

# BELIZE

AMERICA · CENTRAL AMERICA



## DEEPJA

BELIZE AS A SUPERHERO

### DEEPJA'S POWERS

|              |                        |                 |               |                        |              |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| POPULATION   | <div><div></div></div> | 428,6 K hab.    | POP. GROWTH   | <div><div></div></div> | 17,5 %       |
| AREA         | <div><div></div></div> | 22,8 K km²      | DENSITY       | <div><div></div></div> | 19 hab/km²   |
| WEALTH       | <div><div></div></div> | 7,9 K \$/hab    | LITERACY      | <div><div></div></div> | 87,88 %      |
| LARGEST CITY | <div><div></div></div> | Belize City     | URBAN POP.    | <div><div></div></div> | 49 %         |
| LIFE EXPECT. | <div><div></div></div> | 74,08 años      | MEDIAN AGE    | <div><div></div></div> | 27,3 años    |
| HIGHEST PEAK | <div><div></div></div> | Doyle's Delight | LARGEST RIVER | <div><div></div></div> | Belize River |
| RAINFALL     | <div><div></div></div> | 1,7 K mm/m²     |               |                        |              |

LANGUAGES

English

CURRENCY

Belizean dollar

GOVERNMENT

Constitutional  
Monarchy

RELIGION

Christianity  
Catholicism

DEMONYM

Belizean

## ● WHAT DEFINES BELIZE

### Great Blue Hole

NATURE

The Great Blue Hole is a huge marine sinkhole off the coast of Belize, surrounded by reefs. Its circular shape and deep waters have made it one of the most recognisable natural landscapes.

### Jaguar

NATURE

The jaguar inhabits the rainforests of Belize and symbolises the country's extraordinary biodiversity. The country protects significant populations of this big cat, which is regarded as a flagship species of tropical America.

### Cultural diversity

CULTURE

Belize is home to Mayan, Garifuna, Creole, Mestizo, Mennonite and other communities. This diversity, reflected in languages, traditions, music and cuisine, sets the country apart within Central America.

### Caribbean identity

CULTURE

Although geographically part of Central America, Belize retains a strong Caribbean identity, evident in its culture, music, people, cuisine and historical ties with the English-speaking world.

### Cays and a quiet life

NATURE

The small cays off the coast epitomise the laid-back pace of life in Belize: beaches, turquoise waters, fishing, diving and coastal communities far removed from the hustle and bustle of the big cities.

### Mayan heritage

HISTORY

The Mayan civilisation left behind temples, cities and ceremonial centres in Belize, such as Xunantunich and Caracol. Their legacy continues to form part of the country's history, archaeology and cultural identity.

## ● PLACES TO EXPLORE

### Belmopan

23.000 pop.

Belmopan is the capital of Belize and one of the smallest capital cities in the world. It is situated in the interior of the country, surrounded by tropical vegetation and close to the Belize River. It was built in the 1970s to replace Belize City as the capital, after a hurricane devastated the former capital in 1961.

### Belize City

66.400 pop.

Belize City is the country's largest city and its main historical, economic and cultural centre. Situated on the Caribbean coast, it was for many years the capital of British Honduras. Its streets are a reminder of its colonial and maritime past, whilst its port connects the country with the Caribbean and serves as a gateway to the famous Belize Barrier Reef.

### San Ignacio–Santa Elena

22.100 pop.

San Ignacio and Santa Elena form a town in western Belize, situated alongside the Macal and Belize rivers. Surrounded by jungles, caves and mountains, they are an excellent gateway to the Mayan world. The region combines nature, adventure and history, with important archaeological sites nearby and a culturally diverse population, close to the border with Guatemala.

### Placencia

1.512 pop.

Placencia is a small coastal village situated on a narrow peninsula in southern Belize. Its sandy beaches, turquoise waters and relaxed atmosphere perfectly encapsulate the country's Caribbean character. It was once a fishing community and today combines that tradition with tourism. From its shores, you can spot dolphins, take part in water sports and explore the nearby reef.

# ● GEOGRAPHY OF BELIZE

## Belize Barrier Reef

The Belize Barrier Reef is part of the world's second-largest coral reef system, after Australia's Great Barrier Reef. It stretches along the Caribbean coast and is home to corals, turtles, sharks, rays and thousands of marine species. Its crystal-clear waters and coral formations make this region one of Belize's greatest natural landmarks.

## Mayan Forests and Mountains

The Mayan Forests and Mountains cover a large part of the interior of Belize and form a landscape of tropical forests, rivers, caves and mountains. It is one of the country's most biodiverse areas and preserves numerous remains of the Mayan civilisation. Jaguars, monkeys, toucans and other species live amongst the vegetation, making the region a vast expanse of nature and adventure.

## Cays

The Caribbean Cays are a group of small islands off the coast of Belize, surrounded by warm waters and coral reefs. Among them, Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker stand out, renowned for their beaches, mangroves and laid-back atmosphere. They represent the country's most Caribbean side and offer opportunities for snorkelling, diving, sailing and observing the extraordinary marine life.

# ● EXTRAORDINARY PLACES

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