

## MAHOGANY BAY RESORT & BEACH CLUB, CURIO – A COLLECTION BY HILTON BRINGS NEW LEVEL OF LUXURY & RUSTIC CHIC ELEGANCE TO AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE



***New Sustainably Built Caribbean Resort Gears Up for December 2017 Debut;  
60-Acre Landmark Property Boasts Private Beach Access, Culturally-Infused Design & More***

**San Pedro, Belize – October 10, 2017** – The highly anticipated Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club, Curio – A Collection By Hilton, will begin welcoming travelers this December. The newly reimagined 360° lifestyle resort village was built from the ground-up on the picturesque Caribbean island of Ambergris Caye, Belize. Designed for those seeking relaxed adventure, the lavish resort is set within a lush 60-acre tropical landscape that is also comprised of Mahogany Bay Village resort community and Mahogany Bay Townlet which provides a selection of dining and drinking options, as well as shops, a marina, and an activity concierge.

“To bring this type of lifestyle community to Belize has been a labor of love and a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” said Beth Clifford, founder and developer. “Developing a sustainable, elegant resort that celebrates local Belizean culture was a welcomed challenge. Every detail of the property from the guest room layout and hand-selecting the bathrobes to providing access to a pristine private beach was strategically designed with the traveler in mind. We are excited to offer guests a new level of luxury and a chic yet relaxed way to discover Belize.”

### **Island Design**



Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club features 205 charming cottage and villa-style rooms nestled amongst groves of coconut palms and tropical foliage. Interiors offer breezy spaces with lofty ceilings all grounded with the warmth of local hardwoods. Each room is outfitted with furnishings that reflect a modern take on the country's British Colonial past. The spacious rooms feature natural fabrics and worldly touches that evoke the local setting, such as Belgian linen and decorative hand-blocked fabrics.

The overarching design concept of the individual cottages is that of a framed tent – a structure with minimal skin and an open plan to capture the cooling Caribbean cross breezes. With open-cavity walls and a novel tin-lined indoor/outdoor shower that lend an air of “glamping” to the guestrooms, the details, such as state-of-the-art Hansgrohe double shower heads, plush linens, and Malin and Goetz amenities are simply luxurious. Each of the buildings embrace the indigenous details of Caribbean living: open windows, high ceilings and spacious porches. Accommodations range from garden cottage, garden cottage with loft, lower and upper keeping suites and family cottages.

Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club has been built using sustainably-harvested local materials including five different species of wood: Bullet Tree, Cabbage Bark, Caribbean Pine, Santa Maria, and, of course, Mahogany. The unique characteristics of these specialty woods gives the resort a timeless elegance and exceptional style.

Splashes of color compliment the aesthetic of Mahogany Bay Village’s all-white exteriors. When it came to furniture selection for the property, rather than purchase pieces commonly seen at other resorts throughout the world, they commissioned a custom “primitive modern” collection that celebrates the natural woods of Belize. Each piece was purposely and specifically designed for the spot they occupy in guestrooms and public areas and are hand-hewn and possess the distressed quality of an heirloom. The collection of chairs, tables, dressers, nightstands and beds is available for retail purchase and international shipment.

### Island Life

The 22,000 sq.ft Great House, the heart of the resort’s social scene, was inspired by the grandeur and glamour of travel at the turn-of-the-century and showcases classic, British-colonial architecture and design but with a modern twist. There is a strong sense of the country’s British colonial roots in the lobby, which is lined with rich mahogany bookshelves and features tufted cushion bamboo furniture, ceiling fans, and natural accents of leather and rattan. The furnishings and traditional architecture combine for an ambience of comfort, heritage and tranquility, which is a warm welcome for arriving guests. With a Grand Ballroom and wrap-around covered veranda, it is also a stunning setting for indoor and outdoor events from destination weddings and family reunions to corporate retreats.

Guests looking to mix and mingle in the sun can enjoy the Bay Club area which boasts a 15,000 square-foot pool with private cabanas perfect for poolside pampering spa treatments as well as plush sun loungers and hammocks shaded by palm trees. The most exclusive amenity of the property is the Beach Club. A 10-minute

boat shuttle from the resort is the private white sand beach where guests can enjoy the crystal-clear Caribbean water and relax with a full restaurant and bar, beach service, watersport activities, changing rooms, and full bathrooms. Luxurious day beds and hammocks strategically placed in the tranquil sea will be a hot spot for guests to lounge and relax.

### Island Delights

Travelers can discover the true local flavor of Ambergris Caye throughout the resort's chic and eclectic dining venues. **Verandah**, with stunning bay and sunset views, is the primary indoor/outdoor restaurant located in The Great House and serves three meals a day specializing in the freshest salads and organic farm-to-table specials. **Stirred**, the mixology bar located in the lobby of The Great House, offers a menu of hand-crafted creative cocktails. **Shaken** is a lively outdoor bar that overlooks The Bay Club pool where guests can enjoy frozen drinks and small bites. **Rum+Bean** is a classic Hemingway-inspired locale which serves inventive coffee drinks in the morning and an extensive collection of rum offerings in the afternoon and evening. **Gadfly's** is an exclusive speakeasy social club and cocktail lounge tucked away on the top floor of The Great House, offering stunning views of the island.

Travelers looking for authentic local cuisine can visit the **Taco Shack** which is a go-to spot for the best Belizean tacos around. Open for breakfast & lunch, the small outpost on property gives guests a taste of the delicious flavors of Belize. For a healthy, light option there is the **Hive**, which serves a menu of globally-inspired bowls using local Belizean produce and organic grains. **Mahogany Chocolates** is a bean-to-bar chocolatier that uses locally-sourced organic chocolate varieties and also offers private chocolate-making classes. **JYOTO** serves up the highest-grade sushi, sourcing fresh fish daily from local fisherman on Ambergris Caye, with an extensive tea and sake menu for pairing. Opening in 2018 is the **Dirty Martini**, a tapas bar featuring a selection of premier vodka and gins.

### Island State of Mind

Science and Soul Wellness is one of the largest and most holistic health and yoga centers in Belize which serves as a peaceful sanctuary for guests. Located in the Townlet, it offers a total of 49 weekly classes, including aerial and stand up paddle board yoga, massage, Ayurvedic treatments, facials, organic spray tans and more. While a modern, state-of-the-art gym offers top-of-the-line equipment for full-body workouts can be found next to the Bay Club. Guests can take in the sunrise and sunset through its glass walls and or take weights to the outside deck catching a refreshing breeze from the bay.

### Island Adventure

Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club is a great base camp for guests to create their adventures on Ambergris Caye and beyond. Belize is known for its world-class sports and activities, such as diving, snorkeling, fly fishing, paddle boarding, and other watersports. With over 300 species of birds, it's a top destination for bird-watching, along with exploring Belize Barrier Reef, the second largest barrier reef in the world.

Scuba School Belize is guests' on-property ticket to the underwater world available for half-day or three-day trips. Training and courses are offered by PADI-certified instructors, with scuba and snorkeling equipment for purchase or rental. The Blue Bonefish has everything for guests' fishing adventure including rods, reels, flies, sunglasses, outerwear and fishing tours for all five types of fishing in Belize.



### **Island Transport**

Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club is ideally situated 1.5 miles south of San Pedro, the only town on Ambergris Caye, Belize's largest island and a mere 10 minutes from San Pedro Airport with 15-minute air connections to Belize's International airport available hourly, year-round.

For transportation around the expansive resort, Wheels! offers guests fun and easy options to maneuver throughout the property and across the island. Golf carts and pedal bikes are available for rent by the hour, day, week, or month.

Nightly rates will start at \$369 for garden cottage accommodations and all reservations include complimentary WiFi, continental breakfast and roundtrip transfers to San Pedro Airport. To book a reservation please visit [www.mahoganybayvillage.com](http://www.mahoganybayvillage.com).

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