PRIVATE ISLANDS INC.



PRIVATE ISLAND RENTAL · OFF PLACENCIA, BELIZE

KANU PRIVATE ISLAND

FIVE VILLAS · SLEEPS TWENTY · ALL-INCLUSIVE · PRIVACY 80 — HIGHLY PRIVATE

THE ISLAND

A Whole Island, Taken by One Group at a Time

Kanu is a 3-acre private island in the sheltered water off Placencia, in southern Belize — close enough to reach in a 25-minute speedboat ride, far enough that the mainland simply disappears. The island is never shared: one group books the whole of it, and for the length of the stay there are no other guests, no day visitors, nobody else's holiday running alongside yours.

Five villas stand across the island, and at its heart sits the great thatched palapa — dining room, gathering place and the natural centre of every day. The island's own team lives here with you: a private chef, a concierge, a boat captain and a therapist, all dedicated to a single party of up to twenty. Between the palapa and the shore: lawns, sand, and a freshwater infinity pool facing the reef.

FIVE
VILLAS ON THE ISLAND

TWENTY
GUESTS, MAXIMUM

THREE
ACRES, ONE GROUP ONLY





THE VILLAS

Five Villas of Your Own

Instead of one big house, Kanu is five independent villas of about 1,000 square feet each, spread across the island's 3 acres — a small village of houses that belongs, for the week, to a single group.

Together the villas sleep up to ten adults and ten children, so a full group spreads out properly: each family or couple has a house of their own to retreat to, and everyone gathers again at the palapa, the pool and the dock. It is the rare island that works as well for a multi-generational family of twenty as it does for a smaller party that simply wants room to breathe.









ALL-INCLUSIVE LIFE

Everything Included, Nothing to Arrange

DINING

Your private chef cooks three gourmet meals a day, served in the palapa or wherever the day suggests. Local beverages are poured freely — beer and spirits included; wine, champagne and premium spirits are the only extras. Nothing else carries a charge.

THE BOAT & THE REEF

The island's private boat and its dedicated captain are yours for local fishing and snorkelling trips on the reef. Kayaks, paddleboards and snorkel gear live on the island, ready whenever the water calls — which, here, is most of the time.

WELLNESS & THE EASY PARTS

Massages from the on-site therapist are included — up to four complimentary treatments a day for the group. Around them: the freshwater infinity pool, high-speed Wi-Fi, and laundry looked after. The logistics are simply not your problem.

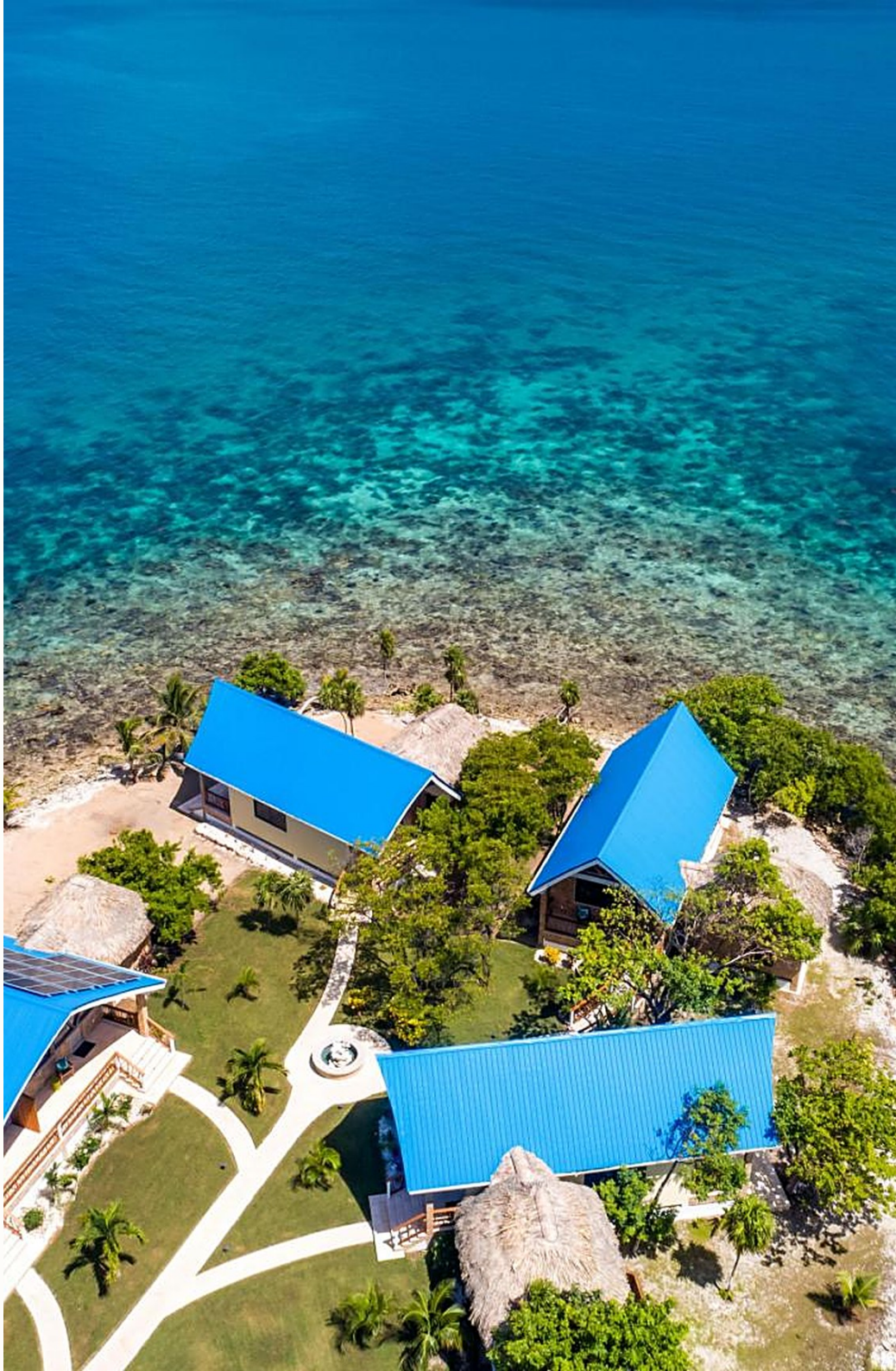
THE REGION

Inside the Great Reef

Kanu floats in the lagoon of the Belize Barrier Reef, off the Placencia Peninsula in the country's south. The reef system — the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site — breaks the open Caribbean far offshore, leaving the water around the island calm, clear and sheltered, with coral gardens beginning almost at the dock.

Run south along the reef and the bottom falls away at Gladden Spit, where the reef bends into deep water. Each spring the Spit hosts one of the great gatherings of the sea: whale sharks, gentle giants that feed on plankton, arrive with the spawning snapper, and for a few weeks they can be seen at close range. Nearer home, the island's own boat works the inner reef — snorkelling over coral, fishing the flats and channels, days shaped by the water.

Eight miles west, the Placencia Peninsula runs down to Placencia village — a Creole fishing village that has kept its bare feet firmly in the sand: beach bars, small restaurants, and the dock where the island's speedboat comes and goes. It is the island's front door — near enough for an evening's excursion, far enough never to intrude.



GETTING THERE

Belize City to the Dock

1 — ARRIVE

Philip S. W. Goldson International (BZE)

Belize's international gateway at Belize City. From the arrivals hall, the island's arrangements take over — the journey south is part of the rate.

2 — DOWN TO THE COAST

Private ground shuttle to Placencia

A private ground shuttle, included in the rate, carries you from Belize City down to Placencia, the village at the southern tip of the Placencia Peninsula.

3 — OUT TO THE ISLAND

Speedboat, 25 minutes

From Placencia, the island's speedboat crosses to Kanu in about 25 minutes. Speedboat transfers are included in the rate, in both directions — and stays of seven nights or more include an additional boat trip to the mainland.

PLEASE NOTE

Domestic flights are not included

Everything over land and water is in the rate; if you would rather fly the Belize City–Placencia leg, domestic flights are booked separately.





CLIMATE & SEASONS

Warm Water, Every Month of the Year

WINTER · DEC–FEB	Highs 81–82°F (27–28°C)	Lows 70°F (21°C)	Sea 80°F (27°C)	The driest, clearest weeks of the year
SPRING · MAR–MAY	Highs 85–88°F (29–31°C)	Lows 72–77°F (22–25°C)	Sea 81–84°F (27–29°C)	Dry season tails off; whale sharks arrive at the Spit
SUMMER · JUN–SEP	Highs 88–90°F (31–32°C)	Lows 77°F (25°C)	Sea 84–85°F (29°C)	Warmest sea of the year; greener, quieter, passing showers
AUTUMN · OCT–NOV	Highs 82–88°F (28–31°C)	Lows 72–73°F (22–23°C)	Sea 82–84°F (28–29°C)	Rains ease through November into the dry season

Figures are regional climate normals for the Placencia coast (WeatherSpark), the island's nearest mainland station; conditions offshore run a degree or two cooler with the trade winds. For general outdoor travel the coast scores best from mid-December to mid-March — and the island, holding twenty guests at most and one group at a time, is uncrowded in every month.



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Off the Placencia Peninsula, Belize Barrier Reef · 16.48°N, 88.26°W

DISTANCES – STRAIGHT LINE

Placencia	**8 mi**
Belize City (BZE Intl)	**73 mi**

CLIMATE

Summer high (Sep avg)	**90°F / 32°C**
Winter low (Jan avg)	**70°F / 21°C**
Sea temperature	**80–85°F year-round**

ACCESS

25 min by speedboat from Placencia

Ground shuttle Belize City–Placencia included

Speedboat transfers included in the rate

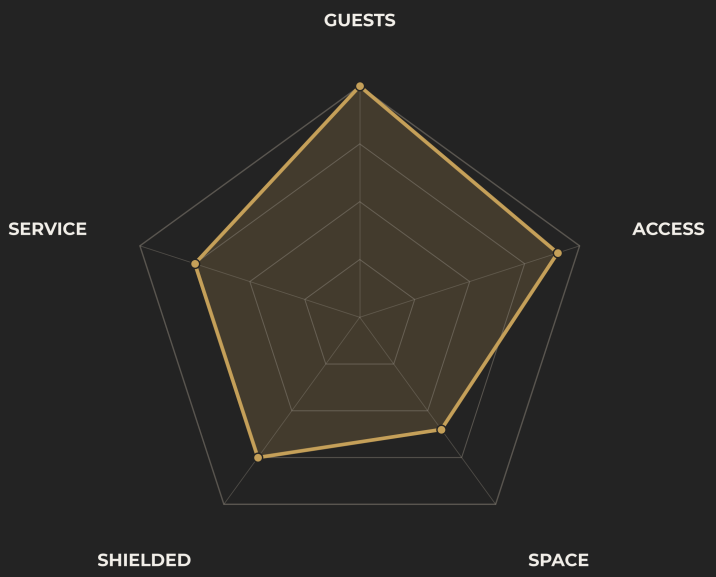
Straight-line distances, approximate.
Island coordinates: the listing's own map position (CMS pin).
Climate: Placencia regional normals (WeatherSpark).

THE PRIVATE BRIEFING

80

HIGHLY PRIVATE

PRIVACY INDEX · OUT OF 100



WHO ELSE IS THERE — 20 / 20

One group only — the whole island is booked by a single party. No other guests, no day visitors.

WHO CAN GET IN — 18 / 20

Reached only by the island's own speedboat from Placencia. No public access, no visiting-yacht facilities; the island team runs every arrival.

SPACE TO DISAPPEAR — 12 / 20

Five villas across 3 acres — each villa private in itself, but a full group of twenty shares one small island.

OUT OF SIGHT & SOUND — 15 / 20

A reef setting with no neighbouring islands in sight; the mainland is 25 minutes away, so boats move in the wider area.

INVISIBLE SERVICE — 15 / 20

The team — chef, concierge, captain, therapist — lives on the island with you. Service is personal and present, not invisible.

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