

So You Are Coming to the Ambergris Caye Belize!

We are delighted to hear that you are thinking about visiting our beautiful island of San Pedro and hope that you appreciate all of the treats that it has to offer. We thought you may be keen to discover a little more information before setting foot in paradise, so we have put together this little guide that includes some key information we hope you will find useful.



Ambergris Caye



It's Belize largest island about 25 miles long and a little over a mile wide. Her coastline is protected by the 190 mile long Barrier Reef, which is the second largest living coral reef in the world. This reef is home to exotic sea life and colourful corals that offer a world class diving and snorkelling experience.

San Pedro town is the only town on the island and has paved its main streets in downtown area. The side streets are mostly made of sand and can get bumpy once you drive to the northern or southern side of the island.

The people of the island are a mixture of mestizos (maya-spanish), Central American refugees and Americans that have made San Pedro their new home. The official language spoken is English but you will find most locals speak Spanish, and Creole.

Getting to the Island

The first step in getting here is to book a flight to Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (BZE) in Belize. Once you have arrived to Belize and depending on your time of arrival into the country, you have two options to get to San Pedro.

Option #1 – Fly from Belize International Airport

It takes approximately 15-20 minute plane ride on a small plane from the International Airport (BZE) to San Pedro. There are two airlines you can choose from Tropic Air and Maya Island Air. Once you get through customs and immigration in BZE, follow the signs for domestic flights. You will walk about 30 feet and see the counters for either Tropic Air or Maya Island Air. The flights run hourly and provide a tremendous amount of flexibility for your schedule. If you arrive early in the day or before dark we recommend a window seat as you will have a great view of the Caribbean Sea look out for manatees and dolphins!

Flight Costs and Reservations

It would be advisable to book your fare with either Tropic Air <https://www.tropicaire.com/> or Maya Island <http://www.mayaislandair.com/> in advance once you have your international flight booked. Round trip flight will cost roughly about \$157.75USD and one way \$85.00USD per person. **Prices vary according on the time of the year.**



Option #2 - Water Taxi from Belize City

If you prefer not to fly over to the island of Ambergris Caye, you have the option to take a Water Taxi ferry to the island. First you will need to take a 25 minute taxi cab from the International airport to downtown Belize City which will set you back about \$25.00USD.

You can take either:

A. San Pedro Belize Express



This is one of the Water Taxi Service departing from Belize City, the Water Taxi terminal located in Brown Sugar Market place No.111 North front Street. This ride takes about 90 minutes to get to the Island. You can get in contact with them via phone line 501-223-2225/501-226-3535 or you can visit them online at www.belizewatertaxi.com

B. Ocean Ferry Water Tax



This is another water taxi option which is also a 15 mins taxi ride from the international airport. They are located on #10 North front Street, a few blocks before San Pedro Belize Express. The round trip from Belize City to San Pedro goes between \$24.50 US - \$32.00 US which may change slightly due to high or slow season. You can also get in contact through <https://ocean-ferry-belize.treksoft.com/> or 501-226-4646, 501-223-5752.

Please be advised that the last ferry boat leaves 5:00pm so we do not recommend trying to get to the Island thru this means if your flight will be getting into Belize around 3:00pm or 4:00pm.

Upon Arrival to San Pedro (Airport or Water Taxi)

All you need to do is pick up your luggage, grab a taxi (easy to access once you are on the main street) and tell them at which hotel you are staying. As well, depending on where you will be staying, some hotel/resort provide complimentary shuttle services.

Where to Stay on La Isla Bonita

There are a variety of different options when it comes to the Island's accommodation services. Here is a list of some of the places we recommend:

A. Exotic Caye Beach Resort ***

For something a little more rustic but pleasurable, you may choose to stay at **Exotic Caye Beach Resort**. This is situated just across from the Caye Bank Building (where our Georgetown Trust office is also located) and has a funky little beach bar. Visit <http://www.belizeisfun.com/> for pricing and reservations.

B. Grand Baymen Gardens ***

Another option would be to stay in either a one or two bedroom condominium at Gran Baymen Gardens. These are really cute and homey apartments, ideal for if you would prefer to have a kitchen and cooking utensils at your fingertips. They are located off the beach just a little further on from Exotic Caye:
http://www.grandbaymen.com/baymen_gardens_condominiums.html

C. Corona Del Mar **

A minute walk from Exotic Caye you can find Corona Del Mar, a comfortable and clean hotel. www.coronadelmarhotel.com

D. Sunbreeze Hotel ***

The **Sunbreeze Hotel** is located opposite the airport you fly into. It is on the beach, very close to town and only a 10 minute walk from Caye Bank and Georgetown Trust.
www.sunbreeze.net

E. Aqua Vista Beachfront Suites***

Is located in the neighborhood of Boca del Rio about 5- 10 minute north from the center of San Pedro Town.
<http://aquavistabelize.com/>

F. Victoria House *****

A luxury beach front resort, two miles south of San Pedro town. If you're looking for a peaceful yet adventurous vacation this would be the right place.

G. The Phoenix Hotel *****

For something a little fancier, you may choose to stay at **The Phoenix Hotel**. Although on the other side of town, it is still only a 30 minute walk from the Caye Bank and Georgetown or alternatively just a 5 minute taxi away. This is a stunning hotel, has a beautiful restaurant and is rated **#1** in the world on trip advisor.

www.thephoenixbelize.com

Dining on the Island

There are a wide range of restaurants dotted all along Front Street, on the beach and also in town. Here we will list some of our favourites ...

- **Blue Water Grill** - Located on the beach in town, across the street from the Tropic Air terminal at the Sunbreeze Hotel.
- **Casa Picasso**- Offers a chic dining experience featuring global tapas and eclectic menu choices in an artful setting.
- **Hidden Treasure**- Hidden away on a back street in the Escalante residential neighborhood South of San Pedro Town, Specializing in Latin American and Caribbean Cuisine, you dine romantically by candlelight, in the sultry tropical air under an exotic hardwood roof set off by bamboo, mahogany, and cabbage-bark wood. They offer free shuttle service to customers.
- **Wild Mango's**— A short walk up the beach and on the fringe of town Wild Mango's has a fantastic lunch menu and a splendid dinner menu.
- **My Secret Deli** - If you'd like to discover the wonders of local food this is the right place, they're open for lunch and dinner.
- **Pinnocchio's** – The closest Italian restaurant to the Caye Financial Center.
- **Coconut Café**- We recommend to try their delicious wrap.
- **Estel's Dine by the Sea** – Excellent Breakfasts!!!
- **Crazy Canucks** – Stop by for a beer and wings & Tuesday night Crab Races!
- **Elvi's Kitchen** – Downtown dining at one of the longest established restaurants on the island.
- **Wine De Vine** - If you are a wine lover, you can stop by and choose your favorite of local and international wine.
- **Wayo's Bar** – Located about 5 minutes north from downtown San Pedro town stop by to enjoy the laid back environment and drink a cold local beer.

Getting around on the Island



You can get pretty much anywhere you want, around town that is, one way in a taxi for about \$10 Belize.

However if you want to control your own destiny, **golf**



carts are the main method of transport here on San Pedro. Your hotel

will more than likely be able to arrange one for you if you ask. Alternatively, you will find various companies dotted throughout town where you can hire them independently as and when you need one.

Here's just a couple of the local Golf Cart Companies:

- Carts Belize <http://cartsbelize.com/>
- Moncho's Cart Rentals <http://www.sanpedrogolfcartrental.com/>
- Boaz Golf Cart Rental <http://www.boazgolfcartrentals.com/>
- Ocean Breeze <http://www.oceanbreezecartrental.com/>

What can you do in the Island?

- Diving or snorkeling – Belize Pro Dive Center, Grumpy and Happy Belize Private Snorkeling Tours, Caribbean adventures.
- Kayaking- Lisa's Kayaking bike & SUP rentals, check with the front desk the hotels usually have kayaks available.
- Fishing- Serious Adventures, Caribbean Breeze Tours,
- Sunset cruise- Belize Adventure Tours, Unity Tours, SEAduced by Belize
- Shopping- Love Belize, Pink, Toucan Gift shops, The Gallery of San Pedro
- Clubbing- Jaguars Night Club, Daddy Rocks
- Massage Ocean Essence day Spa, Black Orchid Spa, Oasis Spa San Pedro
- Wine D Vine starts the party right with wine and cheese specials every Friday.
- On Thursday's you can presence the famous chicken drop at wahoo's Lounge the fun starts at 6pm.

How to Find Georgetown Trust

The Georgetown Trust Office is located on the first floor of the Caye Bank Building, a yellow/orange building located directly across the street from Exotic Caye Beach Resort, ½ mile south of San Pedro Town. You can simply follow Coconut Drive, the main road running south from the San Pedro Airport, south until you see the Caye Financial Centre.

Here is the address for Caye Financial Centre local phone number and US phone number for Georgetown Trust Client Services:

Caye Financial Centre
Coconut Drive South of San Pedro Airport
San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye
Belize, Central America
011-501-226-3569 or +1-616-432-9553

We look forward to welcoming you and hope you enjoy your stay.