

# Placencia, Stann Creek, Belize

Sixteen miles of sandy peninsula, a sidewalk that made the Guinness Book of Records, and a gateway to the Belize Barrier Reef — Placencia delivers the real Caribbean without a chain restaurant in sight.

- Tender or Harvest Caye ferry
- Typical call: 7–9 hrs
- USD accepted (BZD 2:1)
- English (Creole)

## MY DAY IN PORT

|                  |               |                   |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Small ships tender to Placencia Municipal Pier; NCL/Oceania/Regent dock at Harvest Caye (~4 mi offshore) and ferry in

**Walk to center:** Steps — the pier is at the southern tip of the village

**Best For:** Barrier reef snorkeling, relaxed beach days, jungle wildlife tours

**Don't Miss:** The Placencia Sidewalk — 4,000 ft of the world's narrowest main street

Getting around: **Taxi** BZ\$6 (~\$3 USD) per person; BZ\$3/pp for groups · **Rideshare** not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Snorkel the Silk Cayes & Laughing Bird Caye** — Tiny sand-fringed cays on the barrier reef with gin-clear water.
- Monkey River Jungle Boat Tour** — Motor south to the Monkey River estuary and push into the jungle by boat to spot howler monkeys crashing through the canopy, crocodiles basking on...
- Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary** — The world's first jaguar preserve covers 150 sq mi of Maya Mountains rainforest.
- Garifuna Village Visit — Seine Bight** — A short golf cart or taxi ride north brings you to Seine Bight, a traditional Garifuna community.
- The Placencia Sidewalk Stroll** — The Guinness-certified world's narrowest main street — a 4,000-foot, 4-foot-wide concrete path winding through the heart of the village.

## BEST WALKS

- The Famous Sidewalk Loop** 1.5 km | Flat | 30–45 min | Free — From the Municipal Pier, step onto the Placencia Sidewalk heading north.
- Village Beach Walk** 1 km | Sand | 20 min | Free — Head directly east from the pier onto the village beach for a leisurely stroll along the Caribbean shore.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 86° | 76°  | 15d |      |
| Jun | 85° | 77°  | 28d |      |
| Aug | 85° | 76°  | 28d |      |
| Sep | 85° | 76°  | 28d |      |
| Oct | 84° | 75°  | 24d |      |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:38AM–6:08PM · Jun 5:21AM–6:27PM · Aug 5:37AM–6:17PM · Sep 5:41AM–5:54PM · Oct 5:46AM–5:31PM

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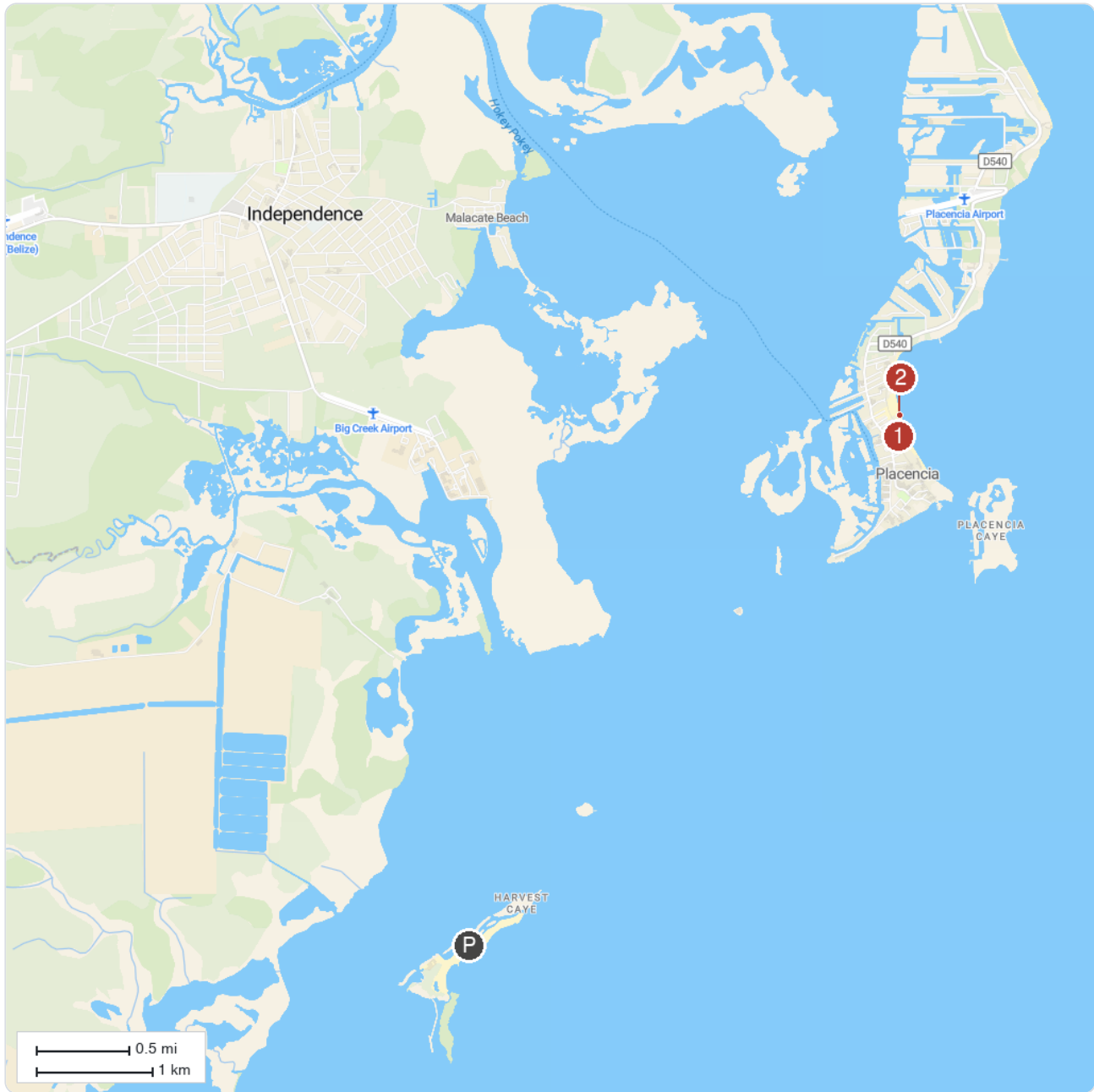
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD works everywhere. The Belize Dollar is pegged 2:1 to the US Dollar — no need to exchange. You'll often get change back in a mix of USD and BZD. Both are equally useful.
- Pack insect repellent or baby oil. Placencia is notorious for sandflies (no-see-ums), especially on calm, windless days. Baby oil is the local secret — it prevents them from landing on your skin. DEET-based repellent also works.
- Harvest Caye passengers: know your last ferry time. If you miss the final ferry back to the island, a mainland taxi to the Harvest Caye marina will be expensive and over an hour each way. Set a phone alarm.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen. Belize has strict reef-protection laws. If you're snorkeling the barrier reef, mineral-only (zinc/titanium) sunscreen is required to protect the fragile coral.
- Don't skip Tutti Frutti. This Italian-run gelateria on the main road is consistently rated the best gelato in Central America. Cash only; small bills preferred.
- Placencia is genuinely safe. Unlike Belize City, the peninsula sees almost no crime targeting tourists. Walk the sidewalk and village freely, relax — just keep normal awareness.

## Placencia, Stann Creek, Belize — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



**1 Placencia Sidewalk** Famed narrow concrete walkway, once listed by Guinness as the world's narrowest street, running through the village.

**P Cruise port / terminal**

**2 Placencia Beach** Long stretch of soft white sand along the peninsula's eastern shore facing the Caribbean Sea.