

How does one get from San Pedro to Cayo? I want to spend a few days in the jungle.

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Certainly one of the most common questions you hear from visitors is how to get to Cayo -- either from the international airport or the Municipal airport downtown in Belize City. From San Pedro, it's easier to fly into Municipal and a little bit cheaper. Once you get to the airport, then you can get a bus or a taxi, rent a car, or take a van described below.

Trek Stop has a van that runs on demand from Belize City (airports and Marine Terminal) to downtown San Ignacio for US\$30 per person. However, it stopped running this summer, due to lack of demand in the low season, I guess, and is supposed to restart in early December. (www.sanignacioshuttle.com)

Aguada Hotel and Cahal Pech Village hotel also have had vans running for about the same amount, US\$30 or \$35. Don't know if they are operating right now or not.

These van services will take anybody, not just guests at those hotels.

Linea Dorada used to be willing to drop people in San Ignacio on their route from the Marine Terminal to Flores (US\$20). Caves Branch offers transportation for a fee for their guests.

There is also a new transfer service from San Ignacio to Placencia, which is another route that people ask about all the time.

I thought sure the Maya Island flights to San Ignacio would prove popular, but they got little traffic. Too expensive, probably. The same is true of most of the shuttles. Most tourists think they should be able to get a transfer for no more than US\$10 or \$15, and locals of course won't pay even that much, given low bus fares. The big hotels charge US\$125 to \$200 one-way for a transfer (up to four people).

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