

Trip Planning Checklist

Below is an itemized list to help prepare for your trip to Belize River Lodge. It is a very good general list and should help with packing; however, please note, that depending on your schedule, all items may not be needed. Also, before traveling, you should check for any changes in flight restrictions. The following are a few websites to read before traveling.

Transportation Security Administration: <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm>

AirSafe.com: <http://www.airsafe.com/danger.htm>

The Travel Insider: <http://www.thetravelinsider.info/travelaccessories/airlinecheckedluggageallowances.htm>

PERSONAL ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Itinerary & Phone Contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Toiletries or Cosmetics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport (Copies of first two pages) | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Insurance (see Info to Note) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (30 SPF or higher) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wallet with credit cards, cash, checkbook & pen | <input type="checkbox"/> Lip Balm (SPF 30 or higher) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of credit cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Aloe/After sun lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wristwatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Cortaid for Bites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Glasses/Contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent (DEET/ Avon's Skin So Soft) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook/Reading Material | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit | |

FISHING GEAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rods & Reels (see fishing recommendations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Forceps or Hemostats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Fly lines (see fishing recommendations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Knot tool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Spools (see fishing recommendations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaders & Shock Tippets (see fishing recommendations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reel Oil/Reel Lube |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flies & Lures (see fishing recommendations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small) and extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Bag (waterproof) | <input type="checkbox"/> "Nu-Skin" or similar for Leader cuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & Extra Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Shoes/Socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polarized Glasses –Amber | <input type="checkbox"/> Flats Wading Boots (primarily for Live-Aboard Trips) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglass straps/Croakies | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife or Leatherman Tool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lens Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Zip Lock Baggies (Large & Small) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hemostats or Pliers on Lanyard or belt | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nippers | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hook File | _____ |

CLOTHING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide Brimmed Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light Weight Shirts (Short & Long Sleeved) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light Weight Pants & Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind Breaker or sweatshirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana | <input type="checkbox"/> Belt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes/Sneakers | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | |

PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Video Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Lense Cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Case |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Film & Tapes | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Memory cards | |

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Travel Alarm Clock
 Tarpon Stretcher Case
 Small boat towel
 Emergency Gear Repair kit
 Boga Grips
 Water bottle

Power bars or Snack food
 Binoculars
 Travel Guide Book
 Cash in small denominations for miscellaneous purchases and airport porter services

SNORKEL GEAR

Snorkel Fins Fin booties Mask

INFORMATION TO NOTE

Catch & Release Only: Belize River Lodge was the first to practice catch and release for Permit, Bonefish & Tarpon and as of the summer of 2009, it is now law! Belize law states that all Permit, Tarpon and Bonefish are Catch & Release only. Even though not protected by law, BRL continues it's goal to improve the fishing environment, so only one Snook per day at guide's size discretion (and only if wanted by the guest) may be kept. Some Snapper, Barracuda & Grouper may be kept for the table, again only if wanted by the guest.

Travel Arrangements: Guests fly to Belize International Airport, airport code is BZE. You are met by a member of the Lodge staff, who will shuttle you to the Lodge which is only a few miles away. Agents normally handle airline ticketing or you can get it online. You can contact the airlines online at the following websites: American Airlines is www.aa.com, Continental Airlines is www.continental.com, US Airways is at www.usairways.com, Delta is www.delta.com and TACA is www.taca.com.

Travel Documents: **A valid passport is required to enter Belize.** Visitors from the USA, UK and most of the Caribbean do not need Visas. Most other countries do.

Insects: There are a few mosquitos, but the little gnat (Sandfly or Nosomeum) is the worst pest you'll encounter. Insect repellent keeps them away. A solution of 50% water & 50% Avon Skin-So-Soft is also a popular protection against the gnats.

Liquor at the Lodge: The Lodge has a small bar and guest sign a tab for each drink or you can purchase the bottle. Bring your own alcoholic beverage, if you like.

Liquor at Long Caye Island Resort: Beer & other alcoholic beverages are not included in the package, however, the Island Resort will have 2 cases Belikin Beer and a bottle of One Barrel Rum & guest sign a tab for drinks. If anything else is needed, please e-mail with any requests, which can be purchased by the bottle or you may bring your own alcoholic beverages. When entering Belize, after Immigration & before luggage retrieval, there is a "Duty Free".

Liquor on Mothership: Beer & other alcoholic beverages are not included in the mothership package. If you would like beer or other alcoholic beverages, please let us know and we can have your order ready for your arrival at the Lodge. All orders will be billed for upon your arrival and check-in. Or please feel free to bring your own.

Rental Equipment: Fly & spin equipment available. Flies and lures available in the Li'Shop.

Phone services: At the main Lodge, phone, fax, E-mail, internet and computer services are available for a small fee. On the live-aboard and Long Caye Island Resort, there are no fax or internet services. A cel phone provided by BRL can be used with Belize phone cards, which will need to be purchased ahead of time.