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WHEN VISITING BELIZE





Airport

The country has one international airport located in the village of Ladyville (nine miles north of Belize City), called Philip Goldson International Airport.

From Belize City, connections can be made to various destinations within Belize, including San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, via Belize's local airline carriers and water taxi.



Passport & Visa Information

Visitors to Belize must possess a valid passport for a period of 30 days minimum. In addition to a valid passport, visitors must have a return ticket and sufficient funds to cover their stay. Visas are not required for citizens of the United States and its territories, Canada, the United Kingdom and its territories, the European Union, the Caribbean, and Central American countries.

The Immigration Department can be reached at +501 222-4620.







Transporation from the Philip Goldson International Airport

Taxis: A taxi can be taken from the Philip Goldson International Airport to Belize City. Taxis normally charge approximately USD \$50.00.

From Belize City, there are two (2) modes of transportation to reach San Pedro, Ambergris Caye: boat charter (water taxi) or local plane carrier.

Water Taxis: There are two (2) water taxis in Belize City: San Pedro Belize Express (+501 223-2225) and Caribbean Sprinter (+501 203-0033). A round-trip ticket from Belize City to San Pedro is approximately USD \$60.00.

Airline Carriers: There are two (2) local airline carriers in Belize City: Maya Island Air (+501 223-1403) and Tropic Air (+501 226-2626). A round-trip ticket from Belize City to San Pedro, is approximately USD \$124.00.

Flights can also be taken to San Pedro from the Philip Goldson International Airport for an approximate cost of USD \$192.00.

Currency and Exchange Rate

The Belize dollar is locked at \$2 BZ = \$1 USD. Most places readily accept USD currency. ATMs are available across the country, including San Pedro, Ambergris Caye

Public Transportation in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye

The main mode of transportation in San Pedro is by golf cart. There are various golf cart rental companies on the island. Price ranges from USD \$75.00 to USD \$100.00 per day.

Taxis can also be taken and charges approximately USD \$50.00.







Conference Venue

The conference venue for this year's event is the idyllic resort village of Caribeville (Grand Caribe and Sunset Caribe), located in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize. Caribeville offers various resort amenities, including golf cart rentals, a grocery store, and an urgent care clinic, which makes it an unparalleled community.

Accommodation

The official conference hotels are Grand Caribe https://www.grandcaribebelize.com/
https://www.sunsetcaribebelize.com/

Reservations can also be made via the following links: (reservations@grandcaribebelize.com) and Sunset Caribe (reservations@sunsetcaribe.com).

Language

Belize is the only country in Central America whose official language is English. Spanish, however, is also widely spoken throughout the country.



Climate

Belize has a tropical climate, consisting of two (2) seasons: the wet and dry. The dry season is from November to May, with April being the driest month. The wet season is from June to November.

Time Zone

The time zone in Belize is Central Standard Time or Greenwich Mean Time -6 hours (GMT -6). The country does not implement daylight savings time.

Business Hours

Government departments, banking institutions, and other corporate organizations are usually open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays and closed on weekends and public holidays. Grocery stores are typically open from Monday to Saturday between 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and on Sundays between 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Restaurant hours vary, but they are typically open between 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.



Electricity

The standard voltage in Belize is 110/220 volts at a frequency of 60 Hz. Belize uses type A and type B power plugs and sockets.



Important Phone Numbers

The emergency services in Belize include the Belize Police Department, the Belize National Fire Service, Belize Emergency Response Team (medical and ambulance), and in case of national disasters including hurricanes, the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO).

Belize City Emergency Numbers:

Fire Service – 990

Police Department – 911

Medical Department – +501 223-1548

NEMO - 936

Ambergris Caye Emergency Numbers:

Fire Service - +501 206-2372

Police Department - 911 or +501 206-2022

Medical Department - +501 226-2536

NEMO - +501 822-0153

For mariners the Belize Coast Guard is the first responder (+501 222-5260).