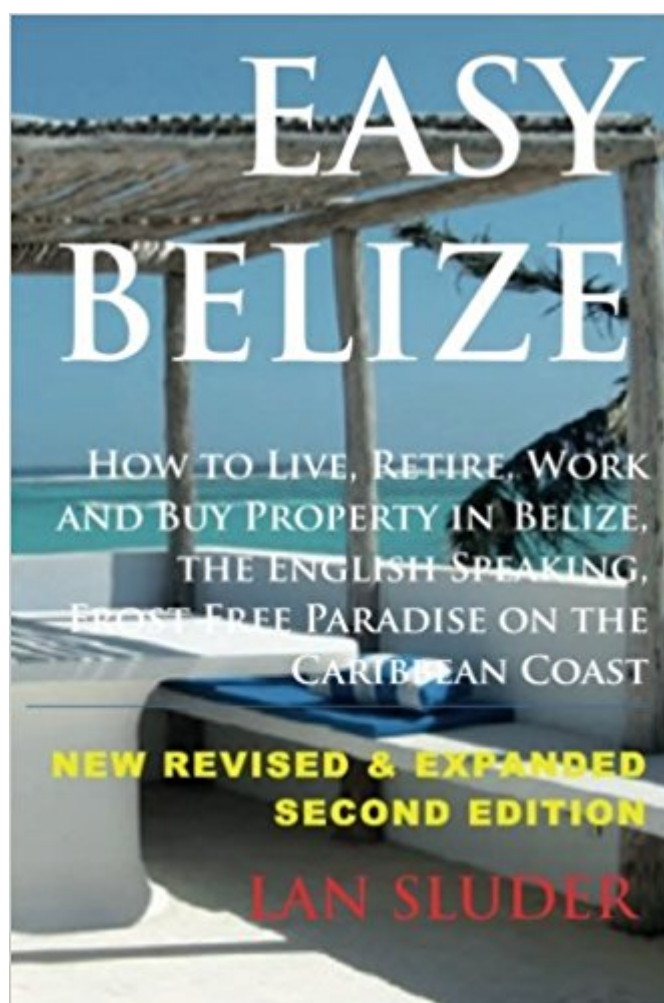


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Synopsis

EASY BELIZE How to Live, Retire, Work and Buy Property in Belize, the English Speaking, Frost Free Paradise on the Caribbean Coast by Lan Sluder is the complete guide for anyone considering relocating or retiring to Belize, and for anyone thinking of buying property or building a home in Belize. This is the fully updated, revised and expanded Second Edition for 2016-2017. In 40 chapters, 460 pages and 170,000 words, with dozens of photographs and maps, it covers everything you need to know: Where are the best areas of Belize to live? Can you still find affordable beachfront land in Belize? What do things cost in Belize? How to find the best values on real estate Facts on health care in Belize Truth about safety and security What pitfalls and problems should you avoid? Options for residency How much per month do you need to live in Belize? Tax savings in Belize Qualified Retired Persons (QRP) program How to stretch your dollars in Belize. While this books is primarily a guide for those thinking about retiring, relocating or buying property in Belize, it also includes comprehensive information on hotels and restaurants. It also covers what to do and see in Belize, including diving, snorkeling, boating, fishing, caving, visiting Maya sites and other adventures. This makes Easy Belize handy for your "check-it-out" scouting trip to Belize. Easy Belize provides detailed information on all the major areas of Belize, whether inland or on the coast and cayes: Corozal Town and Corozal District; the islands of Belize including Ambergris Caye (San Pedro) and Caye Caulker and the small offshore cayes; Belmopan City, San Ignacio/Santa Elena and Benque Viejo in Cayo District; Dangriga, Hopkins and Placencia in Stann Creek District; the Punta Gorda and Maya villages areas in Toledo District; and Belize City and rural Belize District. Lan Sluder has been reporting on Belize for 25 years. He is the author of more than a dozen books and ebooks on the country, including Fodor's Belize, Living Abroad in Belize and San Pedro Cool.

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Customer Reviews

Lan Sluder is an old Belize hand, having been reporting on and writing about Belize since 1991. The author of more than a dozen books and ebooks on Belize, Sluder has helped many people plan the adventure of a lifetime in this fascinating little English-speaking country on the Caribbean Coast of Central America. Among Lan Sluder's Belize books, besides Easy Belize (original First Edition in 2010 and completely revised and expanded Second Edition for 2016-2017), are Fodor's Belize, Living Abroad in Belize, Adapter Kit: Belize, San Pedro Cool, Belize Islands Guide and Belize First Guide to Mainland Belize. Sluder is also founder, editor and publisher of Belize First Magazine – a web edition is at <http://www.belizefirst.com>. In addition to his books on Belize, Sluder has authored several books on Asheville and the North Carolina mountains, including Amazing Asheville, Asheville Relocation, Retirement and Visitor Guide and Moving to the Mountains. He wrote Frommer's Best Beach Vacations: Carolinas and Georgia and co-authored Fodor's The Carolinas & Georgia. In addition, he has written books on the game of bridge, Play Bridge Today, a book on vintage Rolls-Royce and Bentley motorcars, Buy a Classic Rolls-Royce or Bentley. His upcoming books include 25 Great Private Eyes in Books, Movies and TV: Their Dives, Digs, Drives and Drinks, All the Best in Belize travel guide and Higher Ed Cookbook. A former business newspaper editor and reporter in New Orleans, where he won a number of Press Club awards, Sluder has contributed articles on travel, retirement and business subjects to media around the world, including The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Miami Herald, Where to Retire, Canada's Globe and Mail, Charlotte Observer, Bangkok Post, The Tico Times, Newsday, TravelChannel.com and Caribbean Travel & Life.

Not only is this a very informative book for those considering a move to Belize, but it has an added bonus. The bonus is that the author is gracious enough to respond to additional questions via email, and does so within 24 hours. I've tried not to overstay my welcome, but the author, Lan Sluder continues to make me feel right at home when I pester him with 'just one more question.' I feel like Detective Columbo with all of the questions that I've posed to him. There's a ton of information in this book and after reading it, you'll definitely know whether or not a move to Belize is right for you. Lan Sluder is an excellent writer, and as mentioned above, is also a very gracious person.

This book was very detailed and provided lots of great information on just about anything Belize.

Sadly, bought it about a week before the latest edition came out. In the edition I have, everything is six or seven years old. I get the impression that there are a lot of newer real estate developments and that things change frequently, here. So needless to say, my version of the book is too dated to provide the latest info. Since I paid \$10 for the ebook, at least a discounted new edition would be a nice gesture. The other slight beef is there were quite a few spots in the book that would have benefited from an editor's touch. There were typos that slowed me down a little. But from what I have seen, this is one of the best and most complete books on the subject. James Frederick

This book is an introductory must-read for anyone considering living in Belize. It covered all territories and gave an honest account of how safe or unsafe certain areas are. I consider it my go-to reference. There is a plethora of information on the benefits and rules associated with each type of residency status. One other reviewer had complained about there not being enough maps, but I must have a later edition as I found very helpful maps. If one needs more detailed maps, they can be purchased from another source - the included maps were more for reference than deep detail.

Belize is a fascinating community but not for the faint at heart. If you like adventure but you are a cautious value driven investor you will appreciate the pros and cons Lan Sluder displays in this very accurate book. Dual citizen since 2002; I have done well with calculated risk and reward and happy to advise others regarding all things Belize real estate. People that love Belize usually visit several times, falling deeper in love before they are convinced of all the benefits.

I like this book, yet I would have rated it even higher if it had included small maps of each area of Belize at the beginning of each chapter that focused on a different area. Even a page-sized map of Belize near the beginning of the book would have been a great help. One would not expect to read a book about a specific real place and not have a single map in the entire book. Otherwise, the information was priceless. It'll take a lot more work to associate the given information with what's on the ground -- when I get my maps which I'll have to purchase elsewhere.

This book was written by someone who is familiar with Belize, and provides you with the truth as to what you will encounter when you arrive, not some rosy sales pitch. A very useful tool for anyone contemplating somewhere to live during the winter or as an escape from their country of citizenship. I recommend you read this book.

Very authoritative and concise explanation of life in Belize. I enjoyed reading this book immensely. I have one suggestion for improvement on this book. The author uses a grading scale to rate various aspects of Belize. A for this, B- for that, etc. I think that approach is too precise. It's hard to distinguish a B-, for example, from a B or a C+ when everything to a typical reader is brand new. I can distinguish a B from a C more easily. I hope that makes sense.

This book is awesome! It gives so much information and is very easy to follow. I'm contemplating a move to Belize and there is so much in this book that I haven't even thought about until I read it. I've reread parts of it numerous times and shared a lot of the info with my wife. The author knows his stuff!

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