

**What's the best advice you can give future students to maximize their experience abroad?**

"When you have free time go explore the city. Do not be afraid to try new foods or do new things. On your trip you are not supposed to do everything like you would do it in America. Go have fun and love every minute of what you are doing."

"Don't be afraid to talk to the locals."

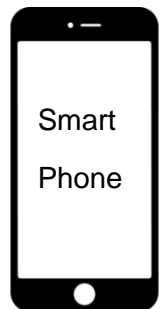
"Be in the moment for everything. Being abroad is not just about getting the college credit. It is about being in the moment and experiences a new culture first had."

"Travel Tip: Keep in mind that Belize is very hot and there might be a couple nights without A/C. So make sure you are hydrated!"

**What items did you not bring that you wish you had?**

- A personal fan
- Refillable water bottle with a filter!
- Comfortable walking shoes
- BUG SPRAY
- Over the counter medicines from home

**Which devices would you recommend others take in the future?**



**What items did you pack and NOT need while abroad?**

- Too many clothes
- Not enough casual lightweight pieces

**Most common ways to communicate with family and friends back home:**

#1. Through WiFi-enabled smart phones apps

- Skype
- Whatsapp
- iMessage

#2. International calling/text plan from US provider

# Belize Caribbean BIO

*"The time I spent in Belize was one of the best experiences of my life. The friendships that I made and the experiences that I had will be unforgettable."*

**Approximately how much did you spend out of pocket during the program (in USD)?**

|                                    | Max Value | Average Value |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Food:                              | 100.00    | 70.00         |
| Going out/free time:               | 100.00    | 46.00         |
| Other:                             | 200.00    | 11.11         |
| Personal travel/excursions:        | 150.00    | 66.00         |
| Program related travel/excursions: | 200.00    | 62.00         |
| Required books/supplies:           | 50.00     | 5.00          |
| Souvenirs/gifts:                   | 200.00    | 47.00         |

**What advice do you have for students to budget and spend money wisely?**

"Set your budget and stick to it. Find the "hole-in-the-walls" that are cheaper but still delicious. Some places will have specials on certain days. Find those days and go!"

"Buy your souvenirs before Caye Caulker, everything is more expensive on the island. Make sure you barter with the vendors."

"Prepare a budget beforehand and be honest with yourself. If you plan to shop a lot, that is going to be a big expense."

**How did you pay for things on a daily basis?**

1. Cash (exchanged from U.S. currency)
2. Credit/Debit cards
3. Cash (withdrawn from local ATM)

**What credit cards were most accepted?**

