

Belize City, Belize District, Belize

Belize City is a tender-only port — no cruise ship has ever docked at a pier here. That 15-minute boat ride unlocks the planet's second-largest barrier reef, towering Mayan temples, and cave tubing through the ancient Maya underworld.

- Tender port (no pier for cruise ships)
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- USD & Belize Dollar (2 BZD = 1 USD)
- English-speaking (also Creole, Spanish)
- Barrier reef, jungle & Mayan ruins

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore, high-speed tenders run ~15-20 min to Fort Street Tourism Village pier

Best For: Cave tubing, Mayan ruins (Altun Ha, Lamanai), barrier reef snorkeling, zip-lining

Walk to center: Fort Street pier to Swing Bridge ~0.6 mi / 15 min; to Baron Bliss Lighthouse ~0.5 mi / 10 min

Don't Miss: Cave tubing at Nohoch Che'en Caves Branch or Lamanai ruins by river boat — book before you sail

Getting around: **Taxi** \$10–15 USD · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cave Tubing at Nohoch Che'en Caves Branch** — Float on inner tubes through ancient Mayan ceremonial caves lit only by headlamps, stalactites hanging overhead.
- Lamanai Mayan Ruins by River Boat** — Drive an hour to Tower Hill, then ride 26 miles up the New River — crocodiles sunning on the banks, howler monkeys crashing through the canopy — to...
- Altun Ha Mayan Ruins** — Belize's most visited Mayan site is about an hour's drive from the pier.
- Barrier Reef Snorkeling — Hol Chan & Shark Ray Alley** — Snorkel the protected Hol Chan Marine Reserve cut in the UNESCO World Heritage barrier reef, then drift over Shark Ray Alley where dozens of nurse...
- Goff's Caye Beach & Snorkel** — A tiny uninhabited sand island sitting right on the barrier reef — postcard-perfect, uncrowded, and reachable in under an hour by boat.

BEST WALKS

- Fort Street to Baron Bliss Lighthouse** 0.5 mi · Flat · ~15 min one-way — A flat waterfront walk from the Tourism Village pier south along the harbor esplanade to the Baron Bliss Memorial Lighthouse and Memorial Park.
- Swing Bridge & Downtown Stroll** ~0.75 mi loop · Easy · 45-60 min — Walk north from the pier into the historic downtown.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:36AM–6:08PM · Jun 5:18AM–6:28PM · Aug 5:35AM–6:18PM · Sep 5:41AM–5:54PM · Oct 5:46AM–5:30PM USD & Belize Dollar (2 BZD = 1 USD)	
Apr	84°	78°	10d		
Jun	85°	79°	24d		
Aug	85°	79°	26d		
Sep	85°	78°	28d		
Oct	84°	76°	24d		

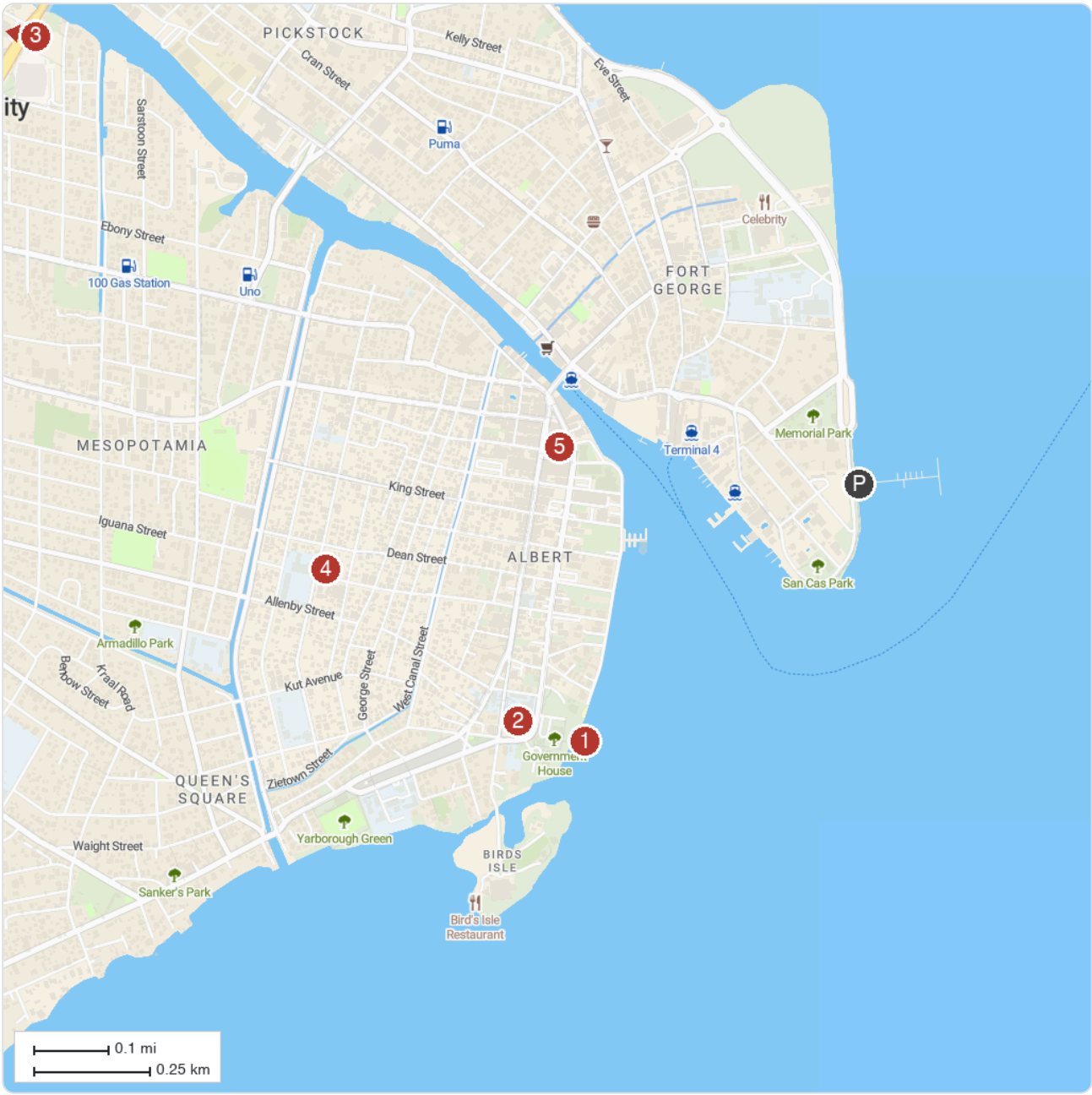
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender early — especially if independent. Ship-sponsored excursion guests get priority tender boarding. Independent travelers can wait 30-60 minutes for tickets. Get to the gangway when it opens.
- Green plates = official taxi. Licensed taxis in Belize have green license plates. Always agree on a USD fare before getting in — no meters. City rides run \$10-15 USD.
- USD everywhere, at 2:1. US dollars are accepted everywhere at a fixed 2 BZD = 1 USD rate. No need to exchange currency for a day visit. Change may come back in a mix of BZD and USD.
- Book reef and cave excursions before you sail. Hol Chan, Shark Ray Alley, and Nohoch Che'en cave tubing regularly sell out weeks before arrival — especially on multi-ship port days.
- Expect the 'gauntlet' at the gate. Exiting the Tourism Village you'll be approached aggressively by tour operators and taxi drivers. A firm 'No, thank you' and steady pace works fine. On foot, stick to the Fort George / waterfront area; avoid wandering south of Haulover Creek without a tour vehicle.
- Watch the time zone. Belize does not observe Daylight Saving Time. Verify whether your ship is on local time or ship time — the last tender is typically 60-90 min before all-aboard and will not wait.

Belize City, Belize District, Belize — Port Map

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



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| 1 Government House | Historic former governor's residence, now a museum. | 2 St John Anglican Cathedral service | Attend a historic Anglican cathedral's Sunday worship service. |
| 3 Luba Garifuna Museum | Learn about Garifuna culture and history at this museum. | 4 Saint Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church, Basra | Visit a historic Catholic church in the Basra neighborhood. |
| 5 Battlefield Park | Relax in a historic public park with monuments. | P Cruise port / terminal | |