## **Important Belize Travel Information**



Thank you for booking your stay with us while visiting Southern Belize. To ensure you have a fun, memorable trip, please allow this letter to provide you with important information on Belize's new entry requirements and protocols for visitors to ensure you have a safe trip.

The following are some guidelines to help you prepare for your trip and know what to expect when you arrive. A summary is also included at <a href="https://www.hickatee.com/belize-travel-expectations">https://www.hickatee.com/belize-travel-expectations</a>.

## **Before Your Visit**

- Download the Belize Health App on your phone within 72 hours at <a href="https://belizetourismboard.org/news-and-gallery/belize-covid-19-update/">https://belizetourismboard.org/news-and-gallery/belize-covid-19-update/</a> and complete the required information prior to boarding the flight to Belize. A QR code with a unique ID number will be returned to you and will be used for contact tracing while in Belize.
- International Tourists must book a stay at a Gold Standard hotel and present confirmation at immigration. Hickatee Cottages is proud to be an approved, Gold Standard hotel.

## On Arrival in Belize:

- You will disembark the plane wearing a face mask and proceed to health screening.
- Belize is now accepting additional options for COVID-19 verification:
  - 1. Proof of full COVID-19 immunization received at least 2 weeks prior to arrival; or
  - 2. Negative COVID-19 PCR TEST taken within 96 hours of travel; or
  - 3. Negative rapid test (Rapid Antigen, Sofia, SD Biosensor, and ABBOTT (Panbio) taken within 48 hours of travel.
    - \* Children under the age of 5 are not required to present a negative COVID test; However, children 5 years and older must present a negative COVID test.
  - 4. If no test is presented, a COVID-19 test will be administered at the airport. (USD\$50 per passenger charge)
  - 5. Proceed to Immigration and Customs, and then exit the airport via the Safe Corridor using approved air or ground transportation.

## **During your Stay in Belize and at Hickatee Cottages:**

- While in country face masks are mandatory in all public spaces, and you are advised to practice social distancing and proper hand hygiene to protect yourself and others.
- At Hickatee Cottages, we have implemented enhanced health & safety measures. We welcome you to read about our Health & Safety Commitment and information on guest expectations at <a href="https://www.hickatee.com/our-health-safety-commitment">https://www.hickatee.com/our-health-safety-commitment</a>.
- We also offer a restaurant, bar, splash pool and on-site activities for you to enjoy a peaceful, jungle experience. Should you be interested in exploring the Toledo District, we are happy to assist you with tour arrangements from a Gold Standards approved tour operator.

The United States, Canada, and several other countries now require proof of a negative COVID test for entry. To meet these new requirements, the Ministry of Health and Wellness has expanded testing to facilitate all persons departing from Belize for travel to the US and other countries. Click here for approved facilities within Belize: <u>Approved COVID-19 Testing Facilities</u>.

For more information and latest updates on the new destination protocols and frequently asked questions, please visit: <a href="https://www.travelbelize.org/health-safety">https://www.travelbelize.org/health-safety</a>

Thank you for choosing Hickatee Cottages, and we look forward to meeting you! Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Warm Regards,

Hickatee Cottages Owner