

ADVENTURE NO.7

# Grand central

Belize, in Central America, is awash with 'super grand slam' possibilities

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**IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT** waking up just before dawn, donning a pair of shorts and sneaking out of your hotel to feel the cool sand between your toes. You love this stolen five minutes before the world starts to wake up. The air is warm and in front of you, the Caribbean Sea is almost flat calm. The sun begins to rise, a huge ball of fire that paints the horizon in a wash of pink and orange to herald its daily arrival. Out in the bay, the unmistakable hum of a boat becomes audible over the awakening wildlife, as it draws closer,

you realise it's your boat and guide. For today you are fishing in Belize.

Nestled between Mexico and Guatemala, Belize is not one land mass – it also consists of numerous small islands (cayes). Close to the mainland they tend to be low and swampy with salt and freshwater mangrove fringed lagoons. The shallow offshore cayes straddle a stunning coral reef – the second largest in the world. Together, these areas provide literally hundreds of miles of fishable water. Fishing can be found from the resort town of