

# *Hickatee Cottages* TOLEDO DISTRICT, BELIZE TRAVEL GUIDE



*Experience* **BELIZE**  
**with us!**





## *Experience focused.*

For business and pleasure. For reunions and retreats.  
Nature, Culture, & Education.

*Unique destination* offering a comfortable,  
memorable and affordable experience in the heart of the  
Belizean jungle.

## *Be transported.*

Quaint gravel entrance, mint & white colored cottages,  
open verandahs, inviting hammocks and orchids  
glowing in every corner.





# TOLEDO DISTRICT, BELIZE

## TRAVEL *with us!*



## a BEAUTIFUL Place to Travel

### About Us

- An award-winning jungle lodge
- Remote, yet 1.5 miles from town
- 6 fully screened and locally furnished houses, suitable for up to 16 persons
- Environmentally conscious
- Personalized amenities

### Why Southern Belize?

A less traveled destination, culturally diverse and a nature haven that offers personal connections and creates a positive contribution to local communities.

### Our Services

- Supporting all your travel needs while in the Toledo District:
  - Reunions, Retreats
  - Family & Group Travel
  - Specialty Travel
  - Culture, Nature
  - Conservation
  - Community Volunteering
  - Student Programs
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Partner with licensed tour operators
- Budget friendly

Contact us today for additional information  
[www.hickatee.com](http://www.hickatee.com)

# Our Cottage Houses



## **Sweet Suite**

Largest cottage, includes a separate lounge, a covered verandah and a small private garden area with one queen bed and a spacious living room.



## **Wilby Suite**

Two spacious interior rooms with an outdoor pergola. Includes one queen bed and a lounge room.



## **Duplex Unit**

Two adjoining rooms with a shared, covered verandah. Duplex #2 cottage includes a queen bed and a twin bed. Duplex #3 includes a full bed and a twin bed.



## **Detached Cottage**

Single room with a covered verandah with two full bed.



## **Hickatee Den**

Small detached unit with one queen.

# *Our Amenities*

*Hickatee Cottages* property rental offers:

- Cottage houses complete with en-suite facilities
- Private use of grounds, nature trails throughout the property
- Private use of on-site splash pool
- Use of the main house facility, including library and entertainment/bar areas
  - Fully-equipped kitchen
  - Catered meal services available
  - Complimentary WIFI
- On-site staff, including nightly security
- 100% off-grid; solar-operated (no A/C)
  - Free Parking





# *Our Dining Verandah*





# *Our Philosophy*



## *Hickatee Cottages* Philosophy

is one of minimal impact to the environment,  
and maximum benefit to our adopted community.

We offer a sustainable, quality product to protect the environment,  
conserve natural resources and preserve local economy.







# *Important Jungle Expectations*

## *Off-Grid.*

Hickatee Cottages is off-grid. Our facility is operated by solar panels and battery supply. We have ample power for en-suite fans and lighting as well as hot water for relaxing showers, but we ask that hairdryers or other high-powered, heated devices are not used in our cottages.

## *Unpaved Roads.*

While we are only 1.5 miles from downtown Punta Gorda, it may get muddy and our roads develop potholes. This, however, is the trade-off for an attractive jungle location, complete with resident howler monkeys.

## *Natural Breeze.*

Our cottages are fully screened to allow for the fresh, nature breeze to flow through. With this jungle experience, our cottages do not include A/C.

## *Safety and Accessibility.*

Hickatee Cottages is located on a relatively flat ground, and all paths are of gravel rock material. Each cottage has approximately six steps with safety railings and are within a short walking distance of all facility needs and the parking lot entrance. Due to the nature of the location, Hickatee Cottages is not wheelchair accessible.

## *Jungle Flyers.*

The jungle offers beautiful flora and fauna, but this also comes with the various insects of the jungle. We recommend insect repellent for those more sensitive to our winged friends.







# *Toledo District, Southern Belize*





# *Nature, Culture, Adventure*

## Self-Guided & Guided Tours Available

Archaeological Maya Sites - Nim Li Punit, Lubaantun,  
Uxbenka

Rio Blanco National Park and the San Antonio  
Waterfalls

Blue Creek Cave

Toledo Villages – San Antonio, San Jose, Santa Cruz,  
Barranco and many more!

Living Mayan Experience

Zip Lining and River Tubing

Port Honduras Marine Reserve Snorkeling, Swimming  
and Island Caye Hopping

Fly Fishing, Spin Fishing and Trolling

Garifuna Drumming and Creole Drumming

Birding, Hiking, Kayaking Excursions

Golden Stream Spice Farm Tour

Punta Gorda Town, Market & Crafts

Cave Adventure Tours

Toledo Cultural Tours

Jungle Hiking Tours

Cacao Trail Tours

Birding Excursions

Community Involvement Opportunities



# *Toledo District Information*

**“Toledo offers the distinctive traveler undiscovered experiences like no other!”**

*....Toledo is Belize’s best kept secret and emerging destination.*

*....draped with pristine rainforests, Maya mountains and stretches of protected natural reserves.*

**Economical Center:** Punta Gorda

**Toledo Villages:** ~ 50 villages within the district

**Nearest Airport:** Punta Gorda Airstrip (PND)

**Ethnic Groups:** Garifuna, Mayan, East Indian, Mennonite, Creole, Latino/Mestizo

**Population:** Toledo ~30,000; Punta Gorda ~ 8,000

**Primary Languages:** English, Spanish, Creole, Mayan

**Mayan Architecture:** Nim Li Punit, Lubaantun, Uxbenka, Pusil Ha

**Gateways:** → Port Honduras Marine Reserve;  
→ Guatemala

**Weather:** Warm, humid year-round

**Seasons:** Wet: June – October; Dry: November – May

**Sea Level:** PG is approximately ten feet above sea level

**Belize Barrier Reef:** Final stretch of the reef is just 40 miles offshore PG

**Notable Local Events:** Toledo Chocolate Festival (May), Battle of the Drums (November)



# *About Toledo District*

## **Local Transportation |**

Travelers will fly into the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (BZE) and take a 30-minute domestic flight via Tropic Air to Punta Gorda (PND). Hickatee Cottages is approximately 15-minute drive from the air strip. Alternative transportation includes bus and vehicle hire from Belize City, which is a 3-hour travel time.

## **Local Economy |**

In general, the Belizean economy primarily relies on agriculture and tourism.

Agriculturally, farmers largely crop rice, beans, corn and cacao. Most of the crops produced in the southern regions are sold for local consumption and not export. Cacao, however, is widely an export product and is used by larger cacao production companies such as Green & Blacks, Mahogany Chocolate, and other bean to bar companies.

Tourism in Southern Belize is perfect for those seeking adventure, nature, or cultural experiences. Though the southernmost part of the country is less travelled than the beach/resort towns, the Toledo District offers personal connections and creates a positive contribution to local communities.

## **Anthropology & Local Culture |**

Those born and raised in the Toledo District are proud of the cultural harmony that exists between the many cultures of Southern Belize. The district comprises of a rich cultural heritage, including Mopan and Kekchi Maya, Garifuna, East Indians, Chinese, Creole and Mennonite. This cultural heritage expresses traditional dress, native language, and cultural culinary cuisines.



# *About Toledo District cont'd*

## **Villages and Punta Gorda Town |**

Today, the Mayan comprise of the largest percentage of the Toledo District, which includes over thirty Mopan and Kekchi Maya communities throughout the district. The Garifuna, East Indian and Creole descents generally habitat near Punta Gorda town. In general, the communities are under-developed, and most families live a simple lifestyle with dependency on food from farming and fishing.

## **Experiences of Southern Belize |**

Southern Belize and the Toledo District is known as being under-developed and untouched. While it is not considered a touristy location, those who visit will experience the customs and cultures of local people, the beauty in nature, and preserved archeological sites. Below are some additional links to the wonders the district has to offer.

### **National Parks & Waterfalls |**

<https://www.hickatee.com/rainforest-jungle-parks>

### **Caves & Hiking |**

<https://www.hickatee.com/caving-hiking>

### **Cultural Engagements |**

<https://www.hickatee.com/toledo-cultural-activities>

### **Cayes, Marine Reserve & Fishing |**

<https://www.hickatee.com/toledo-cayes>

### **Archeological Sites |**

<https://www.hickatee.com/toledo-belize-maya-sites>

### **Birding and Wildlife |**

<https://www.hickatee.com/birding>



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