

BELIZE TRANSITION SERVICES SEMINAR
SEPT 19 – 23, 2021
SUN DIVER BEACH RESORT
AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE

WELCOME TO THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT IS BOTH A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRY ALLIANCE, CARICOM.

DURING THIS FUN AND EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY, WE ARE SURE YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH BELIZE, IT'S GREAT SCENERY, YEAR-ROUND GOOD WEATHER AND SOME OF THE FRIENDLIEST PEOPLE ON THE PLANET!

EACH MORNING OF THE EVENT WE WILL HAVE BREAKFAST, FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION ADDRESSING VARIOUS ISSUES THAT PEOPLE MAKING THE TRANSITIONS, EITHER TO RETIRE, BUY A HOME OR RENTAL PROPERTY OR TO BUY OR START A BUSINESS NEED TO KNOW.

WE WILL PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR ALL ATTENDEES, INCLUDING ALL GOVERNMENT FORMS, APPLICATIONS AND A "TO DO LIST" OF HOW TO SUBMIT ALL OF YOUR PAPERWORK AND THE OFFICE CONTACT AND A GENERAL IDEA OF THE NORMAL TIMELINE FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN.

ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL HAVE STAFF TO HELP YOU WITH ANY CONCERNS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PROCESSOR SUBMIT AND HANDLE YOUR PAPERWORK FOR YOU.

TIME TO GO HOME

EACH GENERAL SESSION WILL BE APPROX. 90 MINUTES – 2 HOURS IN LENGTH (NOTED IN SCHEDULE)

AFTER THE SESSIONS, THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY IS FREE TO EXPLORE, BOOK A SNORKEL TRIP, LOUNGE AT THE POOL OR GO INTO SAN PEDRO TOWN TO ENJOY THE LOCAL VIBE.

EXTRA DAYS AFTER THE SEMINAR ARE AVAILABLE FOR GUIDED TOURS OF THE MAINLAND AND OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT PARTICULAR BUSINESSES FOR SALE, THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AS WELL.

BREAKFAST DAILY AT: 8:30AM

LUNCH IS "ON YOUR OWN" EITHER ON OR OFF PROPERTY (SUN DIVER BEACH RESORT WILL HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE EITHER POOLSIDE OR AT THE BAR). *NOT INCLUDED IN SEMINAR REGISTRATION.

DINNER DAILY AT: 6:30PM

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

5:00PM

WELCOME RECEPTION; POOLSIDE DRINKS AND APPETIZERS, FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

DAY ONE: BREAKFAST AT 8:30AM / 9:00 – 11:00AM (APPROX. 2 HOURS)

“BELIZE BASICS”

- GENERAL BELIZE INFO, BRITISH COMMON LAW BASED SIMILAR TO THE US. ENGLISH SPEAKING WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN VALUES AND WAY OF LIFE (HOW THIS DIFFERS FROM NORTH AMERICAN LIFESTYLE)
- AVOIDING COMMON PITFALLS MADE BY AMERICANS AND CANADIANS
- IMPOVERISHED COUNTRY (AMBERGRIS CAYE IS NOT INDICATIVE OF THE MAINLAND AND COUNTRY AS A WHOLE / AVERAGE LABOR INCOME, STYLE OF LIFE).
- DISCUSSION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AREAS AND VILLAGES
- SAFETY, PHONES (INTERNATIONAL CALLING AND LOCAL CELL PHONES), INTERNET, MAIL, PERSONAL BILLS, CREDIT CARDS
- HEALTH INSURANCE, HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE
- BANKING, US ACCOUNT AND BZ ACCOUNT (DO I NEED A BZ BANKING ACCOUNT?)
- OFFSHORE US DOLLAR BANKING VS. LOCAL BANKING
- FINANCING OPTIONS
- QRP VS. RESIDENCY VS. WORK PERMIT OPTIONS
- WHAT TO BRING WHEN YOU MOVE / CLOTHING, HOUSING, HOW TO SHIP & COST OF SHIPPING
- BUYING AND REGISTERING A GOLF CART OR CAR, PERMITTING IS NOT MANDATORY, INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
- BRINGING YOUR PET / FORMS NEEDED AND HOW TO BRING LARGER ANIMALS

AFTERNOON FREE

DINNER AT 6:30PM

- EACH DAY EXCURSIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT ADDED EXPENSE: SCUBA DIVING, SNORKELING, A SUNSET CRUISE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPECIFIC TOURS, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE CAN HAVE EVERYTHING BOOKED FOR YOU IN ADVANCE. SUN DIVER HAS A FULL LIST OF EXCURSIONS, INCLUDING MAINLAND EXCURSIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

DAY TWO: BREAKFAST 8:30AM / 9:00 – 10:30AM (APPROX. 90 MINUTES)

“DOING BUSINESS IN BELIZE”

- BUYING A PROPERTY
- BUYING A BUSINESS
- OBTAINING QRP, OBTAINING A WORK PERMIT, OBTAINING RESIDENCY
- EXPLANATION: CENTRAL BANK APPROVAL
- FORMING A CORPORATION
- TAX REGISTRATION: SOCIAL SECURITY, GST, INCOME TAX
- HOW OBTAINING YOUR WORK PERMIT FITS INTO THE EQUATION
- OBTAINING A TRADE LICENSE
- OTHER LICENSES: LIQUOR , BEER & WINE, FIU CLEARANCE, OTHER SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS/FORMS

- ONE ON ONE CONSULTATIONS AVAILABLE BY SCHEDULE TODAY 11:30 – 4:30
(APPROX. 45 -60 MINUTES AS NEEDED)

AFTERNOON FREE

DINNER AT 6:30PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

DAY THREE: BREAKFAST 8:30AM / MORNING SESSION; 9:00 – 10:30AM (APPROX. 90 MINUTES)

“BANKING, US TAXES AND THE IRS”

- OPENING THE BELIZE BANK ACCOUNT / FORMS AND REQUIREMENT
- FOREIGN EARNED INCOME EXEMPTION
- REVISIT EVERYTHING FROM DAYS ONE AND TWO

DAY THREE / AFTERNOON SESSION: 2:00 – 3:30PM

POOLSIDE BAR DISCUSSION

- Q&A SESSION FROM THE FIRST TWO DAYS . OPEN CONVERSATION
- ONE ON ONE CONSULTATIONS AVAILABLE BY SCHEDULE TODAY

AFTERNOON FREE

DINNER AT 6:30PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

DAY FOUR; BREAKFAST 8:30AM / DEPARTURE DAY

- Q&A SESSION FROM THE FIRST THREE DAYS . OPEN CONVERSATION & WRAP-UP AT BREAKFAST

OVERVIEW:

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A FULL PACKAGE OF ALL NEEDED GOVERNMENT FORMS, APPLICATIONS, BANKING APPLICATIONS, FULL INSTRUCTION SHEETS OF HOW TO SUBMIT ALL PAPERWORK.

WE CAN HELP WITH THESE FILINGS AND CAN DISCUSS, PRIOR TO ARRIVAL WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT ANY FILINGS FOR A CORPORATION, BANK ACCOUNT, ETC. WHILE IN BELIZE

PRICING:

FULL, REGULAR PRICING FOR THE FOUR NIGHTS / 5 DAY PACKAGE IS \$1,895.00 PER COUPLE (10% OFF FOR SINGLES), ALL PRICING IS BASED ON HOTEL DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- 4 NIGHTS LODGING (SUITE UPGRADE AVAILABLE)
- WELCOME RECEPTION
- BREAKFAST AND DINNER DAILY, BREAKFAST ON DEPARTURE DAY
- GROUND TRANSFERS TO/FROM AIRPORT TO RESORT
- ALL PRESENTATIONS, Q&A SESSIONS AND SUPPORTING PRINTED MATERIALS
- ONE ON ONE SESSIONS AVAILABLE, NO ADDITIONAL COST BUT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED AND BASED ON AVAILABILITY
 - LUNCH AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ON YOUR OWN. EXCURSIONS (SCUBA, BOAT TRIPS, FISHING TRIPS ALL AVAILABLE) TO BE PAID INDIVIDUALLY. FLIGHTS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

- 50/50 EARLY BIRD = \$795 AT REGISTRATION / \$800 DUE BY JUNE 1 (SAVE \$300 OFF FULL PRICE)

- 3 PAY PLAN = \$595 AT REGISTRATION / \$600 ON JUNE 1 / \$600 ON JUNE 30 (SAVE \$100 OFF FULL RATE)

- AFTER JUNE 15 - \$1,895.00 / PAYMENT IN FULL, OR \$1,000 DOWN, \$895 IN 30 DAYS).
\$1,795 PAYMENT IN FULL (SAVE \$100)

NO REFUNDS ON ANY PAYMENTS, FULL OR PORTIONS AFTER JUNE 15

SUITE UPGRADE (ONLY 4 AVAILABLE): \$200 PER STAY (\$100 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

SUITES HAVE A LIVING ROOM/SITTING AREA, SMALL DINING TABLE AND ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR FOR THE BEST OCEANFRONT VIEW. OUTSIDE SEATING ON THE BALCONY AS WELL.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY = DOUBLE OCCUPANCY LESS 10%

GETTING TO SAN PEDRO:

ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT BZE (BELIZE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT), YOU CAN GET TO SAN PEDRO VIA WATER TAXI OR BY PLANE.

By PLANE:

FROM BZE INT'L TO SAN PEDRO AIRPORT IS A SHORT 15 MINUTE FLIGHT CRUISING OVER THE CARIBBEAN SEA AND VIEWING THE ISLANDS, REEF AND THE CRYSTAL-CLEAR BLUE WATERS BELOW.

BELIZE HAS TWO AIRLINES, TROPIC AIR AND MAYA ISLAND AIR:

www.tropicair.com

www.mayaislandair.com

BOTH AIRLINES HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS DAILY AND TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON A "WALK-UP" BASIS. UNLIKE IN THE US AND CANADA, THE "ON SITE" TICKETING IS NOT MUCH MORE MONEY THAN A PRE-BOOKED FLIGHT. THE REGULAR COST (VARIES SEASONALLY) FOR A ONE-WAY TICKET FROM BZE INT'L AIRPORT TO SAN PEDRO IS USUALLY AROUND \$70 - \$75 USD.

DISCOUNTED FLIGHTS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR ADVANCE BOOKINGS, VARY BY SEASON AND TIMES BUT IT IS WORTH A CHECK ON THE WEBSITE TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS.

TOTAL EXPENSES REGULARLY IS APPROX. \$150 PP ROUND-TRIP

By WATER TAXI:

AS WITH AIRLINES, WE HAVE TWO MAIN WATER TAXI COMPANIES. OCEAN FERRY AND BELIZE SAN PEDRO EXPRESS (WHO WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND). PRICING FOR THE WATER TAXI IS GENERALLY AROUND \$35 USD ROUND-TRIP.

<https://belizewatertaxi.com>

<http://www.oceanferrybelize.com>

THIS TRIP IS 90 MINUTES EACH WAY AND THE FERRY DOCKS ARE APPROX. 30 MINUTE RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT SO YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE A CAB (WE CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE SOMEONE WAITING ON YOU FOR THE GROUND TRANSFER) AND THE TAXI COST IS APPROX. \$25 USD ONE WAY

TOTAL EXPENSES REGULARLY IS APPROX. \$75 PP ROUND-TRIP

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*SINCE WE USE VOIP AND MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET TO RECEIVE CALLS ON OUR US NUMBER,
IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO CALL IN ADVANCE.