



Getting Here Information Packet

Reef Conservation International's marine conservation dive trips are from Monday till Friday. We depart by boat for our island at 9:30am on Monday from the Hokey Pokey Water Taxi Dock in Placencia, Belize. We return to the mainland (Placencia) on Friday anywhere from 11am-1pm depending on navigable ocean conditions. You will need to schedule your arrival and departure in and out of Placencia, Belize either on a Saturday or Sunday. There are three options to reach ReefCI located in Placencia, Belize.

1. **By Air:** From Belize International Airport (BZE), fly down on a 'hopper' plane to Placencia with [Tropic Air](#) or [Maya Island Air](#). The flight takes about 45 minutes and will range anywhere from \$230-260 USD round-trip and is an exciting ride. Almost all guests choose this option. Tropic Air and Maya Island Air provide 7-9 daily flights on the weekends to/from Belize International Airport and Placencia; the first flight starting at 7:00 am and the last flight around 5:00 pm. I would definitely do a quick flight search at [Tropic Air](#) and [Maya Island Air](#) to find the best price.

Travel Tip! Have your camera ready as you will fly low enough to take in all the beautiful scenery with the Mayan Mountains and jungle on one side and the Belize Barrier Reef on the other. I highly recommend taking the flight option.

2. **By Bus:** We don't recommend taking a bus from Belize International Airport to Placencia. The roads are bumpy and potholed and often wash out in heavy rains and close down unexpectedly. Moreover, the journey is very long and arduous even in good conditions - 5 to 6 hours. As a matter of fact, avoid taking the bus like the plague. In addition, there are no recommended reputable bus companies, they come and go and are not reliable.

Travel Tip! My recommendation is to take Tropic Air or Maya Island Air. The flight is beautiful - with the reef on one side and the Mayan Mountains on the other side, it is a breathtaking view all the way down the coast from Belize International to Placencia. And its safe :)

3. **By Shuttle:** There are various shuttle companies that provide round trip runs directly from Belize International Airport to Placencia. Unfortunately, their rates are no cheaper than the short domestic flights offered by Tropic Air and Maya Island Air due to the long 4 to 5 hour drive and expensive gas prices in Belize.

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Need help searching for an international flight to Belize?

There is only one international airport in Belize -Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (Belize International Airport). It is in Belize City and the airport code is BZE.

1. Try [kayak](#), [google flights](#), [skyscanner](#), or [cheapoair](#) for searching the cheapest flight options. The major United States airlines servicing Belize International (BZE) are American Airlines, Continental Airlines, United Airlines, Delta, US Air, and Southwest.
2. Most flights from the U.K. or other parts of Europe, require a flight to the United States and then catch a connection down to Belize International (BZE). However, there are a few more direct options with less transit and layover times from Europe.
 - a. AeroMexico's route from MEX – BZE, now offers a same-day connection from London Heathrow to Belize through Mexico City. AeroMexico has a seasonal (November to April) twice a week, non-stop flight to Belize. This route now provides European travelers with a same-day connection to Belize, with a four-hour transit time in Mexico City from Heathrow. Not only does this significantly reduce travel time, it also means that European travelers can opt to avoid an overnight stopover via other transit locations, such as the United States. For more information, or to book, visit: [AeroMexico](#). This makes travel to Belize so much easier for our European volunteers!
 - b. There are direct flights available from London Gatwick (LGW) Airport into Cancun, Mexico that are reasonably priced as well. You will then need to book a [Tropic Air](#) flight from Cancun, Mexico to Placencia, Belize.

What is Reef Conservation International?

Feel the thrill of swimming with a whale shark, the excitement of spearing the invasive lionfish, and the satisfaction in helping the marine environment. ReefCI trips are a unique opportunity to protect the reef ecosystem by directly participating in our ongoing marine conservation projects! We are located on a small, private Caribbean island on the Belize Barrier Reef. The diving is incredible and the conservation work we do is meaningful! Learn to dive or further your dive qualifications; everyone contributes regardless of their experience. World class diving, plentiful home cooked food, and fun friendly people await you. If you have not done so already, [reserve](#) your spot today!

Please visit ReefCI on [TripAdvisor](#) for independent guest reviews. See what we have been up to on [Facebook](#) or check us out on [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#). We look forward to welcoming you to ReefCI and beautiful Belize!

We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Simply email us at anthony@reefci.com with your questions. We always respond within 24 hours or sooner. Alternatively, feel free to call Anthony in the USA at +1 513-334-9393 if you wish to speak to ReefCI directly.

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