



NORTH ISLANDS: RELAX + UNWIND

Picture-perfect beaches, turquoise waters and the laidback charms of the Caribbean bring travelers to the North Islands, where quaint boutique hotels accommodate travelers of all budgets. It's a place where hip bars, funky restaurants and plenty of outdoor activities add to the barefoot bliss—an ideal locale for soaking up the sun and ambiance.

Top stops:

Ambergris Caye

This 25-mile-long island is the place to get away from it all. Just three-quarters of a mile from the Belize Barrier Reef, it's the largest of the cayes in Belize. San Pedro, the main town, has cobblestoned streets that are frequented by golf carts, adding to the charming allure. With hotels perched on the white sands and surrounded by prominent dive and snorkel sites like the Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley, the island is a great spot to be immersed in a good book or Belize's magnificent undersea world.

Caye Caulker

Sandy roads, beautiful beaches and lovely accommodations bring travelers to this five-mile-long island split by a waterway into the sparsely populated north side and more active south side, where hotels, seafood restaurants and shops thrive. The island provides easy access to the Belize Barrier Reef and a host of activities, including manatee excursions.