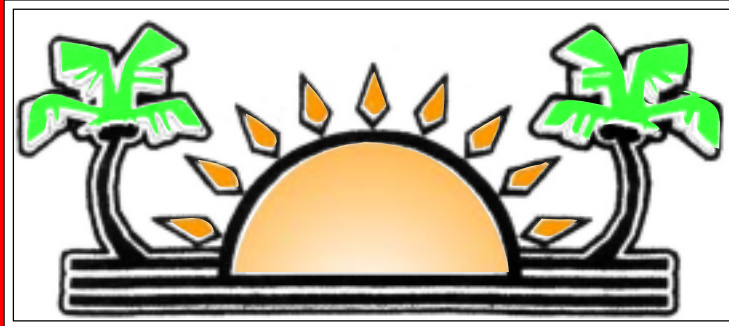


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Sue Elsner and Gina Smith are travelling with Explorica Tours while leading a school trip for high school students to Belize arriving March 9th, 2007. After reading *The San Pedro Sun* and *Visitor Guide* online, they took a few pictures with their printed version outside of their school in Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada.



All highways were closed - and as one can see in the pictures - it's no wonder they're counting down the days when they can visit Belize and snorkel in the sunshine!

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Greetings to my visiting friends



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 away.

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 famous for its rich cultural diversity, 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-

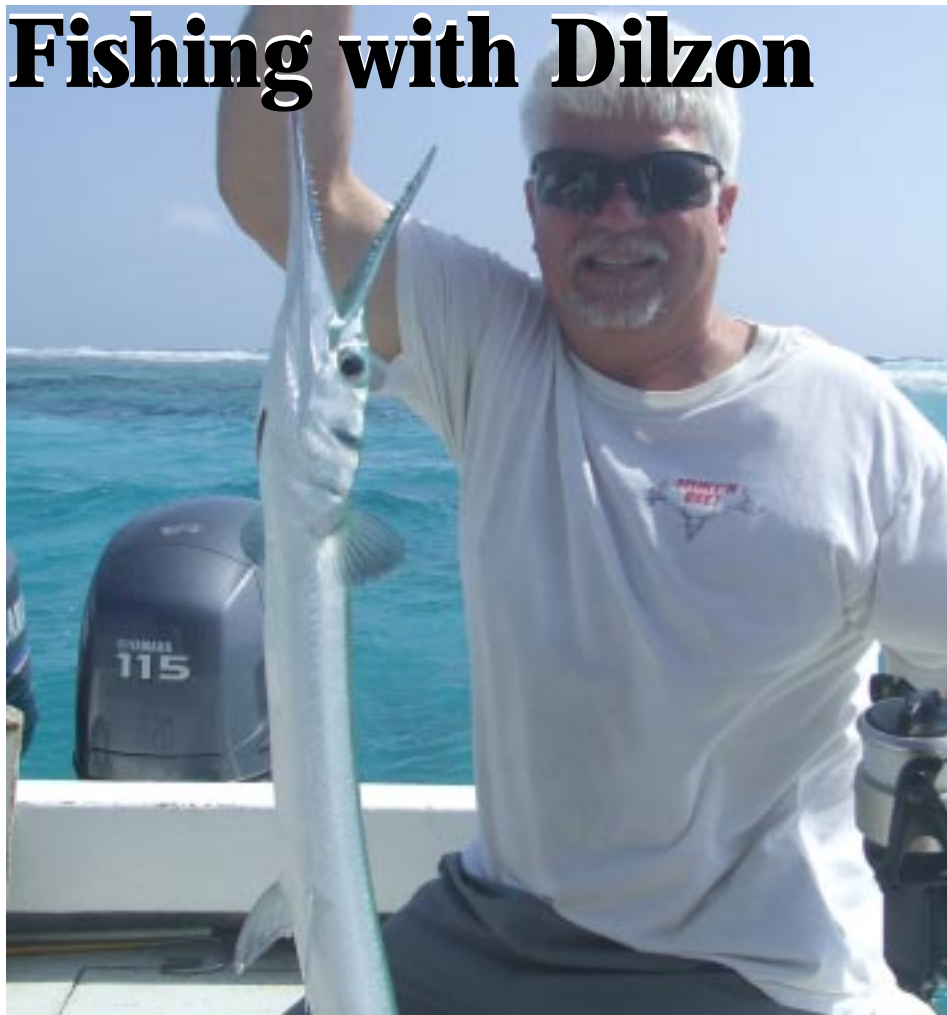
You will also be able to discover Belize's vast cave systems and many natural sanctuaries that are home to our country's unique flora and fauna.

Whether you are spending your 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*

Fishing with Dilzon



Not good to eat but fun to catch, the needle fish, a.k.a. Reef Marlin puts up a good fight.

One of the most popular activities visitors to San Pedro enjoy is fishing. There are many skilled fishing guides on the island who specialize in a variety of fishing adventures, ranging from deep sea fishing, reef fishing or bonefish fishing to seasonal fishing for specific types of fish such as tarpon. What ever you fancy, you are sure to have a great time fishing the colorful Carib-

bean waters that surround *La Isla Bonita*.

For some fishing aficionados the true treat of fishing is not only in the excitement of reeling in a feisty catch but eating it, barbequed on the beach, just hours after it first flopped inside the boat. With many great guides to choose from, we decide on one who

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Fishing with Dilzon

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This snapper was not only enjoyable to reel in but will make for a tasty meal!

not only assures a great day of fishing but can prepare a mean beach barbeque, Dilzon Murcia of Dilzon Charters.

Dilzon picks us up at 8:00 a.m. and he is prepared for a day of fishing. Although we had hoped to fish outside of the reef for large grouper, barracuda and queen snappers, the rough choppy waters prevented us from doing so. "Not to worry," Dilzon tells us, "there is plenty of great fishing inside the reef." We head to one of his favorite fishing spots north of San Pedro, and while he rigs the poles with new tackle and baits the hooks with small sardines

he netted earlier this morning, we are full of anticipation of what the waters have in store for us. Once the lines are cast and we slowly troll, it is not long before the fish start to bite!

We enthusiastically reel in nice sized yellowtail and schoolmaster snappers and horse-eye jacks. They give a good fight and the catch is fun and challenging. Although not a fish to keep, we also reel in what Dilzon calls "reef marlins" (needlefish) which resemble marlins when they break water, dancing on tail end as they resist the line. They are quite fun to reel in and make

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Ramon's Village - Great food, ambiance and bar



Waiter Errin brings over some scrumptious Tomato Bruschetta and Stuffed Zucchini to start off a night of fine dining.

Saturday night was slated for a special dinner, at one of San Pedro's most beloved, and landmark establishments, Ramon's Village. Assistant Manager Einer Gomez invited a couple of *The San Pedro Sun* staffers to come on over and enjoy some great food and check out the new goodies from their recently recreated menu. Never one to turn down such a tempting invite, we prepared for a fabulous night out to dine under the stars at the

magical and tropical Ramon's Village.

Upon arrival, after walking through their signature wooded pathways, softly lit and guiding us on our way, we discover a fun tropical beachfront setting on their deck. Attentive waiters lead us to our table, and after we have placed our drink orders, we sit back, relax and enjoy the sights.

Our table directly overlooks the beach at Ramon's. A veritable playground for both residents and visitors alike, this

beach has seen everyone frolicking on its sands, from toddlers to models, and it's no surprise. Ramon's has long been known for its hospitality, and on this night, we discover their cuisine!

Chef Rommy Kie is originally from Hong Kong, where he began his training in the cooking industry. He then traveled to California where he expanded his knowledge. This learning experience was further enriched when he headed to New Orleans to include Cajun cooking to his repertoire. All this learning and great cooking took a turn when he made the move to San Pedro in 1986. It is then that he took on the job of chef at Ramon's Village, and for the past 20 years, Chef Rommy has been teasing the palates of

many a customer, making everyone happy with their choices from the menu. Along with the help of assistant chef Naim Awe, Chef Rommy created a new menu featuring favorites and some new delights that are certain to cultivate new fans.

Our night began with an introduction to these items – in the form of appetizers. Set before us were some artfully prepared dishes that begged us to dig in; and so we did! A beautiful sculpture of veggies is surrounded by the Tomato Bruschetta – a scrumptious medley of tomatoes tossed with vinaigrette and topped with a slice of perfectly fresh, sweet-tart white cheese and basil – all atop a toasted baguette slice. Simply heavenly!

Other dishes arrived as well, and we
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got to sample some piping hot and cheesy Shrimp Stuffed Mushrooms. These delectable morsels melted in one's mouth, bringing a burst of flavor – the sweetness of the shrimp was balanced by the smoky, woody flavor of the mushrooms. Next to this platter was the Stuffed Zucchini; a slice of zucchini was breaded and deep fried then filled with a creamy spinach sauce and topped with some cheese. Not your average zucchini, this naughty dish made one forget that we were having vegetables!

Having cleared our platters of appetizers, we sit back once more and enjoy some smooth libations from the historical Jerry Gilbreath's Purple Parrot bar. Named after the owner's attorney, this bar made history as the "got to be" spot for New Year's Eve. The "ring in the new year" party became so popular that it ran for 18 consecutive years.

From the simple drinks to the more elaborate, The Purple Parrot will get your tropical thirst quenched. On this night, we tried the famous and favorite drink – the

Purple Parrot. Looking like a piña colada, but tasting even more divine, it's no wonder people travel to The Purple Parrot bar if only just for a sip. So hospitable, friendly, and knowledgeable are the bartenders that you simply can not help kicking your feet up and sipping your cold beverage, as if you were right at home.

While we lounge and finish up our drinks, we're alerted to the promenade of waiters carrying our dinner. Quite a feast is being laid out for us, and we wonder where we're going to possibly put it all! The scents wafting towards us are irresistible, and hint at a veritable orgy of goodness with each bite. Before us are beautifully presented dishes, each filled with mouthwatering delights that beckon and tease. The Caribbean Lobster peeks from its shell, calling out to be tasted. The succulent bites are perfect when dipped into a golden bath of lime garlic butter sauce;

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(R)Our waiter Joel helps bring in more appetizers (shrimp stuffed mushrooms).

SuDoku

(Answers in next week's paper!)

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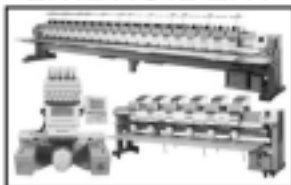
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(L) Lobster and Shrimp are simmered in a creamy coconut sauce, then served with Saffron rice. (Above) The Caribbean Lobster is perfect when dipped into a golden bath of lime garlic butter sauce

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they cause a riotous taste explosion after every bite.

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This meal was especially gratifying, and truly a wonderful taste experience. Our affable waiters are quite eager to

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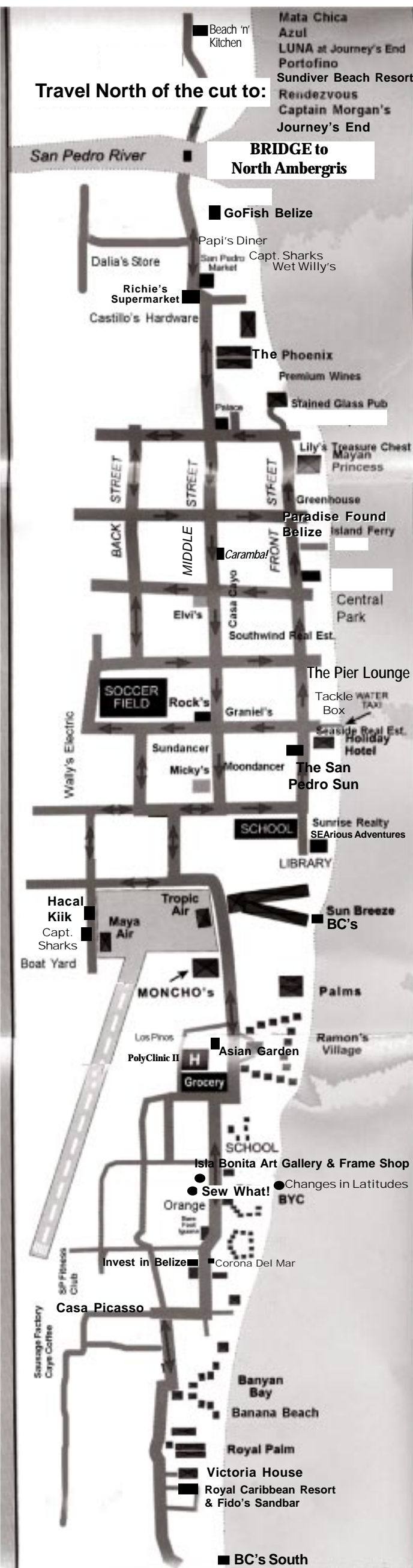
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please, and we notice that they indulge their clients' every whim. Their attentiveness and great humor keep the conversation at the dinner table flowing and easy, and we feel like we are truly dining at home! Ramon's keeps surprising us as we turn around and watch the grand finally make it to our table - some dessert. Cheesecake and chocolate cake arrive at our table, and we truly are in a jam deciding which to sample first (hard job, but someone just has to do it!).

Deciding to go for the cheesecake first, we take a bite. Fantastic! This creamy, cool slice of cake is simply to die for. Drizzled with a strawberry topping, the creamy custard has a semblance to ice cream - but much, much better! We wonder how the chocolate cake will rate, so we take a bite. Oh my! It is a miracle the cake didn't float away! It is so light and fluffy, yet airy and sweet. It is impossible to just have one bite. And with these dishes, our dining experience

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Cook time – 15 minutes

Ready in – 1 hour

Ingredients:

- *1 pound lean ground beef
- *1 1/2 tablespoons ketchup
- *1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- *1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- *1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar



These delicious barbequed burgers can be topped with lots of fresh veggies for the ultimate treat!

*1 small onion, grated

*1/2 small green bell pepper, finely chopped

Directions:

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat and lightly oil grate.

In a large bowl, combine ground beef, ketchup, mustard, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, grated onion and bell pepper. Mix well and shape into patties.

Place burgers on grill and cook for 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until done.

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Ramon's Village

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at Ramon's comes to an end for the night. We're saddened to leave, but we do so knowing that with their incredible staff and amazing chefs in the kitchen, we will be back for more.

Ramon's restaurant offers great specials during the week. On Tuesdays it's their Beach Barbeque, with a wide array of good eats, including fish, lobster, shrimp, chicken and pork for dinner. Fridays are their Caribbean night, with all sorts of kabobs available as well. Live music and sultry nights are truly entertaining, and Ramon's has it all!

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Dessert anyone?
Choices include a creamy cheese-cake topped with a sweet strawberry sauce or this light as air chocolate cake that is simply to die for. Other desserts are also available!



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The picture perfect beach was the ideal setting for a beach barbeque.

for impressive photo opportunities! We change fishing spots a few times during the morning and by noon we have more than enough fish to feed the five of us. After working up a healthy appetite we head to the shore where Dilzon will prepare lunch.

We dock south of Rocky Point, where the reef actually meets the island and the beach is pristine and sparsely populated. Our picnic area is at a private home that is cared for by a laid back local who exclaims, "This is the most beautiful place on earth!" We

have to agree, and while Dilzon busies himself with preparing lunch we lounge on the beach and wade in the clear shallow waters nearby.

Watching Dilzon prepare the fish and the meal is like watching a master at work. On the dock he quickly filets the fish and using the boat as his kitchen he layers the seasoned meat in an aluminum pan with slices of onions, green peppers, fresh juicy tomatoes and lime juice. After covering the pan with foil

he brings the meal to the beach where a hot grill awaits the food. Dilzon explains that there is something about cooking the meal over an open fire that adds to the flavor, and as the aroma of the cooking fish begins to fill the air we have no doubt that he is right. It does not take long for the fish to cook and in less than 30 minutes we are eating the fish we caught just an hour or so ago!

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The filets are steeped in the delicious juices of the onion, pepper and tomatoes and we devour it with fresh tortillas and a crisp, tasty garden salad that Dilzon has prepared as well. There is NOTHING like eating fish this fresh, the tender filets literally melt in your mouth, spiced with the original essence of the sea. While sitting at a picnic table, shaded by a coconut tree on a white sandy beach, sipping an ice cold Belikin beer and eating this feast from the sea you have to wonder, "Does life get any better than this?" What an incredible, edible treat!

With full tummies we return to the boat and decide to stop at Mexico Rocks for a little snorkeling. The clear, warm water feels wonderful and we enjoying swimming with sting rays and brilliantly colored tropical fish. The coral cropping are spectacular and it is a great experience to spend some time under the sea, as well. We had a great day full of fun, fish and tasty adventure and recommend you try doing the same while you visit *La Isla Bonita*.

For more information about Dilzon Charters you can e-mail him at info@dilzoncharters.com, visit his website at www.dilzoncharters.com or call him at 620-6118.



A little snorkel time after lunch was the perfect dessert!



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"Are we going out to dinner tonight?" Dulce asked. "It's your first night off in over six months."

"Nope. I'm going to the Pier Lounge to play the poker machines."

"What? You don't even play the poker machines. I'm the gambler in this family."

"Not anymore," I told her. "I figure if you like it, it must be great so I'm going to go spend some of the money for a change."

"Don't forget that we have electricity and water to pay this week," she said.

"Yeah, and two weeks ago we had a house payment. Did it stop you from playing the machines?"

She was still saying bad things about me under her breath when I left the house.

At the Holiday Hotel, Dale said, "It was fun for you to come and sit in and play guitar with us tonight but kind of surprising, too. I figured that with a night off you would take Dulce out."

"That's what she thought," I said.

I explained about telling her I was going to gamble.

"I'm just trying to make a point about the poker machines."

When I got home the house was dark so I decided to sneak in so Dulce wouldn't know what time I came home. I undressed in the bathroom and tiptoed into the bedroom. Suddenly Dulce switched on the light and there I stood, naked.

"Oh, my God," she said. "I knew I shouldn't let you go out gambling alone. You lost everything, didn't you?"

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- ❖ **Tres Cocos 2 bed/2 bath garden home with swimming pool** \$ 495,000
- ❖ **FIXER UPPER beach villa** - Caye Villas Mata Grande 2 Bed 3 bath fully furnished \$395,000.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **La Floridita** ocean view home Tres Cocos area
- ❖ **St Georges Caye** private island large beach home \$1,150,000

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- ❖ **West Bay** private sandy cove 260 ft frontage only \$ 325,000. Offers
- ❖ **Mata Grande** 100 x 200 ft prime beach lot with pier permit \$ 445,000
- ❖ **Beach lots – acreage near Mexico Border** from \$ 65,000
- ❖ **Acreage available on Lagoon side** Inquire.
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- ❖ **Robles beachfront 100 ft beach** \$200,000.
- ❖ **Robles beachfront 200 ft beach** \$400,000.
- ❖ **Boca Ciega 4.5 acres** 170ft beach front. \$350,000.
- ❖ **Buena Vista Point** ocean view 75ft x 150ft \$79,000.
- ❖ **Buena Vista Point** ocean view 75ft x 150ft \$89,000.
- ❖ **Laguna Estates** ocean view lots from \$60,000.
- ❖ **West Bay Caribbean Coves** 100 ft x 500 ft ocean front west side \$ 85,000.

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