

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE ~~EXPECTING~~ EXPATING

BELIZE EDITION

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Are You an Expat?

- Expat = Expatriate | Latin root “expatriatus”
- What does it truly mean to be an expat?
- Why become an expat?





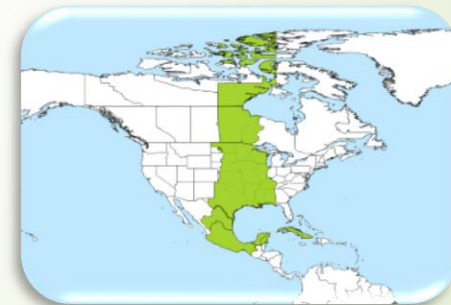
EXPECTATIONS

VS.

REALITY

EXPECTATIONS

- Similarities to the U.S.
- Climate and the “seasons”
 - Dry Season (mid-Nov. – May)
 - Wet/”Green” Season (June – Nov.)
 - Hurricanes/Flooding | NO active volcanos
 - Forest-Fire risk and agricultural burning (April-May)
- Local Time
 - GMT-6 (*U.S. Central Time*) | NO D.S.T.
- Business Hours
 - Keep in mind: Weekends, Holidays, and lunch-hour
- Language & Communication



EXPECTATIONS

➤ Healthcare

- 8 Public Hospitals in Belize
- Dentists, Eye Doctors, etc.



Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital
Princess Margaret Dr., Belize City
501-223-1548

➤ Lifestyle & Religion

- “Live and Let Live”



➤ Nightlife & Activities



➤ Shopping & Sourcing Goods

- Most products have a 12.5% General Sales Tax [GST]
- Shop from multiple sources

EXPECTATIONS

- Safety concerns

- 2 Main Types: Violent & Petty crimes
- Gangs & Drugs?



- Food Quality, Accessibility, and Diversity



- Mail

- U.S. to Belize City: takes about a week, outlying areas a few weeks
- Post Offices in all major towns, most villages
- No Home-Delivery in some areas
- DHL Worldwide Express and Federal Express available



EXPECTATIONS

Getting Directions



THANK YOU

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"Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing.
It's about doing, being and becoming.
Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough
to make them all yourself."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN.



AND I LOVE IT.