

# **BELIZE RIVER LODGE & LONG CAYE OUTPOST LODGE**

A Flats Fishing & Eco-Adventure Tour Destination  
*Historically the Fishing Lodge in Belize and Still the Best of Belize!*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Belize River Lodge is situated on the lush, green banks of the Belize Olde River, conveniently located about ten minutes from the Phillip S.W. Goldson International Airport (airport code: BZE) & 3.5 miles from the mouth of the river - the entrance to the Caribbean Sea. This historic Lodge has been in continuous operation since 1961, and has been known as Barothy's Caribbean Lodge Ltd., Keller Caribbean Sports Ltd. (KCS), and since January of 1987, Belize River Lodge and in 2011 Long Caye Outpost Lodge was opened. The Lodge is operated by Mike Heusner and Marguerite Miles and their on-site management makes BRL one of the most personalized lodges in the Caribbean.

Sight fishing the Flats is our specialty, with variety our main attraction. BONEFISH, TARPON, PERMIT, and SNOOK are the main species caught by fly fishing or spin casting enthusiasts.

The Lodge is also a naturalists' paradise with an abundant variety of tropical birds; iguanas & lizards in the trees and crocodiles in the river. Eco tours to the Maya Temples, Barrier Reef and the mangrove cathedrals are all very easily accessible from the Lodge.

Once you have confirmed your flights, please send along your flight itinerary – airline, flight number, arrival time and record locator/confirmation code so that we can meet you at the airport on your arrival day and transfer you to the Lodge to get checked in. After check-in, your guides will be ready to transfer you to Long Caye Outpost, so that you can get settled.

## **FISHING FROM THE LODGE**

Guests stay in the comfortable hardwood Mahogany Lodge, which is located in a setting of tropical greenery and colorful flowers on the bank of the Belize Olde River. Fishing is from a 23' panga, the only skiff that can truly handle the waters of Belize. There are usually two anglers to a skiff, with an English speaking, experienced, professional, licensed guide. The FLATS, cayes, reef, mangrove channels, Belize River, Sibun River, Manatee River, Black Creek, and several other creeks and lagoons in between are the areas fished from the Lodge in a normal six day fishing package. This is a very large area with a great variety of fishing conditions, fish species and scenery, with the closest Flat only about 20 minutes away. Due to the extensive fishing grounds in Central Belize guides decide where to fish each day depending on which species you would like to target along with daily weather conditions.

Game fish species generally found in this area include PERMIT, BONEFISH, TARPON, SNOOK, Snappers, Jacks, Barracuda, Grouper, and others. Visual Grand Slams and visual Back Country Grand Slams occur every day. Landed Slams will depend upon your skill, the fish and luck. Many species of birds and other wildlife such as manatees, howler monkeys, iguanas, turtles, and crocodiles may be seen while fishing from the Lodge. Comfortable skiffs (outfitted with leaning/casting post, chairs and a guide platform), modern outboard engines, and English speaking, professional licensed guides help make this a memorable fishing vacation.

At the Lodge, we are very well known for our Belizean hospitality and our delicious Belizean Creole cuisine; diets are usually set aside for your visit. If you need something in particular, please let us know of any dietary needs, we will be happy to accommodate you.

## CUSTOMIZED TOURS – HALF DAY &/OR FULL DAY

Belize River Lodge provides vacation packages to the eco-adventure tourists and to anglers who would like to visit Belize's many wonderful sites. BRL offers sea and land tours which are available for a half day, if you are arriving on an early flight or departing on a later afternoon flight, or full day options.

**WHAT TO BRING** - Loose fitting, light weight, tropical type clothing; outdoor or tennis shoes, a good sun hat, sunscreen, bug spray, daypack, camera, and binoculars. Full list under "trip checklist".

## HALF DAY TOURS

Here are a few fun tours that are available for a ½ day from the main Lodge. Take advantage of the late departure or early arrival and see a little of Belize. Please contact [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com) for pricing.

Altun Ha Maya Temples

Belize Olde River

The Belize Zoo

Community Baboon Sanctuary

Belize City

Snorkeling the Barrier Reef

## FULL DAY TOURS

Full days are can be added to any package or for non-angling guests, make up a week of fun. A full list and descriptions of our tours can be found on our website (<http://www.belizeriverlodge.com/ecotours.html>) or please e-mail [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com), and we will e-mail the full descriptions. Below are a few of the most requested tours at BRL. A full list and description of tours available from BRL can be found on our website at <https://www.belizeriverlodge.com/eco-adventure-tour-list/>

Best of the West ~ (Belize Zoo, Xunantunich Maya Site & Cahal Pech Maya Site)

Lamanai Maya Temples & New River

Altun Ha Maya Site, Community Baboon Sanctuary & Belize Olde River

Snorkeling the Barrier Reef, Manatee Watch & Miami Beach

Aerial Trek Canopy Tour (Zip line) & Cave Tubing

**KAYAKING:** Kayaks are available for use at BRL, at no charge for guests. *PFD required at all times while on kayak.* If you do not see the kayaks, please check with BRL office and we can get it out for you.

**BIRDING:** Birding is great all around Belize as the habitat is very varied, from the swamp and mangrove coastlines to the hills and rain forest inland. No matter where you go, there are birds to see! All of BRL's tours offer spectacular birding opportunities as some of the best Belize bird watching sites are found close to other great attractions. If your interests are birds, let us know when you book your tour package, so that we schedule you a guide with more of a birding focus.

Note: With over 500 birds in Belize, over 110 have been seen on or around the Belize River Lodge property, so you can start your birding adventure right at the Lodge, before breakfast.

## LONG CAYE OUTPOST LODGE:

### ***YOUR OWN PRIVATE ISLAND GET-AWAY!***

The BRL Outpost Lodge at Long Caye sits on the front of the island overlooking Belize's Barrier Reef and offers spectacular views of the sparkling blue-green waters of the Caribbean Sea. BRL's Long Caye Outpost Lodge is less than a 10 minute boat ride from St. George's Caye and Belize's Miami Beach and about 20 minutes from Caye Caulker.



## **LONG CAYE OUTPOST LODGE *CONTINUED***

As with fishing from the main Lodge, BRL's guides fish long hours AND as the Outpost Lodge sits in some of Belize's best fishing waters, you have a choice of your fishing day, fish early and/or fish late. You can start off early, come back to the Island for lunch or "slack tides", take a "siesta", then fish later into the evening and come back to the island at the end of your fishing day. Or, you can leave after breakfast, take a packed lunch, and fish all day, then come back to the island in the late afternoon. Either choice ends after a long day of fishing, and with you watching the stunning beauty of a sunset, the oranges and reds overlapping the blue tones of the Caribbean Sea, while telling the tales of your day and enjoying appetizers in an extremely beautiful setting.

If you have a non-fishing spouse, or someone who likes to fish only a ½ day, then BRL's Outpost Lodge is a great choice as it is on the beach, so if your "other half" likes to relax or snorkel while you fish, this is all an option. For the eco-adventure guest, any of our water tours are offered while staying on the island – Snorkeling, Manatee watching, Miami Beach and St George's Caye, all are within easy boat distance of Belize River Lodge's Long Caye Outpost Lodge. This is also a good time to look for shore and water birds.

The BRL Outpost Lodge's guest house has three double occupancy bedrooms, two twin beds in each room; and a shared bath (hot & cold fresh water) for all, thereby catering to groups of up to 6 people. The main building has a full verandah overlooking the beach and sea. The rooms have ceiling fans and power is from a Generac generator, with a 6500 kw back-up generator, which will run while you are visiting the breathtakingly beautiful island retreat.

Whether you are a group of 4, 6 or 2 people, once you book the island, it will be only you and your crew at Long Caye – a true get-away-from-it-all vacation.

## ***TOURING FROM LONG CAYE***

While many guests visiting Long Caye focus on fishing, there have been non-angling guests who have just enjoyed relaxing. There have been guests who tour the area and families who have enjoyed the time together playing volleyball, croquet and exploring the area with their guide. Below are activities that can be enjoyed while staying at Long Caye Outpost Lodge.

**SNORKELING THE BARRIER REEF:** Snorkel the day away watching exotic tropical fish and observing the many different typed of colorful coral. Sunbathe & picnic on an island in privacy. Spend a relaxing day snorkeling and enjoying the underwater wonders of the Belize Barrier Reef.

**MANATEE WATCH & MIAMI BEACH:** Search for manatees in areas that they frequently visit. Old sailors uses to see these mammals and imagine mermaids. You will also pass by St. George's Caye, the unofficial capital of British Honduras and most historic island in Belize. It was settled by the British in the 1600's, and was the capital of British Honduras. It is where the Spanish make their final effort of conquer Belize in 1708. Between St. Georg's Caye and Long Caye, find Miami Beach, which isn't a beach at all, but a shallow white sand bottom in crystal clear water, frequented by a variety of saltwater fish and a wonderful spot to swim and cool off.

**CAYE CAULKER:** Only 8 miles from the Outpost, your guide can boat you up to the village of Caye Caulker where you can walk around, and see a good combination of "old and new" - the old fishing village along with the modernization of hotels and gift shops.

**SCUBA DIVING:** We will rendezvous with a licensed and profession dive shop, who will take you to explore the reef from the bottom up. Dive amid the coral of the Barrier Reef, swimming with the tropical fishes. *Certified divers only* (C-card required) and need to have a dive logged in the last two years.

## ***TOURING FROM LONG CAYE CONTINUED***

**KAYAKING:** On request, kayaks will be at Long Caye – two maximum plus guides. Starting from the beach in front of the Outpost, paddle to the swimming flat out front or kayak around the island. It is relaxing way to enjoy a few hours. PFD are required at all times, no exceptions.

**GENERAL FISHING:** If you fished as a child or have never fished, you can catch fish in Belize, by either spin fishing or “drop fishing”. With a line, sinker and bait, or with a spinning rod and small lure, you can fish the reef, channels and mangroves for barracuda, snappers and other many other species. If you enjoy eating fresh fish, then bring in one for your cook to prepare for your lunch or dinner.

**BIRDING:** Take a walk around the island Outpost and there are a number of birds and shore birds easily seen. If you are a birder, this a good time to go out with your guide and also scope the area for other birds who nest in neighboring islands.

**GAMES:** Cornhole will be at LCOL starting in 2022. All other games, available on request! Volleyball net and ball, badminton, croquet, Trivial Pursuit, Checkers, Backgammon, cards. If you are a family or friends who want to enjoy a few games, just let us know when confirming your trip and we will make sure the games are on the island.

## **AFTER CONFIRMING YOUR DATES, PLAN FOR YOUR TRIP . . .**

The best thing you can do to get ready after booking your trip is to practice your casting. **Accuracy of cast** is far more important than distance. Speed of re-casting is also very important as saltwater fish tend to move across the flats. So, if you have an accurate 40’ cast and can pick that fly up and recast, example from 12:00 to 2:00 to get in front of a moving school of fish, this is far better and will hook more fish, then a wild 60’ cast.

Your guides are there not only to get you into fish, but to help make your fishing trip go as smoothly as possible. They are well versed in both fly and spin fishing and know that area of Central Belize well. Some guides tend to be a bit shy than others, and don’t want to be presumptuous, so if you need something, let them know. If you need help with your casting, the guides are experienced in fly fishing and conventional tackle. The guides will make fly/lure recommendations and help to rig rods.

When fishing, you are on the bow of the skiff and the guide is normally on the platform at the aft. Guides use the “*clock*” system, and foot measurements to help you locate fish. If standing facing forward on the skiff, the bow is 12:00, hard right is 3:00 and hard left is 9:00. For foot measurements, your flyrod is approximately 9’ and a spinning rod is anywhere from 6’ to 9’. Your guide should go over this before fishing so you are both referring to the same thing – if he forgets, please remind him.

And finally, guides are people and not all have the same personalities. All of our guides know fishing and the areas to fish in Central Belize and all of our guides will work hard to get you into fish. They like when you catch fish as much as you do, if not more so. Sometimes weather or the fish themselves are not corporative and this is not the guides fault. They will be working harder to find fish in bad weather conditions.

## **WEATHER & FISHING**

### **Historical Weather Patterns**

Belize’s climate is classified tropical and covered by a tropical forest due to both rainfall and humidity. The rainy season is from June to October and a cooler season from November to February. November to Feb, the northeast trade winds prevail, but rainfall is a possibility especially in the first part, while later the rainfall gradually decreases, so that from February to April is the driest period of the year.

During the rainy season, the rains occur mainly in the form of downpours or thunderstorms in late afternoon into the night, while in December and January rains are less abundant but more prolonged. This means that the sun shines for a few hours a day even in the rainiest months.

## ***WEATHER & FISHING CONTINUED***

During the coolest months (December, January and February), the average temperature is around 23 degrees Celsius (73 °F) with highs around 26/27 °C (79/81 °F). In Central Belize, over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 71°F to 88°F and is rarely below 65°F. Precipitation in Central Belize averages 75 inches yearly.

The Caribbean sea in Belize is warm enough for swimming all year with water temperature ranging from 27 °C (81 °F) between January and March, to 29 °C (84 °F) in the summer months.

### **Fishing**

Central Belize, where BRL's Long Caye Outpost Lodge is located, has a very healthy fishery for Bonefish, Tarpon, Permit and Snook. Due to the extensive fishing grounds in Central Belize, LCOL is a year round fishery. Weather determines where we fish, whether flats, channels, rivers, etc, but you have the opportunity to fish for Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon and Snook year round, along with more species variety, such as jacks, snappers, ladyfish, tripletail, 'cuda's etc. We look at fishing as good, better and best time frames as there is no bad time to fish.

The biggest factor to affect our fishing (as with anywhere) is weather. On any day of the year in the tropics, Belize can have rain or wind or can be sunny, calm and great fishing weather. Ideally, everyone wants to sight cast the Flats, and so do BRL guides; however, if it is rainy and overcast or windy, then the visibility on the flats can be low, and the guides will try a few different options to get you into fish.

- Find the flats on the leeward side of islands
- Blindcast to spots they know
- Fish deeper channels
- Most other methods to try and fish in inclement weather

Everyday is different and the guides choose how and where to fish depending on what you would like to catch and what the weather and tides are doing.

Below are frequently asked questions . . .

#### *1. Who gets to fish when etc?*

There are usually two anglers to a boat and people rotate fishing. Fishing from the skiff is one person at a time, rotation can be by caught fish, casts to fish or time. Typically if you are fishing for bonefish, permit, tarpon, snook, one person gets to fish to the group until he either catches one or spooks them and then the next person gets the next group. The guides try to make sure that both people in their skiff fish equal time throughout the day. Wading from the Lodge is minimal due to marl flats; however, if you are on a wadable bonefish or permit flat, people can get out and fish.

#### *2. Where do we fish?*

Central Belize saltwater fly fishing and spin fishing is mainly on the Flats about 16 miles around Belize City. 90% of the time, anglers are sight-casting the Flats and channels for Tarpon, Bonefish, Snook and Permit. Fishing from the Long Caye Outpost Lodge will allow you to fish many of the same areas fished from BRL's main lodge. However, you will be closer to many of the fishing grounds located around Long Caye, enabling you to fish earlier and later. You and your crew (guides and cook) decide your fishing day. BRL guides fish about 8 to 10 hours a day. If you leave after breakfast, fishing is the entire day, returning about 5:30 pm'ish. If you would like to fish early, before breakfast, and later into the evening, please plan for a rest break during the day.

## **BONEFISH, PERMIT, TARPON & SNOOK – INFO**

**Bonefish** (*Albula vulpes*): Average in Central Belize is 3 lbs. Can land as small as 8” and as big as 7 lbs. Bonefish live in inshore tropical waters and move onto shallow mudflats to feed with the incoming and outgoing tides. Adults and juveniles may school together, and they may be found singly, in pairs or schooled in bigger groups.

**Length of average cast needed:** 25 feet to 40 feet

**Permit:** 6 to 30 lbs average size with smaller and bigger landed. Permit are usually found in shallow, tropical waters such as mudflats, sand flats, coral and channels. They are usually seen as individuals or in small schools.

**Length of average cast needed:** 25 feet to 50 feet

**Tarpon** (*Megalops atlanticus*): Average size in Central Belize varies. Resident fish range 5 lbs to the 80 lbs, with a few being over 100 lbs. Migratory Tarpon size range about 80 lbs to over 175 lbs. Tarpon are found in both saltwater and freshwater habitats and are able to survive in brackish water, waters of varying pH, and habitats with low oxygen content due to their swim bladders, which they use primarily to breathe. They are also able to rise to the surface and take gulps of air, which gives them a short burst of energy.

**Length of average cast needed:** 30 feet to 60 feet

**Snook:** Average size 8 to 15 lbs in Central Belize, with smaller and bigger being landed. Snook live in shallow coastal waters estuaries, and lagoons and often move between saltwater to fresh water. Snook feed on smaller fish. The snook is considered an opportunistic predator and studies show a positive relationship between their size and the size of their prey, meaning that as the snook grows it feeds on larger and larger prey.

**Length of average cast needed:** 20 feet to 30 feet.

Most flats and fishing areas can be home to multiple species, so plan to be prepared with a Bonefish rod, a snook/tarpon rod, permit rod and if they are around a large (75 + lbs) tarpon rod.

## **FLY FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS**

All fly fishing supplies (lines, leaders, flies) can be purchased at a local flyshop in your area or online. Belize River Lodge also has a full selection of flies and leaders for sale and a full range of fly rods and reels (8 wt, 10 wt and 12 wt) for rent at the Lodge. Please check with us before your arrival in Belize or during your check-in at the Lodge.

**We have in stock a selection of flies & lures that work well at BRL.** If you cannot find a particular fly or if you don't want the hassle, no worries, you can get the flies you need at the Lodge. We also have leaders and lures available for sale and rental fly and spinning equipment. If you would like, your guides can look through your selection of flies at BRL, before leaving for LCOL.

**Rental Equipment:** BRL has rental equipment, both fly and spin, subject to availability.

Fly fishing equipment is top quality, mainly Sage rods, 8 wt's, 10 wt's & 12 wt's, & Teton, Sage or Bauer saltwater reels. All reels have Rio lines. We also have a few 8 wt, 9 wt & 12 wt Winston rods in our rental equipment. Spin fishing equipment is also top quality, mainly Ugly Sticks with Shimano or Penn reels.

**RODS:** Bonefish: 7 - 8 wt  
Tarpon (5 to 75 lbs), Snook, Permit, & Cudas: 9 - 10 wt  
Large Tarpon (80 to 150+ lbs): 11 – 12 wt

**REELS:** Anodized with excellent drag systems.  
Capable of holding your fly line and at least 150 yards of 20 lb. or 30 lb. backing.

**FLY FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED**

**LINES:** Floating lines (8 wt, 9 wt &/or 10 wt): All Bonefish & Permit fishing  
 Floating lines (9 wt &/or 10 wt): Tarpon & Snook fishing on the Flats and along the mangroves.  
 Intermediate lines (10 wt, 11 wt &/or 12 wt): Snook & Tarpon fishing in the rivers & deeper saltwater flats and channels  
 Sink tips: For channels & river fishing 300 to 600 grain.  
 Scientific Angler & Rio lines are good options.

While in Belize, daily fishing will depend on your target species and weather conditions. Below is a Rod/Reel/Line ideal set-up for every possible situation, however, not everyone has all the equipment and many anglers may only have an 8wt and 10 wt. Don't worry about purchasing everything before your trip, our BRL guides are happy to help you fish with your equipment on hand. If at some point, you really need a rod or reel for a day or two, BRL has a full complement of fly rods and reels for rent.

- 8 wt floating for Bonefish
- 9 wt or 10 wt floating for Permit, small tarpon and snook
- 10 wt intermediate for tarpon and snook in rivers
- 10 wt 300/400 grain sink for tarpon and snook in rivers and deeper channels
- 11 wt or 12 wt intermediate for large tarpon in bays
- 11 wt or 12 wt 600 grain sink for large tarpon in channels

*Very few anglers have all of the above and our guides can easily work out what to use with what equipment you bring down. Many guest may rent if they need something for the day.*

**LEADERS:** Bonefish Tapered Leaders . . . . . 10' long leader - 10 to 12 lb tippet  
 Permit Leaders . . . . . 10' long leader – 12 to 16 lb tippet  
 Snook/Small Tarpon - Custom Fly Leader. . . . . 20 x 40's or 20 x 60's  
 Large Tarpon - Custom Fly Leader . . . . . 20 x 80's or 20 x 100's  
 Toothy Critter Wire Leaders . . . . . 7 1/2' tippet - 30 lb wire

**SHOCK TIPPET:** Clear mono, 10 Yd coils in test #60, #80, #100

If you are tying your own leaders, here are a few guidelines.

FISH	BUTT SECTION	CLASS LEADER	SHOCK TIPPET
Bonefish	12" to 24" of 20 lb.	9 Ft. Tapered	10 Lb.
Permit	12" to 24" of 20 lb.	9 Ft. Tapered	12 - 16 Lb.
Tarpon	4 Ft of 40 Lb.	2 Ft. of 12 - 20 Lb.	18" of 60 to 100 Lb.
Snook/Jacks	4 Ft of 40 Lb.	2 Ft. of 12 - 20 Lb.	18" of 60 Lb.
Barracuda	4 Ft of 40 Lb.	2 Ft. of 12 - 20 Lb.	1 Ft. of 30 Lb. Wire

**SUGGESTED FLIES:** Below are Mike's fly recommendations, feel free to add or subtract depending on what you would like to fish for. This recommendation is based per skiff (2 anglers) for a 7 night/6 day package. This is a "barebone" list and *if you would like to specialize on a particular species, you should get more flies for that species*, ie if you want to mainly target Tarpon, you should get more tarpon flies. Please note, that we have a full selection of flies available for sale at the Lodge.

**FLY FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED**

**Bonefish** (12 total)

Bonefishing can be in very skinny water into deeper water. An assortment of flies for one foot or less of water, chain eyed flies for medium depth and lead eyes for deeper water. A few of each is recommended. Weed guards on flies may be needed if fishing over seagrass.

- 2 each Chico s Bonefish Special . . . . . 6
- 2 each Gotcha . . . . . 6
- 2 each Crazy Charlie - Tan or Pink . . . . . 6
- 2 each Deep Water Gotcha . . . . . 4
- 2 each Bonefish Slider - Tan . . . . . 4

**Bonefish and Permit** – BRL Must

- 2 each Spawning Shrimp . . . . . 4

**Permit** (12 total)

Tan and olive are the most popular colors in Central Belize. There are a few flies listed that have another fly very similar pattern, either/or will work, both are not needed.

- 2 each Bauer s Fur Crab - Tan or Olive . . . . . 4
- 2 each Raghead Crab - Tan or olive / Casablanca . . . . . 4
- 2 each Merkin / Beck’s Fleeing Crab . . . . . 4
- 2 each Danger Muffin . . . . . 4
- 2 each Money Crabs - Tan or Olive . . . . . 4

*If you would like to fish for small/medium tarpon, you may want a dozen flies. If you are looking at large Tarpon fishing, you will want 6 to 12 large tarpon flies for your trip.*

**Tarpon** (12 total)

- 2 each Cockroach . . . . . 3/0
- 2 each Red/White Tarpon . . . . . 3/0
- 2 each Toads – Black/Purple and Red/Black. . . . . 2/0 or 3/0
- 2 each Black Death . . . . . 2/0 or 3/0
- 2 each Grizzly Orange Tarpon . . . . . 3/0

**Large Tarpon Only**

- 2 each Tarpon Snake - Black, Red/White, Yellow/Red . . . . . 3/0 or 4/0 – black is the favorite
- 2 each Whistlers . . . . . 3/0 or 4/0
- 2 each Homeslice . . . . . 3/0

**Tarpon, Snook & Jacks** (12 total)

- 2 each Deceiver - Green, Blue . . . . . 1/0 or 2/0
- 2 each Deceiver - Chartreuse . . . . . 1/0 or 2/0
- 2 each Puglisi Everglade . . . . . 2/0
- 2 each Seducer - Red/White and Red/Yellow . . . . . 1/0 or 2/0
- 2 each Deepwater Clouser - Red/White and Chartreuse/White . 1/0, 2/0
- 2 each Big Popper – Yellow and Blue . . . . . 3/0
- 2 each Gurglers - Black, Yellow or White . . . . . 1/0, 2/0
- 2 each Half & Half – Chartreuse/white with and without flash . . 1/0, 2/0

*Note: In the fall months, the guides prefer to use chartreuse and white, some with flash, other no flash Deceivers, Clousers and Half and Half’s for Tarpon and Snook.*

**Barracuda**

- 4 each Cuda Fly - Green (double hooked tandem) . . . . . 3/0



## CONVENTIONAL TACKLE SUGGESTIONS

*Note:* Lure names and colors change often, faster than we can keep up with. If you cannot find a specific lure, you can find something to substitute. When purchasing lures, you are looking for the following:

**Bonefish & Permit:** Fished mainly on shallow flats, but flats can either be turtlegrass, coral or sand flats, so look you need a lighter jig for grass and a little heavier jig for sand. Weed guards will be needed for turtle grass flats.

**Tarpon & Snook:** We fish in different bodies of water, so you need to look for three different suspending lures - Surface, 2 to 10 feet and 10 to 25 feet. This covers all water depths.

For *colors*, anything similar to the colors listed will work.

Sometimes lures are hard to find. BRL also has a good selection of lures available for sale at the Lodge.

Recommended rods, reels, line weights:	SNOOK &			
	BONEFISH	PERMIT	TARPON(S-M)	TARPON(L)
LINE (lbs):	10	15	12 - 17	20 - 25
ROD:	6 - 7' (lt)	6 - 7' (med)	6 - 7' (med)	7' med - hvy
REEL:	150 yd	250 yds	150 yds	250 yds

CUDA LEADERS: 18" to 24" wire, 30 to 50 lb test

Mono leader material (clear 10 yds coils in test 60 lb, 80 lb, & 100 lb)

Tarpon leaders use mono.

**SUGGESTED LURES:** Below are Mike's lure recommendations, feel free to add or subtract depending on what you would like to fish for & what is available. Below is a per skiff (2 anglers) recommendation for a 7 night/6 day package.

### **Bonefish & Permit**

Mainly be fished for on shallow flats, under 6' of water under 6' of water. Some flats will be sand, some coral and some turtle grass. Jig can have weed guards & some without.

<u>Bonefish &amp; Permit</u>	<u>Size/Weight</u>	<u>Depth of Water</u>	<u>Color</u>
3 each Phillips Wiggle Jigs	1/8 oz, 1/4 oz, 3/8 oz	6" to 6'	Pink, White, Brown/Tan
3 each Back bone Jigs	1/8 oz, 1/4 oz, 3/8 oz	6" to 6'	Pink, White, Brown/Tan
2 each Buggs Hot Head Bugg	3/16 oz	6" to 2'	Natural, New Penny
2 each Buggs Slider Bugg	3/16 oz	6" to 2'	PBT, New Penny
2 each Buggs Double Bunny Jig	1/4 oz	3' to 4'	New Penny, PBT

### **Snook & Tarpon, along the mangroves and flats**

Need floating or suspending lures. You will be fishing in 0 to 3 feet of water. Lure size is 3" to 4" in length and should look like a floating minnow. Range of colors: any fishy colors, chartreuse, white, pearl, red/white, etc.

<u>Snook &amp; Tarpon (shallow water)</u>	<u>Size/Weight</u>	<u>Depth of Water</u>	<u>Color</u>
2 each Heddon Zara Spook	4 1/2" - 3/4 oz	Topwater popper	Red/White
2 each Rebel Pop R, Magnum	3" - 1/2 oz	Topwater popper	Green Perch, Red/White
2 each Mirrolure 52M	3 5/8" - 1/2 oz	3 - 8 ft	Red/White
2 each Rebel Saltwater Super Pop R	3 1/8" - 5/16 oz	Topwater	Any
2 each Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow	4 3/8" - 3/8 oz	Floating	Red/White, Blue Mackerel
2 each *Beastie Bugg	1/4 oz, 3/8 oz	3' to 10'	Backcountry, Ngt'sWatch New Penny, Texas Tea
2 each *Curl-Tail Jig with extra gold glitter tails		6" to 2'	Red Chaser/Glow Chartreus

**CONVENTIONAL TACKLE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED**

**Snook & Tarpon, deep channels & rivers**

Fishing in 5 to 20 feet of water. Lure size is 3” to 5” in length. Range of colors: any fishy colors, chartreuse, white, pearl, silver or gold with a dark back, red/white, etc.

<u>Tarpon &amp; Snook (deep water)</u>	<u>Size/Weight</u>	<u>Depth of Water</u>	<u>Color</u>
3 each Bomber B07A	2.625” – ½ oz	8 to 10 ft	Fire Tiger
2 each Rapala CD-11 Sink	4 3/8” – 9/16 oz	9 – 13 ft	Red/White, Orange
2 each Mirrolure 65M	3 ¼” – 1 oz	10 – 20 ft+	Red/White
2 each Bill Lewis Rat-L-Trap	3 ½” – ¾ oz	Sinking	Red/White, Silver or Gold with Black back
1 to 2 bags Storm Wild Eyed Jigs	4” – ½ oz	Sink, very weighted	Any Fishy color (Fire tiger, Red/White)
1 each Slug-Go	6” w/off set hooks	Sink, very weighted	Rainbow Trout, Pearl
1 bag Squirmin' Shad	3”/4” w/off set hooks	Sink, very weighted	Chartreuse Silver Flake

- Off set hooks & hooks for wild eye jigs, Slug-Go’s and Squirmin’ Shad in sizes 3/0, 5/0

**Barracuda**

3 each Tube Lures	12” to 14”, Tandem Hooked	Green, Pink
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If you are online shipping, there are many online retailers that sell lures. Cabelas ([www.cabelas.com](http://www.cabelas.com)), Bass Pro ([www.basspro.com](http://www.basspro.com)), Captain Harry’s ([www.capharry.com](http://www.capharry.com)) and Angler’s Ammo ([www.anglers-ammo.com](http://www.anglers-ammo.com)) have a very good selection of the recommended lures. “Buggs” can be purchased from Heath’s website ([www.buggsfishingstore.com](http://www.buggsfishingstore.com)).

**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 will help with packing; however, please note, depending on your schedule, all items may not be needed. Before traveling, you should check for any changes in flight restrictions. The following are a few websites to read before traveling.

**Transportation Security Adm:** <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>

<b>PERSONAL ITEMS</b>		<b>FISHING GEAR</b>	
Itinerary & Phone Contacts		Rods & Reels, Extra Spools	
Airline Tickets		Extra Fly lines	
Passport (Valid for 6 months after travel)		Leaders & Shock Tippetts	
Parent’s letter of consent if travelling with a minor		Flies & Lures	
Travel Insurance (see Info to Note)		Boat Bag (waterproof)	
Wallet with credit cards, cash, checkbook		Polarized Glasses (Amber)	
Wristwatch		Sunglass straps/Croakies	
Eye Glasses/Contacts		Lens Cloth	
Cel Phone		Hemostats or Pliers on Lanyard or belt	
Cel Phone charger		Nippers	
Notebook/Reading Material		Hook File	
Pen		Nail Knot tool	

<b>TRIP PLANNING CHECKLIST continued</b>			
<b>PERSONAL ITEMS continued</b>		<b>FISHING GEAR continued</b>	
Ipad/Tablet			Line Cleaner
Charger for Ipad/Tablet			Reel Oil/Reel Lube
Sewing Kit			Nu-Skin or similar for Leader cuts
Personal Toiletries or Cosmetics			Boat Shoes/Socks
Medications (Always bring in carry on luggage)			Flats Wading Boots
First Aid Kit			
Sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)			<b>TOURING / BIRDING</b>
Lip Balm (SPF 30 or higher)			
Aloe/After sun lotion			Book – Birds of Belize
Cortaid for Bites			Field guides & reference materials
Insect Repellent (DEET/ Avon s Skin So Soft)			Reusable water bottle
Flashlight & Extra Batteries			Wash n' Dry pre-moistened towelettes
Pocket Knife or Leatherman Tool			
Sunglasses			<b>SNORKEL GEAR</b>
<b>CLOTHING</b>			Fins
	Wide Brimmed Hat		Fin booties
Light Weight Shirts (Short & Long Sleeved)			
Light Weight Pants & Shorts			<b>OPTIONAL ITEMS</b>
T-Shirts			
Underwear			Travel Guide Book
Bandana			Cash in small denominations
Buff			Tarpon Stretcher Case
Shoes/Sneakers			Small boat towel
Socks			Boga Grips
Sandals			Emergency Gear Repair kit
Swimsuit			Zip Lock Baggies (Large & Small)
Wind Breaker or sweatshirt			2-into-3 prong electrical plug converters
Sun Gloves			Insurance certificates
Rain Gear (can rain any day of the year, so good to have)			Photocopy of Passport (Copies of first two pages)
Lightweight Hiking Shoes			Address and telephone number of whom to contact in case of emergency
Wading shoes/boots (optional)			
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT</b>			
Camera			Batteries
Video Camera			Lens Cleaner
Lenses			Waterproof Case
Film & Tapes			

<b>TRIP PLANNING CHECKLIST continued</b>				
<b>NOTE AREA</b>				
<i>Not all items are needed, but this is a good list to help when packing.</i>				

## **BONEFISH & TARPON TRUST (BTT)**

Mike and Marguerite’s Belize River Lodge has been involved in conservation and protection of Belize’s sporting species since the early 1980’s. When learning of BTT in 2007 (when BTT was Bonefish & Tarpon Unlimited), they joined and have been trying to help support in different ways, but in recent year’s with our Tagging Challenge, where a donation is made to BTT per angler for the Challenge week. BRL’s other mode of helping is to get people aware of (BTT) and what they are doing to help Belize and many other flats fishing destinations.

For more information on how Belize River Lodge is supporting BTT and their studies, please contact us. For more information on Bonefish and Tarpon Trust or to become a member, please visit <http://www.bonefishtarpontrust.org>

## **CENTRAL BELIZE INSHORE FISHING ASSOCIATION (CBIFA)**

A few years ago, the Central Belize fishing guides came together and formed a non-profit to focus attention on the flats, fishing grounds and inshore fish in our area. Our mission statement states our purpose.

*To conserve, protect and enhance Central Belize bonefish, tarpon, permit and snook and other fish and mammals resources and their environments through stewardship, research and education, as well as:*

- *Nurturing and enhancing bonefish, tarpon, permit and snook populations and other fish and mammals resources.*
- *Supporting research on bonefish, tarpon, permit and snook behavior and life cycles, and on bonefish, tarpon, permit and snook fisheries and other fish and mammals resources.*
- *Working with regulatory authorities and the public to ensure that the laws protecting these species are enforced.*
- *Interacting with government agencies to assist in the management and regulations related to bonefish, tarpon, permit and snook populations and other fish and mammals resources.*

CBIFA is a group of concerned anglers and guides who want to preserve a large area of Belize’s sport fishing habitat. CBIFA is a non-profit, membership based organization. Please check with Lodge management to join or donate.

## **INFORMATION TO NOTE: GENERAL**

*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 its 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. Our cooks will cook your “catch” as a side to the night’s dinner.

## **INFORMATION TO NOTE: GENERAL ~ BRL & LCOL CONTINUED**

*Belize Fishing Licenses:* A fishing license is now required to sports fish in Belize.

*Note:* **CZMAI now requires all fishing licenses to be purchased from them. Please visit <https://apps.coastalzonebelize.org/> to purchase your Belize fishing license.** Fishing licenses are per person - US\$25.00 for the week or US\$10.00 per day.

*Travel Documents:* A valid passport is required to enter Belize and must be valid at least six months beyond the duration of your stay. Visitors from the USA, UK and most of the Caribbean do not need Visas. Most other countries do. Any questions, please contact the Embassy of Belize in the USA at (202) 332-9636, Fax (202) 332-6888 and the website at <http://www.embassy.org/embassies/bz.html>

*Travelling with Minors:* **Children under 18 years of age must have proper documentation**, including a valid passport and letter of parental consent. Children traveling with one parent require a notarized letter of authority from the other parent indicating travel consent.

*Travel Arrangements:* Belize is getting easier to fly to than ever before. All flights to Belize land at the Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA) in Ladyville, airport code is **BZE** where a BRL representative meets you at the airport and transfers you to the Lodge, only a few miles away, to get checked in. Below are the airlines and routes currently flying to Belize.

*Note:* Not all flights have daily schedules. Some flights are Saturday/Sunday only and others are only mid-week.

**Alaska Air:** Seattle (SEA), WA and Los Angeles (LAX), CA

**Air Canada:** Toronto (YYZ), Canada

**American Airlines:** Dallas (DFW), TX; Miami (MIA), FL and Charlotte (CLT), NC

**Copa:** Panama City (PTY), Panama

**Delta:** Atlanta (ATL), GA; Minneapolis (MSP), MN

**Southwest:** Houston (HOU), TX and Denver (DEN), CO

**Sun Country:** Minneapolis–Saint Paul (MSP), MN

**TAG Airlines:** Guatemala City (GUA), Guatemala

**Tropic Air:** Cancun (CUN), Mexico; San Salvador (SAL), El Salvador; Roatán (RTB), Honduras and San Pedro Sula (SAP), Honduras

**United:** Houston (IAH), TX; Newark (EWR), NJ and Denver (DEN), CO

**WestJet:** Toronto (YYZ), Canada and Calgary (YYC), Canada

If you are arriving in your private aircraft, planes should clear through Philip Goldson International Airport (airport code: BZE) with the Belize Civil Aviation Department and the Belize Airport Authority.

*Belize Departure Tax:* There is a fee of US\$55.50 for the Belize Departure Tax & Airport Security Fees that is mostly included in airline tickets or must be paid at the airport upon leaving Belize. If not included in your ticket, this must be paid at the airport in US Dollars before departing Belize.

*Travel Protection:* Travel Insurance and protection is always nice to have as you never know what the future will hold or if plans need to be changed at the last minute. Many travel insurance sites are available. Belize River Lodge strongly recommends that you enroll with Global Rescue (<https://ss.globalrescue.com/partner/belizeriverlodge/>) prior to your trip if you are getting trip insurance.

*Note:* If you are booked during hurricane season (June to October), and you have paid for your trip, if a storm brews and your trip has to be postponed, no problem, you don't lose any money, you have one year to reschedule your dates.

## ***INFORMATION TO NOTE: GENERAL CONTINUED***

**Currency:** The Belizean dollar is worth half of a U.S. dollar. Dollars are accepted everywhere, but change will be given in Belizean dollars. For your convenience, please bring small bills to cover small expenses, such as Departure Tax, fishing license, bar bill, & incidentals.

**Gratuities/Tipping:** BRL does not include a service charge or gratuities on your bill. Gratuities are appreciated by our staff who work hard to make your stay enjoyable and memorable. Please tip your guide on your last day of activity and the staff on your departure day. Tipping is a personal thing based on service. Please plan on tipping in cash for both guides and lodge staff. If help is needed, please ask the Lodge manager for guidelines.

**Carry-on Baggage:** Most anglers like to carry on their rods, reels and fishing equipment. Carry-on regulations are not set in stone and depend on the airport that you are traveling from. The most up-to-date information on security procedures can be found on the web at <https://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>. While not specific, it is a good guideline; however, it does state the following:

**Medications** – any medicines prescribed by a doctor and taken daily should be packed in carry-on.

**Fishing rods:** Fishing rods are permitted as carry-on and checked baggage. However, please check with your air carrier that it fits within their size limitations for carry-on items. Ultimately, it is the carrier's decision as to whether or not it can be transported as carry-on baggage.

**Tackle Equipment** - Fishing equipment should be placed in your checked baggage. Some tackle equipment can be considered sharp and dangerous. Expensive reels or fragile tackle such as fly's should be packed in your carry-on baggage.

**Natural Pests:** Due to the tropical climate of Belize, it is very likely that you will encounter natural pests. Belize River Lodge is a jungle lodge so the possibility of seeing lizards, geckos, iguana, frogs and spiders are common and are harmless. They all help to eliminate unwanted pests. If you encounter a scorpion or a snake, don't panic! Usually they are more afraid of you and are trying to get away. Let us know if you need help removing them from wherever you are.

**Mosquitos:** We try to protect the environment and we minimize the use of sprays and insecticides, as they also harm birds and butterflies. Mosquitos and No-seeums (sandfly's) can be pesky, especially around sun-up and sun-down, and are the worst you will encounter. Mosquito repellent is a good deterrent and light weight long pants with socks and light weight long sleeve shirts also help to keep them from biting you.

**Cigars:** The best place to purchase cigars presently is at the Belize International Airport, there is a Cigar Duty Free. You will have time to shop as you wait for your luggage to de-plane.

**GPS's:** GPS's on a fishing boat always ensures that the fishing is never as good as when it is just the anglers and the guide on board. Please leave your GPS at home.

**Salt Water:** Saltwater is very corrosive. Rinse your rods & reels daily with fresh water. At the Lodge, it is policy that at the end of the day, your guide or Mike will rinse your rods & reels down with fresh water at the dock. After your trip, rinse & clean all equipment & clothing thoroughly before storing.

**Wading:** Some wading is available from both the main Lodge and the Outpost Lodge. If you would like to wade, please let us know ahead of time, so that we can schedule you with a guide who wades. There is no wading while fishing Snook and Tarpon. If fishing for Bonefish & Permit, about 20% of our flats are wadable. Please note, that the wadable flats are usually the first to blow out in windy conditions.

## **INFORMATION TO NOTE: GENERAL CONTINUED**

*Taxidermy – Fiberglass mounts only:* BRL has a good working relationship with Gray's Taxidermy. Gray's specializes in realistic fiberglass mounts in all species of fish. If you have landed your trophy, please get exact measurement full length (tip to tail point) and girth and Gray's will make your beautiful wall piece. BRL can take your order and Gray's will confirm once you get home. For more information and pricing, please check with BRL's office.

Photos: BRL's promotional material, brochures, magazine ads, website, dvd, flyers etc are all from guest photos. If you have pictures from your trip that you would like to share and don't mind us using your photos, please let us know. We can download the photos to our computer before you leave the Lodge or please email them to [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com) [www.wetransfer](http://www.wetransfer) is a free app for large file sharing. We appreciate all pictures whether fish, flora, fauna or anything that you find interesting during your visit.

*Suggested Reference Books:* Practical Fishing Knots II by Mark Sosin & Lefty Kreh

\* Fly Fishing in Saltwater by Lefty Kreh

\* Fishing the Flats by Sosin & Kreh

\* Fly Fishing for Bonefish by Dick Brown

\* Saltwater Fly Fishing by Jeff Currier

\* *Fly Fishing Belize* by Jim Klug ([www.klugphotos.com](http://www.klugphotos.com)): From Vic Barothy's time to present day, this is a beautiful book with photos of all over Belize from the 1960's till today.

**Facts about your hosts:** Mike & Marguerite purchased the Lodge in 1986 and have owned and managed it ever since; however, their tourism career started years prior. Mike & Marguerite managed the Lodge, when it was known as *Keller's Caribbean Sports* (KCS) from 1980-1981. In late 1981, they were hired to manage *Pyramid Island Lodge* and moved to Caye Chapel. After a few years, they left Caye Chapel and opened up *Discover Belize*, known for live-aboard (the Permit) fishing and duck hunting trips, yes, there are blue-winged teal in Belize. In the mid '80's with Belize's regulations on gun control tightening and Mike & Marguerite's focus to conservation beginning, they phased out the duck hunting and continued fishing with a big focus on catch and release on the sporting species. When KCS went on the market in 1986, it was the right transition for them. When Mike & Marguerite purchased the Lodge, the guides were from good Ole' Vic's days – Jimmy Evans, Richard Smith, Phillip Andrewin, Roy Baptist and Leroy Eiley. These guides were a font on information on the old days and the fishing of Central Belize. With Mike and Marguerite's experience of Belize, tourism and fishing, they are entertaining and knowledgeable hosts.

**Trip Feedback:** We do not always get in touch with you after a trip, this is not because we do not care about your thoughts on what could have made your trip better, it is because we are giving the guest at the Lodge the same personalized attention that you received. Please contact us with feedback so that we can continue to make the Lodge better and we always appreciate hearing when you just enjoyed your trip. Please email us at [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com)

We also appreciate any pictures that you would like to share with us, so that we can post on the BRL Facebook page, BRL website or use in one of upcoming brochures; or if you would like to post and tag us.

**Facebook BRL:** <http://www.facebook.com/belizeriverlodge>

**Facebook Long Caye Outpost Lodge:** <http://www.facebook.com/BRLs.Long.Caye.Outpost>

**BRL Linked-In:** <http://www.linkedin.com/in/belizeriverlodge>

**BRL Instagram:** #belizeriverlodge

## **INFORMATION TO NOTE ~ BELIZE RIVER LODGE**

*Purified Drinking water and Purified Ice:* All drinking water and ice is purified bottled water and ice. We purchase all purified water in 5 gallon jugs and dispense, helping to cut down on the plastic bottle waste. All purified ice is purchased by bag and placed in coolers and jugs as needed.

**INFORMATION TO NOTE ~ BRL CONTINUED**

*Continental breakfasts at the Lodge:* Available upon request; however, notice needs to be given before 7:00 p.m. on the previous evening. If you and your guide feel fishing early will be beneficial, it can happen and continental breakfast is served to facilitate. Your guide will not be available to depart early unless an early departure is set up with him before the end of the previous fishing day

*Marguerite’s Restaurant & Meals:* BRL serves family style meals and our daily menus are varied and very tasty. Don’t let a dietary need keep you home, our cooks can most dietary restrictions.

It is best if we know before you arrive in Belize if you have any special dietary restrictions (food allergies, diabetes, Celiac disease, etc or special requests), so that we can prepare your meals to your needs. However, the main Lodge is near supplies, so we can usually accommodate requests quickly. When checking in, we double check with you on dietary requirements and if we somehow missed yours, please be sure to let management know of any dietary restrictions or requirements that the kitchen staff needs to be aware.

BRL’s kitchen can handle an assortment of dietary restrictions and have a menu planned for your requirements. Please let us know if you need a diet to take into account:

Diabetes                       High Cholesterol                       Celiac Disease                       Vegetarian  
 Low Carb/High Protein                       Other Notes on other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not eat on of the below foods, due to allergies, dietary needs to just plain dislike, please let us know ahead of time so that we can plan your menu accordingly. (\*\* Alternative)

<input type="checkbox"/> Milk	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta, white flour	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickles
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/> White Rice (** brown rice)	<input type="checkbox"/> Relish
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs cooked in breads	<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes (** sweet potato)	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk cooked in breads	<input type="checkbox"/> White bread (** wheat)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork
<input type="checkbox"/> Butter	<input type="checkbox"/> Onions <input type="checkbox"/> Raw / <input type="checkbox"/> Cooked	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish
<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar, white	<input type="checkbox"/> Mustard	<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish - shrimp, lobster, conch, etc
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Available upon request: Soy &/or Almond milk, bran cereal.

\*\* Notes substitutions.

*Liquor at the Lodge:* BRL has a small self-service, honor system bar and guest sign a tab for drinks. We have open bottles of alcohol (a Belize rum, a vodka, a gin, a whiskey, & a tequila) at the bar for you to mix drinks in the evening. We also have alcohol & wine for sale by the bottle. Please check with the office to see what is available by the bottle. BRL can also pre-purchase special requests before you get to Belize, please ask for wine list etc. All special requests will be billed on check-out, whether used or not.

You may bring your own alcoholic beverages, if you like. When entering Belize, after Immigration and before luggage retrieval, there is a “Duty Free”. This is an easy place to pick up your liquor and tobacco. If purchased at the duty free in Belize, visitors are allowed 4 liters of alcohol duty free each.

*Telephone:* To receive calls while at the Lodge, the main phone number, dialed direct from the USA is 011-501-225-2002 or 011-501-225-2459. We also have a Manager on Duty cel, Whatsapp use at 011-501-663-2759

If you will be using your US cel phone in Belize, you will need to call while in the USA (country of origin) and have your service provider open it up for International calling and Belize in general. Your US cel should work around the Lodge with no problems.



## ***INFORMATION TO NOTE ~ BRL CONTINUED***

*Internet services:* BRL's main Lodge porch, living room and dining rooms is set up for free wireless internet as are all the guest room buildings. Please ask the office for the password. If you have brought your laptop/tablet etc, please feel free to use our free wireless service. This is minimal access for e-mail only, no big downloads, please!

*Electricity and electrical outlets:* The main Lodge gets electricity from Belize Electricity Limited. Belize is on the same electrical system as the USA (110 volts, 60 cycles), so if coming from N. American, no special outlet plugs are needed.

Each room has a *3000W 13A 16AWG 10 Outlet Plugs with 4 USB Slot Surge Protector Electric Charging Station*. Some of BRL's outlets are two prong, so you may want to bring a two-into-three prong electrical plug converter (about \$1.00 at a hardware store in the US).

*Mike's Closet (Tackle Shop) at BRL:* BRL has a small tackle shop with an assortment of fishing supplies – flies, lures, backing, lines, leaders and tippet. Mike's Closet has a good selection of flies and lures on sale (based on the BRL recommended lists), however, you can follow our fishing list and bring everything that you will need, using Mike's Closet as a back-up. If you cannot find something on the recommended list, don't worry, we have it available at the main Lodge.

*Rental Equipment at BRL:* BRL has rental equipment, subject to availability. Fly fishing equipment is top quality, mainly Sage rods, 8 wt's, 10 wt's & 12 wt's, & Teton, Sage or Bauer saltwater reels. All reels have Rio lines. We also have a few 8 wt, 9 wt & 12 wt Winston rods in our rental equipment.

Spin fishing equipment is also top quality, mainly Ugly Sticks with Shimano or Penn reels. If you find that you are short of the needed equipment, flies or lures, we have a good stock of flies & lures that work well for the local waters. Please check with someone in the office.

*BRL Bedrooms are all outfitted with the following amenities:*

- Writing Table with Chair
- Table Lamp
- Envelopes and Letter Head
- Free Wifi Internet
- Mobile USB Charging: 3000W 13A 16AWG 10 Outlet Plugs with 4 USB Slot Surge Protector Electric Charging Station
- Alarm clock
- Adapters/Extension Cables: on Request
- Wardrobe
- Cloth Hangers
- Hooks around room for Hanging Items
- Luggage Rack
- Hot/Cold water Bathroom with shower
- Hair dryer
- Towels (Face, Hand and Bath)
- Bath Mat
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion & soap)
- Iron and Ironing Board - on Request
- Laundry Services: on Request

*BRL Porches are outfitted with*

- Hooks for hanging Items
- Pegs for Rods
- Rags for cleaning Rods/Reels
- Buckets of fresh water, Dawn and extra rags - on Request

*Fly Tying Bench at BRL:* Belize River Lodge has a fly tying bench with tying materials available for guest use. If you have a particular fly that you like to tie, maybe bring a few of those materials with you. If you would like some instruction or would like to learn to tie flies during your stay, Mike & a few of the guides can help you. Only available at main Lodge, if you would like a tying vice available at Long Caye Outpost Lodge, please let us know. If requested for Long Caye, the vice will be available, not tying materials.

## **INFORMATION TO NOTE ~ BRL CONTINUED**

*Lodge TV /DVD at BRL:* On the main Lodge porch, we have a TV and DVD player. While the main focus of the Lodge is not TV, we know that there are important sports games throughout the year and it can also be used to see video footage of fish landed during the day.

*Music at BRL:* The main Lodge and Long Caye Outpost Lodge both have a cd/ipod player if you would like to enjoy music in the evenings or during dinner. If you don't see it, just check with us.

*Hairdresser at BRL:* Ladies, while BRL does not have a cosmetologist on site, we can make arrangements for you to go into Belize City for a hair or nail refresher. 24 hour notice is required on this service and based upon availability of the cosmetologist. Not available on Sundays and Mondays.

*Massages at BRL:* Massages are available at BRL and can be arranged; so plan to unwind and treat yourself to a relaxing and therapeutic massage! Let us know if you are interested and a licensed masseuse will arrive at the Lodge after dinner. 24 hour notice is required for this service. Massages are available only if a masseuse is available. Price is based per hour.

*Kayaks:* On request, kayaks will be at Long Caye – two maximum plus guides. Starting from the beach in front of the Outpost, paddle to the swimming flat out front or kayak around the island. It is relaxing way to enjoy a few hours. PFD are required at all times, no exceptions.

*Transportation to Belize City:* If you would like to visit the casino or see a little of Belize City, taxi service is available. The cost for one or two people is approximately US\$35.00 one way into Belize City or US\$70.00 round trip. The driver will stay with you (up to a party of 2) on your excursion for an additional US\$15.00 per hour. Other destinations are different costs. Your driver is paid direct at the end of your trip.

## **INFORMATION TO NOTE ~ LONG CAYE OUTPOST LODGE**

*BRL stocks Long Caye Outpost Lodge for each trip. The cook takes what she needs to prepare all your meals while on the island. We stock basic alcohol (2 cases of Belikin Beer & 1 bottle of One Barrell Rum) only. Before arriving in Belize, please let us know of any food & alcoholic beverage requests, rod/reel rentals, lure, flies, cigars, etc, so that we can stock the island Outpost accordingly for your group.*

*Fresh Water at LCOL:* Fresh water is either collected from rain or boated out to the island. Please be conscious of fresh water usage. The bathroom shower and sink have hot/cold fresh water. Toilets are saltwater flushed.

*Drinking water and Ice at LCOL:* All drinking water and ice is purified bottled water and ice. We purchase ahead of time and boat out to the island per trip. Please be conscious to securely close ice coolers and minimize wasted water.

*Liquor at LCOL:* The Outpost Lodge will have 2 cases Belikin Beer (US\$3.00 per bottle) and bottle of One Barrel Rum (US\$15.00 per bottle) & guest sign a tab for drinks, which will be billed upon checkout. We will not have any other alcohol stocked, unless by request. If anything else is needed (wine, more beer, spirits, specific mixers), please e-mail with any requests, which can be purchased by the bottle. You may bring your own alcoholic beverages, if you like. When entering Belize, after Immigration and before luggage retrieval, there is a "Duty Free". This is an easy place to pick up your liquor and tobacco. If purchased at the duty free in Belize, visitors are allowed 4 liters of alcohol duty free each. If additional beer or alcohol is needed while you are on Long Caye, an extra charge will be incurred for us to take extra requests out to the island.

Note: LCOL will have an assortment of sodas (Coke, Sprite, Red Fanta, Orange Fanta, Tonic and Soda Water). Six bottles of tonic and 6 bottles of soda water are stocked at Long Caye, if you need additional, no problem, please let us know before your arrival in Belize. Light Coke (diet) is provided upon request.

**INFO TO NOTE ~ LCOL CONTINUED**

*Dietary Requirements at LCOL:* The Outpost is 14 miles from the nearest supplies and is stocked before your arrival on the island. We need to know of any dietary requirements (food allergies or special requests) BEFORE your arrival in Belize, so that your cook is aware and the island is fully stocked and prepared. The cook can accommodate dietary needs as long as she is aware ahead of time.

Your LCOL cook can handle an assortment of dietary restrictions and have a menu planned for your requirements. Please let us know if you need a diet to take into account:

Diabetes                       High Cholesterol                       Celiac Disease                       Vegetarian  
 Low Carb/High Protein                       Other Notes on other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not eat on of the below foods, due to allergies, dietary needs to just plain dislike, please let us know ahead of time so that we can plan your menu accordingly. (\*\* Alternative)

<input type="checkbox"/> Milk	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta, white flour	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickles
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/> White Rice (** brown rice)	<input type="checkbox"/> Relish
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs cooked in breads	<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes (** sweet potato)	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk cooked in breads	<input type="checkbox"/> White bread (** wheat)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork
<input type="checkbox"/> Butter	<input type="checkbox"/> Onions <input type="checkbox"/> Raw/ <input type="checkbox"/> Cooked	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish
<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar, white	<input type="checkbox"/> Mustard	<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish - shrimp, lobster, conch, etc
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Available upon request: Soy &/or Almond milk, bran cereal.

\*\* Notes substitutions.

*Electricity and electrical outlets at LCOL:* LCOL gets power from one of two generators. Generators run while guests are ashore. The power output of the generators is the same as the USA (110 volts, 60 cycles). Most outlets are three prong, a few outlets are two prong, so you may want to bring a two-into-three prong electrical plug converters. If you have a lot of camera equipment, etc, you may want to bring a small power strip to handle your electronics in one area of the Outpost guest house.

*Music at LCOL:* The guest house has a cd/ipod player if you would like to enjoy music in the evenings or during dinner. If you don't see if, just check with the LCOL staff. If using an ipod/mp3 player, please bring a basic "male to male" auxiliary cable to connect device to deck player.

*Phone Service at LCOL: **Phone is NOT provided in the Long Caye package.*** Long Caye has cel service and the staff have cel phones in case of emergencies. If you will be using your US cel phone in Belize, you will need to call while in the USA (country of origin) and have your service provider open it up for International calling and Belize in general. There are many coconut trees on the island, but if you walk around you will get a cel signal. The upstairs bedroom and the pier has good service.

Note: The BRL office is in contact with the staff at Long Caye almost daily. If any emergencies at home or messages from home, family can call the main Lodge at 011-501-225-2002 or 011-501-225-2459 and we can get a message to you while you are at Long Caye.

*Internet Service at LCOL: **Internet is NOT provided in the Long Caye package.*** Internet is available by wireless router, via Smart 3G. We have the routers for rent for US\$5.00 per day, and you can let us know how much time you would like us to have on it. Time on MiFi's is sold by the GB, please contact for GB pricing. If you let us know, we will charge up the Smart router, and it can be paid when checking out.

*Please note: Mifi router can only provide service to one or two devices at a time, if any more are connected, the MiFi's slow down to a crawl so give no service.*

## **INFO TO NOTE ~ LCOL CONTINUED**

*Fly Tying Bench at LCOL:* Available upon request, vice and materials not stored at LCOL; only available at BRL, if you would like a tying vice available at Long Caye Outpost Lodge, please let us know and a basic vice will be available, not tying materials.

*BRL's Fly Tying Bench:* Belize River Lodge has a fly tying bench with tying materials available for guest use. If you have a particular fly that you like to tie, maybe bring a few of those materials with you. If you would like some instruction or would like to learn to tie flies during your stay, Mike & a few of the guides can help you.

*Rentals at LCOL:* Available upon request as no rentals stored at LCOL. All fly and spin equipment is available for rent from BRL. You will visit the main Lodge on your arrival for check-in. If you need to rent any equipment, please let us know and we can get it for you while you check-in. If equipment is needed while you are on Long Caye, an extra charge will be incurred for us to take rental equipment out to the island. All rentals will be billed upon check-out.

*BRL's Rental Equipment:* BRL has rental equipment, subject to availability. Fly fishing equipment is top quality, mainly Sage rods, 8 wt's, 10 wt's & 12 wt's, & Teton or Sage saltwater reels. All reels have Rio lines. We also have a few 8 wt, 9 wt & 12 wt Winston rods in our rental equipment.

*Spin fishing equipment is also top quality, mainly Ugly Sticks with Shimano or Penn reels.*

*Flies, lures, leaders at LCOL:* Flies, lures and leader are not stored at LCOL. BRL has a small tackle shop with an assortment of fishing supplies – flies, lures, backing, lines, leaders and tippet. Mike's Closet has a good selection of flies and lures for sale (based on the BRL recommended lists).

*Flies, lures, leaders at LCOL: continued*

All flies, leaders, lures and tackle are available for sale from the main Lodge. If you know ahead of time that you will need tackle/flies/leaders, we can have it ready for your arrival. If you are not sure before your arrive in Belize, you will visit the main Lodge on your arrival for check-in at which time you can purchase any tackle/flies/leaders. If tackle/flies/leaders, etc is needed while you are on Long Caye, an extra charge will be incurred for us to take tackle out to the island. All purchases will be billed upon check-out.

*LCOL Guest House has the following amenities:*

- Mobile USB Charging Station w/ Outlet  
Plugs with USB Slot Surge Protector
- Wardrobe
- Cloth Hangers
- Hooks around room for Hanging Items
- Luggage Rack
- Hot/Cold water Bathroom with shower
- Towels (Face, Hand and Bath)
- Bath Mat
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion & soap)

*BRL Porches are outfitted with*

- Hooks for hanging Items
- Pegs for Rods

*Long Caye Outpost Lodge - Items to consider before heading out to the island:* Long Caye is stocked per trip for food and drinks. Alcohol is basic stocking of 2 cases of Belikin Beer and 1 bottle of One Barrel Rum, purchased by guests, only if used. When booking Long Caye Outpost Lodge, please note that along with basic stock of alcohol, we do NOT have flies, lures, any rods & reels, tying bench and materials. All of this is available at the main Lodge, so please be prepared. When staying on the island, please consider

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food (diets & special requests)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rod & Reels   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinks (sodas, tonic, soda water, beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flies & Lures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anything else of importance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaders       |

Please let us know if you need any of the above items so that we can have LCOL stocked for your arrival.

## 2023 PACKAGES

Belize River Lodge offers fishing, eco-adventure tours, Long Caye Outpost Lodge and combination packages. Mixed packages of BRL, LCOL, rest & relaxing (R&R'ing), fishing and eco-adventure touring are available. If you need 2023 package pricing, please e-mail at [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com)

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

*Items to Consider and Special Requests in General:* It is always difficult to describe everything that BRL and our LCOL Crew does or can do. Here are a few items, not listed anywhere but are important and help to make some trips special. We also wanted to remind you that if you have any requests, we easily accommodate most requests. If you do not see something, you only need to ask and we try to help as quickly as possible.

- While we do not have a “bar” per say, we have guests that request a blender and they enjoy mixing up their evening cocktails – just let us know and we can have mixers and blender ready on the bar.
- We have hosted guests for bachelor parties, the guys fished hard during the day, had dinner, played poker on the main Lodge porch into the night. We kept the ice and beer chilled and restocked at the bar. We served a “little snack” about 10 pm, then around 11pm closed the office; however the guys were stocked with beer and enjoyed their poker nights on the porch – turning off lights and fans when they were ready for bed. And yes, they were up early to head out fishing the following morning.
- While our BRL bar is mainly stocked with Belikin Beer regular, some guests enjoy Stout and we can have a 6 pack available (or more) on their arrival, if requested ahead of time.
- All guests enjoy their boxed lunches during the day, however, some guest prefer garden salads and extra fruit instead of sandwiches and desserts. We also have a varied gluten free, dairy free, low fat or vegan menu. Guest just need to let us know any dietary preferences.
- Other guests love our BRL chocolate chip cookies, so along with their regular boxed lunch and dessert, some request an extra Chocolate chip cookie or two daily.
- We have another group whom like chocolates. So they send a request to have available Snickers and Twix bars in their cooler daily. Others like extra snacks, in addition to our daily appetizers, so we can have, upon requests, peanuts, mixed nuts, potato chips, and pretzels on the porch, by their rooms or at LCOL depending on where they are staying.
- During the hotter months, we have Gator-Aid available for the lunch boxes – mixed by the gallon and served in pouring containers – still trying to keep down on the use of single use plastic bottles.
- This is not as usual as in years past, however, if someone requires the use of an iron we do have available a small ironing board and iron that can be taken to a guest’s room upon request.

And finally, at BRL, the main Lodge dining room is now air-conditioned so guest can enjoy a cool, relaxing meal when starting and ending their day.

*Cancellations:* Deposits are refundable only if written cancellation is received at the Lodge 120 days prior to guest’s arrival. Less than 120 days, deposits will be refunded only if a replacement can be found. Cancellations must be in writing to the Lodge. Please note that there is a \$100.00 per person processing fee per person on all cancellations.

*Credit cards:* Mastercard & Visa Only

Belize River Lodge is a member of Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA); Belize National Tour Operators Association (BNTOA); Belize Audubon Society (BAS). BRL guides are a members of National Association of Specialty and Interpretive Guides (NASIG). BRL Management is presently involved in BAS; and various environmental and tourism committees.

***The Belize River Lodge team actively advocates for the best balance between tourism and the environment.***

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONTINUED**

*Trip Feedback:* We do not always get in touch with you after a trip, this is not because we do not care about your thoughts on what could have made your trip better, it is because we are giving the guest at the Lodge the same personalized attention that you received. Please contact us with feedback so that we can continue to make the Lodge better and we always appreciate hearing when you just enjoyed your trip.

We also appreciate any pictures that you would like to share with us, so that we can post on the BRL Facebook page, BRL website or use in one of upcoming brochures; or if you would like to post and tag us, Or please email us at [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com) Thank you.

**Facebook BRL:** <http://www.facebook.com/belizeriverlodge>      **BRL Linked-In:** <http://www.linkedin.com/in/belizeriverlodge>

**Facebook LCOL:** <http://www.facebook.com/BRLs.Long.Caye.Outpost>      **BRL Instagram:** #belizeriverlodge

*Travel Documents:* A valid passport is required to enter Belize and must be valid at least six months beyond the duration of your stay. Visitors from the USA, UK and most of the Caribbean do not need Visas. Most other countries do.

*Travelling with Minors:* **Children under 18 years of age must have proper documentation**, including a valid passport and letter of parental consent. Children traveling with one parent require a notarized letter of authority from the other parent indicating travel consent.

Pages 23 to 26 is our Guest Questionnaire, please fill out and return to us at [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com) so that we can be better prepared for your trip.

*As you get ready for your upcoming trip, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or if you need help in preparing.*

**If you have any questions or need help when getting ready for your visit, please contact us via:**

Physical Address: 3.5 Miles Belize Olde River \* Ladyville, Belize  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 459 \* Belize City, Belize \* Central America

Call BRL direct: 011-501-225-2002 / 011-501-225-2459

Manager on Duty Whatsapp cel: 011-501-663-2759

Call toll free: **1-888-275-4843** \* E-Mail: [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com)

Visit our website: **[www.BelizeRiverLodge.com](http://www.BelizeRiverLodge.com)**

### **Social Media**

**Facebook BRL:** <http://www.facebook.com/belizeriverlodge>

**BRL Linked-In:** <http://www.linkedin.com/in/belizeriverlodge>

**BRL Instagram:** #belizeriverlodge

**Facebook Long Caye Outpost Lodge:** <http://www.facebook.com/BRLs.Long.Caye.Outpost>

## BRL AND LCOL GUEST QUESTIONNAIRE

Belize River Lodge is ideally located Long Caye is 14 miles from the Lodge and we would like to have the Long Caye Outpost Lodge ready and prepared for your arrival and stay. Whether you are visiting BRL, LCOL or both, please fill out the following questionnaire to help us better prepare for your trip. Please return to Lodge at [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com) before your arrival in Belize. Thank you very much.

1. Name of Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. # of People in Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Names of Members in Party: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Type of Fishing: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Fishing Expertise: Novice                      Intermediate                      Expert                      Professional

6. Specific Species After:  
                     Bonefish                      Tarpon                      Permit                      Snook                      Other: \_\_\_\_\_                      All species

7. **VERY IMPORTANT: Any Food Allergies, dietary needs in Group:** Yes / No

Our BRL cooks can handle most dietary requirements, please let us of your dietary needs (food allergies or special requests) BEFORE your arrival in Belize, so that your cook is aware and prepared.

LCOL is 14 miles from the nearest supplies and is stocked before your arrival on the island. We need to know of any dietary requirements (food allergies or special requests) BEFORE your arrival in Belize, so that your cook is aware and the island is fully stocked and prepared. Your cook can accommodate dietary needs as long as she is aware ahead of time.

Please let us know if you need a diet to take into account:

\_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes                      \_\_\_\_\_ High Cholesterol                      \_\_\_\_\_ Celiac Disease                      \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other: Notes on other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not eat on of the below foods, due to allergies, dietary needs to just plain dislike, please let us know ahead of time so that we can plan your menu accordingly. (\*\* Alternative)

_____ Milk	_____ Pasta, white flour	_____ Pickles
_____ Eggs	_____ White Rice (** brown rice)	_____ Relish
_____ Eggs cooked in breads	_____ Potatoes (** sweet potato)	_____ Beef
_____ Milk cooked in breads	_____ White bread (** wheat)	_____ Pork
_____ Butter	_____ Onions ___Raw/___Cooked	_____ Chicken
_____ Cheese	_____ Mayonnaise	_____ Fish
_____ Sugar, white	_____ Mustard	_____ Shellfish (shrimp/lobster/conch)
_____ Other _____	_____ Other _____	_____ Other _____

**Available upon request:** Soy &/or Almond milk, yogurt or bran cereal.  
 \*\* Notes substitutions.

8. **Rod & Reel Rentals:** Do you need Yes / No

BRL has rental equipment, subject to availability. Fly fishing equipment is top quality, mainly Sage rods, 8 wt's, 10 wt's & 12 wt's, & Teton, Sage and Bauer saltwater reels. All reels have Rio lines. We also have a few 8 wt, 9 wt & 12 wt Winston rods in our rental equipment.

**8. Rod & Reel Rentals: Do you need continued**

Spin fishing equipment is also top quality, mainly Ugly Sticks with Shimano or Penn reels. If you find that you are short of the needed equipment, flies or lures, we have a good stock of flies & lures that work well for the local waters.

If you are fishing from LCOL, all fly and spin equipment is available for rent from the main Lodge. You will visit the main Lodge on your arrival for check-in. If you need to rent any equipment, please let us know and we can get it for you while you check-in. Note: If equipment is needed while you are on Long Caye, an extra charge will be incurred for us to take rental equipment out to the island. All rentals will be billed upon check-out.

**9. Flies, lures, leaders: Do you need      Flies: Yes / No      Leaders: Yes / No      Lures: Yes / No**

**Mike's Closet (Tackle Shop):** BRL has a small tackle shop with an assortment of fishing supplies for sale – flies, lures, backing, lines, leaders and tippet.

If you are fishing from LCOL, all flies, leaders, lures and tackle is available for sale from the main Lodge. If you know ahead of time that you will need tackle/flies/leaders, we can have it ready for your arrival. If you are not sure before your arrive in Belize, you will visit the main Lodge on your arrival for check-in at which time you can purchase any tackle/flies/leaders. If tackle/flies/leaders, etc is needed while you are on Long Caye, an extra charge will be incurred for us to take tackle out to the island. All purchases will be billed upon check-out.

**10. Flight Arrival & Departure Dates & Times: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**11. If you have an early arrival or late departure,**

Would you like to do a tour (City, Zoo, Ruin, ect.), instead of waiting at Lodge. Yes / No

Or you can add a ½ day of fishing instead of waiting at Lodge. Yes / No

Any ½ day activity is at extra cost to the package. Please contact for ½ day fishing price.

**12. Beverages & Liquor ~ Special Requests: Yes / No**

BRL has a small self-service, honor system bar and guest sign a tab for drinks. The bar has an assortment of sodas (Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Red Fanta, Orange Fanta, Tonic and Soda Water), Belikin Beer and alcohol (a Belize rum, a vodka, a gin, a whiskey, & a tequila) for you to mix drinks in the evening. Notate any alcoholic drink in your booklet during your stay.

We also have alcohol & wine for sale by the bottle. If you would like something special, please let us know and we can have it ready for your arrival or you may bring your own alcoholic beverages, if you like. Any purchases or requests can be paid on check-out.

LCOL will be supplied with an assortment of sodas (Coke, Sprite, Red Fanta, Orange Fanta, Tonic and Soda Water). Light Coke (diet) is provided upon request – please let us know how many cases.

The Outpost Lodge will have 2 cases Belikin Beer (US\$3.00 per bottle) and a bottle of One Barrel Rum (US\$15.00 per bottle); guest sign a tab for drinks, which will be billed upon checkout.

*We will not have any other alcohol stocked, unless by request.* If anything else is needed (wine, more beer, spirits, specific mixers), please e-mail with any requests, which can be purchased by the bottle.



**12. Beverages & Liquor ~ Special Requests: continued**

Note: Six bottles of tonic and 6 bottles of soda water are stocked at Long Caye, if you need additional, no problem, please let us know before your arrival in Belize.

You may bring your own alcoholic beverages. When entering Belize, after Immigration and before luggage retrieval, there is a “Duty Free”. This is an easy place to pick up your liquor and tobacco. If purchased at the duty free in Belize, visitors are allowed 4 liters of alcohol duty free each. If additional beer or alcohol is needed while you are at LCOL, an extra charge will be incurred for us to take extra requests out to the island.

Drink &/or alcohol requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Special Requests & Miscellaneous Items:**

*Alcoholic beverages, cigars and items not included in the package will be billed to you during check-in on your arrival day:*

**Cigars (Cuban):** Best place to purchase is at the Duty Free at the Belize Airport upon arrival while waiting for your luggage. Most variety and best pricing.

**BRL Internet:** All rooms, Guest House, Cottage and Bungalow, and the main Lodge building including screened porch, living room and dining room have free shared wireless internet.

**LCOL Internet Service ~ MIFI Rental:** [Yes / No](#)

LCOL does not have internet. Router rental is US\$5.00 per day. GB time is at extra cost; pricing from Smart is changing often, so please contact us for updates GB pricing.

**Fly Tying Bench:** Belize River Lodge has a fly tying bench with tying materials available for guest use. If you have a particular fly that you like to tie, maybe bring a few of those materials with you. Only available at main Lodge, if you would like a tying vice available at Long Caye Outpost Lodge, please let us know. If requested for Long Caye, the vice will be available, not tying materials.

**Fly Tying Bench ~ Vice requested at LCOL:** [Yes / No](#)

**Kayaks:** Kayaks are available for use at no charge for guests. PFD required at all times while on kayak. If you do not see the kayaks, please check with BRL office and we can get it out for you.

**Kayaks ~ Kayaks requested at LCOL:** [Yes / No](#)

**Games:** Belize River Lodge has a wide range of games available for guest to enjoy. If you would like to have a fun game, Monopoly, Bingo or cards, please check with BRL office and we can get it out for you. 2023 game addition at both BRL and LCOL, Cornhole.

Volleyball net & ball [Yes / No](#)

Badminton [Yes / No](#)

Croquet [Yes / No](#)

Trivial Pursuit [Yes / No](#)

Backgammon [Yes / No](#)

Checkers [Yes / No](#)

Cards [Yes / No](#)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Long Caye Outpost Lodge - Items to consider before heading to the island:** LCOL is stocked per trip for food, drinks and any requests. Alcohol is basic stocking of 2 cases of Belikin Beer and 1 bottle of One Barrel Rum, purchased by guests, only if used. When booking LCOL, please note that along with basic stock of alcohol, we do NOT have flies, lures, any rods & reels, tying bench and materials. All of this is available at the main Lodge, so please be prepared. When staying on the island, please consider:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food (diets & special requests)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rod & Reels   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinks (sodas, tonic, soda water, beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flies & Lures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anything else of importance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaders       |

15. Anything you would like us to know before your arrival. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please note the above questionnaire is very important for planning your trip. If you have any requests or food allergies, please let us know before your arrival, so that we will have everything you need.*

**If you have any questions or need help when getting ready for your visit, please contact us via:**

Physical Address: 3.5 Miles Belize Olde River \* Ladyville, Belize  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 459 \* Belize City, Belize \* Central America  
Call BRL direct: 011-501-225-2002 / 011-501-225-2459 \* Manager on Duty Whatsapp cel: 011-501-663-2759  
Call toll free: **1-888-275-4843** \* E-Mail: [fishing@belizeriverlodge.com](mailto:fishing@belizeriverlodge.com)  
Visit our website: [www.BelizeRiverLodge.com](http://www.BelizeRiverLodge.com)

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**BRL Linked-In:** <http://www.linkedin.com/in/belizeriverlodge>  
**BRL Instagram:** #belizeriverlodge  
**Facebook Long Caye Outpost Lodge:** <http://www.facebook.com/BRLs.Long.Caye.Outpost>