



Guidebook

“Making sure that your vacation is memorable, relaxing and/or adventurous, full of laughter and positive vibes, is our mission.”



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In Case of Emergencies

Exits are through the doors and the steps. Please use common sense.

In case of a fire, leave the building. Gather on the beach front.

There are fire extinguishers on every floor and in every room.

In case of a hurricane or another reason necessitating evacuation, management will advise you.

Belize's National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

will let us know when guests must leave the island.

We usually have time to evacuate; however, there are public shelters available.

Caye Casa is NOT a shelter.

Emergency & Transportation Contact Numbers

Police: Dial: 911

Fire: Dial 990

RRR Emergency Medical/Water Response: +501-627-1117

General Manager (Jake): +501-610-9580

Security Guards: +501-628-2279 (Mayo) or +501-622-7021 (Ryan)

Ambergris Hope Hospital: +501-226-2660 or +501-629-3618

San Carlos Medical Center: +501-226-2918 or +501-613-2918

Hyperbaric Chamber: +501-226-2851 or +501-226-3195

National Emergencies (NEMO): +501-822-0153

Poison Control, USA: 001-800-222-1222

Spiez Pharmacy: +501-207-2227

Meds Made Easy Pharmacy: +501-226-3949

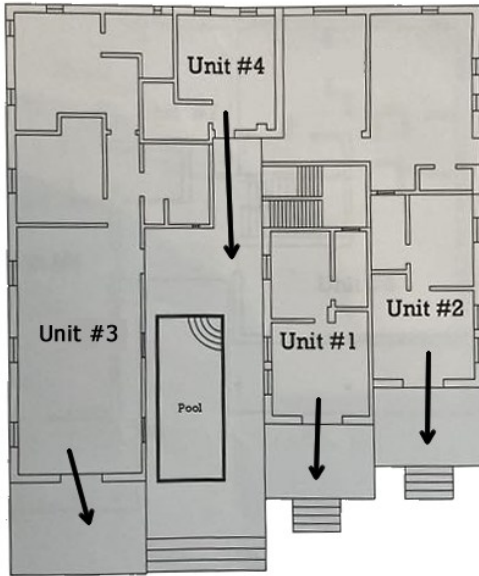
Taxi Service: +501-635-8820 (Roque) or +501-601-0701 (Samuel)

Tropic Air: +501-226-2012 | Maya Island Air: +501-223-1140

Tsunami Golf Cart Rentals: +501-633-7777

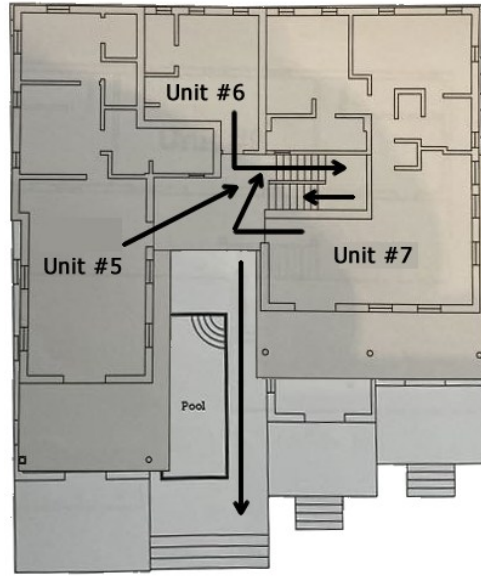
Emergency Exits

EMERGENCY EXITS (1st Floor)



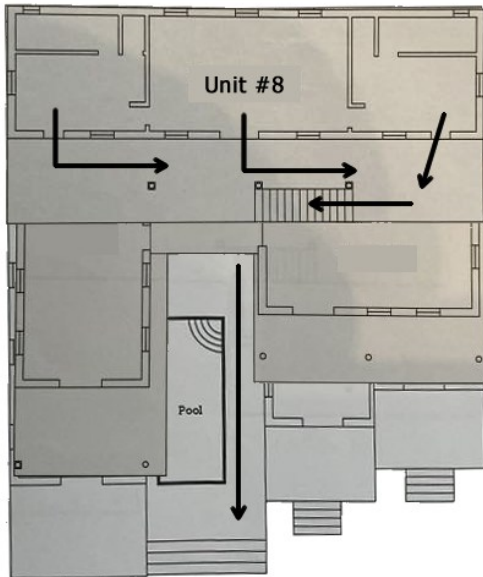
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EMERGENCY EXITS (2nd Floor)



MEET UP POINT ON THE BEACH

EMERGENCY EXITS (3rd Floor)



MEET UP POINT ON THE BEACH

Safety Guidelines

Swim at your own risk. Please do not swim to the reef. Don't swim beyond the markers / longest dock. Boaters will not see you.

All our recommended tours have trained and licensed tour guides to help you enjoy Belize.

If you decide to book a tour on your own, ask to see a tour guide license. You don't want to go on the sea with an amateur – no matter how charming.

Lovely creatures live in the sea grass. It's best to wear shoes of some kind.

The coral reef is living. If you touch it, not only could it hurt you, you will hurt it. In fact, it will die. Watch your fins, too.

Always shut your windows and doors at night and when you leave.

There are safes in each room. Please use the key provided.

Fire extinguishers are on every stairwell landing.

No smoking in the rooms. No pets allowed in the rooms.

If you wouldn't do it at home, don't do it here.

Accommodation Policies

The welcome drinks in your refrigerator are complimentary.

We provide free laundry for our guests, limited to twice per stay. Courtesy laundry bags (*these are not free*) are located on the clothes hangers in each unit, or available at the office.

Cushions for the pool loungers are available at the front desk.

Only registered guests are allowed in the rooms.

No smoking in the rooms.

No pets are allowed in the rooms.

Please turn off lights and AC in rooms when checking out, or if leaving the room for more than a few hours.

Please leave keys in the office when leaving or in the key lock boxes by your door.

Check out time: 11 AM

Please drop off key at the office or leave it in the key lock box. You can always leave your bags in our office if you're departing later.

Check-in time: 3 PM

You can always check-in early and leave your bags in our office. We do our best to have the rooms ready by 1pm or before.

Exchange Rate:

\$2.00 BZ- \$ 1 US

All tours, golf cart rentals, and real estate are quoted in US dollars.

OFFICE HOURS (Usually 7am – 6pm)

OPEN Most Days About 9 or 10
Occasionally as Early as 7,
But SOME DAYS
As Late As 12 or 1.
WE CLOSE About 5:30 or 6
Occasionally About 4 or 5, But
Sometimes as Late as 11 or 12.
SOME DAYS or Afternoons, We
Aren't Here At All, and Lately
I've Been Here Just About All The Time,
Except When I'm Somewhere Else,
But I Should Be Here Then, Too. :)

HOUSEKEEPING

We provide a complimentary room refresh every 3rd day during your stay. If you want housekeeping more often, we provide the services for \$50 BZD (\$25 USD).

For self-service, extra towels, linens, coffee, sugar, etc. are provided free of charge. If you need more fresh linens, just let us know, and our staff will place new linens or towels in the room. We offer free laundry service in the mornings prior to 11am (subject to availability and limited to twice per stay). Please request a laundry bag at the office.

When your trash is full, please place it in the bag provided and set it outside your room (in the mornings only) or place it in the trash receptacle to right of the building.

Please do not put glass bottles in the trash, most are recyclable! We will collect them after your stay or at any time – just let us know!

Help Us Save Energy!

Please leave the windows and doors closed when your room A/C is on. Help us save energy by turning off your lights and air conditioning while you are away enjoying the island! Please do not run the AC below 18C = 64.4F (it will freeze up the AC and it will never get to that temperature).

Cancellation Policy

- A one-night non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. If you booked via a 3rd party booking engine, please refer to the policy under which you booked.
- The final balance will be automatically processed 30 days prior to arrival. Once the booking has been processed, you will receive a Reservation Confirmation email which outlines a summary of your booking.
- Guests may cancel anytime up to 30 days prior to arrival; bookings cancelled under 30 days before arrival are not refundable.
- No refunds for no-shows or unused portions of accommodations or packages. There will be no refunds due to airline delays, strikes, or weather-related delays or cancellations, including hurricanes or other natural disasters.
- Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Credit card payments can be made online with our secure payment account. Prices are in US dollars.
- Travel insurance is always recommended. Some credit card companies offer travel insurance.
- All cancellations must be sent via email to cayecasa@gmail.com.

Terms & Conditions

Room changes - All our one-bedroom units offer the same guest amenities though they are uniquely furnished, decorated and on different levels. We reserve the right to make room changes for the Caribbean Dreams, the Seaside Havens, and the Coastal Classics.

Natural Instincts

People are very friendly here. But, don't forget:

Belize has a proud history – filled with pirates.

We are their descendants.

**If you wouldn't give money to a stranger back home, please
don't do it here.**

If you absolutely can't resist, don't give money – buy a plate of food instead.

Please don't feed any of the dogs or cats.

I know they're hungry and adorable. Let us know where they are, and we'll call
our great humane society: SAGA.

Behind the Scenes

We provide free *bottled drinking water* for our guests – either attached to the refrigerators (in some villas), via a special faucet by the kitchen sink (in some villas & casitas), or via a water dispenser (in the classic rooms).

Most of the water used here is produced at a *desalinization plant* on the southern end of the island. You can brush your teeth with it, but we wouldn't recommend drinking due to local bacteria.

Electricity is “piped” in from Mexico via an underwater cable or produced via a huge generator by our national utility company (Belize Electricity Limited) in the southern end of the island. Very Expensive.

Television is by satellite or DigiTV app.

Air conditioning works best with the doors and windows shut. Ideal Setting: 23C = 73F

The garbage is collected from the trash bin shed out front daily.

The only items recycled are glass drinking bottles, plastic water bottles, and golf cart batteries.

There is an outside faucet located by the golf cart parking for your use.

The first 65 feet of beach is known as Queen's Land. It's public property and owned by the government. Piers are also open to the public. (6AM to 6 PM)

Please smoke outside only.

Getting Around

We can help you reserve everything in advance, or on the fly — except your flights and water taxis. Simply Ask.

Flights

Two airline companies serve San Pedro: [Tropic Air](#) and [Maya Island Air](#).

Both have scheduled flights between here and lots of places on the mainland. Tropic Air flies to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras as well. Both airlines offer Blue Hole flyovers.

The first flights depart San Pedro at 7 AM; the last flights depart at 5 PM, but sometimes as late as 8 PM.

If you are traveling onward from the Belize International Airport (BZE) we suggest you allow three (3) hours for your connection. The local airlines will not be responsible for missed connections.

Private planes and helicopters are also available.

Water Taxis

Three main water taxi companies serve our island: [San Pedro Belize Express](#), [Caribbean Sprinter](#), and [International Islander Ferries](#). Click the links to see their schedules. All have different prices and hours.

The first boats depart San Pedro for Belize City at 6 AM; the last boats depart at 5:30 PM. It takes 1.5 hours to reach Belize City.

For international water taxi runs, please reserve at least 24 hours prior to departure date. Check-In 2 hours prior to departure. Belize Express departs for Chetumal, Mexico at 8:30 AM. International Island Ferries departs for Chetumal, Mexico at 2:30 PM. **They don't run every day.**

There is also the Thunderbolt Water Taxi (+501-628-8590) which offers a service between San Pedro, Corozal, and Sarteneja.

Land Taxis

Land taxis all cost the same (\$20 BZD/\$10 USD) in town. Once you go over the bridge (north) or more than 3 miles south of here they charge A LOT more. It's usually less expensive to rent a golf cart for the day.

Our Preferred Taxi Drivers:

Roque: +501-635-8820

Samuel: +501-601-0701

Golf Carts

As you can see, there are many carts on the island. It's the most convenient way to explore and get around.

Golf Carts can be rented by the day or longer. Price estimated anywhere between \$40—60 USD per day. Less for 3+ Days.

We can usually have a cart delivered to the hotel within 30 minutes upon request, except during peak season (December - March). During these months we recommend letting us reserve a golf cart in advance for you.

We recommend **Tsunami Golf Cart Rentals** as they include insurance, bridge pass, and 24/7 roadside assistance/rescue (cash or credit card accepted).

Phone: +501-633-7777

Email: tsunamigolfcartrental@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.tsunamigolfcartrental.com>

As you will soon discover, having rented a golf cart, there are few directional signs, or labeled street names. Watch for "local" drivers. That should help when trying to figure out one-way streets.

*Parking is an adventure. Never Park close to any corner or near a curb painted **red**. Granted the red fades, but that isn't considered an excuse with the local traffic department.*

You will also be fined for drinking and driving, driving without a license, speeding, and allowing underage drivers to operate the cart.

Here at Caye Casa, please park your golf carts facing the side wall labelled "Parking" to the right as you drive onto the property.

Bicycles

Bicycles can also be rented daily or weekly. They can be delivered to the hotel upon request or reserved.

Lock your bicycles everywhere. Lock them to the railings here.

Our Preferred Bike Rental Companies:

Belizeable Bikes

Phone: +501-620-5884 | +501-600-3294

\$25 BZD for 24 hours per bike

Bakktown Bike Rentals

Phone: +501-610-2688

\$25 BZD for 24 hours per bike

Breez E-Bike Rentals

Electric Bikes and Beach Cruisers

Phone: +501-614-7153 | Website: <https://breezebikerentals.com/>

The First Hour is \$20USD and every hour after is \$10USD

Money, Communications, Room Service

Money

The exchange rate is 2 Belize dollars for every 1 US dollar.

There are ATM machines at the local banks as well as in some grocery stores such as Super Buy.

Credit Cards are accepted almost everywhere as are US

dollars; but the bills must be in good condition (no tears or writing on them). We do not recommend changing currency. US dollars are accepted everywhere here. Change is usually given in Belize Dollars, or a mix of the two, depending on what the vendor has available.

Helpful Tip: If you try to exchange your Belize Dollars back to US dollars at major airports, the exchange rate is not very good, so don't take too much Belize currency back with you. Most shops & bars/restaurants will help you to exchange at 2:1 - if they have US dollars on hand.

Communications

Our wireless internet password is available in the office and on your welcome letter.

A local telephone is available for our guests to use in the office.

We recommend installing **WhatsApp** (<https://www.whatsapp.com>) - a free and simple messaging and calling app - so you don't need to pay for an international calling plan. Verify your WhatsApp account before you leave your home country as you may not be able to do it here in Belize.

WhatsApp will work with Wi-Fi or mobile data. If you use a local SIM card while you are traveling, you can still use WhatsApp with your home number.

As for cell phones and other “connected devices” from Canada, United States,

Europe, South America, etc. - some work here and some don't! We'll try to help.

Tip: when calling to the USA or Canada from Belize enter 001 first and then the number. When calling Belize from abroad, enter 011 first.

Room Service

Many local restaurants will deliver!

So will most grocery stores. And if they don't a taxi will!

Also, there are a number of "cooks/chefs for hire" on the island who will prepare authentic Belizean meals in your villa. Cooking classes are also available.

Recommended Chefs / Cooking Classes

Ms. Shelly at Orchid Tree

+501 614-6442

<https://www.facebook.com/orchidtreecateringservices>

Ms. Julia at Black and White Garifuna Restaurant who is excellent with Garifuna Food

+501 605-2895

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054293180121&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

Ms. Sarita

+501 605-9480

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082793290805&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

Activities List – Daytime, Nighttime, Mainland

Daytime Activities: Snorkelling Hol Chan & Shark Ray Alley or Mexico Rocks, Diving (local dives along reef or Blue Hole/atolls), Secret Beach (requires Golf Cart rental) & Water Park, Reef/Deep/Fly Fishing, Fishing/Snorkelling Beach BBQ, Catamaran Cruises to Caye Caulker, Sunset Cruises, Massages, Eco-Museum, Manicure/Pedicure, Glass Bottom Boat, Kayaking, Hobbie Cat, Sailboat Rentals, Kite Surfing, Jet Skiing, Bike Rentals, Food Tours, Iguana Sanctuary, Cornhole and other games at Truck Stop, Drink & Drive (D&D) Golf Range and mini-golf, Coconut Bowling at Toast, Axe throwing & golf driving range at Up North.

Nighttime Activities: Crab Races (Every Tues./Thurs. Sometimes at Nauti Crab – rated R), Chicken Drop (Thurs. at Wahoo Lounge), Bingo (Wed. at Nauti Crab), Coconut Trio (Wed. at Wayos), Trivioke = Trivia, Karaoke (Fri. at Nauti Crab), Name that Tune (Mon. at Wayos), Night Clubs (Maxie's, Sunset Lounge, Alure, etc.), Gambling (Poker, Blackjack, Slots at Moneta Casino and The Casino in town), and more!

Mainland Activities: Cave Tubing, Ziplining, Mayan Ruins (Altun Ha, Lamanai, Xunantunich), Belize Zoo, Caving/Spelunking (A.T.M. Cave), Horseback Riding, Baboon Sanctuary, Jungle ATVs, Five Sisters Waterfall, Rio (River) Pools, Cave Canoeing/Kayaking, Bacawina Waterfall Rappel, Inland Blue Hole Tour, Crooked Tree Bird Watching, Hiking (Victoria Peak), Kukumba Beach (Belize City), Rum Factory Tour, Belikin Beer Garden, Mayan Cooking & Tasting Experience, Tikal Mayan Ruin (Guatemala).

We also recommend going to Caye Caulker to feed the Tarpon and feeding the stingrays at Iguana Reef (around 4:30-5:30pm) and checking out the seahorses.

Please note that only some of these tours are accessible from San Pedro, Ambergris Caye via a full day excursion. Other tours require you to stay overnight on the mainland such as when visiting Tikal in Guatemala.

Spas, Fitness Centers, Shopping

There are a number of ***excellent spas on the island***. Many are connected to large resorts; but some are scattered around town or on the beach. Ask for our latest recommendations. Prices vary based on what type of massage or treatment you are looking for, which can range anywhere from \$50+ USD per hour.

One of our favorite places for a massage is right on the beach in front of **Caye Casa** at Shirlene's **JUST RELAX Massage**. They will also come to your unit (Villas only). We can make the appointment for you or feel free to call Shirlene yourself: +501-613-3723.

Yoga classes are offered north and south. Ask at the front desk for the latest information.

The Train Station, a fitness center/gym, is just around the corner from here; others are around town.

Most of the gift shops are located in the center of town near the town square/clocktower/San Pedro sign. *There is also a local artisan's market near the lagoon side of our island.*

Belize was developed for its hardwoods. As a result, we have amazing woodcarvers and carpenters. Look for them on the beach, in the back, or on the sidewalks!

One of the best places to buy wooden goods is at **Graniel's** (on middle street near the Atlantic Bank). We'll show you on the map.

Snorkeling and Swimming

The most popular outing in Belize is to snorkel at the *Hol Chan Marine Reserve* with a second stop at *Shark Ray Alley*. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or an expert, our local tour companies are great, informative, and the guides will make you feel that it **is the most natural thing in the world** to look underwater. You won't believe the fish and coral. Price is estimated at \$75 USD per person which should include the gear and park fee.

Snorkeling

Fish and coral are protected and in abundance at the Hol Chan and Mexico Rocks Marine Reserves - a 10–20-minute boat ride away. If you want to experience some of the best snorkeling in the world, **we recommend the marine reserves.**

For half-day snorkeling tours in the marine reserves, we recommend [Chuck and Robbie's Diveshop](#), [New Day Adventures](#), [Neptune's Cove](#), [Searious Adventures](#), [Belizean Blue Safaris](#), and [Amigos Del Mar](#) – all located just down the beach. Most tours start at either 8:30am or 1:30pm.

For full-day snorkeling tours in the marine reserves via a **Catamaran**, along with a stop at **Caye Caulker**, we recommend [Searious Adventures](#), [Seaduced Belize](#), [Xsite Belize Sailing & Adventures](#), and [Island Dream Tours](#). Prices vary between \$125-175 USD per person. Booze cruises and sunset cruises are also available.

Swimming

Swimming is great off the end of long piers such as Wayos, Hurricanes, Palapa Bar, and many other long docks along the Boca Del Rio stretch of beach. *The sea grass is a nursery for fish, lobster, and other good creatures, so we try to keep it as undisturbed as possible.* You can snorkel there but it's not anywhere near as exciting as the Hol Chan Marine Reserve.

Please **DO NOT** swim beyond the longest dock/buoys/too far out into the beautiful turquoise water. Boaters won't see you.

Scuba Diving

Some of the world's best diving can be found along the **Belize Barrier Reef** which is less than a half mile from our beach. Explore ship wrecks, canyons, and gorgeous coral. Swim with sting rays, dolphins, nurse sharks and schools of tropical fish.

Most of the island dive operators are located within a few blocks of us.

Not sure if you want to scuba? Take a "resort course" to see if you like it.

If you are a diver, a trip to the Blue Hole is a bucket list must. We recommend [Amigos del Mar](#) or [Ramon's](#) or [Belize Pro Dive Center](#) for trips to the Blue Hole. It's a wonderful all-day adventure with three dive stops. Snorkelers can also go along! The price range is around \$300 USD per person. A minimum of 10 people is required to go out so definitely book this tour in advance.

For all the other local diving, our favorite dive operation is called [Chuck and Robbie's Diveshop](#) – just down the beach.

Ask us to find out who has a trip available, and we'll be happy to make arrangements for you. Price is estimated to be approximately \$135 USD/person (2 tank dive).

Fishing

Belize's waters teem with fish.

Most every island native grew up fishing. It's in their blood. As a result, we have some great guides – who will be happy to take you fishing. Take your pick: **reef fishing, deep sea fishing, or fly fishing.**

Local restaurants will cook what you catch (just buy drinks & sides) or your guide might barbecue it for lunch.

For reef and/or deep-sea fishing, and custom tours, we recommend [New Day Adventures](#), [Belizean Blue Safaris](#), **Under Da Sea** (+501-632-3845), **Captain Oscar** (+501-670-0758), **Ricky Marin** (+501-629-6664), **Josh Marin** (+501-624-2162), and **Gian Guerrero** (+501-629-2982).

If you are a fly fisherman, welcome to some of the best fly fishing anywhere. We highly recommend [GoFish Belize](#) or **Omar Arceo** (+501-669-9606) to guide you.

A number of our guests have caught a “*grand slam*” in one day. Of course, all of it is “catch and release”.

You'll see schools of bonefish on the flats. Permit and tarpon are on the back / west side of the island and in the mangroves.

The fishing excursions are priced per boat usually up to 4 people and then more for extra people, approximately \$350-500 USD half-day fishing / \$600-650 USD for full day with beach BBQ. Deep sea fishing (outside the reef) is approximately \$800 for a full day.

Kayaks, Jet Skis, Paddle Boards, Hobie Cats

There are a number of companies which will rent you kayaks or jet skis, paddle boards, or hobie cats. *All of them can be rented hourly or by the day.*

We recommend the **Belize Sailing Center** (+501 624-4659) at Caribbean Villas Hotel for renting kayaks, paddle boards, or hobie cats. Approximately \$30 BZD/hour, or \$250 USD for a 5 day kayak rental - includes delivery, paddles and life jackets.

We recommend the **La Isla Adventures** (+501 612-3070) for jet ski rentals. Approximately \$200 USD per hour.

Water sports are fun but given our water and weather, they can be dangerous.

Jet Skis can also be rented at Secret Beach.

Please use caution and common sense.

Tours: Mainland, Ruins & Exploring the islands

We will help you arrange any tour or regional attraction on this island and/or the mainland. On the mainland, trips to the Mayan ruins are incredible. You can go by boat or even fly. Price can range from \$185-385 USD per person not including transportation to the mainland.

A day trip to **Lamanai, Altun Ha, or Xunantunich** is a wonderful experience. On the way, you'll see and feel our jungle, rivers, the tropical forests, and some wildlife. Once at the ruins, you'll learn about a part of history we are just discovering.

It's possible to combine a trip to the ruins with another Belizean adventure. A day trip from here can include the joy of cave tubing or the thrill of zip lining or visit the jaguars at the Belize Zoo. Branch out more to explore the ATM cave or the Baboon Sanctuary.

For mainland tours, we recommend [Cat Belize Mayaland Tours](#) (+501-626-5138). They offer different packages with lots of options - you can do 1, 2, or 3 tours in one day! We always recommend Altun Ha, Cave Tubing, and the Belize Zoo as it's very unique to Belize. The tour is private in a comfortable SUV and the tour guides are very knowledgeable. You can go at your own pace while driving and while at the ruins. Altun Ha is definitely the closest (it's the one printed on our money). Xunantunich is the tallest, but it's farthest away so you can only do 2 tours in a day when visiting. Lamanai is very unique as it's located along a river, but it's a 2-boat journey so it's a 1-tour only adventure. They are all incredible. It's a long day of fun - they pick you up here around 5:15am - 6:15am depending on the tour and if you plan to take the water taxi over, or 7:15am if you plan to fly over to the mainland.

Please note that the ATM cave is a full day tour - lots of spelunking and you have to swim to enter the cave - you can only do that tour in one day.

Belize is mother nature's best kept secret.

FOOD

Belize is a small country. As part of both the Caribbean islands and the Central American nations, it is blessed with a mixture of races, ethnicities, cultures and **a fusion of great food.**

Start with the Maya, mix in some British and Spanish pirates, combine with Mestizos and Garifuna, spice it up with Asians, Lebanese and Europeans, toss all our natural products together, simmer a few hundred years, and you will eat well.

Sample Belizean food by trying: **escabeche, pibil, hudut, boil up, fry fish, johny cakes, creole bun, rice 'n beans, stew chicken, ceviche, refried beans, coconut rice, barbecue, tacos, fried plantain, papayas, jicama and oranges, sea grapes, flour and/or corn tortillas, ripe mangos, green mangos or lobster and conch.**

Try the **Belize Food Tour** (<https://www.belizefoodtours.com> | +501-613-1321)

\$52 USD for lunch tour (11am - 1:30pm)

\$72 USD for dinner tour (5pm - 7:30pm)

It's a walking tour (meet at San Pedro sign in the Central Park). Discover popular restaurants and those off-the-beaten track while tasting a variety of cultural foods (about 7-9 restaurants). Come hungry.

On Ambergris Caye, there are always new restaurants and bars opening. You will find many in the centre of town, some connected to hotels, others on side streets or down a sandy road or along the beach.

Restaurants

There are always new restaurants and bars opening!

Behind Caye Casa, on Laguna Drive, a short walk away; you will find a bakery, a fresh fruit stand, a few food markets/grocery stores (Caye Value), and a bunch of local food stalls.

Here, in no particular order, are **some great places:**

In town:

Estel's (226-2019), Elvi's (226-2176), Blue Water Grill (226-3347), Caramba (226-4321), Caliente's (226-2170), El Fogon (+501 673-2121), Waraguma (+501 673-2121), El Patio (226-3898), and Lily's Treasure Chest (226-2650).

Near here:

Fresh Express (633-8877), Wayo's (226-2035), Nauti Crab (670-8001), Sandy Toes (280-0181), Purple Pelican (633-2021), Overseas (614-9266), Cool Beans (621-6945), Sandbar (226-2008) and Palapa Bar (615-8811)

South of town:

Island Jungle (+501 626-1669), Victoria House (247-5159) and Jyoto (+501 600-5458), Hidden Treasure (226+4111), Someplace South (628-5373)

Across the bridge:

Truck Stop (226-3663), Rain (226-4000), Crocs (226-2002), Stella's Sunset (+501 602-5284), Mambo at Mata Chica (226-5010) plus many others!

Reservations

You'll need dinner reservations for the more popular restaurants during high season. We will be happy to do that for you.

Making sure that your vacation is memorable, relaxing and/or adventurous, full of laughter and positive vibes, is our mission. You're a part of the Caye Casa family now so whatever you need when in Belize, simply let us know!

Some History

Julie Babcock was first exposed to the Belize bug on a visit in 1997. In 1998, she returned for a year to write the great American novel. She lived first in Corozal then in San Pedro. That one year quickly developed into five while she lived in Dangriga, on Tobacco Caye, and on Caye Caulker.

In 2003, Julie bought a two-story concrete and wooden building on half of the present property. Still working at being discovered as a best-selling author, she lived upstairs while renting the downstairs to a few adventurous travelers. She called her new home: Caye Casa. In those days, people used a hand drawn ferry to cross to the northern part of the island. The coconut palm trees blocked the view of the reef from the second floor

In 2005, still not discovered, Julie bought the other half of this property where she built two casitas. She decorated them with welcoming thatch covered porches. She bought her first used electric golf cart – one of a handful on the island. There were no paved roads.

A year later, true to her background in Vermont as a more successful builder/developer than author, Julie tore down the original buildings and moved to one of the casitas. She established an office in the other casita while supervising the construction of the new Caye Casa. Her design reflected that she was seriously infected with the Belize bug.

When it reopened in November 2007, the two casitas were surrounded by four, two-bedroom villas and two classic hotel rooms. Although Julie shares ownership with five others, one of her proudest moments occurred when she overheard two local women talking while admiring Caye Casa. One said to the other, “a woman built that.”

More than ten years later, Caye Casa is thriving. The palm trees no longer hide the view of the ocean and the reef. The pier was replaced after Hurricane Earl. There is a new bridge, some roads are paved, and there are a few more golf carts around; but, the thatch covered porches continue to welcome adventurous northerners.

Fatally infected by the Belize bug, Julie now writes clever emails for the benefit of her sons and grandchildren. Her son, Nile Duppstadt II (aka “Jake”) now manages the Caye Casa Boutique Hotel.