

Belize

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Belize due to crime. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[011] (501) 822-4011; US Embassy, Floral Park Road, Belmopan, Cayo, Belize; <https://bz.usembassy.gov/>; ACSBelize@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

501

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Belize: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, COVID-19.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; very hot and humid; rainy season (May to November); dry season (February to May)

Currency (Code)

Dollars (BZD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

English, Spanish, Belize Creole, Maya, German, Garifuna

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jehovah's Witness, other, none

Time Difference

UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water outside the cities

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Ambergris Caye; Lighthouse Reef Atoll & the Blue Hole; Turneffe Islands Atoll; Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary; Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, sailing

Cultural Practices

Greet folks with a "Good morning" before asking for directions, for a table in a restaurant, or when entering a store or museum. Don't take pictures inside churches.

Tipping Guidelines

A tip between 15-20% is appropriate in restaurants and bars. Tipping taxi drivers is typically rare because metropolitan prices are low. A tip somewhere between 5-15% of the total bill is appropriate for hotel staff.

Souvenirs

Mayan woven baskets and textiles, conch jewelry, wood-carved kitchenware and decorative items, handmade hammocks, native dolls, rum

Traditional Cuisine

Belizean Rice and Beans — red kidney beans and rice stewed in coconut milk; typically served with meat and potato salad and/or plantains

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