

Do I need a passport or visa to get into Belize?

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You must have a valid passport to enter Belize, with at least six months before expiration, but visas are not required for citizens of the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and most Caribbean and European Union countries. Entry is granted for up to 30 days, with renewals of up to a total of six months permitted.

TIP: You do not automatically get entry for 30 days; the exact period, which may be 7 days or fewer, is up to the immigration officer stamping your passport. He or she usually will ask how long you plan to stay. Just in case you decide to extend your stay, when answering it's best to err on the side of estimating a longer stay.

The departure tax is often included in your airline ticket but you should check to make sure if it isn't since you won't be able to leave the country without paying the exit fee.

Once you're leaving from the Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA), the departure fee is USD \$35.50 for non-Belizean residents (to be paid in US cash only) and BZD \$35.00 for Belizean residents. Additionally, a security fee of US \$0.75 is charged for domestic security screening.

If you are leaving Belize through the Guatemala or Mexico border, the departure fee is BZD \$40.00, which when subdivided, includes BZD \$30.00 for a border exit fee, BZD \$7.50 for a Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) conservation fee, and BZD \$2.50 for a border development fee.

However, for travelers that are staying less than 24 hours in Belize (i.e. backpackers traveling from Mexico to Guatemala or vice-versa), they don't have to pay the BZD \$7.50 conservation fee. The border exit and development fees still apply though. or vice-versa), they don't have to pay the BZD \$7.50 conservation fee. The border exit and development fees still apply though.

TIP: If you return to Belize in less than 48 hours, your border crossing fee is credited against your departure tax when leaving by air, so save your receipt. Note also that those leaving by land borders usually are charged the US\$3.75 conservation fee; this, too, can be credited when you leave by air, so save the receipt and avoid having to pay the fee twice.

All visitors to Belize, including children, must have a valid passport, good for at least six months beyond

your departure date. Most visitors, including those from the U.S. and Canada, do not need visas. Entry for international visitors arriving Belize by air is at Philip Goldson International Airport in Ladyville, just north of Belize City. Immigration officials grant stays of up to 30 days, depending on how long you say you expect to stay. To get the longest period, say you plan to stay "about a month." Tourist stays may be extended for up to six months, by paying a small fee, but you will need to visit Belize City and apply for the extension. You will go through customs at the international airport, usually a quick and fairly painless process. If you are flying to San Pedro from the international airport (a 20-minute flight on Maya Island Air or Tropic Air), proceed to the domestic terminals. If you are going into Belize City, either to catch a ferry or to depart from the Municipal Airport, get a taxi at the front of the airport (US\$15).

Entry Requirements for Belize Rev. 11/3/17

Passport

Visitors to Belize must possess a passport valid for at least three months after the date of arrival and a return ticket with sufficient funds to cover their stay. Visitors are given a one-month stay, after which an extension can be applied for with the Immigration Department.

Visas are not required for citizens of the United States and its territories, Canada, United Kingdom and its territories, European Union, Caribbean and Central American countries.

For visitors driving/boating into Belize from Guatemala or Mexico, a temporary importation permit must be secured at the point of entry. Vehicle/vessel permits are valid for 30 days.

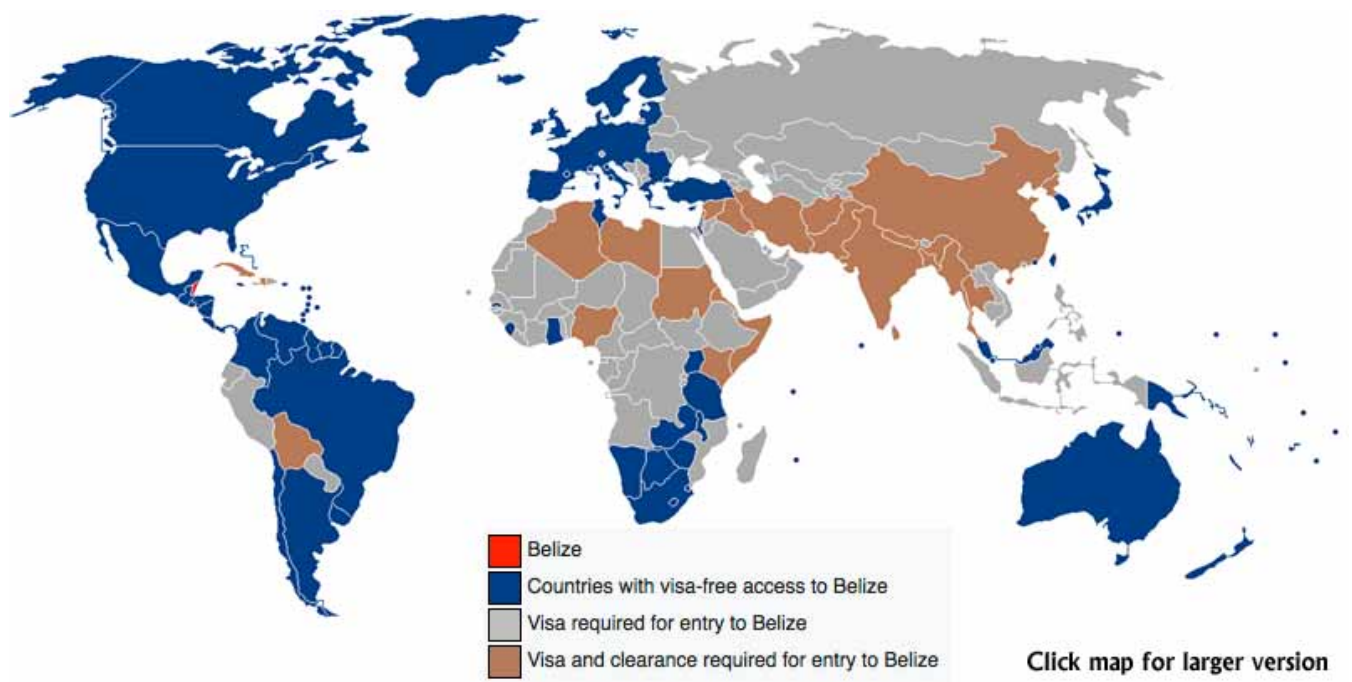
Traveling With Children

We love kids! Children under 18 years of age must have proper documentation, including a valid passport and letter of parental consent. Children traveling with one parent require a notarized letter of authority from the other parent indicating travel consent.

Traveling With Pets

Pets must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate issued by a registered veterinarian from country of origin and an import permit from the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) (telephone number: +011-501-2231653).

Visa policy map



Visa exemption

Holders of passports and refugee travel documents issued by the following 97 jurisdictions do not require a visa to visit Belize.

All European Union citizens, including all classes of British nationality	Israel	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Andorra	Holy See	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Saint Lucia
Argentina	Hong Kong	Seychelles
Australia	Iceland	Sierra Leone
Bahamas	Jamaica	Singapore
Barbados	Japan	Solomon Islands
Botswana	Kiribati	South Africa
Brazil	Lesotho	South Korea
Brunei	Malawi	Suriname
Canada	Malaysia	Swaziland
Chile	Maldives	Switzerland
Colombia	Marshall Islands	Taiwan
Costa Rica	Mauritius	Tanzania
Dominica	Mexico	Tonga
	Micronesia	Trinidad and Tobago
	Monaco	Tunisia
	Namibia	

Dominican Republic	New Zealand	Turkey
Ecuador	Nicaragua	Tuvalu
El Salvador	Norway	Uganda
Fiji	Palau	United States
Gambia	Panama	Uruguay
Ghana	Paraguay	Vanuatu
Grenada	Papua New Guinea	Venezuela
Guatemala	Peru	Zambia
Guyana	Samoa	Zimbabwe

Clearance required

Citizens of the following countries require clearance in addition to visa:

Afghanistan	India	Pakistan
Algeria	Iraq	Palestine
Bangladesh	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	North Korea	Somalia
China	Lebanon	Sudan
Cuba	Libya	Syria
Eritrea	Myanmar	Thailand
Haiti	Nepal	
Iran	Nigeria	

Substitute visa

Permanent residents and holders of multiple entry visa of the United States may obtain a visa on arrival for a fee of US\$50.

Passengers with a valid visa issued by a Schengen Member State (such as Liechtenstein) are visa exempt for a maximum stay of 90 days.

If you don't see your country here please consult with your embassy.

If you need to apply for a visa, visit www.belizeembassyusa.mfa.gov.bz/consular-services

For additional support or information please contact Consular Services at:

Telephone: (202) 332-9636 Ext. 221

Email: reception@embassyofbelize.org

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