

BELIZE HOTELS RATED ON THE STAR SYSTEM

More Than 200 Hotels Rated from One to Five Stars (★ to ★★★★★)

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Here are the BELIZE FIRST 2006 ratings of hotels, lodges, inns and condotels in Belize, based on a one- to five-star system.

Ratings in nearly all cases are based on multiple personal inspections by BELIZE FIRST Editor Lan Sluder (sometimes anonymously, sometimes not), supplemented by reports from guests and from other travel writers. In a few cases, where we have not visited the property recently, we depend on the reports of other knowledgeable visitors to Belize. However, the responsibility for these ratings and any errors rest entirely with us.

Our opinions are not influenced by advertising, as we accept none.

Not all hotels in Belize are rated, but included here is the vast majority of hotels of interest to visitors. A description of the specifications for each star category is included here. In the end, all such ratings are subjective. Your mileage may vary.

We welcome feedback from guests whose experience differs from ours. If you disagree with our ratings, we especially value your comments. Within each category, hotels are listed alphabetically. Locations shown in most cases reference the nearest town or village. Hotel ratings are updated regularly and may vary from those published in our guidebooks.

★★★★★ Five Stars

One of the top hotels in the Caribbean. It is professionally run and guest-focused with an unusually striking location, architectural design and/or facilities. It likely has superior amenities and, while expensive, offers value for the money.

Blancaneaux Lodge Mountain Pine Ridge
Caye Chapel Island Resort Caye Chapel
Cayo Espanto Near Ambergris Caye
Chan Chich Lodge Gallon Jug
Inn at Robert's Grove Seine Bight (Placencia)
Lodge at Chaa Creek San Ignacio
Turtle Inn Placencia
Victoria House Ambergris Caye

★★★★+ **Four Stars Plus**

One of the very best hotels in Belize, with a dependably high level of hospitality, an emphasis on service to guests and a superior location or architectural design. It likely has amenities not available in lower-rated hotels, such as air-conditioning, room service, large and well-designed swimming pool or a noteworthy restaurant.

Azul Resort Ambergris Caye
Chabil Mar Villas Placencia
Grand Colony Ambergris Caye
Hamanasi Hopkins Area
Hidden Valley Inn Mountain Pine Ridge
Mopan River Resort Benque Viejo del Carmen
Seascape Villas Ambergris Caye
Villas at Banyan Bay Ambergris Caye

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Banana Beach Ambergris Caye
Belizean Dreams Hopkins
Blue Reef Island Resort Ambergris Caye
duPlooy's San Ignacio
The Great House Belize City
Jaguar Paw Belmopan
Jaguar Reef Lodge Sittee Point/Hopkins
Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort Hopkins area
Lamanai Outpost Lodge Indian Church
Machacha Hill Lodge Punta Gorda
Portofino Ambergris Caye

Ek 'Tun Lodge San Ignacio
Mata Chica Ambergris Caye
The Palms Ambergris Caye
Ramon's Village Ambergris Caye
Xanadu Island Resort Ambergris Caye

★★★★+ Three Stars Plus

Excellent accommodations, with above-average amenities, location, architectural design and hospitality. It likely has some special attribute, such as a superior location or a historical renovation.

Banana Bank Lodge Belmopan
Belizean Reef Suites Ambergris Caye
Belizean Shores Ambergris Caye
Blue Tang Inn Ambergris Caye
Captain Morgan's Retreat Ambergris Caye
Caribbean Villas Ambergris Caye
Caribe Island Resort Ambergris Caye
Casablanca by the Sea Consejo (Corozal)
Coral House Inn Punta Gorda
Corona del Mar Ambergris Caye
Corozal Bay Inn Corozal
D'Nest Inn Belize City
Hickatee Cottages Punta Gorda
Ian Anderson's Caves Branch Adventure Camp Belmopan
Iguana Reef Inn Caye Caulker
Isla Marisol Glovers Atoll
Lodge at Big Falls Big Falls, Toledo
Laru Beya Villas Seine Bight (Placencia)
Mariposa Placencia
Maruba Spa Jungle Resort Maskall Village
Mata Rocks Ambergris Caye
Maya Beach Hotel Maya Beach (Placencia)
The Placencia North Peninsula (Placencia)
El Pescador Ambergris Caye
Pook's Hill Lodge Belmopan
Radisson Fort George Belize City
Rum Point Inn Placencia
Seaside Cabañas Caye Caulker
SunBreeze Beach Hotel Ambergris Caye
Sunset Resort Ambergris Caye
Turneffe Island Lodge Caye Bokel (Turneffe)
White Sands Cove Ambergris Caye

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Auxillou Suites Caye Caulker
Beaches and Dreams Hopkins
Belize Biltmore Plaza Belize City
Belize 'R Us Burrell Boom
Belize Yacht Club Ambergris Caye
Blackbird Caye Resort Blackbird Caye (Turneffe)
Black Rock Lodge San Ignacio
Blue Marlin Southwater Caye
Cahal Pech Village San Ignacio
Calico Jack's North Peninsula (Placencia)
Coconuts Hotel and Casino Ambergris Caye
Copa Banana Guest House Corozal
Coral Bay Villas Ambergris Caye
Crystal Paradise San Ignacio
Exotic Caye Resort Ambergris Caye
Five Sisters Lodge Mountain Pine Ridge
Green Parrot Beach Houses Maya Beach (Placencia)
Holiday Hotel Ambergris Caye Iguana Reef Inn, Caye Caulker
Journey's End Ambergris Caye
Jungle Dome Belmopan
Lamanai South Lodge Lamanai
Maya Mountain Lodge San Ignacio
Mayan Princess Ambergris Caye
Mountain Equestrian Trails San Ignacio
Nautical Inn Placencia
Pelican's Pouch Southwater Caye
Paradise Villas Ambergris Caye
Royal Caribbean Resort Ambergris Caye
Royal Palm Beach Club Ambergris Caye
Saks Placencia
San Ignacio Resort Hotel San Ignacio
Seven Seas Resort Ambergris Caye
Singing Sands Maya Beach (Placencia)
Steve & Becky's Cute Little Hotel Ambergris Caye
Tides Beach Resort Ambergris Caye
Tony's Inn Corozal Town
Tranquility Bay Ambergris Caye
Treetops Caye Caulker
Turneffe Flats Lodge Turneffe Islands
Windy Hill Lodge San Ignacio

★★+ Two Stars Plus

Good accommodations, comfortable, and often a very good value, plus a little something extra.

Aguada Hotel Santa Elena (San Ignacio)
Barnacle Bill's Maya Beach (Placencia)
Bellevue Belize City
Capricorn Ambergris Caye
Casablanca Guest House San Ignacio
Changes in Latitudes B&B Ambergris Caye
Chateau Caribbean Belize City
Global Village Hotel Ladyville (Belize City)
Hopkins Inn Hopkins
Hotel de la Fuente Orange Walk Town
Hok'ol K'in Guesthouse Corozal Town
Lazy Iguana B&B Caye Caulker
Mama Noots Backabush Resort Mayflower
Martha's Guest House San Ignacio
Maya Breeze Inn Maya Beach (Placencia)
Mirador Corozal Town
Off the Wall Dive Center Northeast Caye (Glovers Atoll)
Las Palmas Corozal Town
Pleasure Cove Lodge Hopkins
Salamander Hideaway Ambergris Caye
Sea Front Inn Punta Gorda
Smuggler's Den Consejo (Corozal)
Villa Boscardi Belize City

★★ Two Stars

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Anchorage Caye Caulker
Beya Suites Punta Gorda
Bird's Eye View Lodge Crooked Tree
Blue Crab Resort Seine Bight (Placencia)
Bull Frog Inn Belmopan
Caesar's Place San Ignacio
Cheers Cabanas Belmopan Area
Clarissa Falls San Ignacio
Coconut Cottages Placencia
Coningsby Inn Belize City
Costa Maya Beach Cabañas Caye Caulker

De Real Macaw Caye Caulker
Fernando's Seaside Guesthouse Sarteneja
Harry's Cozy Cabañas Placencia
Hotel Del Rio Ambergris Caye
Inn at Xunantunich San José Succotz
Lili's Hotel Ambergris Caye
Log Cab-Inns San Ignacio
Lost Reef Riverdale (Placencia)
Macal River Camp at Chaa Creek San Ignacio
Manatee Inn Placencia
Manatee Lodge Gales Point
Morning Star Guesthouse Caye Caulker
Nabitunich San Ignacio
Paradise Bay Villas Corozal Town
Pelican Beach Resort Dangriga
Pine Ridge Lodge Mountain Pine Ridge
Programme for Belize, La Milpa & Hill Bank Lodges Orange Walk District
Ranguana Lodge Placencia
Seaspray Hotel Placencia
Shirley's Caye Caulker
Spindrift Hotel Ambergris Caye
St. Christopher's Orange Walk Town
Sun Creek Lodge San Marcos (Punta Gorda)
Tobacco Caye Lodge Tobacco Caye
Tradewinds Placencia
Trends Beachfront Caye Caulker
Westwind Hotel Placencia
Whipray Caye Lodge Whipray Caye (off Placencia)
Yim Saan Hotel Belmopan

★+ One Star Plus

Functional accommodations, clean and safe, meeting all basic travel needs, and usually a good value, with a little something extra.

All Seasons Guest House Hopkins
Belmopan Convention Hotel Belmopan
Blue Creek Hillside B&B Blue Creek Village, Orange Walk District
Blue Creek Lodge Punta Gorda
Chaleanor Hotel Dangriga
Chechem Ha Cottages San Ignacio
Conch Shell Ambergris Caye
Copper Bank Inn Copper Bank (Corozal District)
Coral Beach Hotel Ambergris Caye

Embassy Hotel Ladyville (Belize City)
Gaviota Tobacco Caye
Glover's Atoll Resort Northeast Caye (Glover's)
Jungle Jeannie's Hopkins
Hotel Maya Corozal Town
Ocean's Edge Lodge Tobacco Caye
Pedro's Backpacker Inn Ambergris Caye
Reef's End Lodge Tobacco Caye
Rubie's (Ruby's) Ambergris Caye
Secret Garden Placencia
Serenade Guesthouse Placencia
St. Charles Inn Punta Gorda
Tipple Tree Beya Inn Hopkins
Toucan Sittee Sittee River
Trek Stop San José Succotz (Cayo)
Westwind Hotel Placencia
Whistling Seas Vacation Inn Hopkins

★ **One Star**

Functional accommodations, clean and safe, meeting all basic travel needs, and usually a good value.

Bluefield Lodge Dangriga
Cohune Palms Bullet Tree (Cayo)
Cunche's Villas Placencia
Deb and Dave's Last Resort Placencia
D-Victoria Orange Walk Town
Freddie's Guest House Belize City
Howler Monkey Lodge Bermudian Landing
Inglewood Camping Grounds San Ignacio
Isabel's Guest House Belize City
JB's Belmopan
Leslie's Cabins Southwater Caye
Lydia's Guesthouse Placencia
Martha's Ambergris Caye
Martz Farm San Ignacio
Marvirton Guest House Corozal Town
Mida's Tropical Resort San Ignacio
Nature's Way Guesthouse Punta Gorda
Nuuk Che'il Cottages Maya Centre
Paradise Inn Crooked Tree
Parrot's Nest San Ignacio
Rainbow Hotel Caye Caulker
Ruthie's Cabañas Dangriga

San Pedrano Ambergris Caye
Seaside Guesthouse Belize City
1788 Hotel Caye Caulker
Tate's Guest House Punta Gorda
Tina's Bak Pak Hostel Caye Caulker
Tom's Hotel Caye Caulker
Trends Guesthouse Caye Caulker
Tropical Paradise Caye Caulker
Vega Inn and Gardens Caye Caulker
Venus Hotel San Ignacio
Wabien Guesthouse Hopkins

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