About Belize

Belize – Unspoiled and Easy

Located along the eastern coast of Central America on the Caribbean Sea, Belize is a unique blend of pristine nature, diverse geography and endless adventure.

Roughly the size of Massachusetts, this relatively small country (176 miles long and 88 miles wide) boasts rainforest–covered mountains, hundreds of cayes (islands, pronounced keys) and the largest barrier reef in the Western hemisphere. With over 40% of Belize's land mass enjoying some level of "protected area" status, these diverse natural areas form the basis of Belize's strong appeal.

It's no wonder, then, why Belize was part of the Mayan empire, and later colonized by the British. Formerly known as British Honduras, Belize became independent in 1981, however, it remains a part of the British Commonwealth.

It's these ties to Great Britain that make Belize an easy destination for visitors to enjoy. English is the national language and Belizean currency is tied to the U.S. dollar–exchanging at a steady 2–to–1 rate.

Activities & Adventure in Belize

From world–renowned reefs to tropical rainforests, pristine beaches to ancient ruins, Belize truly offers something for everyone. It is for this reason and the diversification it represents that **Belize** is ranked among the world's premier **Vacation Destinations**. And with so much of the natural environment in a healthy state, creatures of land, air and sea flourish here. Nearly 600 bird species, almost every species of fish and coral found in the Caribbean, over 4,000 species of flowering plant, and the elusive Jaguar, among a host of land animals, can be found in Belize. With such abundance, wildlife is the spotlight of many activities in Belize.

National parks and nature preserves are the best source of wildlife viewing. But wildlife isn't the only reason to venture inland. Belize is home to twelve distinct Mayan ruins sites including Caracol, whose main temple stands at 143 feet tall and remains the tallest manmade structure in Belize. Click here for more information about the Maya of Belize, history and culture .

In distinct contrast to the rainforest is the massive barrier reef that extends the length of the country. Along with the reef, hundreds of cayes (islands, pronounced keys) situated between the reef and mainland make ideal habitats for the schools of colorful fish and coral that create world–class locations for diving and snorkeling.

For information about the currency, weather and language of Belize, click here.

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