

Venture News

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TAREIG/Local Country News

EXPATS IN BELIZE—THE NEW TREND OF LOCAL CITIZENSHIP

According to a recent United Nations report, there are over 2 million people out in the world living as expats. The word expat is a contraction of the word expatriate and in medieval times was someone who had left his or her home country to live somewhere else. In recent times, more and more expatriates have left their home country and found that they can experience a higher standard of living and a better quality of life abroad and for many, the choice is typically economics and/or the desire for a new lifestyle.

In Belize the growing number of North Americans and Europeans represent 10% of the 350,000 population and it has been estimated that 50% of the expats are from the United States, 30% from Canada and the remainder from Europe and other countries. For the would-be expat, there are many areas within the country deserving of the attention for a laid-back, Caribbean lifestyle. Although spread throughout the country, the highest concentration of expats in Belize live in the Cayo district, San Pedro, or Placencia. The Cayo district (home of Camino Del Rio) offers the most scenic landscape with mountain ranges just over 2000 feet and lush jungles, which is one of the reasons many have been attracted to the area.

Often, the best way of finding out about living abroad in another country is by learning from someone that is living or has lived in the country of which you have an interest. Belize is small enough that you can visit and explore many of the unique areas in one trip. Here's some input from current expats living in Belize and their advice for anyone that is considering the move.

Renee from Illinois moved to Belize in 2002 for work and the love of the community after making several trips since 1996. Tired of the materialistic rat race she wanted to live somewhere else. With English being the primary language, its location in the Caribbean, her love of the outdoors and history, she felt Belize had much to offer with friendlier and more open people. Living in Belize, she has learned a bit of what it is like to live as a minority where another culture is dominant and feels the wonderful and sometimes painful learning experience has changed her for the better.

Ginny traveled from Holland to Belize for over 20 years visiting her mother who has lived there and decided to make the move to spend more time with her. During her stay she has seen the infrastructure growth accelerating and feels there is a great future.

Dayna and her husband Steve from Ohio took a week-long journey in 2013 to visit the countryside with the intent to purchase property before settling on Ambergris Caye in San Pedro. They had visited a few Central American counties before making a final decision about Belize. As with many, their decision to move to Belize focused on a year-round warm weather, its friendly people and the beauty of the

countryside. Although their selection process was lengthy, they spent considerable time establishing the parameters. They researched the political environment, cost of living and property ownership laws.

Some people move to Belize to retire, while others continue to work. Dayna and Steve are able to continue to work full-time remotely connected to their work via the internet. Their engagement with the local community has provided a comfortable down-home feeling.



Expats travel from all over the world to live abroad

In terms of advice they would give to others, Dayna says "This is not the United States or Canada. It is its own country with its own laws, its own culture and its own vibe. Stores close for lunch, life is slower and easier here, so calm down and accept a slower pace and bend to adjust and not complain about why something isn't like what is was back at home". Renee says "come to Belize with an open mind and open eyes and recommends living here for at least 3-6 months in a town or village, rent a house, pay bills, buy food, do laundry, and other normal daily activities." Interestingly, the thing that expats miss the most is some of their favorite foods which are either not available or more costly. Although Ginny misses certain foods, having access to all the tropical fruit has made up for it.

So what's the difference between an expat and an immigrant? A person's country of origin will determine if a person can easily become a citizen (an expat) in another country and until citizenship has been provided, a person is considered an immigrant. For more information about becoming a resident of Belize visit www.wikihow.com/become-a-citizen-of-belize and <http://www.expatinfodesk.com/destinations/>.

Project Spotlight
NEW SWING BRIDGE AT CAMINO

The path to the lush recreational area includes a scenic view

At Camino Del Rio a walk in the park is your home and now that walk to the major park area of the community has gotten easier. Thanks to the generous donation from Camino's newest resident, Dr. Ollie Fisher, a new swing bridge has been constructed that provides a sturdy and safe passage across the Maya creek over to the main recreational area.

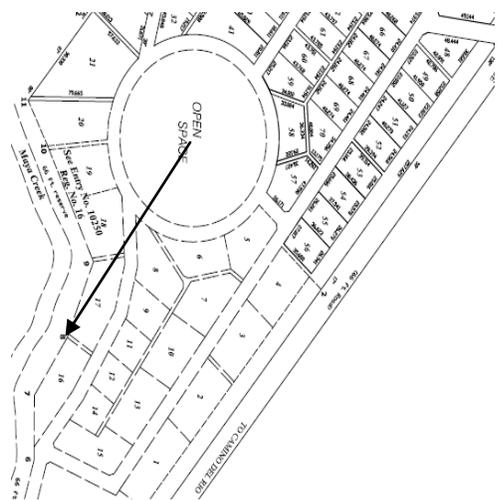
up nature is relaxing, but once you reach the other side, the views are magnified as you enter the pathway along the Hilario Teak trail. This trail meanders around the outer edges of the recreation area along the creek-side ending at the covered Tiki-style palapa and then extending further down the pathway to the Caves Branch River. Whether you stop along the trail to relax in one of the hammock spots, fish along the river, or take a peak of the views from the bird-watching tower, the new bridge will transport you there safely.



New Swing Bridge is solidly constructed

The steel swing bridge is located at the end of the common pathway of home sites 16 and 17 and provides gorgeous views and sounds of the flowing creek. Just standing on the bridge and soaking

NEW BRIDGE LOCATION



CAMINO RECIPE

Cassava Fries

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds of fresh yucca, peeled and cut into 4 inch sections
- 2 quarts of vegetable oil for frying
- Salt to taste

Directions:

1. Place the cutup yucca into a large pot, and add water to cover.



2. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat and simmer until the yucca can be pierced easily with a fork, (20 to 30 minutes.) Drain, and allow to steam for several minutes until cool enough to handle.
3. Cut the yucca into french fry-sized sticks, discarding the fibrous core.
4. Heat oil in deep-fryer and fry yucca in batches until golden brown and crispy.
5. Remove with a slotted spoon, and drain in a paper towel-lined bowl. Toss with salt to taste, and serve hot.

Yucca plants grow onsite at Camino Del Rio

*History/Activity Spotlight***THE HISTORY OF BELIZE: THE LOGWOOD TRADING PERIOD**

PART 5 OF A MULTI-SERIES (REFERENCED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES)

The logwood trade brought in English settlers as they fought to destroy the Spanish monopoly in the region

After the Spanish invasion of the Yucatan area, the conquistadors explored the land and declared it a Spanish colony but chose not to settle because of the lack of resources such as gold and the strong defense by the Maya. During this period, Spain tried to maintain a monopoly on trade and colonization in its New World colonies, but northern European powers were increasingly attracted to the region by the potential for trade and settlement. These powers resorted to smuggling, piracy, and war in their efforts to challenge and then destroy Spain's monopoly. In the 17th century, the Dutch, English, and French encroached on Spain's New World possessions. These settlers and pirates known as the Baymen entered the area and established a logwood trade colony, using slaves in what would become the Belize District.



Logwood tree provided dyes for textiles

Baymen first settled on the coast of Belize in 1638, seeking a sheltered region from which they could attack Spanish ships. After they stopped plundering Spanish logwood ships they started cutting their own wood. The wood yielded an agent for clothing dyes that was vital to the European wool industry. The Spanish granted the British settlers

the right to occupy the area and cut logwood in exchange for an end to piracy. Logwood extraction then became the main reason for the English settlement for more than a century. However, conflict continued between Britain and Spain over the right of the British to cut logwood and to settle in the region. In 1717 Spain expelled British logwood cutters from the Bay of Campeche west of the Yucatán. During the 18th century, the Spanish attacked the British settlers repeatedly. The 1763 Treaty of Paris conceded to Britain the right to cut logwood but asserted Spanish sovereignty over the territory. When war broke out again in 1779, the British settlement was abandoned until the Treaty of Versailles in 1783 allowed the British to again cut logwood in the area. By that time, however, the logwood trade had declined and Honduras Mahogany had become the chief export.

During the period of September 3–10, 1798, a military engagement off the coast occurred. The battle was describe an engagement between an invading force from Mexico, attempted to capture the controlled territory for Spain from a small force of Baymen and their slaves. The Spanish repeatedly and unsuccessfully tried to gain control over the territory by force and were repelled in a short engagement with no known casualties on either side. The conflict became known as the Battle of St. George's Caye and the anniversary of the battle is now a national holiday in Belize and is celebrated to commemorate the "first Belizeans" in their defense of the territory.



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- Utilize environmentally sound preservation practices,
- Emphasize local community involvement and community service support,
- Provide for a network of other TAREIG corporate owned and commercial developed projects.

MISSION

The mission of TAREIG, LLC is to develop unique and high quality real estate projects that are situated near outdoor adventure and tourist attractions in emerging travel destination areas.

VISION

Our vision is to create a network of TAREIG properties through land development and reciprocal arrangements with other similar high quality residential and vacation development communities and resorts throughout the world.

CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY

Offer quality products and a satisfying customer experience.

Closing Note

CAMINO PUPPIES—SEND US A NAME

Over the years, many of man’s best friends have provided security and companionship at Camino Del Rio, alerting staff when visitors have arrived in the community.

Our latest addition consists of eight new pups that were recently birthed onsite.

These new additions will need names and we are looking to owners and friends of Camino to send some suggested names for the new ‘crew’. If you would like to name a puppy, please send your suggested name to info@tareig.com with the

Subject line—Puppy Names. The submitted and selected names will be released in the next newsletter and we will keep you abreast of their growth.



Cinnamon gave birth to 8 pups on April 14, 2016