Belize

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Why Belize?

Belize is a great tourist destination for several reasons. Here are a few:

1. Natural Beauty: Belize is home to numerous natural wonders, including the Belize Barrier Reef, which is one of the largest barrier reefs in the world, as well as numerous national parks, wildlife reserves, and rainforests.
2. Cultural Diversity: Belize has a rich cultural heritage that includes ancient Maya site, Garifuna communities, and Creole culture. Visitors can explore these cultural sites and learn about the country's history.
3. Adventure Activities: Belize offers a variety of adventure activities, including snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, hiking, zip-lining, and cave tubing.





Interesting Facts

- Capital City: Belmopan
- Largest City: Belize City (61,000 people)
- Bordering Countries: Mexico to the north, Guatemala to the west and south, and the Caribbean Sea running along the entire east coast.



- Climate: Subtropical with temperatures regularly in the high 20s and early 30s (degrees Celsius). The dry season is from December to May, while the wet season is from June to November. It can rain at any time but it typically only lasts for a short duration during the dry season.

- Languages: There are about 10 different languages spoken in Belize, however the majority speak English, Spanish and Creole.English is the official language due to the fact that the country was once a British colony. You are likely to hear Spanish in the north (close to Mexico) and west (close to Guatemala), and Creole in all parts. Mayan languages, on the other hand, tend to be used by indigenous natives in the south.

- Airport: Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (BZE) is the only international airport in Belize, located just outside of Belize City in Ladyville. Direct flights are available from several major US cities such as Miami, Houston and Los Angeles. Of course, you can also fly directly from other nearby countries like Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Destinations



HOTELS, RESORTS, BED AND BREAKFAST, VILLAS, PRIVATE ISLANDS...

PLACENCIA - The Placencia Peninsula is a narrow strip of land located on the southern coast of Belize. It is approximately 16 miles long and is known for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and laid-back atmosphere. The peninsula is also home to several small villages, including Placencia Village, Seine Bight Village, and Maya Beach.

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SAN IGNACIO - San Ignacio is a town located in western Belize, near the border with Guatemala. It is known for its vibrant cultural scene, with a mix of Mayan, Mestizo, and Creole influences. Visitors can explore ancient Mayan ruins, go cave tubing, or experience the local cuisine and hospitality. The town is a great base for exploring the surrounding jungle and natural wonders

HOPKINS - ,Hopkins is known for its lively Garifuna culture, which includes traditional drumming, dancing, and cuisine. Here, visitors can learn about the history and traditions of the Garifuna people. Overall, Hopkins offers an authentic Belizean experience, with a rich cultural heritage, beautiful beaches, and plenty of opportunities for adventure and relaxation.



SAN PEDRO - San Pedro is a town on the southern tip of Ambergris Caye, the largest island in Belize. It is known for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and relaxed atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy activities such as snorkeling, scuba diving, and fishing, as well as exploring the town's restaurants, bars, and shops.

Talk to us about staying on a private island or other off shore cayes including Caye Caulker. Belize has atleast 400 cayes.

FOOD AND DRINKS



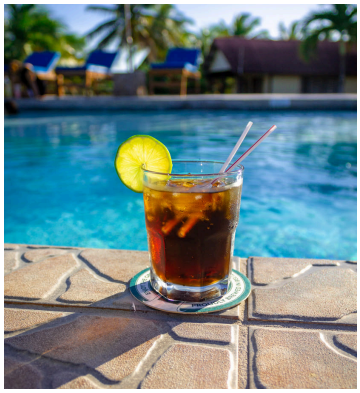




Belizean cuisine is a fusion of flavors and ingredients from the various cultures that have influenced the country, including Maya, African, European, Central American and Caribbean. The cuisine features a variety of seafood, meats, and tropical fruits and vegetables. Here are some popular dishes and drinks in Belize:

1. Rice and beans: This is the national dish of Belize, made with red kidney beans and rice cooked in coconut milk and served with a choice of meats, such as chicken, beef, or pork.
2. Fry jacks: These are small, deep-fried pieces of dough that are often eaten for breakfast, either plain or stuffed with meat or cheese.
3. Garnaches: These are small corn tortillas topped with refried beans, cheese, and pickled onions, and are often served as a snack or appetizer.
4. Conch fritters: These are deep-fried balls made from conch meat, a popular seafood in Belize.





5. Belizean rum: Belize is known for its rum, which is made from locally grown sugarcane. Some popular brands include One Barrel and Traveller's.
6. Belikin beer: This is the national beer of Belize and comes in several different varieties, including a light beer and a stout.
7. Coconut water: This is a refreshing drink made from the clear liquid inside young green coconuts, which is rich in electrolytes and vitamins.
9. Fruit juices: Belize is home to a variety of tropical fruits, including papaya, pineapple, and mango, and these fruits are often used to make fresh juices and smoothies.

Overall, the food and drinks in Belize are a delicious reflection of the country's diverse cultural influences and abundant natural resources.

Things to do!

Belize is a small country located on the eastern coast of Central America, known for its stunning landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and abundance of outdoor activities. Whether you're an adventure seeker, a nature lover, or a culture enthusiast, Belize has something to offer everyone.

One of the top things to do in Belize is to explore its ancient Maya sites. Belize was once home to a thriving Maya civilization, and visitors can explore impressive sites such as Caracol, Xunantunich, and Lamanai among many others.

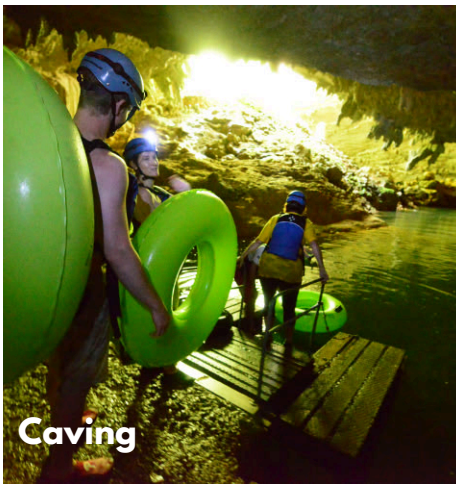
Belize is also home to the world's second-largest barrier reef, making it a popular destination for snorkeling and scuba diving. Visitors can explore vibrant coral reefs, swim with nurse sharks and stingrays, and see an array of colorful marine life.

But Belize isn't just about adventure and nature – it also has a rich cultural heritage that can be explored through its food, music, and festivals. Visitors can sample traditional Belizean cuisine, which includes dishes such as rice and beans, stewed chicken, and fry jacks. They can also enjoy local music and dance performances, and participate in cultural festivals such as the Garifuna Settlement Day celebration or Carnival.

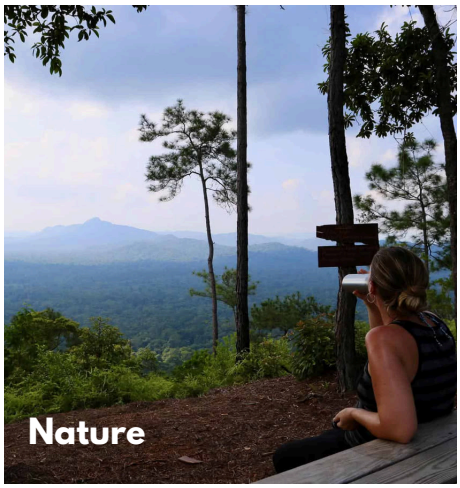
Other popular activities in Belize include cave tubing, zip-lining, kayaking, fishing, birdwatching, and island hopping. With its diverse range of activities and attractions, Belize is the perfect destination for those seeking adventure, culture, and natural beauty.











Bird watching
We have almost 600 species of bird.

Beach relaxation

Island Hopping
We have about 400 cayes.

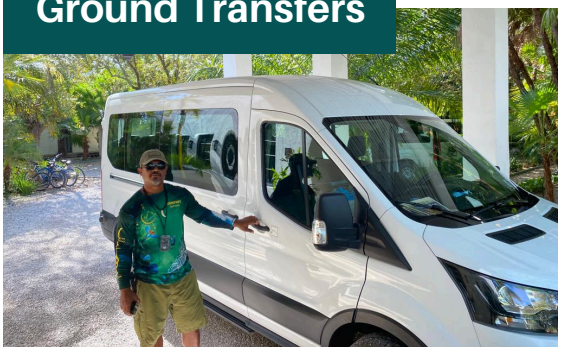
Kayaking
sea, lagoon, or caves

Spelunking
There are atleast 300 documented caves in Belize

Cultural Immersion
Cook a traditional meal, learn to play a local musical instrument or dance. How about make local art?

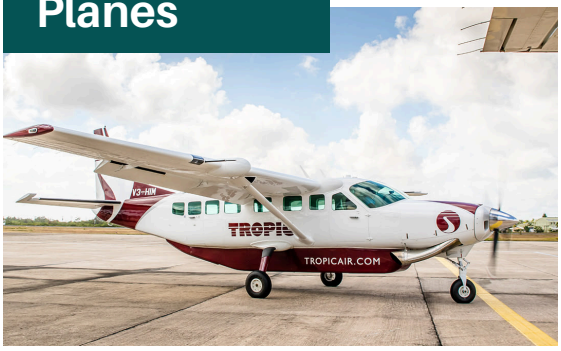
Getting Around

Ground Transfers



Belizean drivers, who know Belize will be a part of the Belize experience. They know where to find the best foods and more.

Planes



The local service providers use cessnas which transports, three to twelve passengers comfortably and are equipped with storage bays for luggage.

Other Options

- **Helicopter**
- **Horseback**
- **Catamaran**

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Belize is a very tiny country, that spans approximately 8,866 square miles. Belize's mainland is roughly 180 miles long and up to 68 miles wide. Using the local airlines and ground transportation makes it easy to see much of the country.

Boats



With the many cayes we have, at some point you will be on a boat . The options vary in sizes and comfort.

Golf Carts



These are legally allowed on public roads in Placecia, Hopkins, Caye Caulker and San Pedro/Ambergris caye. They are cool and fun.

Where to Stay?

Need a private villa or island? You want the amenities of a resort? Or want to unplug in a modern-chic cabin in the rainforest? We'll match you with the right property.

Belize offers a wide range of accommodations to suit different budgets and preferences. There are luxury resorts, boutique hotels, guesthouses, bed and breakfasts, vacation rentals, and eco-lodges, among others.



Resorts

Belize is home to a variety of resorts, each offering something unique to visitors. Many resorts are located along the coast and cayes, providing easy access to Belize's famous barrier reef and crystal-clear waters. These resorts often feature luxurious accommodations, gourmet dining, and spa services. Jungle resorts offer a different experience



Villas

A villa stay in Belize can be a great option for those seeking privacy, space, and a more personalized vacation experience. Villas are often located in scenic settings, such as on the beach or in the jungle, and offer a range of amenities, including private pools, outdoor living areas, and staff onsite.



Rainforest lodges

Staying at a rainforest lodge in Belize is a unique experience that offers a chance to immerse oneself in nature and learn about the biodiversity of the region. Rainforest lodges are often located in remote areas, providing a sense of seclusion and tranquility. Many rainforest lodges are also committed to sustainable practices, such as using renewable energy and supporting conservation efforts.



Boutique Hotels

Staying at a boutique hotel in Belize offers a unique and intimate experience. These hotels are typically smaller in size, with a focus on personalized service and attention to detail. Guests can expect stylish and comfortable accommodations, often with locally-inspired decor and unique amenities.

Talk to us about a private islands.





Travel Tips

BELIZE HAS A SUBTROPICAL CLIMATE AND IS A VERY EASY GOING AND LAID BACK PLACE. THERE IS NO NEED FOR FANCY JEWELRY, CLOTHING OR SHOES.

WHAT TO BRING?

- You'll be most comfortable in casual, light clothes. You may want to also bring something for cooler evenings on the coast or cayes, when the winds blow stronger. Or for cooler months in the Rainforest or mountains.
- For the rainforest, bring lightweight trekking shoes and lightweight outdoor trekking clothes.
- In terms of bugs, sometimes they're bothersome. Wear repellent, especially at dawn and dusk and bring at least one long sleeve shirt and long pants if you are sensitive. Skin so soft oil seems to be very helpful for sand flies or no-see-ums.

BELIZEAN CUSTOMS

- Belizeans are genuinely kind, and friendly. To remain in good graces, do respond to a smiley face or a gentle "hello" or other greeting such as a 'good morning' or a 'what's up?' It is important to be patient, as Belizeans find joy in taking time to chat, and they exude a 'not in a rush' kind of vibe.

CURRENCY

- The currency of Belize is Belize Dollars which is pegged against the US Dollar at 2:1. So 2 Belize dollars = 1 US dollar. US dollars are accepted everywhere.
- Be sure to ask whether prices are in US or Belize dollars! ATM machines are available in all towns. The ATMa only give Belize dollars.

TRAVEL TIPS CONTINUE...





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WEATHER

- Belize's climate is considered to be sub-tropical, with a cool nonstop air stream flowing over from the Caribbean Sea and a mean temperature of 79 degrees Fahrenheit. Belize has only two seasons; the dry and wet seasons.
- Dry season is December to May. March can get a little windy and April to June are the ultimate months for sun and very minimal amount of clouds in the sky.
- The wet (rainy) season runs June through November and while the early months can still be spectacular times to visit, some mainland attractions such as caves and jungle treks are sometimes closed due to the dangers of exploring outdoors when wet. In the height of the summer months the coast can get extremely hot and humid.
- September and October are the prime time for tropical storms which are rear. Hurricanes are ever rarer.

HEALTH

- No vaccinations are required for entry into Belize, although a few are recommended including chicken pox, hepatitis A and B, measles, tetanus, diphtheria and typhoid. If traveling to jungle destinations, consult your doctor on whether they recommend malaria tablets. Pharmacies are prevalent in tourist destinations and generally well equipped.

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With its subtropical climate, abundant nature reserves, picturesque cayes, ancient Maya sites, delectable cuisine, and warm-hearted people, Belize stands out as the ultimate destination. *We are your inbound Belize travel Services partner.*

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