Like most ideal destinations, location is paramount to a truly unique experience! Placencia is known locally as “Barefoot Perfect”.
If being close or in the Village of Placencia is valuable to you on your Belize vacation, Chabil Mar is an ideal location in the Village - Close enough to enjoy it with as little as a stroll along the beach, but far enough to maintain your privacy while you lounge at one of our two infinity pools or on our beach.

How being close to Placencia Village would be of benefit:
The Placencia Peninsula is a 18 mile long area and includes islands (cayes, pr: keys). Resorts, hotels and cayes in this area are all listed as being located in "Placencia", but the Village of Placencia is located at the end of the Peninsula and is the center of Village activities, the restaurants, shops, nightlife. Many resorts in "Placencia" are located in the Villages of Seine Bight, Maya Beach or even 14 miles north of Placencia Village. Learn more about our premier location and that of other businesses, including accommodations, by viewing MAPS here.

Click Here for Google Earth Placencia Village, Belize
For those persons wanting to walk to the Village center at their leisure, whenever they choose to do so, Chabil Mar is a 15 minute stroll along the beach, kayak or paddle board and 5 minutes by bike. Have you ever kayaked or paddled boarded to have lunch. It’s quite fun!

Chabil Mar also offers evening complimentary shuttles hourly from 4 - 10 PM.

View Photos of Placencia Village - Click Here

Learn About the Benefits of Chabil Mar's Placencia Village Location

- Visit Chabil Mar's listing on Placencia.com
- Home Page of Chabil Mar Resort Web Site
Learn About the Placencia Calendar of Events - Scroll Down

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 Village the ideal location for the adventure traveler.
Placencia Calendar of Events:

Combine one of the following Placencia annual events with your Belize adventure for a remarkable adventure Belize vacation!

Contact the Chabil Mar Reservations Manager for more information about Beach - Jungle & Sea - Island - Honeymoon - Family Vacation Packages and Specials.
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.

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.

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.


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 to the east. The 1/2 marathon starts at the mid-point of the marathon and both end back in Placencia Village. Date: First and second week of December. Contact Us to learn more about the Placencia, Belize 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.

*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

International Living Magazine – “It's Like Small-town America 60 Years Ago...” April 25, 2012

Belize Tourism Board Awards - 2013

Destination of the Year

Frontline Person of the Year, Natalie Ranguy, Chabil Mar

Tour Operator of the Year, Splash Dive Center, Placencia Village

Hospitality Award, Placencia Tourism Center, Placencia Village

Major Festival and Event, Placencia Lobster Fest, Placencia Village

Restaurant of the Year, Maya Beach Bistro, Maya Village, Placencia Peninsula

CNN "World's Top 100 Beaches" - Placencia No. 47 - 2013

Tripadvisor - "Top Destinations in Central America" - 2014

NY Times - "52 Places To Go in 2017"

Vogue - “The Must Visit Caribbean Destination You've Never Heard Of”

GQ Magazine - A Quaint Town That Mass Tourism Seems to Have Forgotten"

Contact Us to Customize YOUR BELIZE VACATION!