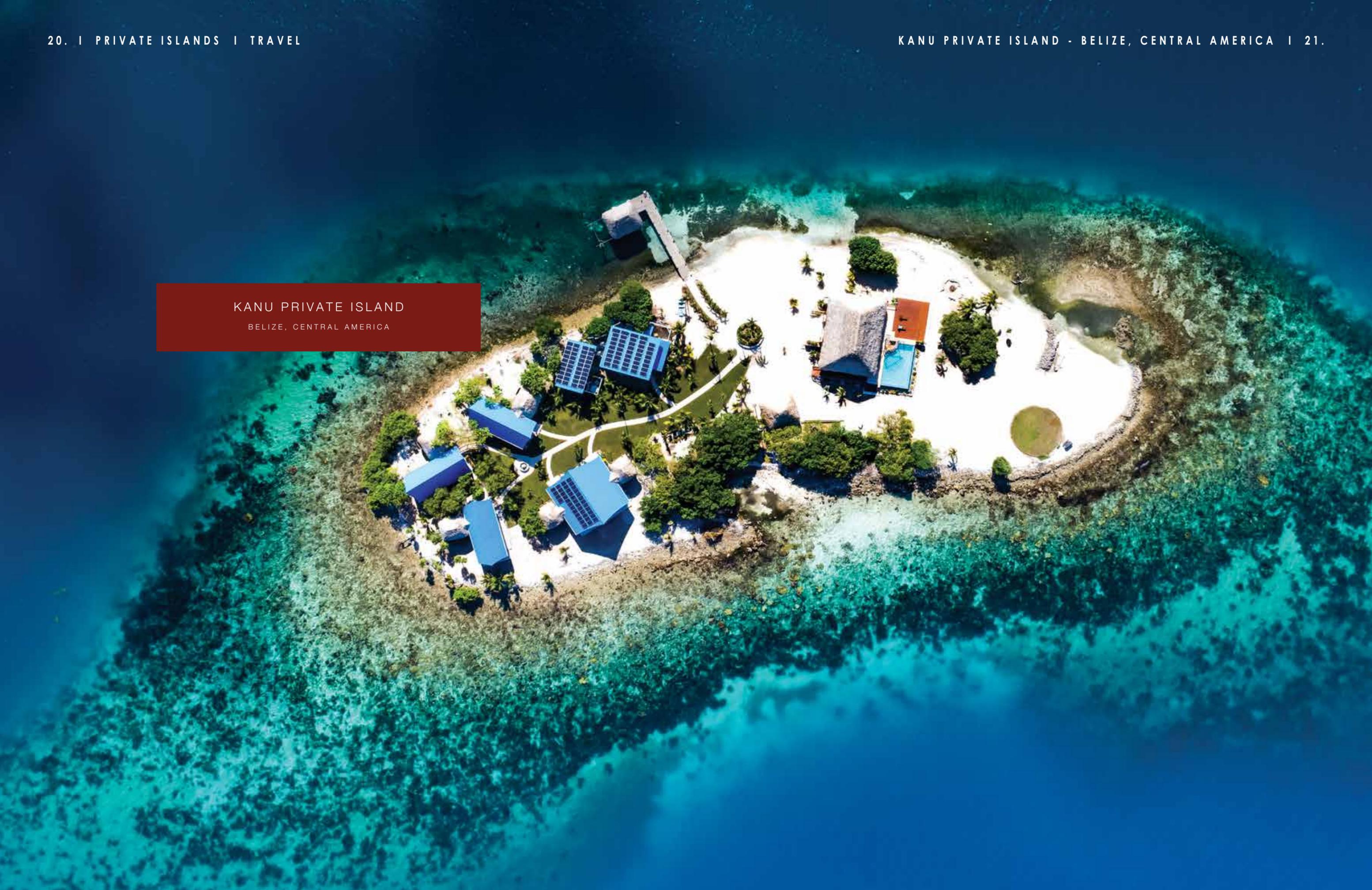


KANU PRIVATE ISLAND
BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA





Off the central coast of Belize sits an island of incomparable beauty, its white sands sloping gently into the reef-speckled ring of aquamarine sea that fringes its shores. Beyond these glistening shallows, the deep-blue Caribbean Sea stretches to the horizon, unbroken except for the occasional swath of coral. Located only a 15-minute boat ride from Placencia, Kanu Private Island provides an intimate family-friendly haven near the second largest barrier reef system in the world.

Kanu is the new, more spacious sister of Gladden, the ultimate private island experience developed in Belize by Private Islands CEO Chris Krolow and his business partner David Keener. While Gladden was built for one or two couples, Kanu takes its all-inclusive concept and expands the sands to welcome up to 10 adults plus 10 children with a single booking. Scattered across one end of the island are five 1,000-square-foot air-conditioned villas—three king suites (one with a loft) and two double queens—with high bamboo ceilings and breezily chic décor in shades of sea and sun to complement the surrounding views. These private sleeping quarters all feature oversized spa bathrooms with outdoor showers that incorporate coral stone, bamboo and palm thatch, seamlessly melding interior elegance with the tropical air. At the center of the 2.5-acre island, a spacious palapa houses the dining room, living area and kitchen to bring everyone together. A raised deck for lounging in the sun and freshwater pool with swim-up bar elevate the communal vibe.

Although the island use is exclusive, a stay on Kanu brings with it all the amenities of a five-star resort: a chef to prepare every meal, infused with Belizean flavors and customized to your taste; locally sourced beverages, including beer and spirits; concierge services; a captain and seven-person boat for local excursions; a personal fishing and snorkeling guide; housekeeping; reliable WiFi; kayaks, paddle boards, snorkeling gear and other sports equipment; and up to four







massages per day. All are included, as well as round-trip domestic flights for all guests between Belize City and Placencia to connect with the speedboat transport to Kanu.

While the coral island is a dream, the surrounding sea reveals even more treasures, and snorkeling is as easy as stepping off the shore. A 20-minute boat ride beyond the island lies the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned among scuba enthusiasts. Blue Reef Adventures picks guests up directly from the island, allowing more time for close encounters with eagle rays, turtles and nurse sharks on what Charles Darwin called “the most remarkable reef in the West Indies.” Each year, from March to June, the viewing opportunities become even more dramatic, when elusive whale sharks arrive at Gladden Spit.

More adventures await on the mainland and Kanu’s proximity to Placencia Village means that privacy and accessibility are not mutually exclusive. Travel across Placencia Lagoon to Monkey River, home to howler monkeys, crocodiles and manatees. Visit spice and chocolate farms or Mayan ruins and waterfalls tucked into the forest. Experience limestone archways and mysterious rock formations while tubing in the refreshing water of a centuries-old cave system. One boat trip back to the mainland is included during stays of seven days, and additional transports may be added. On Kanu, you can create your own brand of magic for family and friends, while also immersing yourself in the wonders of Belize’s rainforest and underwater world.



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