



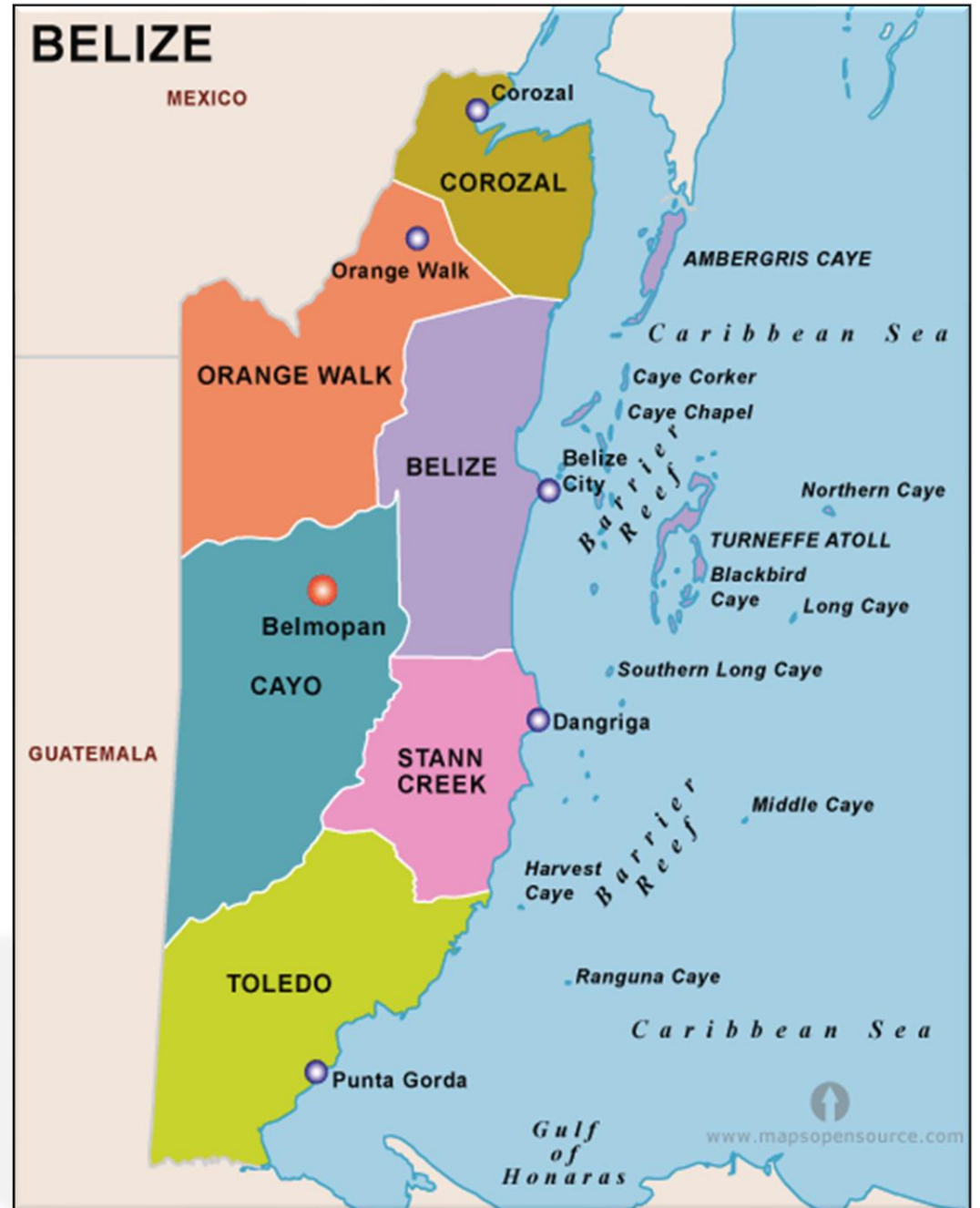
# NAVIGATING BELIZE

**Logistical and Practical Support**



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**Wait, where am I?**



**Belize**



**Mass.**

**At 8,867 square miles,  
Belize is about the  
same size as the U.S.  
state of Massachusetts.**



**180 Miles North to South**

**70 Miles East to West**

**3,500 Feet at its highest**

**450 Cayes**

**Population = ~405,000**

**\*2021 UN estimates**



# Am I saying that correctly?

Caye = "KEY"

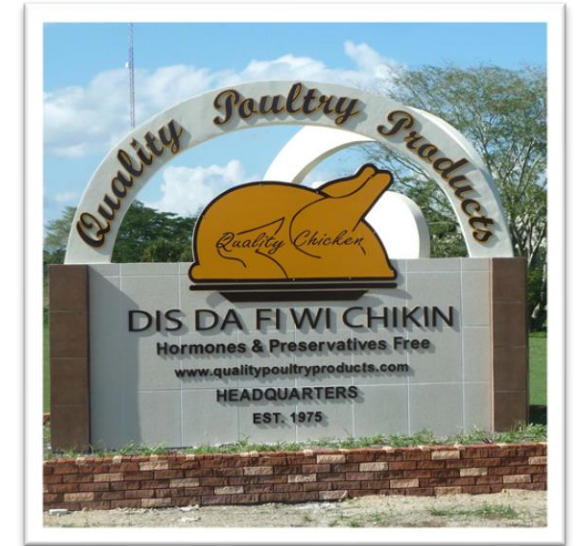
San Ignacio = "Ig - nah - see - oh"

Ambergris = "Amber - GRIS"

Xunantunich = "Shoe - naan - too - nitch"

Placencia = "Pla - sense - ee - ahh"

Garifuna = Gar - ahh - FOO - na



Good Morning

"Bud Mawnin" - Creole

"Buiti Binafi" - Garifuna

"Buenos Dias" - Spanish

# Getting To, From, & Around Belize





# Direct Flights To & From the USA

INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Miami, Charlotte,  
Dallas-Ft. Worth,  
and L.A.

**American Airlines**

[www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com)

PLANE TICKET



INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Houston, Denver  
And Ft. Lauderdale

**Southwest Airlines**

[www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com)

PLANE TICKET



INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Atlanta

**Delta Airlines**

[www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)

PLANE TICKET



INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denver, Houston,  
L.A., New York,  
and Chicago

**United Airlines**

[www.united.com](http://www.united.com)

PLANE TICKET



INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minneapolis

**Sun Country Airlines**

[www.suncountry.com](http://www.suncountry.com)

PLANE TICKET



# Direct Flights To & From Canada

INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Toronto and  
Calgary

**WestJet Airlines**  
[www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com)



PLANE TICKET

INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Toronto

**Air Canada**  
[www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com)



PLANE TICKET




# Direct Flights To & From Central America

INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Panama City  
Panama



**Copa Airlines**  
[www.copaair.com](http://www.copaair.com)



PLANE TICKET

INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guatemala City  
Guatemala

**TAG Airlines**  
[www.tag.com.gt/en](http://www.tag.com.gt/en)



PLANE TICKET

INTERNATIONAL  FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mexico, Guatemala,  
Honduras, Nicaragua

**Tropic Air**  
[www.tropicair.com](http://www.tropicair.com)



PLANE TICKET

# Coming Through Cancun

Many flights to Cancun from all over the world.

Usually less expensive than flying directly into BZE.



## Fly from Cancun to Belize

*Tropic Air (\$200.00-\$400.00 USD One-way)*



## Take the Overnight ADO Bus

*Cancun to Belize City (~\$50.00 USD One-way)*





# ADO Bus from Cancun to Belize City

- ADO Bus ticket is approximately ~\$50.00 USD and can be purchased online or easily at the Cancun Airport.
- Buses depart Cancun at 7:30AM/ 10:15PM, lasting roughly 9 ½ hours.
- The bus arrives at the Belize border around 6.5 hours in. Here, you will make two stops:
  - Mexico-side - Submit Departure Record and pay *Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM)* tax (if applicable).
  - Belize-side - Submit Immigration Form and get stamped. Walk your items through Customs and submit the Customs Declaration Form.

[www.ado.com.mx](http://www.ado.com.mx)



# Getting Around Belize



- **Bus** *(Most common w/ locals)*
- **Taxi**
- **Rental Car**
- **Private Van/Bus**
- **Water Taxi**
- **Domestic Flights**
- **Golf Cart** *(Mostly on the Cayes)*



# The Four Main Highways

- Phillip Goldson Highway (*Northern Hwy*)
- George Price Highway (*Western Hwy*)
- Hummingbird Highway
- Southern Highway



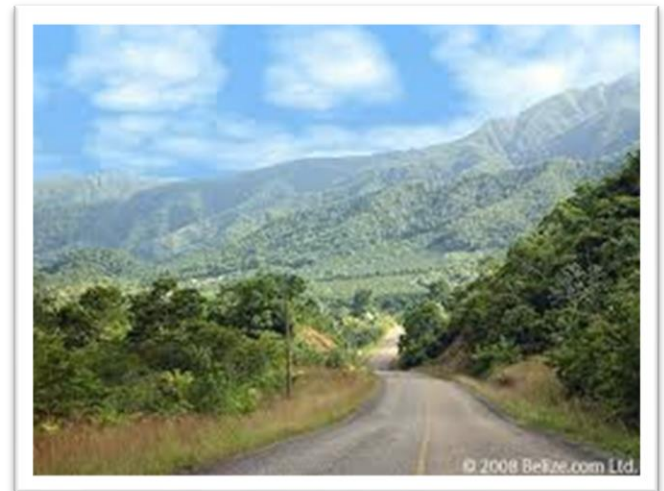


# Rental Cars

- Rates can vary from \$50-100 USD per day.
- Many Auto-Rental agencies to choose from. (*Hertz, Crystal, Budget, Avis, & more*)
- Safe

# Driving in Belize

- Road Conditions Vary
- Asking for directions
- Buses and Trucks Drive Fast
- Dogs, Kids, Horses and whatever else!!!!
- Police Check-points
- Speed Limits and Speed Bumps
- Gas Stations (Gas ~\$4.54 USD / gallon)  
(Butane ~\$2.15 USD / gallon)



# Taxis

- Licensed Taxis have **GREEN** License Plates. Can ask to see credentials.
- Taxi Fare from Phillip Goldson International Airport to Belize City = \$25.00 USD Standard Fee
  - Short Taxi rides in and around the city = ~\$8.00 - \$10.00 BZD
- Taxi Drivers are a great source of information and usually proud to show you around.
  - Some Drivers will do long distance trips.
  - Usually very easy to find a Taxi.



# Private Van and Tours

- There are many "Tour Guides" in Belize. They are licensed by the Belize Tourist Board. They will show their license.
- Many Tour companies own or have access to a van and offer transfers and/or tour services.
- This is also a great way to see the country!





# Buses in Belize

- Buses are a common form of transportation in Belize. However, bus schedules, fares and routes can be confusing at first.
- There is a main bus terminal in each district.
- The “Regular Bus” = Makes frequent stops to pick up passengers at bus stops.
- The “Express Bus” = Only stops in main Towns. (*Recommended Option*)
- Signs indicating intended destination are posted in the front window.
- Expect to be a little confused. Can be crowded. Keep your luggage within sight.
- Fares are often collected by a “Conductor” once you board the bus.

## “Regular” Bus Prices

- Belize City to Belmopan = \$3.00 USD
- Belize City to Placencia = \$10.00 USD
- Belize City to San Ignacio = \$4.50 USD



# Water Taxis

- Belize City to Caye Caulker -and- Belize City to San Pedro  
(~\$30.00USD round trip) (~\$50.00USD round trip)

~~○ San Pedro to Chetumal, MX~~

- Daily trips to the Cayes on/around the hour.  
(Starting at 8:00AM until 4:30PM)
- Commuter Boats. Okay to bring your luggage, dog, bike.



[belizewatertaxi.com](http://belizewatertaxi.com)



[oceanferrybelize.com](http://oceanferrybelize.com)



# Domestic Flights

- Small Cessna Planes (14 passenger)
- Multiple daily flights to popular destinations around Belize and the surrounding area.
- Tickets can be purchased online or at airline offices.
- Tickets Prices range from ~\$90-\$200USD one way.
- More expensive than Water Taxi.
- Much quicker and great aerial perspective of Belize!



[www.tropicair.com](http://www.tropicair.com)



[www.mayaislandair.com](http://www.mayaislandair.com)





# Internet Service

- Most places have Wi-Fi. Just ask for the password.
- FaceTime, WhatsApp and Skype are great ways to communicate in-country AND internationally.
  - Usually at least two main Cable/Internet providers in each town.
    - About \$50.00 USD per month [10Mbps]
    - NEW! Fiber Optic Internet



[Click Image for Info](#)

# Local Phone

- Stop into any BTL or SMART office.
  - They are in every town.
  - Single-Line Plans \$30-60 USD
  - Pre-paid or Post-paid Plan



# Water

BWS - Belize Water Service



# Electric

BEL - Belize Electric Limited



# Banks

Scotia  
Atlantic  
Heritage  
Belize Bank Limited  
ATMs



# Shopping

## Grocery Shopping

- Brodies (B.C. and Belmopan)
- Chinese Super Markets
- Publics (not *Publix*)
- Save U
- Vegetable Stands and Markets

## Household Goods

- MIRAB
- COURTS
- A&R
- DIBARY
- Boutiques
- Brodies

## Hardware Stores

- Bennys
- Farmers Trading Center (*Spanish Lookout*)
- Habet & Habet
- Builders Hardware



## TO DO LIST

- Buy it when you see it!  
It may be gone when you come back.
- Look in the deep freezers.
- Look for local products  
(peanut butter, tortillas, jams, bread, dairy products).
- Generally more Options in Belize City.



# Dining Out



Ceviche



Rice & Beans



Fry Jacks



Tamales



Journey Cakes



Marie Sharps  
Pepper Sauce



Belikin Beer



Panty  
Rippa

# Get Connected

## Facebook

- Belize Buy, Sell, Trade
- Placencia Whats Happening
- Expats in Belize

## The Local News

- The Amandala Newspaper
- The Reporter Newspaper
- The Guardian
- Chanel 7
- Chanel 5

## Organizations

- Rotary Club
- American Chamber of Commerce
- Belize Sailing Association
- Various Expat Groups



# THANK YOU

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