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**Snorkeling:** One of the easiest and certainly most diverse, familyfriendly adventures one can experience while visiting Ambergris Caye!

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taking sea life. San Pedro is also home to world-class fishing and scuba diving.

For the more adventurous, "La Isla Bonita" offers a wide array of water sports and for those looking to get a glimpse of the mystical world of the Maya, these historical ruins are just a short expedition

On behalf of the people of San Pedro Town, I extend a warm welcome to all visitors arriving to our shores. I assure you that your trip to "La Isla Bonita" will be no ordinary vacation. Our island is sity, where Mestizos, Creole and Garinagu blend to form a unique encounter. While here, I encourage you to explore the Caribbean Sea and find Belize's abundant treasures. Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark-Ray Alley are just two of the many spots where you can enjoy our coral reef formation and abundant and breath-

away. You will also be able to discover Belize's vast cave systems and many natural sanctuaries that are home to our country's unique flora and fauna.

Whether you are spending your famous for its rich cultural diver- honeymoon at an exclusive resort or looking for an adventurous, yet romantic escape, San Pedro is surely the place to be. I invite you to explore our home and see the many wonders it has to offer.

We welcome you with open arms. Bienvenidos a San Pedro!

> Elsa Paz, Mayor, San Pedro Town

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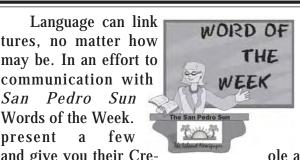
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**Creole** Wahn aksident hapm ya. **Spanish** Aqui ocurio un accidente. He/She fainted. He/She fell down. **English** 

**Creole** Ih faynt weh. Ih di jrap dong. **Spanish** El/Ella se desmayo. El/Ella se cayó.

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# Snorkeling Adventures on the reef



Snorkeling near the reef offers an incredible look at the coral and creatures that call it home.

Perhaps one of the easiest and certainly diverse, family-friendly adventures one can experience while visiting Ambergris Caye is snorkeling. There are many qualified tour businesses and guides available at reasonable expense for half-day and full day trips. Most hotel concierges can arrange the day for you or many tour businesses are situated on the beach and in town where you can arrange the trip yourself. Most of them can provide you with snorkel gear if needed and can pick you up at a dock nearest to where you are staying. That said, it is a pretty painless way to arrange a fun day in the water exploring the incredible creatures and corals that make up the Great

Mesoamerican Reef.

Snorkeling is a simple technique that requires little practice. For the novice it is always a good idea to try on your equipment before leaving the dock and your guide should be able to help you determine if your equipment is a good fit. The real beauty in snorkeling is that anyone who can swim (or reasonably float) can snorkel regardless of age and ability. This means that families with kids in tow, along with Grandma and Grandpa, can all experience the adventure together. What an incredible way to make lifelong memories that you can all share forever. For families with youngsters this in an opportunity to teach them about the wonders of the sea while instilling a sense of confidence in experiencing the environment while swimming.

For first time snorkelers, regardless of age but especially with children, there may be some apprehension. The timeless saying "we fear what we do not know" could not be more appropri
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# Azul Resort & Rojo Lounge

The only resort and restaurant on Ambergris Caye awarded the selection of ★Fodor's Choice in the 2007 Fodor's Guide To Belize

#### **Azul Resort**

The swankiest place to stay on Ambergris Caye -Men's Journal Magazine Dec '06

One of Belize's most tranquil and exclusive refuges -Outside Magazine Dec '06

### Rojo Lounge

This is the hippest restaurant and bar on the Cayes. Rojo Lounge, in a sultry open air palapa on a beautiful beach is definitely red hot. ...lunch offers sophisticated snacks, dinner is romantic and delicious... the bar serves killer frozen mojitos. -Fodor's

# COME ENJOY PIBIL ON THE BEACH EVERY SUNDAY AT ROJO LOUNGE!!!

(Pibil is a traditional Belizean dish of pork wrapped in plantain leaves then slowly cooked underground.)

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Open Tuesday through Sunday from noon until late.

Reservations for dinner strongly encouraged.

For information, reservations and events, please call 226-4012

ROJO Lounge

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Irridiscent purple and gold, the Fairy Basslet is a beauty to spot.

ate. Perhaps one of the easiest and certainly most captivating methods to soothe anxious anticipation is to famil-

iarize yourself with the environment that you will soon be exploring. Especially with children, the more they



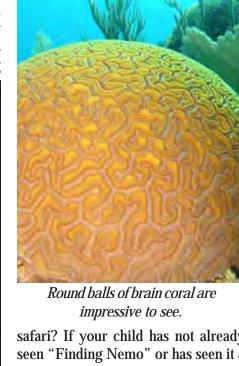
White and black Banded butterfly fish dart in and out of the coral.

know before being thrown into a new experience the better, and what child would not be excited to find the pretty fish they have learned about in books before embarking on their snorkeling



If you do plan to experience a snorkeling adventure with your children, it is wise to visit with the tour businesses to determine what snorkeling area would be best suited to your children's age and abilities. Sandy and staff at SEArious Adventures are more than helpful when it comes to deciding what day trip would be most appropriate for you and your youngsters, and they can

Our snorkel trip is a half-day trip



safari? If your child has not already seen "Finding Nemo" or has seen it a dozen times, why not watch it one more time before leaving on vacation and use a new approach by playing the "name that fish" game. There are dozens of books available on fish of the Caribbean Sea and a little reading time looking at pictures of pretty fishes and learning their names can really excite a child about what they will soon see in their wild and pristine habitat.

recommend areas that best meet your needs. Their guides are extremely helpful and are very comfortable with assisting children and novice snorkelers.

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#### **TOUR OPTIONS**

- . Barton Creek Cave canoeing and the Belize Zoo -US\$ 210.00 per person
- Tubing and Horse -US\$ 210.00 per person
- Xunantunich Maya Ruins and Horseback riding -US\$ 210.00 per person
- 4. Xunantunich Maya Ruins and Jungle Zipline -US\$ 225.00 per person
- 5. Cave Tubing and Jungle Zipline -US\$ 225.00 per person
- 6. Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave Adventure -US\$ 250.00 per person
- 7. Xunantunich Maya Ruins and the Belize Zoo -US\$ 210.00 per person

Horseback Riding - Ride through rainforest, open savannas and small farms to the unexcavated site of Buena Vista and enjoy a swim in the Mopan

Barton Creek Cave Canoeing - An ancient Maya burial site, the cave is only accessible by canoe. The formations of stalactites and stalagmites are

Jaguar Paw Cave Tubing – Hike along the Cave Branch River to the Jaguar Paw cave systems where you then float the gentle currents through underground caverns.

Xunantunich – Beautiful Maya ruins where standing atop "El Castillo", the largest pyramid at the site, you will have a panoramic view of western Belize and eastern Guatemala.

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Belize Zoo - The zoo is home to over 100 species of native Belizean animals and birds including the tapir, howler monkeys, spider monkeys, jaguars, ocelots, margays, scarlet macaws, toucans, and many, many, others.

Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave – A challenging adventure for the physically fit and the ability to swim is a plus. Insidé the cave you will see burial chambers with intact calcified remains and Mayan

Jungle River Tubing and Horseback Riding -Tube down the Caves Branch River and horseback ride back to where the tubing originated.

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# **Great Lunches at**



Dining over the water on the deck at Tackle Box just adds to a wonderful island experience, and the food is great too!

Nighttime dining is always a fun feature, but what happens during the day? Unless you starve yourself in anticipation of the gastronomical delights offered at night, there's bound to be a need for a great lunch. And what better place to indulge those midday munchies than at Tackle Box Bar and Grill? With a great menu featuring some steadfast lunch favorites, Tackle Box has become an establishment worthy of repeat visits.

Tackle Box is both a bar and restaurant, so you enjoy the best of both worlds in one place. Sit out on the deck out over the water, at one of the picnic tables, and enjoy a delicious frosty beer while your

7.20pm. After dinner relax in our

cards in our lounge, complete

library or enjoy a round of

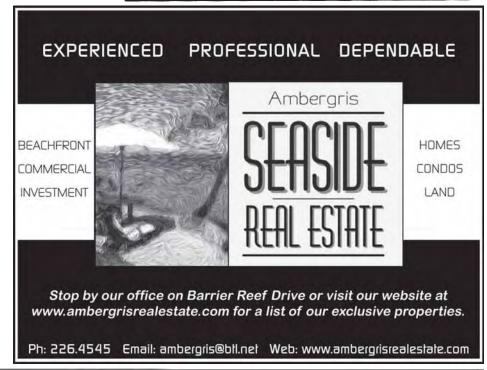
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order is prepared. Inside seating is available, but why not enjoy the sunshine and great salt wind! That's what *The Sun* staffers did during lunch break!

Chef Chap Ross is at the helm of this kitchen at Tackle Box, and he has put his touch on all dishes that come through to you. With his 30 years experience in the restaurant business, Chap offers great culinary delights for those seeking a tasty meal. Lunchtime offers some fantastic staples like wings (hot or mild depending how brave you are), fish and chips, great sandwiches and burgers (the Tackle Box Burger is soooooooooo good!), plus Continued on Page 8

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dinner by the pool.

# The San Pedro Sun's Virtual Taste Trip Breakfast Burritos

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. A different way to start your day. Burritos with fried eggs, bacon and refried beans topped with melted cheese. Ham or sausage may be substituted for the bacon. Serve with salsa on the side."



#### Ingredients:

- \*1 pound bacon
- \*10 eggs
- \*1 (16 ounce) can refried beans
- \*8 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
- \*10 (10 inch) flour tortillas

#### **Directions:**

\*Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, and set aside. Wrap the tortillas in foil and warm in the oven.

\*Fry the eggs in a greased skillet until firm. In a small sauce pan heat the refried beans.

\*Top each tortilla with refried beans, two strips of bacon, one egg and a little cheese. Roll tortillas into burritos and serve.





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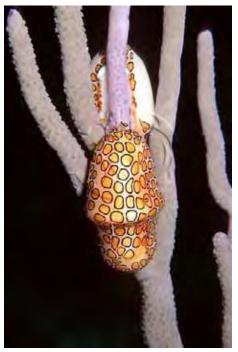
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Left: Only a trained eye will likely spot an Arrow crab hiding from sight.

Right: Elkhorn coral reaches toward the sunlight as fish enjoy the shade and shelter it offers.





Flamingo tongue snails dine on coral creatures.

with SEArious Adventures that includes two snorkel stops and we set off at 9:00 a.m. The first stop is at a popular site called Mexico Rocks. The boat ride takes about 20 minutes and our guides, Jeffery and Ali are friendly and accommodating. Jeffery, who is the captain, introduces himself and Ali and explains to us the plan for the day. Joining us onboard are a family with a teenage son and daughter and another family with two young boys age's ten and eight, a perfect combination of age groups and abilities. Once we arrive at Mexico Rocks Jeffery and Ali determine that Jeffery will lead the family with the young boys and Ali will guide the remaining group. Both guides tow a life **Continued on Page 9** 

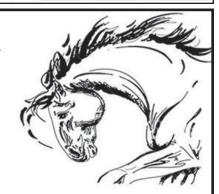






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# A Truly Divine Experience

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# Start the Day with.

- Eggs Benedict with Smoked Ham - Belizean Banana Pancakes - Apple Cinnamon French Toast Ask for Daily Breakfast Specials...



For Lunch, enjoy...

- Chilled Shrimp Gazpacho Soup - Jalapeño & Cheddar Burger - Cheddar Shrimp Sandwich - Caesar Salad - Chicken Breast Sandwich Also offering Daily Lunch Specials...

### Dinner entrees include...

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Filet Mignon in Cabernet Wine Sauce - Pan Seared Grouper with Grapefruit Beurre Blanc Sauce - Steamed Reef Lobster Tail with drawn butter House Specialty: Brazilian Style Rotisserie (Churrasco)

Daily Drink Specials: Martini Monday, Tequila Tuesday, Wine & Dine Wednesday

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chili, salads and those great Spicy Box fries (you just HAVE to try them!).

Our pick was definitely the Tackle Box Burger, and since we wanted a nice, 'light' lunch, we opted for the Quartered instead of the Original ½ pounder. (Brave souls can try the 'Rock da Box' Burger a hefty one-pounder WITH a side of fries!) Accompanied by a side of delicious spicy Box fries, this burger was absolutely scrumptious. Another lunch choice was their Wings. Our very friendly waiter Ricky gave us both options: Mild or Hot? Being a bit wimpy, we chose the mild. Thank goodness we did! The heat on the mild wings was still cause for a bit of sniffling on our part. It's not directly hot, but slowly, with each wing, the heat builds. It burns so good!

Also on the menu are Blue Plate Specials, Chap's daily specials that offer a bit of something different – some comfort food amidst all the exotic seafood and nouvelle cuisine available on our island. Mondays are Tackle Mama's Meatloaf; Tuesdays are Mimi's Southern-Style Chicken & Dumplings; Wednesdays are Chap's Famous Chicken Fried Steak, while Fridays are Box's Barbeque Beef Brisket. For the weekend, try the Chef's Lasagna on Saturday and of course on Sunday, who could pass up on the Pork Roast Dinner!

The Tackle Box has something for everyone, and of course, some of the

coldest beers on the island, plus jammin' tunes at night. Be sure to stop by for lunch, and even dinner with a show! Call 226-4313 or head over to The Tackle Box: it's right "Ova di Wata" at the Water Taxi Terminal!



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Four-eye butterfly fish always seem to travel in pairs, often playing "Follow the leader.'

ring along in case someone decides to take a break from swimming.

It is clear the young boys are excited about their pending adventure and are eager to get into the water.

Once in the water one boy exclaims

in excitement, "Look Dad, it's a Fairy basslet!" What an incredible experience for these young children, and knowing what they are looking at









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Ambergris Bay (A26) Large beachfront property located on the gorgeous western coast of the island. Lot #447, measuring approximately 82' x 110'. Price \$82,500.00 US. Can be bought together with Lot #446 for a combined beach frontage of 148 feet.

Ambergris Bay (G36) Lot #33. Measuring approximately 58' x 155'. \$70,000.00 US. Ambergris Bay (E13) Beachfront parcel approx. 50' x 95' depth. \$65,000.00 US. Playa Blanca (L21) 2nd row lot 140' off the beach. 60' x 120'. \$70,000.00 US. Flying Fisherman (D16) lot 300' off the beach, measures 50' x 78'. Only \$22,000.00 US Alta Mar (S45) – 100' x 100' nice parcel in residential area. Priced at \$85,000.00 US. Santa Rita (H32) Lot #18 - 50' x 110' -3<sup>rd</sup> row - \$24,500.00 US

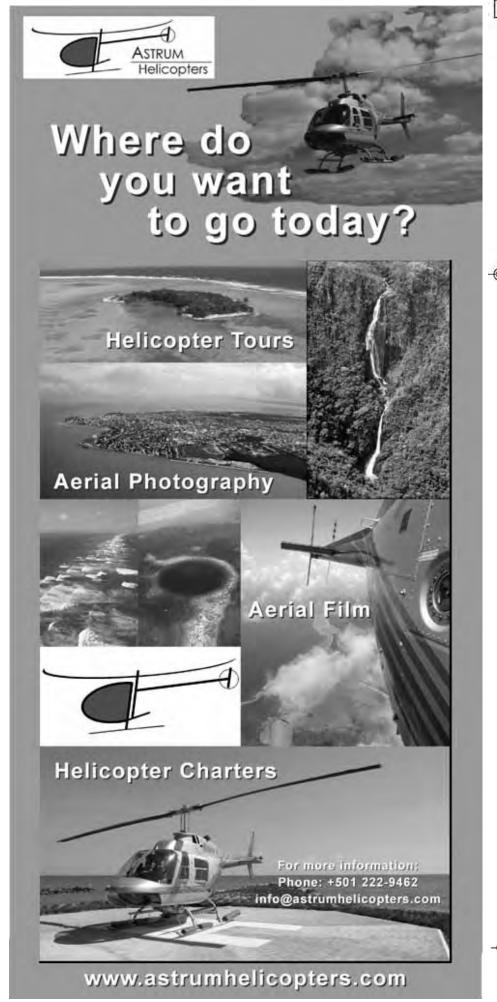
Club Caribbean - off the beach lots starting at \$15,000.00 US. Holiday Lands (M53) Approx 78' x 72', 2 rows off the beach. \$60,000.00 US.

Robles (D19) Lot #23a measuring 100' of beach front x 360'. \$105,000.00 US Robles (D20) Lot #44 measuring 50' of beach y front x 270'. \$59,000.00 US

makes it all the more exciting for them. It is like a game of "hide and seek" spotting the colorful fish as they dart in and out coral crevices and it is a sure delight for children of all ages!

Every snorkel trip seems to have its "highlights" and today's is no exception. With the trained eye of our guide Ali, he dives under a lobster shade and retrieves an Arrow Crab. The delicate, long legged creature is weightless to hold and a tries in vain to deliver little pinches to our hands. After we all admire the creature Ali returns it to its home and we continue our swimming trek. Mexico Rocks is about eight to ten feet deep with huge outcrops of brain coral that create a sense of canyons and paths one can explore. The water is teeming with fish and we spot the mainstay of damsel fish, squirrel fish, snappers and grunts that call the area home. Purple sea fan coral sway in the gentle current and we find small colorful Flamingo Tongue snails crawling along the branches, digesting the coral animals as it grazes. The real treat is identifying the electric blue, green and gold Queen angelfish and the black and gold French angelfish with white puckered lips. The male Spotlight parrotfish are an iridescent kaleidoscope of rainbow colors while the female is modeled with red and white scales, you would never think the two were related! After we spend almost an hour discovering the underwater wonder world we all board the boat and excitedly share our experience with each other. While drinking fresh water and juice Jeffery points out a Spotted eagle ray that gracefully glides past our boat, displaying its beautiful black body with leopard-like white spots, a real treat to see! As we continue to visit and quench our thirst we

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Yummy! After a couple hours of snorkeling, the homebaked coconut tarts hit the spot!

pass around fish ID cards trying to identify the huge variety of fish we saw. After re-grouping we pull up anchor and set off to our second snorkel spot, Tres Coco's.

The beauty of snorkeling off Ambergris Caye is that each site is unique and offers a new experience with each dive. At Tres Coco's we snorkel close to the reef where the waves break nearby and the water is shallow, three butterflyfish travel in pairs, taking turns in who follows the lead, and the

to four feet deep and crystal clear. Unlike Mexico Rocks, the area is dense with Elkhorn coral which appears wind swept and ship wrecked, with the forest-like growths offering the fish habitat heaven. With the clarity and the abundant coral you truly feel like you are swimming in an aguarium. White and black Banded

white, yellow and black Foureye butterflyfish, with their distinct black "eye" located at their tail also travel as a couple, darting in and out of the coral in search of food. For those who prefer a more shallow dive this is the perfect place! Again Jeffery leads the family with the young boys while the rest of us are free to explore on our

After an awesome time at Tres Coco's we board the boat and settle into our short ride back, stopping to drop off the families at their hotels. Along the way we are treated to more refreshments and incredible fresh

baked coconut tarts, just the prefect sweet and crisp taste sensation we are looking for after ingesting our share of salty sea water! Yum! All of this in just a few hours...simply amazing! It is a perfect half-day for the kids who may be in need of a nap at this point, and even the grown-ups are thinking some quality time in a nearby hammock sounds pretty darn good! Exploring what's under the sea is a must when you visit San Pedro and snorkeling is a perfect way to do so, we encourage you to enjoy the wonders of the reef and the creatures that call it home.





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# Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

# **Aerobics**

"Hey, Dan. Hold up that rag you're using to wipe the drums down."

As we were setting up the musical instruments to play at Crazy Canuck's I could not help noticing that the blue cloth Drummer Dan was using looked like a set of leotards. He held them up.

"Man," I said. "That's the biggest, ugliest pair of leotards I've ever seen. Where did you get them?"

"I bought them."

"What in the world would you buy leotards for? You're not going to wear them when you're around me, are you?"

 ${\rm ``Hell,\ no!\ I\ ain't\ gonna\ wear\ them.\ I\ bought\ them\ because\ Scott\ talked\ meinto\ joining\ his\ aerobics\ class\ over\ in\ Caye\ Caulker."}$ 

"I know he leads an aerobics class," I said. "It's all a bunch of women. He's the only guy in class."

"I thought it might be a good way to meet some ladies," Dan said. "Besides,

I've noticed that I'm really out of shape."

"Round is still considered a shape," I said. "Did you try the aerobics?"

"I tried one class and it was a really bad idea."

"Why do you say that?"

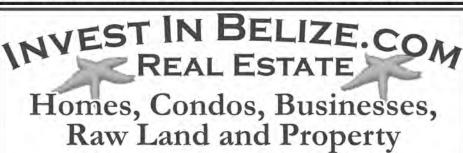
"I spent almost an hour twisting, turning, gyrating, bending, rolling around, jumping up and down and sweating, but by the time I got those leotards on the class was over."



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\*When astronauts first shaved in space, their weightless whiskers floated up to the ceiling. A special razor had to be developed which drew the whiskers in like a vacuum cleaner.

\*Some insects, after their head is severed, may live for as much as a year. They react automatically to light, temperature, humidity, chemicals, and other stimuli.

\*When glass breaks, the cracks move faster than 3,000 miles per hour. To photograph the event, a camera must shoot at a millionth of a second.

\*In Port Lincoln, Australia, oyster eaters seldom try to gulp down whole specimens; oysters there are as big as a large dinner plate – a foot in diameter.

\*Sounds too low for human beings to hear are called infrasonic.

\*The American woodcock, with its eyes placed toward the top of its head, can see backward and upward, and forward and upward, with binocular vision and, laterally, almost 180 degrees with each eye.

\*While the average cost of air travel is about \$60 per hour, using an air phone during that plane trip can cost as much as \$160 per hour.

\*After 94 years of construction, the Mexico Cathedral was completed in 1667.

\*Parrots, most famous of all talking birds, rarely acquire a vocabulary of more than twenty words. However, Tymhoney Greys and African Greys have been known to carry vocabularies in excess of 100 words.



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- Grande Caribe Condos 1 mile North of the bridge on 500 ft of coconut grove. From \$295,000 Pre-construction pricing. Inquire!
- Caye Casa beachfront condo in town location. Pre-construction Inquire!
- Miramar new completed 3rd floor beachfront 2 bedroom condo. Furnished \$425,000 bring offers!
- Miramar new completed 3rd floor beachfront 2 bedroom condo with 4th floor penthouse suite unfurnished – offers – must sell!
- Miramar new completed 2nd floor beachfront 2 bedroom furnished condo \$425,000.
- Banana Beach Resort: 1-3 bedroom ocean front suites with 2 Pools, beach, restaurant and bar from \$150 to \$165,000 with guaranteed rental incomes.
- Villa del Mar new custom built beachfront home, 1 ac, pier, 3 bedroom \$945,000.
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- Caribbean Coves Estates Cayo Espanto area turnkey luxurious new bay front homes 4 bedrooms. Inquire.
- Spacious rental beach home south of town. Sleeps 10 plus guest cottage. Pool, mature landscaping, large pier. Inquire.
- ❖ Caye Villas 2 Mata Grande beach villas with pool.
- 2 Bed 3 bath fully furnished from \$394,000.
- Banana Beach Resort: 1 bedroom ocean front suites with 2 Pools, beach, restaurant and bar from \$150 to \$165,000 with guaranteed rental incomes.
- San Pablo canal home w/ 200ft water frontage, 2 boat slips, ramp, fully fenced, 2 storey duplex 2bed/1bath up 1bed/1bath down. \$254,000 seller financing 30% down.
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- Mata Chica beach lot ½ acre \$ 295,000 offers
- West Bay private sandy cove 260 ft \$ 300,000
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- ❖ Robles beachfront 200 ft beach \$400,000.
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#### **Tourist Information**

Belize Tourism Board - 223-1910. Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) - 227-5717. San Pedro Tourist Guide Association 226-2391.

#### **Church Services**

San Pedro Roman Catholic Church Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. English; 11 a.m. Children's; 7:30 p.m. Spanish; Sat.: Confessions 5-7 p.m; Mass or Communion Service every night at 7:30 p.m.

Living Word Church Service Sun. 10:45 a.m. Bible study Mon. 7:30 p.m. We do Christian charity work. 226-2950. Assembly of God Church on Angel Coral St. T-W-Sat.-Sun. at 7:30 p.m.

**Lighthouse Christian Radio** - 101.3 FM. 226-4673, Cor. Buccaneer & Pescador Drive.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Sacrament Service - 9:00 a.m., Sunday School - 10:10 a.m., Priesthood/Relief Society 11:00 a.m. No. 17 Pescador Drive.

#### **IMPORTANT** #s

**Emergency** 911 **Crimestoppers** 800 922-TIPS

**Police** 226-2022 **Fire** 226-2372

**Wings of Hope** - Medical emergency air ambulance. Phone: 223-3292.

**Lions Health Clinic** - 226-4052; emergencies 600-9071 or Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am to 8pm; Sat., 8am - noon.

**Los Pinos Clinic** 602-6383 and 226-2686. **Dr. Lerida Rodriguez:** 226-2197 or cell 620-1974.

San Pedro Chiropractic Clinic 226-4695 Hyperbaric Chamber - 226-2851, Dr. Otto Rodriguez - 600-0287 or 226-2854. Antonia Guerrero - 600-5475 or 206-2152. Eleazar Portillo - 610-4560 or 226-3195.

**San Pedro Polyclinic II** - 226-2536. 8-12 and 2-5, Mon. to Fri. Emergencies 226-2555/2918 or 606-3864.

**Ambergris Hopes Clinic** - 226-2660, Emergencies: 606-2316

**US Embassy** - 227-7161

**Canadian Consulate** - 223-1060

**Mexican Embassy** - 223-0193

**Guatemalan Embassy** - 223-3150

**Honduran Embassy** - 224-5889

**San Carlos Medical** (Dr. Giovanni Solorzano, MD, Dr. Franklin Hernandez, Dentist) - 7:30am - 9:00pm, 226-2918

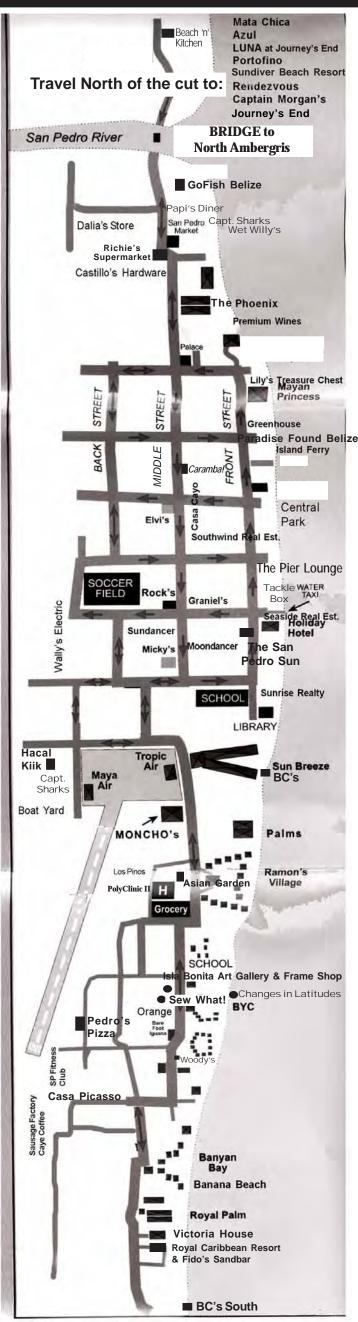
#### **Miscellaneous**

**The Lions Club of San Pedro** relies on income from its Friday and Saturday Night BBQ to support the needy community. Help a great cause -have dinner with us!

**Green Reef** A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sustainable use and conservation of Belize's marine and coastal resources. greenreef@btl.net

**San Pedro AA** - 226-4464, 600-9061

**Saga Society** A non-profit "humane society" to address the stray cat and dog population in San Pedro. Phone 226-3266.



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### Transportation...

ISLAND FERRY SERVICE & WATER TAXI – Scheduled ferry service & water taxi for Ambergris Caye. Phone 226-3231.

MONCHO'S GOLF CART RENTALS - Four & Six seater golf carts available. Open daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. We deliver to your room. 226-3262 or 226-4490.

CRYSTAL AUTO RENTAL – Largest fleet in Belize. Offices at International Airport and Belize City. 223-1600, 0-800-777-7777.

#### Services...

KRYSTAL SHIPPING CO./MASH CO. - We deliver construction supplies all the way to Robles Point! Phone 226-2089 or E-mail: mashco@btl.net

CASTILLO'S HARDWARE - Storm supplies, electronics, household appliances, tools, home repair items and a wide variety of paints, stains and varnishes. Pescador Drive. Phone 226-2302.

### Party...Party...Party

THE HOLIDAY HOTEL - Every Wednesday, live music and a fabulous Beach Barbeque 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Barrier Reef Dr. 226-2014.

PIER LOUNGE - Home of the "World Famous Chicken Drop" every Wednesday night. Daily drink specials and two-for-one happy hour. Located beachfront in the Spindrift Hotel. Phone 226-2002.

THE TACKLE BOX - come rock da box out over the water! Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (starting @ 9:00PM) we have amazing live bands ranging from Reggae to Punta to old school Rock-n-Roll. We'll have prizes, specials and always that breath-taking Tackle Box ocean view! Located off the San Pedro Water Taxi Pier at the end of Black Coral St. 226-4313.

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## Dining Out...

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MATA CHICA - Mambo Cuisine - for food lovers. Homemade pasta, shrimp paté, bruschetta, charbroiled seafood and much more! Call 220-5010/5011.

ROJO LOUNGE - Enjoy tropical lounge cuisine in one of the most beautiful beachfront settings in all of Belize - Azul Resort. 226-4012.

ELVI'S KITCHEN - serving the finest food since 1977. Daily Lunch and Dinner Specials. Caribbean Night on Thursday. Mayan Fiesta every Friday - come try our Maya Buffet. Open Monday – Saturday. Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dinner: 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Call us for group reservations. Ph 226-2404/2176 "Where something good is always cooking!"

CELI'S RESTAURANT ON THE BEACH at the San Pedro Holiday Hotel, serves Great Fajitas, salads and local dishes for LUNCH. DELECTABLE SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES for dinner. OUTDOOR & INDOOR DINING 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Beach barbeque every Wednesday night with live music.

LILY'S TREASURE CHEST RESTAURANT - On the beach behind Lily's Hotel. Join us for a

cool breeze and the best seafood or USDA beef on our veranda by the sea. 226-2650.

RAMON'S VILLAGE - Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in a Mayan atmosphere or on the veranda overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Coconut Drive. Phone 226-2071.

LUNA at Journey's End Resort - Experience fine dining on the beach north of San Pedro. Visit our tropical bar featuring karaoke, dance and fun music. Phone 226-2173.

RICO'S SURFSIDE RESTAURANT – A truly unique dining experience on the beach at Banyan Bay. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Phone 226-3739 ext. 135.

PAPI'S DINER – The place for fine food at diner prices. Taste the Caribbean. Call 604-9491.

MICKEY'S PLACE - Open daily 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. for breakfast, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for lunch and 6 - 10 p.m. for dinner. Burritos on Wednesdays. Pescador Drive. Call 226-2223.

BLUE WATER GRILL – Island cuisine with a twist! Wood-fired Oven Pizzas, Sushi & more! Open daily. Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m. 226-3347.

EL DIVINO RESTAURANT at BANANA BEACH - Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m - 10 p.m. Book your party or banquet today! Phone 226-2444.

RENDEZVOUS RESTAURANT AND BAR - The most romantic spot in town featuring award winning chefs. Thai and French cuisine blended to make paradise taste like heaven, or so our customers say. Free Rendezvous Wine tasting from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fermented, blended and bottled here on the property. Open for lunch and dinner. Call 226 3426 for reservations and transport options.

VICTORIA HOUSE - International and Island-Style cuisine. Open for breakfast, lunch & dinner. Reservations recommended, call 226-2067.

CASA PICASSO TAPAS + MARTINIS - Small plates, big pastas and fantastic desserts! "Hippest martini spot"-*Frommer's.* Nightly 5:30pm, closed Sundays. Reservations 226-4507.

THE TACKLE BOX BAR & GRILL - whether it's a little break from the beach or a whole night out, the Tackle Box is just the place. The kitchen serves a wide array of affordable fresh comfort foods ranging from our big Tackle Box Burgers, special fried chicken, to some of our more local fare and seafoods. And what a better place to enjoy our dishes, than our back porch out over the water. 226-4313

CARAMBA! RESTAURANT - Local Mexican-Caribbean Cuisine. We cater to large groups! Capacity, 90 total. Opening Hours: Lunch: 11am - 2 pm, Dinner: 5pm - 10pm. 226-4321 or 226-3850. Caramba!: "Is where the food always speaks for itself!"

HACAL KIIK – Delectable home baked breads, pastries and desserts. Offering breakfast and lunch specials and take-out meals. Catering available. Open Mon. through Sat. 8am to 7pm. 226-3115.

PEDRO'S PIZZA & SPORTS BAR - Big Screen TV's for the Big Game, and the Best Pizza on the Island. 226-3825 -or- 206-2198 (after 4:00 pm).

BEACH 'N' KITCHEN - Yummy breakfasts, beach 'n' lunches! Daily Lunch Specials and treats! Near the Palapa Bar, one mile north of the bridge. Call 226-4456.

WET WILLY'S - World Famous Ladies' Night every Wednesday night! Plus, great lunch and dinner specials! Great drinks over the water! Come visit us or call 226-4136.

PASTA LA VISTA - Excellent Gourmet Pizza, Pasta Lunch Specials and Evening Pasta Menu, plus take-n-bake. 226-2651

## Unique Offerings...

SAN PEDRO FITNESS CLUB – A/C Gym at Belize Yacht Club, Fully-equipped. Open to the public. Tennis Courts, Lap and Family pools, Aqua Fitness and Toning Classes. Open 7am Daily, 8am Sundays. 226-2683.

CAYE COFFEE – Take a taste of our locally roasted fresh coffee back home. A wonderful cup of coffee makes such a great difference in your day. Try it and ask for more. 226-3568.

BIG TREE PRODUCE – Fresh Local & Imported Fruits & Vegetables. Seafood, meats, juices & milk shakes. Pescador Dr. 226-2322.

THE GREENHOUSE - Fresh Produce & Seafood. Belizean and imported speciality. Fresh herbs, cold cuts, chilled goods plus an exciting selection of groceries. A/C local on Barrier Reef Dr. 226-2084.

THE SAUSAGE FACTORY - Largest selection of smoked meats and sausage on the island. One mile south of town. 226-2655.

CAYE INTERNATIONAL BANK - Offering Demand Deposit Accounts, Loans, Savings Accounts, etc. cibl@btl.net or phone 226-2388.

PROVIDENT BANK & TRUST - Offering a full range of International Banking Services. phone 223-5698 services@prov identbank.bz

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ISLA BONITA ART GALLERY & CUSTOM FRAMING - art and crafts from Belizean and Caribbean artists + contemporary abstract paintings. Custom framing available 226-4650.

SUNDANCER + MOONDANCER - Unique boutiques featuring beautiful, quality clothing, jewelry and gorgeous gift items for both men (Sundancer) and women (Moondancer). Phone: 226-3126.

ASIAN GARDEN DAY SPA - Certified Therapeutic and Thai Massage practitioners; Hot & Cold Stone Therapy, Body Scrubs, Facials and more in a tranquil Asian courtyard. San Pedro Town, across from Ramon's. Ask about specials. 226-4072.

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