

Harvest Caye, Southern Belize, Belize

Norwegian Cruise Line's private 75-acre island in the Placencia Peninsula region puts the Belize Barrier Reef, Mayan ruins, and rainforest rivers all within reach — plus a sprawling 15,000-sq-ft resort lagoon pool if you'd rather not leave.

Docked (private pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD widely accepted

English (official)

NCL/Oceania/Regent private island

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct pier — no tender needed; complimentary tram runs pier to island

Don't Miss: Belize Barrier Reef snorkel (UNESCO) and the Flighthouse ziplines from a 136-ft tower (soaring ~100 ft over the lagoon)

Best For: Beach days, barrier reef snorkel, Mayan ruin excursions, ziplining

Note: Food & drinks on island are NOT included — bring cash or card; ship beverage package doesn't apply

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~\$1.50–4 USD per person · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Belize Barrier Reef Snorkel** — The world's second-longest barrier reef runs parallel to the coast offshore.
- The Flighthouse Zipline & Ropes Course** — A 136-foot Flighthouse tower anchors over 3,000 feet of ziplines across the island, soaring up to ~100 ft over the beach, pool, and lagoon...
- Nim Li Punit Mayan Ruins** — A rarely-crowded archaeological site in the foothills of the Maya Mountains, Nim Li Punit features around 26 stelae (8 of them carved) — including...
- Manatee & Mangrove Boat Tour** — A slow-boat cruise into protected lagoons and mangrove channels near Placencia to spot endangered West Indian manatees, tropical birds, and...
- Monkey River Wildlife Hike** — Boat upriver to a rainforest village then hike jungle trails with a guide searching for howler monkeys, crocodiles, herons, and iguanas.

BEST WALKS

- Island Orientation Stroll** 1-1.5 hrs · Flat · Easy — Walk the full perimeter of Harvest Caye from the pier welcome area along the 7-acre beach to the lagoon, past the Flighthouse, through the shopping village, and around...
- Placencia Village Wander** 2-3 hrs · Flat · Easy · Ferry required — Take the island ferry to Placencia Village on the mainland peninsula.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		86°	76°	15d
Jun		85°	77°	28d
Aug		85°	77°	28d
Sep		85°	76°	29d
Oct		84°	75°	25d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:38AM–6:09PM · Jun 5:21AM–6:27PM · Aug 5:38AM–6:18PM · Sep 5:42AM–5:55PM · Oct 5:46AM–5:32PM

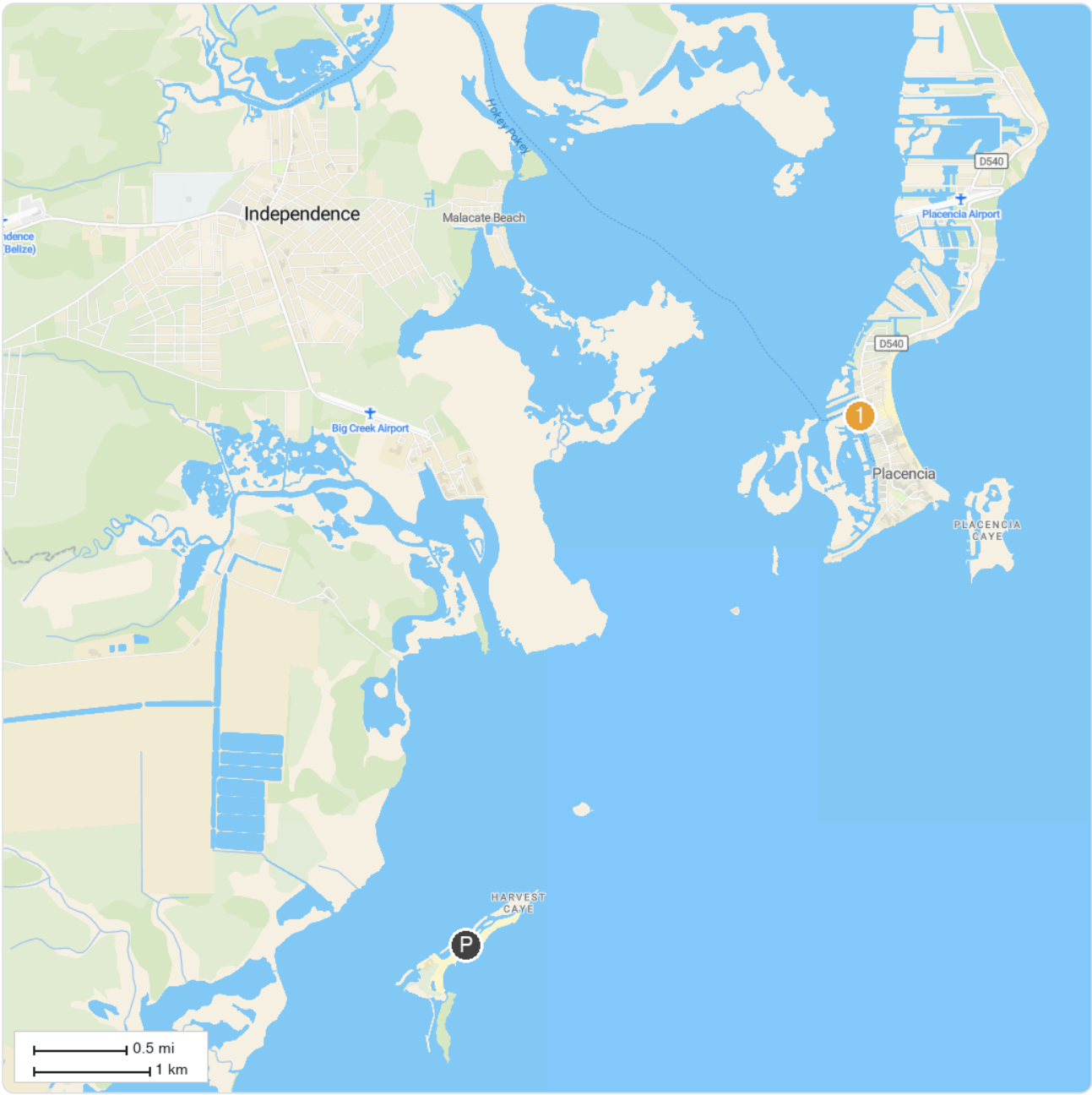
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Your ship beverage package doesn't work here. Food and drinks at Harvest Caye cost extra. Bring a credit card or USD cash — most island vendors accept both.
- Arrive at the pool early for prime lounge chairs near the swim-up bar. By mid-morning it fills up fast. The far end of the beach is usually quieter.
- Book the Placencia ferry early. Capacity is limited. Reserve at the ship's shore excursions desk the night before or first thing in the morning.
- Pack reef-safe sunscreen. Belize's marine protected areas discourage and often ban sunscreens with oxybenzone/octinoxate to protect the Barrier Reef. Choose mineral (zinc/titanium) sunscreen to be safe — pack accordingly.
- Bring bug spray for mainland excursions. The island itself is breezy and relatively bug-free, but jungle and river tours will have mosquitoes. DEET or picaridin works best.
- The free wildlife center is worth 20 minutes. Scarlet macaws, toucans, and a boa constrictor — easy to skip but genuinely impressive and free to enter.

Harvest Caye, Southern Belize, Belize — Port Map

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



1 Placencia Wildside Adventures

It's a tour operator offering jungle and marine excursions.

P Cruise port / terminal