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# Wyndham Belize Quarterly

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### The Wyndham Grand 2021 in Paradise

*Despite all the troubles that the tourism industry had to endure and the disruptions to travel, Belize still found favor with the travelling public.*

Many lifestyle and Caribbean publications have named Belize as one of the best places to either visit or retire in. Since Belize opened up to foreign travellers the international press has been full of positive prose about Belize in general and Ambergris Caye in particular. The positivity is proven out by the large numbers of visitors that have visited here. Paradise Found!



## Letter from the Developer On Site and Reporting from Ambergris Caye

Greeting to our first return to publication since the hard travel restrictions and disruptions from last year. The start of the year saw a gradual opening of the tourism market and many resorts and tour companies start to come back on line. .

I moved down here full time with my family and to take command of the project. It has been quite an experience going through the last stages of the closures and then seeing how the island was able to come back and open up.

The resilience of the Belizean people in the face of the hardships of the past year is admirable and I have a new found respect for the many on the Caye who still kept a friendly “can do” attitude even while most businesses were closed and activity was at an all time low.

Everyone has been very helpful getting us settled and showing us where to get what we need, how to make the most of the island and

Where the good stuff can be acquired. Even with the slow business environment, the Caye is still a great place to live and plenty to do.

The opening up at the start of the year was pretty successful. Slow at first but the holidays in the US saw the Caye host many

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business

Visitors and while occupancy was high for the resorts that were open, the discounting made for an affordable if less than profitable island stay. Easter was especially busy with the foreign visitor crowd augmented by the local Belizean island visitors who took advantage

Of the lower rates and incentives to come and enjoy what so many international visitors take for granted.

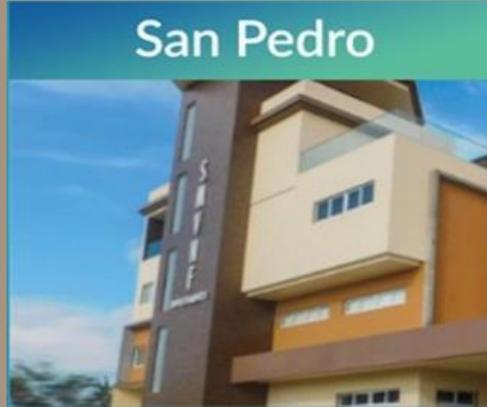
Now that we are settled and I can deal directly with the various institutions and agencies that provide support and approvals it is time to roll up the sleeves, dive in and get the project back on track. No more holidays, COVID holdups or delays.

Wyndham in 2021!

set the stage >>>

# New on The Caye

*One of the things that many people had often commented on about Ambergris Caye and San Pedro was the lack of any good quality medical care or a full service clinic. This was especially true for the north end of the island.*



## SAN PEDRO URGENT CARE

The San Pedro Urgent Care located in the Grand Caribe area of Caribeville has opened and offers a wide range of medical services and specialties. Emergency medical services are also available. This is the first medical facility on the north side of the Caye.

And There's MORE...

While the San Pedro Urgent Care offers COVID testing for visitors the Belize Diagnostic Center has initiated a concierge testing service that sees them come to the visitors resort to perform testing in room for the same price as the clinics.



## Magical Belize!

### *The Great Blue Hole of Belize.*

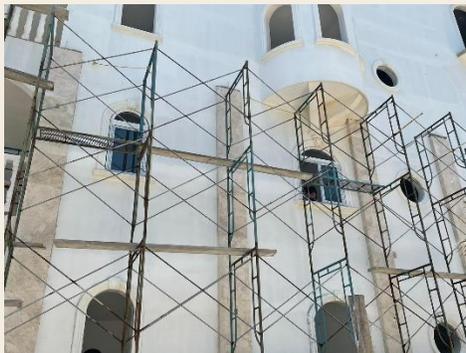
The Great Blue Hole of Belize was formed nearly 10,000 years ago at the end of the great ice age when caverns were submerged under the Caribbean Sea. A nearly perfectly circular expanse of sapphire water measuring 300 meters (980 feet) across and 125 meters (410 feet) deep.

It is one of Belize's greatest marine attractions and a World Heritage Site.

## Construction Update!

*The materials have been piling up, we reported the arrival of the windows and doors back in January and we have continued to receive materials so our crews have not been idle while we staff up.*

*The Scaffolds are going back up and the finish work on the exteriors are underway!*



### *Peek-A-Boo!*

*The Windows and Doors are being installed to close up the units and allow for the interior finish work.*



*Floor tile installation has continued and will increase now that we can protect the units from the weather.*

# The People Behind the Project...

**Meet Shelton Culkalkin.** Shelton is the Project Manager and Showrunner for the project. The main man responsible for all construction and coordination of labor and material that will one day become the Wyndham Grand Belize. Originally from Pomona in the southern district of Stann Creek, Shelton is a young 46 and a family man with 5 children, 1 step daughter and, if you can believe it, 4 grandchildren.

Since arriving on the island in 2004 Shelton has project managed several of the largest construction



Currently his main duties are centered around organizing the purchasing of the materials we will need to finish the project and recruiting the over 200 workers that will soon swarm the job site constructing the massive pool, interior spaces and finishing the buildings.

His 4 years at the helm of the Wyndham project have given him a unique perspective on the project and he is excited to see the site come alive once more

ask the experts >>>

## final thoughts...

2021 is here and the island, and the country of Belize is coming back to life. We look forward to resuming operations and helping our Wyndham family **LIVE THEIR BEST LIFE!**