permit, snook and other fish in the surrounding waters, while monkeys, tapir and countless tropical bird species are spotted throughout the property. Belcampo's miles of marked trails, nearby Mayan ruins, protected river kayaking and excursions to offshore islands provide plenty of activity in addition to fly fishing. For the senses and relaxation, there's the Jabulani Spa with massages and more in a relaxing rainforest ambiance. The food is memorable, much of it fresh from the lodge's own organic garden and inspired by the Mayan cuisine of Central America.

Birding is outstanding – 276 species were recorded in a single day – and the lodge's unique location high on a ridge above a river gives you a unique viewpoint. There's tropical hardwood forest, mangroves, riparian, and saltwater habitat close to the lodge, making it one of the most interesting locations in Belize for birders. Like all the best

birding locations, Belcampo has expert guides who will help you get the most out of your visit.

Lodging is in 12 large suites with luxurious baths, large verandas and floor to ceiling windows with views.

We highly recommend this Orvis endorsed lodge as the best of southern Belize, whether you're seeking tropical nature, fly fishing for the challenging permit, or an exotic escape.

Activities

Belcampo has well organized activities and some of the best trained guides in Belize, whether you're going fly fishing or looking for trogons in the forest. There is always something to keep everyone as active as they choose during their stay at Belcampo. They have the best fly fishing guides in the area, and you'll need them to get a shot at the elusive permit that are found here, and their naturalist guides have been trained to the highest standards for interpreting the tropical forest, birds and marine life. You will find them friendly, informative and well organized.

Fly Fishing

The Gulf of Honduras is permit country and you may get more shots at a permit here in one day than anywhere else we know in the Caribbean. Permit are elusive, finicky and landing one is a challenge for even expert anglers, which is why they are so highly regarded. Belcampo's guides know permit fishing and will introduce you to the best waters.

There are also tarpon and bonefish in the region – tarpon are frequently seen rolling in the Rio Grande close to the lodge – and it's possible to catch a grand slam (bonefish, tarpon and permit in the same day). Snook are found in the area too, and you may have a better chance of a hookup with one here than most places. However, permit are the stars, and by far the most likely object of your fly fishing desire while staying at Belcampo.

Belcampo's most frequently targeted species:

- **Permit:** The flats, lagoons and river channels around Belcampo are among the best permit fisheries in the world. The largest fish are found from March through May, but ample numbers are found nearby year round. No matter where you fish, permit are challenging. Even at Belcampo, if you catch 2 or 3 fish in a week, you have had a very good week.
- **Tarpon:** Large tarpon are migratory and are found in the waters around Punta Gorda from May through September. Smaller tarpon, less than twenty pounds, can be found in the mangroves and brackish estuaries, creeks and lagoons year-round. Tarpon are not guaranteed, and most anglers will not a catch a tarpon during their stay.
- **Bonefish:** The flats, lagoons and river mouths attract bonefish, but not in same numbers as in northern Belize. Additionally, the bonefish flats are not close to the lodge, requiring long runs, which may be impossible in inclement weather. We suggest you combine a stay at Belcampo with a fishing lodge to the north if

- you are new to flats fishing, or want to target bonefish.
- **Snook:** Coastal marine and brackish mangroves offer the best snook fishing from November through March.
- **Jack Crevalle:** Thriving in the area since the 1995 commercial net ban, large schools of jacks are found in the shallow flats and lagoons around Belcampo from February through November.
- **Mutton Snapper:** This coveted species is found year-round in the sandy areas around mangroves, lagoons and river basins.

A limited selection of fishing tackle is available for use at the lodge, but we recommend that the experienced anglers bring their own tackle.

Conservation note: as of 2008, permit, tarpon and bonefish are catch-and-release only in Belize by law. Belcampo Lodge strongly supports this conservation effort and Belize's pro-conservation policies. Additionally, Belcampo Lodge has partnered with Bonefish & Tarpon Trust and the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) to tag permit, in an effort to get a better understanding of their migration and spawning patterns. During your trip you may be able to participate in this exciting project by tagging your fish and recording information that will be used by scientists to help protect the fish and its habitat.

For more information about Bonefish & Tarpon Trust's efforts to study and protect permit in southern Belize, please visit www.tarbone.org.

The **Complimentary Collection** of on-site activities at Belcampo Lodge is available to every guest:

Bird Watching - Extensive habitat diversity surrounding Belcampo Lodge makes
the lodge a birder's paradise. With a low human population density and active
preservation activities, the area's river banks, meadows, rainforests, cayes and
swamps provide numerous hideouts for the more than 618 recorded species of

birds found in Belize. Serious and casual birders alike appreciate the loguide books, terraced bird friendly landscaping, marked trails and strategically placed viewing scopes and binoculars. Belcampo offers a variety of ways birding can be combined with other activities, from canoeing and hiking or simply relaxing around the pool or on the veranda of the lodge. Winter brings more than 200 visiting species from North America and summer sees many of the migratory birds from South America making this an area of interest for birdwatchers year-round.

Canoe Trips on the Rio Grande; it is not a
difficult paddle either up or downstream. Guests
will be able to see various plants, animals, birds

- and sites of interest as they navigate their own canoes and kayaks on the river. All equipment is provided, as well as instruction if needed.
- **Guided Walking Jungle Safaris** at Belcampo have a concentration on special interest topics, such as birding for beginners, rainforest animal identification and an introduction to medicinal plants. Guests may visit a number of areas, including the lodge's own pristine 12,000 acre reserve where wildlife and birds are plentiful.
- **Mountain Biking** Bikes are available to explore the surrounding area including the lodge's farm and organic garden.

Offsite activities

There are a variety of activities available and they are operated by trained guides using the lodge's own well-maintained vehicles and boats both in the day and night. The groups are small, with an average of six guests with a guide. These can be arranged at the lodge after arrival, allowing you to choose the best tours based on your personal interests, the weather, and the season. Daytime tours are usually a full day and a delicious picnic lunch is provided if you are not returning to the lodge mid-day.

Suggested tours (these can be arranged on-site, al a carte):

Mayan culture and sites

• Blue Creek Maya Village, Cave & Hiking Adventure

Visit a local Maya Village and hike through the jungle to get to Hokeb Ha Cave, where stalactites loom overhead and stalagmites fill the floor and you can swim in the sparkling water. A full day tour where you can choose to have lunch with your guides' family, learning more about Mayan life, or enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by the lodge's culinary team.

• Maya Ruin, Waterfalls & Hiking Adventure

Take an adventurous ride to one of the regions ancient Mayan Ruins. Visit either Lubaantun or Nim Li Punit before enjoying lunch in a local restaurant or in the jungle near the trail to Rio Blanco Falls. After lunch you will make a short hike to the falls were you can swim in the cool refreshing water or just relax and enjoy the view of the waterfalls and surrounding jungle.

• Maya Ruins & Chocolate Making Adventure

This half day adventure begins with a visit to Belcampo's own Mayan Chocolate making facility. Afterwards guests will continue through the village to a nearby ancient Mayan ruin. Guests have the option of enjoying lunch at a local Belizean restaurant, or returning to the lodge to dine.

• A Maya Cacao and Village Tour provides an introduction to today's life of the native Maya. Belcampo Lodge guides lead guests through villages and homes to learn about Maya traditions, farming techniques, chocolate and tortilla making and the different dialects.

• Jungle River Boat Adventure

Guests enjoy exploring the Rio Grande River, which flows through the lodge's property. Typically a half day tour that can be arranged either in the morning or afternoon.

• Nightime Polaris Jungle Adventure Ride

The lodge's Polaris all terrain vehicles will take you on an adventurous ride along the jungle trails where you will see and hear interesting wildlife and learn more about what happens in the rainforest, after dark.

• Punta Gorda Town and Market Tour

Get to know Punta Gorda and the local people by visiting the town on market day. This is a good opportunity to shop for authentic hand-crafted souvenirs as well as learn more about the culture.

• Half Day & Full Day Snorkeling & Reef Adventures

The snorkeling and reef tour takes guests to the southern end of the Belize Barrier Reef, the second largest barrier reef in the world, to see a variety of aquatic species including sea fans, coral, colorful fish, seahorses, rays, eels and turtles.

SCUBA Diving

Belcampo offers certified divers and those that want to learn the opportunity to dive some of the world's best coral reefs. PADI certified instructors and dive masters are available to share the area's diving with both beginners and experts.

Jabulani Spa

Jabulani Spa's hand-carved wooden water feature and rock fountain help bestow a sense of tranquility throughout the spa. The structure, which was inspired by traditional Maya homes, features Belizean hardwoods harvested from hurricane-damaged trees and sustainable wood farms. A covered outdoor terrace leads to a spacious treatment area with floor-to-ceiling glass walls offering an unrestricted view of the rainforest canopy. The spa's interior walls are adorned with approximately 70,000 natural stones, which reflect the surrounding environment and complement the oversized waterfall shower. Situated in the tranquil tropical forest, surrounded by sensuous scents and sounds, you can

Situated in the tranquil tropical forest, surrounded by sensuous scents and sounds, you can enjoy exotic treatments that incorporate rare, local, organically produced Belizean ingredients including Maya Moon Oil. Maya Moon Oil is traditionally used as healing oil for hair, skin and massage. It is made with essential oils which are prepared with 9 sacred herbs. These special ingredients are gathered on a full moon, after being prayed over according to the Mayan Tradition. Belcampo's in-house spa therapist uses the local oil in her massages and also offers regionally inspired aromatherapies along with yoga, meditation and other wellness treatments.

Lodging

Twelve luxurious canopy suites open into the heart of the jungle and feature floor-to-ceiling windows and spacious private verandas.

Suites have two queen-size beds (with the exception of the honeymoon suite, which has one king-size bed), screened veranda sitting area and oversized



luxury bathrooms with dual vanity sinks, a separate toilet area and rainforest shower. For guest comfort, suites have air-conditioning, ceiling fans, robes, PURE H2O systems and hairdryers.

Food & drink

The culinary team at takes advantage of the organic farm, availability of fresh fish and seafood, as well as most local ingredients to provide an extraordinary level of dining each day with a menu that highlights Belizean flavors. The culinary experience starts each

morning with a coffee or tea wake-up service and continue through breakfast, lunch, daily afternoon snacks, pre-dinner and dinner.

Special dinners and lunches are held at various locations throughout the surrounding area. Room service can be made available on request. Vegetarians and special dietary needs are happily accommodated.

Belcampo Lodge does not stop with world class dining; they have gone on to offer an exceptional wine list and full service bar. By the glass or the bottle, the wine selection is varied to suit connoisseurs of all tastes, and for those who prefer beer or mixed drinks, the choices are sure to please.

Getting to Belcampo Lodge

Belcampo Lodge is located five miles north of Punta Gorda, which is a one hour flight from Belize City. You will need to arrive in Belize International Airport (BZE) before 3:30 PM and then proceed through customs and immigration formalities. You can book your own flight to Punta Gorda on Tropic Air at www.tropicair.com, or have Orvis Travel book the flights for you. When you arrive in Punta Gorda you will be met by a representative of Belcampo Lodge who will transport you to the lodge, about 15 minutes from the airstrip. Transfers from Punta Gorda to the lodge are included in Orvis Travel packages.

Captain Todd Calitri

Todd has led numerous trips and events for Orvis Travel, including our saltwater seminars in Belize and the Bahamas. He is a Federation of Fly Fishers certified casting instructor and spends his summers at Orvis Endorsed Alaska Sportsman's Lodge as the lodge's General Manager. During the winters, he works as a fly fishing guide on a privately owned 200 foot super yacht fishing tropical destinations around the world. He has fished and guided for permit in The Bahamas, Belize, Mexico, Florida keys as well as Indo Pacific permit in the Seychelles, Maldives and St Brandon.

Todd comes from a long line of educators and fly fisherman. Originally from Long Island NY, Todd has worked with his father and brother, both licensed captains guiding light tackle and fly fishing charters off Southern NH, and Montauk, NY. Numerous angling magazines and TV shows have featured Todd for his ability to guide fishermen to extraordinary catches. His friendly personality and willingness to share his knowledge make him a lot of fun to spend time with. His professionalism and management experience make him the perfect trip leader.

2013 Permit Quest with Todd Calitri Dates and Prices

6 night, 5 day trip with a Thursday to Wednesday schedule

March 21-27, 2013

\$4995 per angler, double occupancy room, 2 anglers per guide

\$2595 non angler, sharing a room with an angler

\$1695 per person, private room supplement *

\$1695 per person, private boat supplement**

Book two double occupancy fishing packages and each angler will receive a \$400 Orvis Gift Card.

- * Guests traveling alone, or requesting a private room, pay the private room supplement.
- ** Single anglers are not charged the private boat supplement as long as they are willing to share a guide with another single angler.

We can arrange extra nights at the lodge or another Orvis destination in Belize, before or after this trip. Please inquire with Orvis Travel at 800-547-4322 for details and pricing.

Included:

- Each angler package includes a 10 wt Helios rod, Mirage Large Arbor V reel, Orvis Wonderline, leaders, tippet and 12 flies.
- □ Evening workshops and individual coaching by Orvis saltwater expert Todd Calitri.
- Detailed packing list with recommended equipment and clothing.
- Orvis Travel VIP Merchandise Discount Card.
- 6 nights lodging in a Rainforest Canopy Suite.
- 5 days fishing with an expert local guide with lunch and non-alcoholic beverages for anglers.
- On-site complementary activities for anglers and non-angling companions.
- □ All meals, tea, coffee, and purified water.
- □ Daily afternoon snacks.
- □ Local transfers from Punta Gorda Airport to lodge and return.
- □ Local hotel & sales tax as well as resort service fees (house staff tips).
- □ Laundry service.

Not included:

International airfare to Belize City.

Domestic flights between Belize City and Punta Gorda (optional, approximately \$245 per person).

Fishing equipment & licenses, other than items listed above.

Travel cancellation or interruption insurance (recommended).

Tips to guides for fishing and other excursions

Spa services & SCUBA diving booked on-site.

Off-site tours and guided non-angler activities booked on-site.

Items of a personal nature & gift shop purchases.

If you prefer an alternate outfit to the one provided with this package, we will send you a \$1200 Orvis gift card instead. You can then use the gift card in conjunction with your Orvis Travel VIP discount for the purchase of your choice. Equipment and gift cards will be shipped after final payment has been received, approximately 90 days prior to the trip.

A 25% deposit will reserve your space!

Permit Quest Itinerary

Thursday, March 21	Afternoon	Guests arrive in Belize City anytime prior to 3:30 PM and catch the
Arrival Day	Memon	local commuter flight to Punta Gorda. This flight runs hourly so you
		won't have a long delay in the airport. When you arrive in Punta Gorda you will be met by an Orvis Travel representative and transferred
	5:00 PM	to the lodge. Welcome reception hosted by Todd Calitri, with a brief overview of the week's activities.
	6:30 PM	Dinner is served in the main lodge dining room.
Emidoxy	6:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast is served.
Friday Full Day 1	7:00 AM	Anglers will depart from the lodge's dock for a full day of guided flats
		fishing. Non-anglers will have a more leisurely start to their day, either
		relaxing at the lodge or participating in a variety of on-site and off-site
		activities and tours. Anglers will enjoy lunch in the field. Non-anglers will enjoy lunch at the lodge, or in the field, depending on the activity
		they have chosen for the day.
	4:00 PM	Guests return to the lodge.
	4:00 – 6:00 PM 5:00 PM	Free time to explore the resort grounds or freshen up before dinner. Cocktails and appetizers are served
	5:30 PM	Optional discussion, lead by Todd Calitri on "A team, you and your
		guide".
	6:30 PM	Dinner is served in the main lodge dining room.
Saturday	6:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast is served.
Full Day 2	7:00 - 9:00 AM	Guests will depart the lodge for a full day of guided activities, fishing or
	4:00 PM	otherwise. See day 1. Guests return to the lodge.
	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Free time to explore the resort grounds or freshen up before dinner.
	5:00 PM	Cocktails and appetizers are served
	5:30 PM	Optional discussion, lead by Todd Calitri on "Knots, leaders and flies
	6:30 PM	that every permit angler needs to know". Dinner is served in the main lodge dining room.
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Sunday	6:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast is served.
Full Day 3	7:00 - 9:00 AM	Guests will depart the lodge for a full day of guided activities, fishing or otherwise. See day 1.
	4:00 PM	Guests return to the lodge.
	4:00 – 6:00 PM 5:00 PM	Free time to explore the resort grounds or freshen up before dinner. Cocktails and appetizers are served
	5:30 PM	Optional discussion, lead by Todd Calitri on "Permit personality, giving
		him what he wants, the way he wants it".
	6:30 PM	Dinner is served in the main lodge dining room.
Monday	6:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast is served.
Full Day 4	7:00 - 9:00 AM	Guests will depart the lodge for a full day of guided activities, fishing or otherwise. See day 1.
	4:00 PM	Guests return to the lodge.
	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Free time to explore the resort grounds or freshen up before dinner.
	5:00 PM 5:30 PM	Cocktails and appetizers are served Optional discussion, lead by Todd Calitri on "Conservation; protecting
	6:30 PM	the resource, so our grand-children can take us fishing someday".
	O:30 PIVI	Dinner is served in the main lodge dining room.
Tuesday	6:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast is served.
Full Day 5	7:00 - 9:00 AM	Guests will depart the lodge for a full day of guided activities, fishing or
	4:00 PM	otherwise. See day 1. Guests return to the lodge.
	4:00 – 5:00 PM	Free time to explore the resort grounds or freshen up before dinner.
	5:00 PM	Farewell cocktail reception hosted by Todd Calitri.
	6:30 PM	Dinner is served in the main lodge dining room.

Wednesday, March 27 Departure Day 6:30-9:00 AM 10:00 AM TBA Breakfast is served Check-out.

Guests will be transferred to Punta Gorda in time to catch flights back to Belize City for flights home or Orvis Travel extension. You should be able to catch any international flight departing Belize after 11:30 AM.

Reserving your space is easy.

- ✓ Call Orvis Travel and place your deposit by credit card. **800 547-4322** The deposit is 25% of the trip cost unless otherwise stated in the itinerary.
- ✓ **Sign up online** at <u>www.orvis.com/resform</u>.

If we are unable to confirm space, your card will not be charged.

15% discount on Orvis merchandise when you arrange your trip through Orvis Travel. You will received a "VIP customer card" for booking a trip through Orvis Travel and it entitles you to a 15% discount on Orvis merchandise from the time you book until long after your trip is over.

Orvis has been outfitting travelers since 1856 and you can find all the specialty clothing, luggage and gear you need in our catalogs, stores and website. When you book though Orvis Travel you will never pay a booking fee and will save on every purchase. We also supply you with a detailed packing list so you know exactly what to take.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Reservations, Deposits & Payments

The deposit is 25% of the trip price unless stated differently in the itinerary. Deposits may be made by check or credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card.

The balance of the trip cost is due 90 days before departure, except where specified differently on individual itineraries.

A signed reservation form and release are required prior to departure.

All prices must be paid in U.S. dollars.

Deposits are not transferable from one trip to another. Prices quoted are based on foreign exchange values and tariffs currently in effect and prices are subject to change. Orvis Travel reserves the right to adjust prices accordingly until the time of departure.

Planning information

When your reservation is confirmed, you will receive planning information to guide you through trip preparations. Details about arrival and departure, clothing and equipment, trip cancellation insurance, preand post- trip extensions, visas and documents and activities are included in the planning information.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

If you must cancel your reservation, the following fees apply:

days prior to trip fee

+ 90 days \$300 per person 60-90 days 80% of land cost 59 days or less 100% of land cost Cancellation fees cannot be waived for any reason, including health, business or personal emergencies, or weather.

We strongly urge you to purchase trip cancellation insurance.

No refunds will be made for unused portions of a trip, including late arrival or early departure. Guide fees and hotel costs are not refundable if unused as outlined in the itinerary. Orvis reserves the right to modify an itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control. In the unlikely event that Orvis must cancel a tour, all payments received to date will be refunded, which constitutes a full settlement.

Orvis is not responsible for expenses incurred in preparation of any canceled trip, including airline tickets and visas fees.

Cancellation Insurance

Your planning information includes an application for travel insurance covering cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, lost baggage and medical evacuation. We urge you to obtain this coverage.

Share policies

Trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms & cabins are limited. If you request a single room, a single supplement will apply as noted in the itinerary. We will confirm the single room as early as possible, but in some cases it may not be earlier than 30 days prior to the trip. If you request a roommate, we can usually pair you with another guest of the same gender, and no single supplement will apply.

If you request a roommate, and one is not available, we will only charge you the single supplement if required by the lodge or facility used in the trip.

Children under 18 must share a room with a parent or other family member. In some cases this may be waived.

Passports and documents

International trips require a passport. Check your passport early and make sure it has six months validity at the time of travel. A visa is needed in some countries and we will send you complete details and instructions.

Arrival and Departure

Group transfers from a central location such as an airport are described in the itinerary, and are included in the land cost.. Transfers are not included in the land cost if you arrive early or leave after the scheduled departure day.

Equipment & clothing

You will receive a detailed list of appropriate gear with your trip planning information.

Airline reservations

The land cost of your trip does not include airfare.

Limitation of liability

This section defines Orvis Travel's responsibility with regard to all travel arrangements made by Orvis Travel, including individual travel and pre- and post- trip extensions. Please read it carefully.

Upon sending your deposit to Orvis Travel, you acknowledge that you have read and understand all the terms and conditions outlined here, and agree to be bound by them.

All trips that involve outdoor sporting activities such as shooting or fishing, or travel through remote places by vehicle, boat, small plane or on foot, put you at risk for accidents and serious injuries in the normal course of the activity. That is the nature of travel to such destinations and you acknowledge that you accept these hazards as a condition of participation.

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Baggage and personal effects, including items purchased, guns, fishing equipment or sporting goods are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times and no employee/agent of Orvis Travel, its subsidiaries, affiliated or associated companies is authorized to accept these for storage, safekeeping, or transportation.