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Recently GQ Magazine called Placencia Village "a quaint town that seems to have forgotten about mass tourism."



At the tip of a 16-mile peninsula, sits the quaint seaside Village of Placencia. The only place on mainland Belize that offers unspoiled white sand beaches, Placencia is locally known as "Barefoot Perfect."

Miles of natural sandy beach, a virgin mangrove-fringed lagoon, a wonderland of coral-studded cayes just off-shore, nearby jungle rivers (home to the howler monkey) and pristine rainforests, Garifuna, Creole and Maya cultures and ancient ruins, all within a short tour away, make Placencia the ideal location for the adventure traveler.

### Placencia Calendar of Events - 2013:

Combine on of the following Placencia Annual Events with your Belize Adventure for a [Remarkable Adventure Belize Vacation](#)

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**February:** Placencia Sidewalk Arts & Music Festival - Have fun at the fastest growing event in the Southern (Stann Creek) Region. Visual and performing artists from Placencia and across Belize showcase their best along Placencia's historic sidewalk. Shop for Belizean art and explore Belize's vibrant music scene. Date: Feb. 16 & 17. Proposed 2014 Date: Feb. 15 & 16. A great time and place to celebrate Valentine's Day!

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**March:** Taste of the Peninsula - Sample a wide range of cuisine contributed by participating Peninsula restaurants and home cooks; dance the night away to live music and participate in fun raffles and more. Date: March 9

**April:** Spring Break Parties throughout the Peninsula and Village.

**May:** Summer begins in Belize and Chabil Mar Resort - Kick off the summer early by taking advantage of continuing great weather and price reductions on all Villa accommodations.

**June:** Placencia Lobsterfest - A mega beach party like no other in Belize organized by the Placencia BTIA and Placencia Village Council. Celebrate Placencia and its bounty of good food and people. Enjoy live musical performances, games and take a chance in the legendary Placencia Lobsterfest Raffle. Date: June 28, 29 & 30.

**September:** Battle of St. George's Caye Day (September 10) and Independence Day Celebrations (September 21) - Enjoy small festivities like patriotic pageants and parades, to large celebrations and the Placencia BTIA's (Belize Tourism Industry Association) Saltwater Fishing Tournament, where anglers can win large cash prizes.

**October:** Halloween! - Join Halloween enthusiasts from Placencia and all over Belize at the Barefoot Bar, the biggest Halloween party in the area. Costume prizes, drink special and visiting DJ.

**November:** Garifuna Settlement Day - In Seine Bight Village, about 7 miles north of Placencia Village, enjoy cultural pageants conducted in the Garifuna language and watch re-enactments of the Garifuna people arriving on Belizean shores followed by parades, punta dancing, live drumming and more. Date: November 19.

**December:** \*End of the World Placencia Marathon and Half Marathon - Come for the run and stay for the fun. The marathon course begins at the football/soccer field in Placencia Village Center goes, through Placencia Village, past Chabil Mar (3/4 mile point), through Seine Bight and Maya Beach with multiple views of the Maya Mountains to the west and the Caribbean Sea

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to the east. The 1/2 marathon starts at the mid-point of the marathon and both end back in Placencia Village. [Date: December 8. Contact Us to learn more about the marathon.](#)

### **Dec. 31:**

\*Placencia Mistletoe Ball - Glam up and celebrate the year at this formal affair. Eat, drink and dance the night away to a headlining party band. Date: To Be Announced

\*New Year's Eve Party - A local village affair and all are welcome. Fireworks show at midnight, food, dance, music and domestic Beliken beer.

## **Placencia's History:**

Placencia has a long history of occupation starting with the Maya who established at least 14 sites around the Placencia lagoon. They were principally engaged in the making of salt as well as participating in the extensive coastal trade.

In the 17th century Placencia was settled by the English Puritans who were originally from Nova Scotia and latterly from the island of Providencia. This settlement died out during the Central America wars of independence in the 1820's. The Spaniards that traveled the southern coast of Belize gave Placencia its name. Placencia prospered and became a village, earning its livelihood from the sea. In the early 1970s Placencia was provided with electricity.

Placencia is as culturally diverse today as it was in its formation. Walking down the sidewalk (once called the world's narrowest street) on any given day, you will see and hear people from all over Belize and the world gracing this little Village.

Adding to the charm of this traditional fishing village is a host of local eateries, beach bars, art galleries and shops that provide an authentic Belizean experience and while mingling with the locals in this Village of just over 1200 full time residents, experience the day to day life of Belize!

And while it's easy to drift gently into the laid back atmosphere, adventure is always nearby. Like most ideal vacation destinations, location is paramount to a truly unique experience, and Placencia is no exception. Situated on the mainland and located on the Caribbean Sea, Placencia is the doorway to Belize's most sought after activities on land and sea.

## **Placencia Recognitions:**

Carribean Travel & Life Magazine - "The Carribean's Coolest Beach Towns" - 2010 - by Bob Friel

Tripadvisor - "Top Destinations in Central America" - 2012

Tripadvisor - "Top Beaches in Central America" - 2012

As Active as You Want to Be

The unique setting of Placencia provides the perfect blend of activities from flats and deep water fishing to exploring Maya archaeological sites, from world-class diving and snorkeling to a one-of-a-kind 100,000+ acre wildlife preserve—all from one central location.

Or, perhaps a more relaxed stay is in order. Then take a leisurely stroll down the Placencia sidewalk—once called the world's narrowest main street—and follow the curve of the beach where you'll find many of the village's restaurants, art galleries, bakeries and shops. The gently lapping waves of Placencia beach are never far off, where it's easy to find a spot to sit back, relax and enjoy the view.

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