

Belize 2023

Date: 3-10 June 2023

Location: Bullet Tree, Belize (with Brandi and Junior McIntosh). See www.concordbc.org/belize for information on their ministry.

Flights: Flights are being booked by our travel agent. The flight cost is **\$545.67**. You may write your check to Concord Baptist Church.

To Belize: Depart Knoxville 7:13 A.M. June 3. Arrive Miami 9:20 A.M. **American flight 4213**
Depart Miami 12:05 P.M. **American flight 1513**
Arrive in Belize City 12:17 P.M.
The travel time from the airport to Bullet Tree is approximately 2 hours.

From Belize: Depart Belize 3:02 P.M. Arrive Miami 7:25 P.M. June 10. **American flight 410**
Depart Miami 9:00 P.M. **American flight 4214**
Arrive in Knoxville 11:09 P.M.
We will leave the mission house no later than 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning.

Flights: **American 4213 - American 1513**
American 410 - American 4214

Cost: \$340 per person. This covers lodging and 2 daily meals at the mission house. Also includes team T-shirt. Total cost for the trip is **\$885.67** (that includes airfare and the lodging expense above).

The evening meal will be at local restaurants and is the team member's responsibility. Budget no more than \$10.00 U.S. (\$20.00 Belize) per night.

We are presently planning on going to Rio on Pools for our Friday activity.

If desired, you will have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs. You will find Belizeans at several places we visit selling hand-made jewelry and other items. We will visit the Art Box in Belmopan.

Ministries: We will be finishing the new kitchen and perhaps build a few cisterns. Our primary ministries are VBS with the local children at the church and door-to-door evangelism in the village.

The cost per person above covers 2 Belizean cooks, a Belizean skilled carpenter, and a Belizean assistant.

Other: The Art Box is a good place to purchase souvenirs. They have T-shirts, jewelry, hand crafted wood objects, etc. More information can be found at: <https://www.artboxbz.com/>

We will be welcomed to Bullet Tree with a traditional Belizean BBQ our first night in Belize! The traditional BBQ is BBQ chicken and pork with Santiago's special sauce, rice & beans, potato salad, and handmade flour tortillas.

If you have food allergies, please let Larry know ASAP.

You should plan to check one suitcase for items we cannot take on the plane. The cost is \$30.00 for the first bag.

Baggage policies and prices can be found here:
<https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/checked-baggage-policy.jsp>

If you desire, you may add international calling to your cell phone for the trip. We will have WiFi available

for you at the mission house. Most restaurants we will visit also have WiFi available.

As always, it is critical that you stay hydrated in Belize! Soft drinks will *not* hydrate you! We will have bottled water available at the mission house.

You should apply ample sunscreen! Please do not try to get a tan. You will be closer to the sun than your body is used to. You will burn if you are not careful!

We will attend church Sunday at Bullet Tree Baptist Church. Ladies should wear skirts or a dress (see below). Gentlemen should wear long pants (not shorts). If you have questions, see Larry.

Please consider taking twin sheets, towels, and/or washcloths if you have room. We will leave these with Brandi and Junior to replenish their stock.

From Brandi and Junior: “We have a slight dress code. We prefer that everyone wear shorts to the knees, ladies wear skirts or dresses to church, and no spaghetti strap tank tops. Sleeveless shirts for the ladies are okay as long as the shoulder width is credit card width. During VBS / Youth night ladies and men wearing shorts are okay, because of activities that will be occurring.”

You do not need to obtain Belizean money before traveling. Everywhere we go will accept American money (except coins). The exchange rate is 2 Belizean dollars to 1 American dollar. Be mindful of this when receiving change.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT bring a COVID self-test kit with you! Self-test kits are illegal in Belize. You cannot use them for departure testing. The law specifies a fine of up to \$5,000.