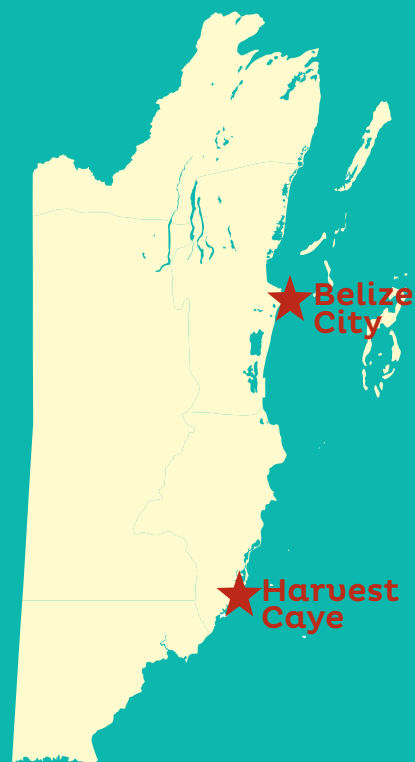




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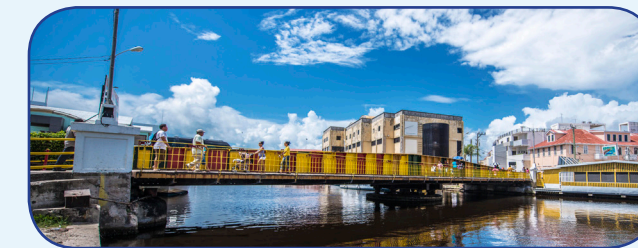
CRUISE GUIDE



CRUISE TOURISM IN BELIZE

Belize offers cruise ship passengers a wealth of experiences during their brief stop in this small, English-speaking country. They can stay close to port or choose between archaeological, nature or beach adventures.

BELIZE'S CRUISE PORTS



Fort Street Tourism Village Cruise Port

Belize's original cruise port is a tender port—approximately 15 minutes ship to shore. Looking rather like an open air mini-mall, the village has several courtyards, snack bars, and local stores with excellent duty free shopping. Several restaurants offer authentic Caribbean and international cuisine, and there is often live local entertainment.



Harvest Caye Cruise Port

This newly opened docking port in southern Stann Creek District, currently caters only for Norwegian Cruise Line passengers. Passengers can take a tender for one of the many mainland excursions or enjoy the island, which features a large pool, beach, zip-lining, water sports, an enclosed nature area with birds and butterflies, bars and a variety of eateries.

CRUISE STATISTICS

Disembarkation rates are 80 percent for passengers and 15 percent for crew members.

The tour purchasing rate for disembarked passengers is 60 percent, which compares favorably with the Caribbean average of 35 percent.

PASSENGER TIPS

Before departing the ship, cruise passengers should verify the name of their ship as well as the return time of cruise tenders servicing their ship for the day.

Cruise passengers going ashore are encouraged to stay in groups, carry travel documents (passport, ship card), bottled water and ample sun screen.

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) operates an information desk in the main concourse of both cruise ports.

All tour guides and tour operators are legally required to carry a valid license and photo ID.

Tourism police wear navy blue pants or skirt, with blue or khaki shirt and a black hat.

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There is a wide choice of local transportation. Taxis are reasonably priced and distinguished by their green license plates. Water taxis to Caye Caulker and Ambergris Caye, and local domestic flights are available daily facilitating reliable connections to and from anywhere in the country.

SIGHTSEEING

Even allowing for the short six to eight hours of available time, the choice of shore excursions is wide and varied. They range from a half day tour of the city to a full day adventure including cave-tubing and/or zip-lining.

CRUISE PORT EXCURSIONS

Passengers who come ashore have three main options for experiencing Belize's attractions. They can:

- Take a pre-arranged tour booked through their cruise ship.
- Once ashore in Belize City, book with one of the licensed tour operators in or near the Tourism Village.
- Explore independently within the time constraints of the tender schedule.

FORT STREET CRUISE PORT EXCURSIONS

Half Day Cultural & Belize City Tours

Belize's colonial history can be explored on foot, by air-conditioned van, open-air trolley train or horse-drawn carriage. Some sites of interest are:

Fort Point Pedestrian Walk

Visitors can meet local woodcarvers and jewelry makers, and observe diverse arts and crafts along an "artisan's walk" of cobblestone streets.

Museum of Belize

Occupying the site of the old jail, the museum has permanent displays of artifacts as well as special exhibitions.

Belize House of Culture

Once the seat of the colonial government, this elegant building now houses historical displays and holds special exhibitions.

St. John's Cathedral

This is the oldest Anglican cathedral in Central America.

Old Belize Museum and Cucumber Beach

Located a short distance from the city, this recreational center offers a historical exhibition, restaurant and purpose-built beach.

Shopping

Before returning to their ship visitors may have time to look around and visit the Fort Street Tourism Village shops, where they will find everything from a postcard to a diamond ring.

Full Day Activities & Adventures Maya experience

Combine exploration of an ancient Maya city with a canoe trip. Climb 130 feet to the top of the main structure and enjoy the all-round view over Belize.

Zip-Lining and Cave Tubing

Ride the zip-line about 70 feet above the forest floor and float on an inner tube through the caves.

Airboat Adventure

Have an exciting ride on a 450-horsepowered airboat and observe the wildlife in the lagoon sanctuary.

Belize Zoo

A visit to the Belize Zoo is a great way to see our native animals in their natural surroundings.

Community Baboon Sanctuary

The sanctuary is home to over a thousand howler monkeys, many species of birds and other wildlife.

Horseback Riding

Gentle horses take visitors through savanna and rainforest to enjoy the countryside from a different perspective.

Sun & Sea Adventures

Snorkeling at Shark Ray Alley

Explore the Hol Chan Marine Reserve and watch the nurse sharks and sting rays.

St. George's Caye

Just off Belize City, this Caye has a small number of resorts to offer tranquility away from the mainland.

Starfish Island

Just nine miles from the Belize City cruise port, this coral island has a sandy beach and clear turquoise blue water.

Caye Caulker

Visitors can enjoy the authentic island experience of Caye Caulker with its varied restaurants, bars and gift shops just 45 minutes from the Belize City cruise port.

Goff's Caye

This small island is just minutes away from Belize City. Visitors can enjoy the sandy beach or snorkel the pristine waters at the Barrier Reef.

HARVEST CAYE CRUISE PORT PRE-ARRANGED SHORE EXCURSIONS Lagoon Wildlife and Mangrove Estuaries

This is an opportunity to explore amazing saltwater mangrove estuaries, encounter wildlife and learn about the flora and fauna from an experienced, licensed nature guide.

Nim Li Punit

This Maya ceremonial site has many large stelae with well-preserved Maya drawings and writing, as well as a variety of other artifacts.

Rainforest River Tubing

Experience rural southern Belize and enjoy the tranquility while gently floating along a beautiful, spring-fed river.

Parasailing

Parasail hundreds of feet over the waters of Belize in this adrenaline pumping experience.

Agro-Tourism

Visitors taking the spice farm tour will see a wide variety of spices and many unusual fruit trees.

Independent Shore Excursion

Take a ferry boat for a leisurely wander around the village of Placencia.

