



Best Ways to Get to Placencia, Belize

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 10am-12pm 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.

All guests will fly into Belize's only international airport - Belize International Airport (BZE) which is located in Belize City. From Belize International Airport (BZE), you will make a connecting flight and fly down on a 'hopper' plane to Placencia with [Tropic Air](#) or [Maya Island Air](#). The hopper flight takes about 45 minutes and will range anywhere from \$230-290 USD round-trip and is an exciting ride. Tropic Air and Maya Island Air provide several daily flights on the weekends to/from Belize International Airport and Placencia. I would definitely do a quick flight search at [Tropic Air](#) and [Maya Island Air](#) to find the best price.

When you arrive at Belize International Airport (BZE), you will not have to leave the airport to catch your domestic hopper flight to Placencia on [Tropic Air](#) and [Maya Island Air](#). It's all right there at BZE airport. Belize International Airport is small in comparison to American/European standards. ReefCI recommends leaving 1.5 hours between your international arrival flight and your hopper flight. Two hours if you don't want to stress about flying and missing connections.

Travel Tip! Have your camera ready as you will fly very low with the beautiful scenery of the Mayan Mountains and jungle on one side and the Belize Barrier Reef on the other.

Can I take a bus or shuttle from Belize International Airport to Placencia?

We don't recommend taking a bus or shuttle 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. Shuttle rates are no cheaper than the short domestic flights offered by Tropic Air and Maya Island Air due to the long drive and expensive gas prices in Belize.

Have Additional Questions?

Email us at anthony@reefci.com with your questions. Alternatively, feel free to call ReefCI at +1 513-334-9393. You can also find ReefCI on WhatsApp.

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