

Belize travel tips:

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We work in 3 different areas of Belize – Crique Sarco in southern Belize, Billy White village in central Belize, and Orange Walk in Northern Belize.

Projects:

Church construction

Smaller construction projects on churches

Construction projects at Billy White village school

Water projects

VBS

Medical and dental teams

Cost:

Airfare to Belize city

Cost of in-country transportation, food, and lodging will vary, but will be approximately \$650-700.

Construction costs:

 build a church about \$20,000 to \$30,000, depending on where you build and how big the church is

 water system – about \$2000 – again , will vary depending on how big

 other: will vary, but are approximately \$2000 per team for a week

Itinerary:

Crique Sarco - For trips to Crique Sarco, you will fly into Belize City, then take a small plane to Punta Gorda. You will be met by Pastor Bo or one of his family. From there, a 2 hour bus ride to very southern Belize. When you get to the Tamash River, you will put your luggage into dug out canoes and paddle across the river, then you will be driven from there to the small village of Crique Sarco. You will stay in Pastor Bo's home, which has 4 bedrooms, and bunk beds. They will feed you wonderfully while you are there. There are plenty of opportunities for VBS and small construction projects while there. There are also opportunities to visit Mayan Ruins during your trip.

Billy White Village – Fly into Belize City, rent a car and drive to San Ignacio in the Cayo District, about 2 hours away. You'll stay in Martha's Guesthouse

(www.marthasbelize.com) while there, and make the 20 minute drive to the village of

Billy White each day, where there are great opportunities for VBS, construction projects. While there, take a day to go cave tubing, see Mayan Ruins, see waterfalls, and more! Martha's Guesthouse will provide you with breakfast and lunch. Dinner in San Ignacio restaurants.

Orange Walk – Fly to Belize City, rent a car, and drive 2 hours north to Orange Walk. Stay in the Hotel De La Fuente (www.hoteldelafuente.com). While there, do VBS at one of 3 churches in surrounding villages that ROW helped build, at the elementary school, or at San Francisco Prayer Mission which has an after school program for the very poor children. Victor's Inn will provide breakfast and lunch, and dinners are on your own at a local restaurant. Take a day to fly to Ambergris Caye to do some relaxing and snorkeling. Or go out to Honey Camp Lagoon for an afternoon of swimming.

Medical and Dental clinics are needed in all areas of Belize. Contact us for information about water projects in Belize.

Available Dates:

Any times of year, although the Temash River in southern Belize will flood in January, making it difficult to cross.

Water:

Buy bottled water at the airport or at most stores around Belize. Water is typically \$1US. \$1US is \$2 Belize. You can pay for anything with US money, and get Belize money in change.

What to take:

Belize is hot! Dress cool, but modestly, please. Sandals, shorts, and work boots are great. Hats and sunscreen are always good to have. Bring one pair of long pants or a skirt for church. Bring your swimsuits for lagoon or island or other activities. Bring cameras, Bible, journals. NO CAMO clothing, please! If working on a construction project, bring gloves and hand tools if possible (although we have most there already). AND always bring a good attitude! You will need a valid passport. Check with your family doctor for recommended immunizations.

If camping, bring tent, sleeping bags, and camping stuff! Flashlights are nice at night.

Cultural notes:

Please please please !! English is spoken by almost everyone! Think before you speak! Belizeans have no prejudice and are multi-cultural, very warm and friendly, and have a wonderful country! They are very proud of Belize, and we are honored to have served in Belize since 1985.