

The 4 AARRRR's

“The problem is not
the problem.
The problem is your
attitude about the
problem.”

BELIZE

Presented by Phil Hahn



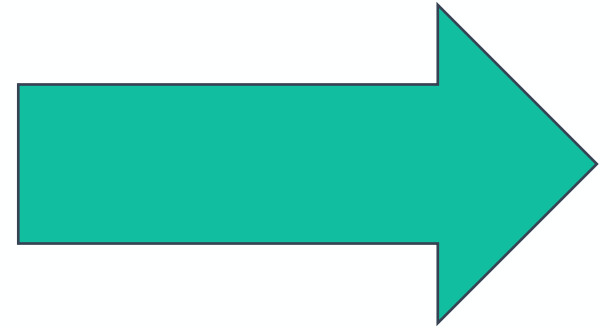


BELIZE

**Land of the Free
by the Caribe Sea**



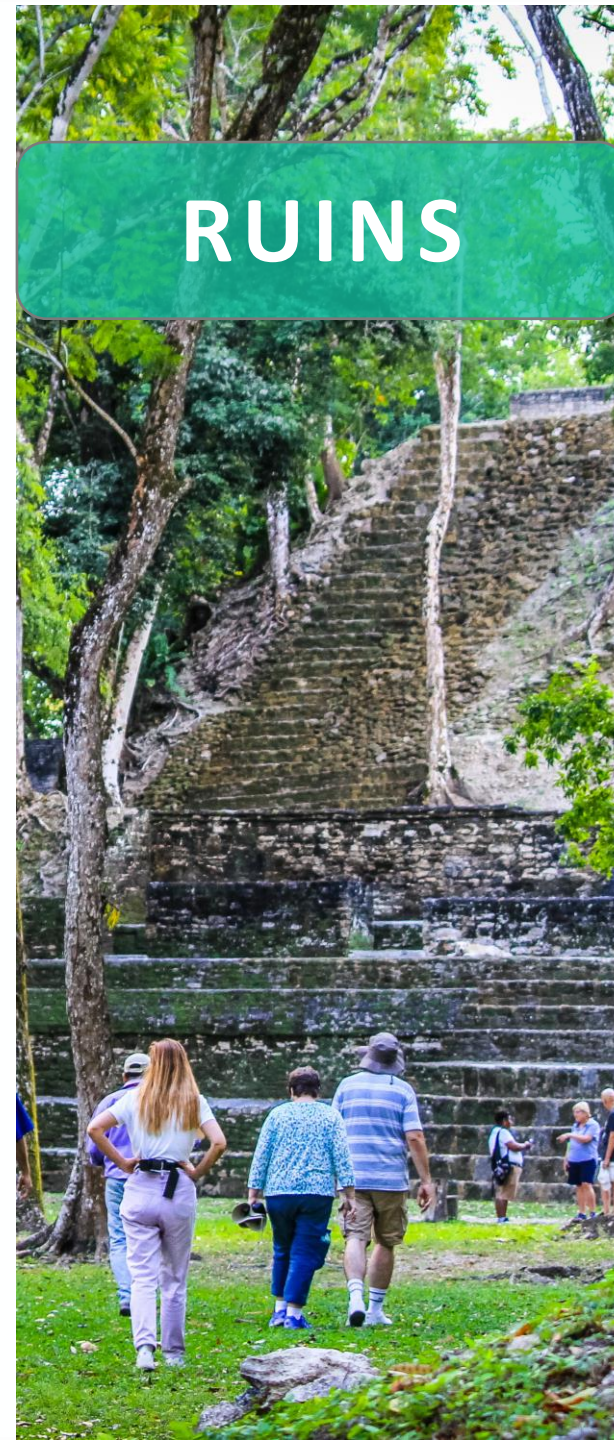
The 4R's of Belize



RIVERS



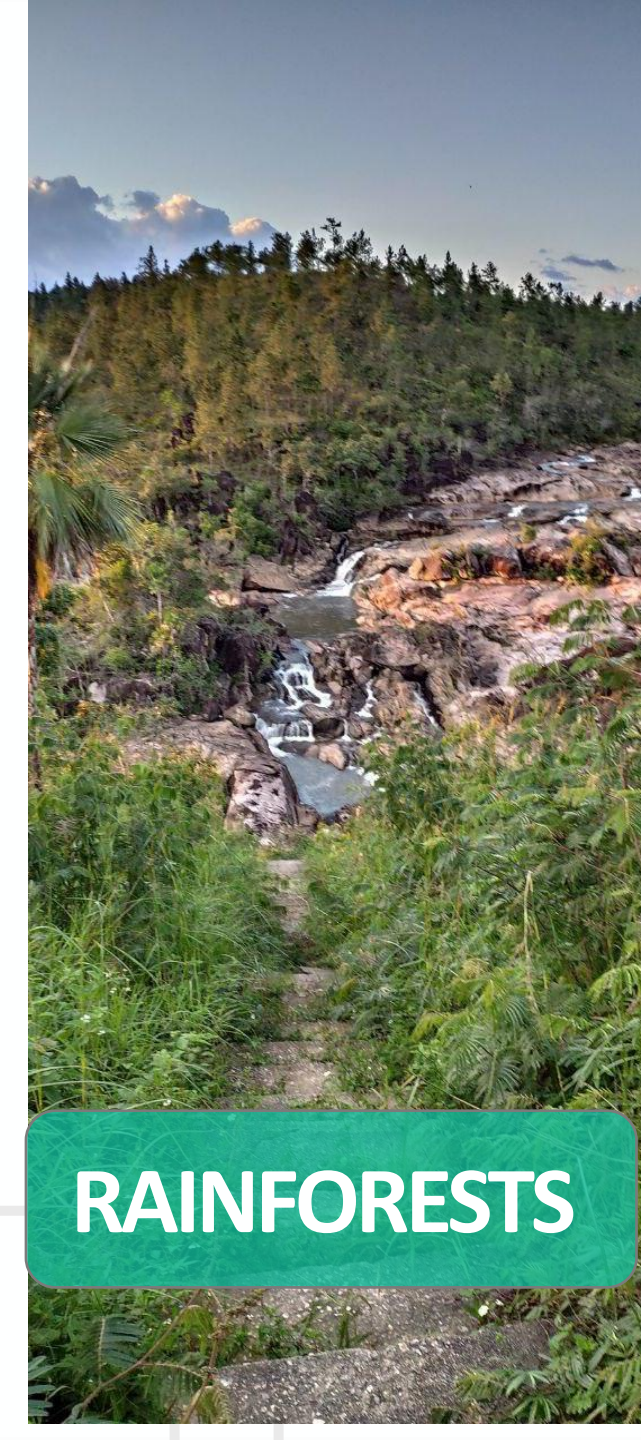
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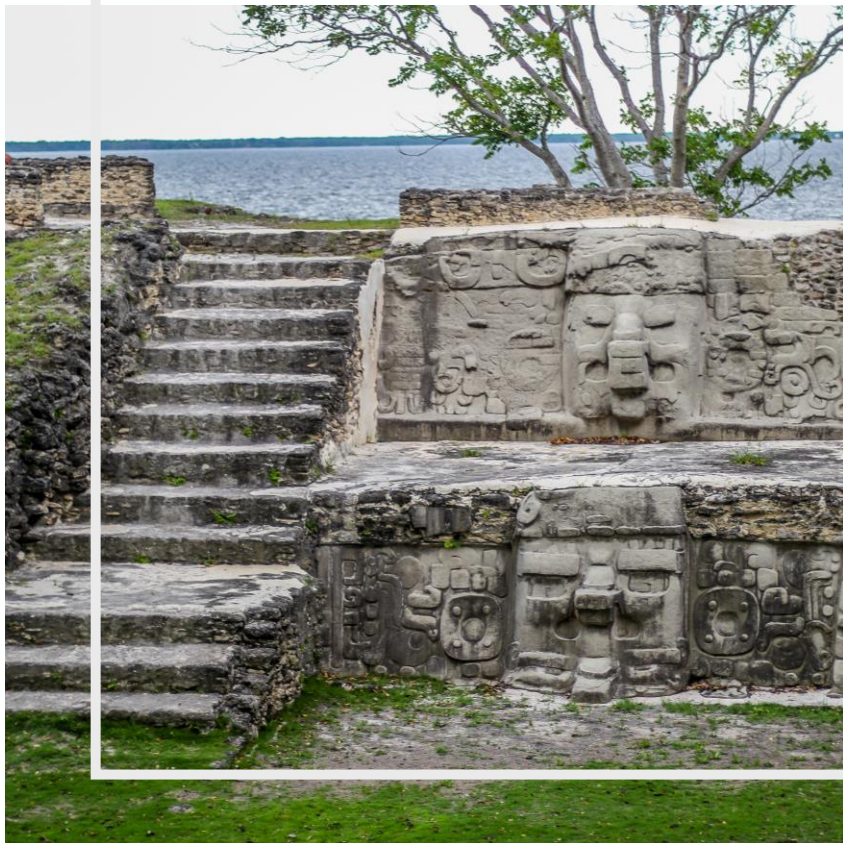
REEFS



RAINFORESTS



The 4 ARRRRR's



RIVERS

Rare flora and fauna live in healthy populations within the abundant riverine and riparian forests of Belize.

REEFS

Belize's Barrier Reef, which is the largest in the Western World, was declared by UNESCO to be a World Heritage Site in 1997.

RUINS

In Belize, great cities of the Maya are still being unearthed for the first time.

RAINFORESTS

Belize's low population and extensive protected areas have resulted in some of the most intact ecotourism attractions in the Caribbean.

Regions of Belize

NORTHERN
BELIZE

THE
CAYES

WESTERN
BELIZE

SOUTHERN
BELIZE

Mostly Rural

- Six Districts
- Two Cities: Belize City & Belmopan
- 32 people per square mile
- Mostly small villages and rural life within a natural environment



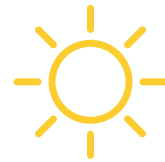
Rainfall in Belize



Rainy season
from June to
November



Annual rainfall
60" (North) to
180" (South)



Summer highs
rarely above
95 degrees



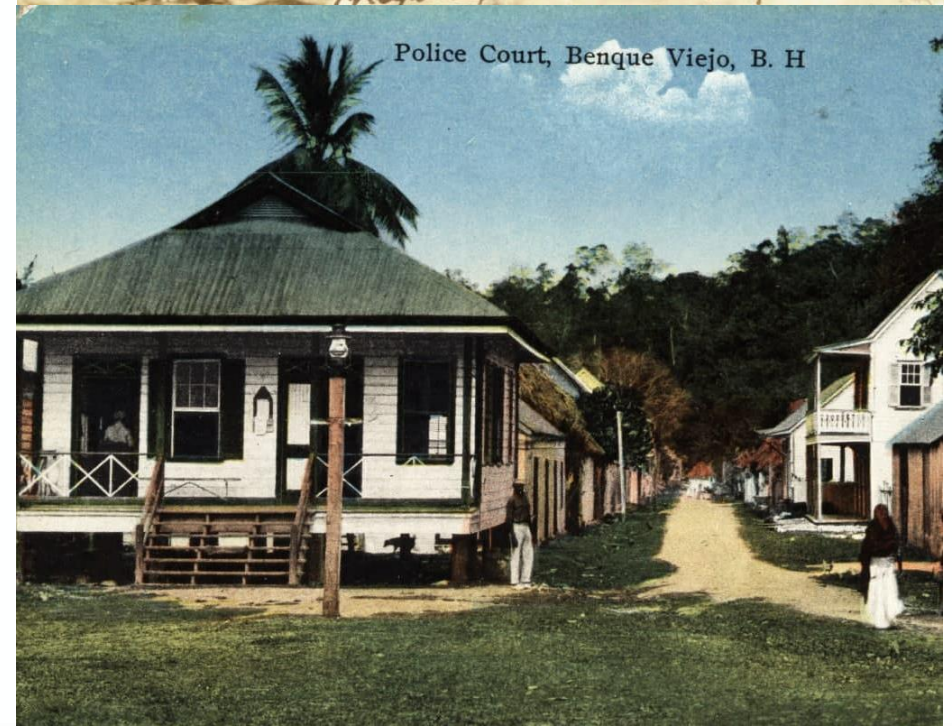
Winter lows
rarely below
60 degrees

Remembering History

- Battle of St. George's Caye, September 10, 1798
- British logging outpost
- Self governance in 1950
- Agriculture becomes leading industry as Mennonites arrive in 1958
- Capital moved to Belmopan in 1970
- Independence on September 21, 1981
- Eco-tourism becoming the top industry



Freighting at Victoria Falls



Police Court, Benque Viejo, B. H

wRitten about Belize



If the world had any ends British Honduras (Belize) would certainly be one of them. It is on the way to nowhere from nowhere, it is largely uninhabited and has no strategic value.

Aldous Huxley, author of *Brave New World* (1932)



...easily reached from the United States by frequent air service... Peaceful and non-meddlesome, blissfully unimportant, Belize rarely merits attention in any foreign newspaper.

Open Road Travel Guides, 2005

Residents of Belize

“An entire country that feels like a small town.”

- English Speaking
- Population – 380,000
- Multi-ethnic groups from all walks of life: Maya, Mestizo, European, Creole, Mennonite, Canadian, American





Recreation in Belize

Rainforest: Hike, bike, zipline, and horseback ride.

Rivers: Fish, birdwatch, and photograph wildlife.

Reef: Swim, snorkel, SCUBA dive, fish, and boat.

Ruins: Explore Ancient Maya Sites and caves.

Relate: Learn and teach:

Language, Archaeology, Self-Sufficiency,
and Much More.



Regions - Northern

Corozal, Orange Walk and Belize

- Proximity to Chetumal, Mexico (capital city of 400,000 people).
- The Bay of Chetumal is protected and tranquil.
- Pleasant subtropical climate with the lowest annual rainfall in the country.



Regions – The Cayes

San Pedro (Ambergris Caye) & The Cayes

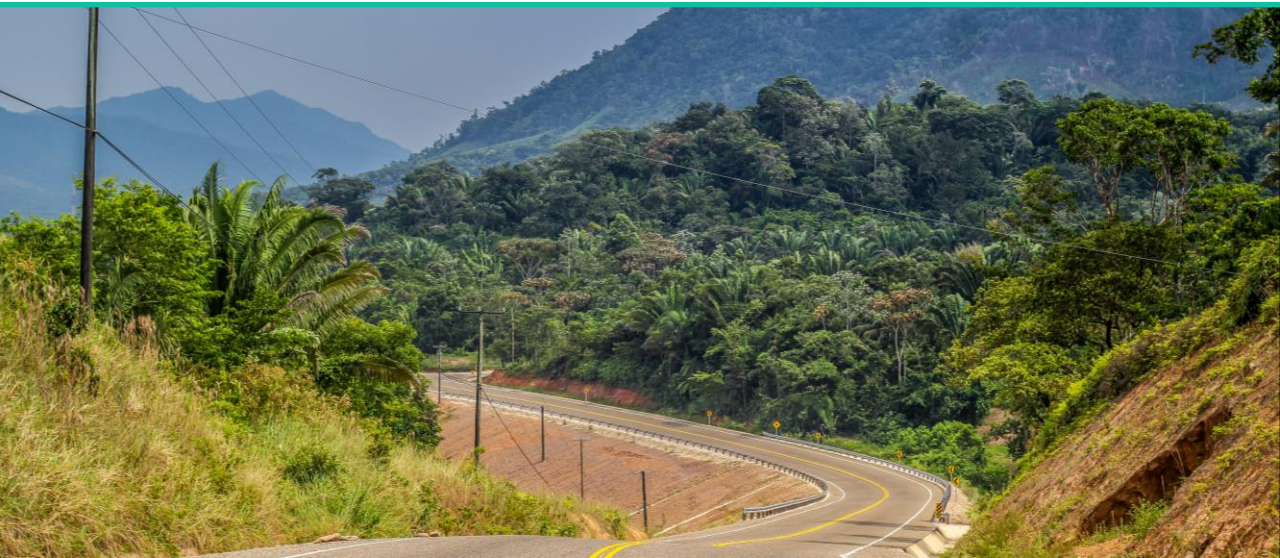
- Attracts both tourists and expats.
- Busy resort island atmosphere with the majority of the country's tourism.
- Provides excellent water sport opportunities – diving, boating & fishing..



Regions – Western

Cayo and the Maya Mountain Region

- Largest district and home to the nation's capital.
- Diverse terrain, rolling hills and sweeping farmland devoted to citrus orchards and cattle farming.
- Lush river valleys and majestic mountain ridges covered in sub-tropical rainforest.



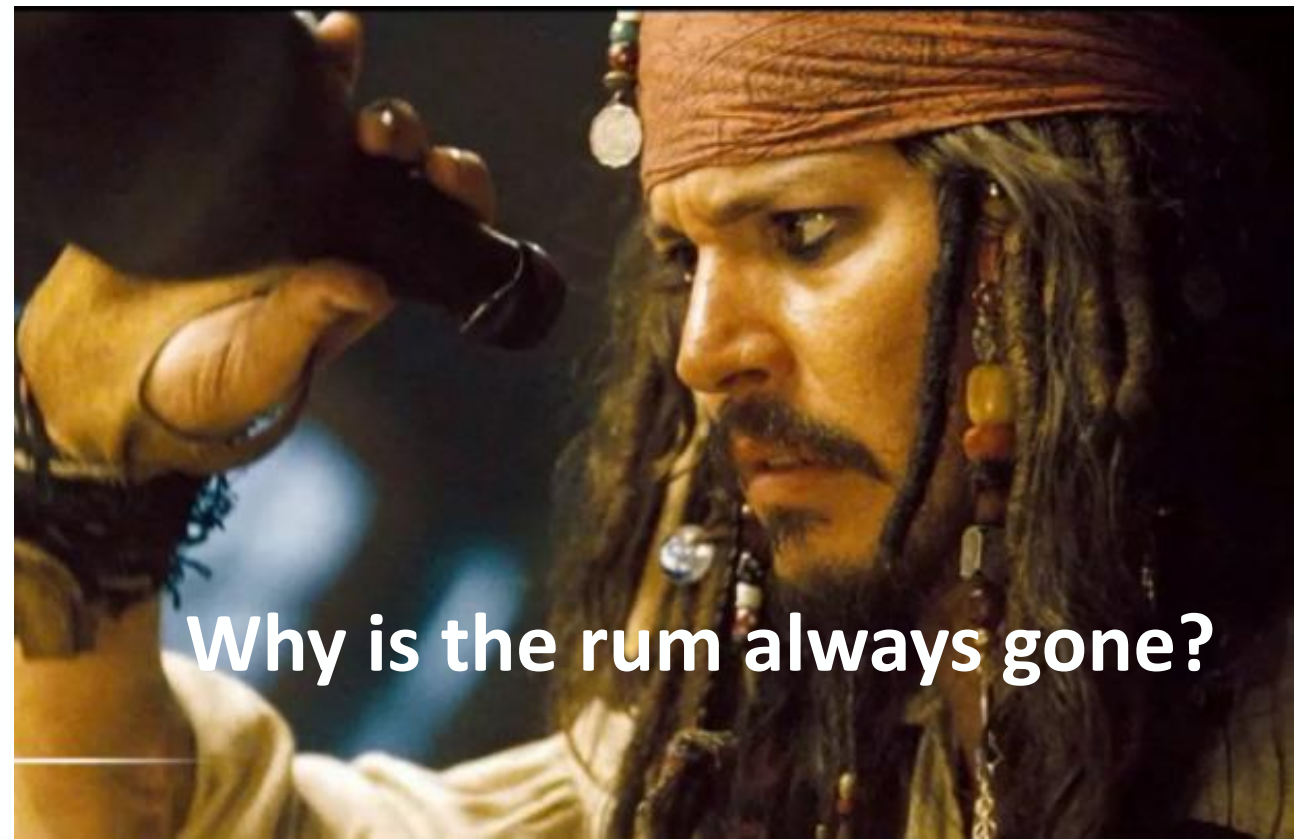
Regions – Southern

Stann Creek and Toledo

- Placencia, a popular resort area with the best natural beaches in Belize.
- Lush mountain rainforests and vast citrus orchards.
- Has easy access to nearby cayes with excellent fishing, diving and boating.



The 5th R of Belize



Why is the rum always gone?

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BELIZE

