

# BZ Harvest Caye Cruise Port Guide

## Your Complete Guide to Norwegian Cruise Line's Exclusive Belize Destination



Harvest Caye is **Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings' exclusive island destination** located just off the southern coast of Belize. Unlike a traditional cruise port, Harvest Caye is a purpose-built resort destination designed exclusively for guests sailing on **Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises, and Regent Seven Seas Cruises.**

While technically connected to the Belize mainland by a bridge, Harvest Caye offers the feel of a tropical private island, complete with beautiful beaches, a massive swimming pool, wildlife exhibits, shopping, restaurants, and exciting shore excursions.

One of the biggest advantages of Harvest Caye is that it allows guests to enjoy Belize's natural beauty while also providing access to mainland adventures like Mayan ruins, river tours, cave tubing, and rainforest ziplining.

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## 📍 Where Do Cruise Ships Dock?



Cruise ships dock directly at the modern **Harvest Caye Pier**, allowing guests to simply walk ashore—no tender boats required.

The arrival area includes:

- Welcome Plaza
- Shopping village
- Excursion meeting areas
- Marina
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Guest Services
- Wildlife Center
- Taxi and transportation for mainland excursions

The island is beautifully landscaped and easy to navigate on foot.

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## 🌴 Explore Harvest Caye



Harvest Caye was designed as an all-day destination offering something for every traveler.

Highlights include:

- 15,000-square-foot swimming pool
- White-sand beach
- Marina
- Shopping village
- Nature trails
- Butterfly garden
- Wildlife exhibits
- Lighthouse

Whether you want a relaxing beach day or an active adventure, everything is within easy walking distance.

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## ★ Top Shore Excursions

### 🏖️ Harvest Caye Beach



The island's beautiful beach offers:

- Soft sand
- Calm Caribbean water
- Lounge chairs
- Beach cabanas (additional fee)
- Kayaks
- Paddleboards

A perfect choice for guests wanting to stay close to the ship.

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## Harvest Caye Pool



One of the largest pools at any cruise destination.

Features include:

- Swim-up bar
- Lounge chairs
- Private cabanas
- Family-friendly atmosphere

Unlike some private destinations, the pool is a major attraction all by itself.

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## Monkey River & Manatee Tour



One of Belize's most popular eco-adventures.

Possible wildlife sightings include:

- Manatees
- Crocodiles

- Howler monkeys
- Tropical birds
- Iguanas

A fantastic excursion for nature lovers.

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## Belize Rainforest & Zipline



Adventure seekers can experience:

- Rainforest canopy
- Zipline courses
- Jungle scenery
- Wildlife viewing

Many excursions combine ziplining with river tubing.

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## Cave Tubing



One of Belize's signature adventures.

Float through ancient limestone caves while learning about the area's geology and Mayan history.

Although it requires a longer drive from Harvest Caye than from Belize City, it's still a popular option for adventurous travelers.

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## **Nim Li Punit Mayan Ruins**



Located in southern Belize, this fascinating archaeological site offers:

- Ancient Mayan temples
- Stone carvings
- Jungle surroundings
- Smaller crowds than northern Belize ruins

A great option for history enthusiasts.

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## **Best Beaches**

### **Harvest Caye Beach**

The island's primary beach.

Perfect for:

- Swimming
  - Relaxing
  - Families
  - Paddleboarding
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### **Private Beach Cabanas**

Guests looking for additional comfort can reserve private cabanas that include:

- Shaded seating

- Beach service
- Premium location

Reservations are recommended.

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## **Wildlife Experiences**



Harvest Caye offers several opportunities to experience Belize's native wildlife.

Visitors may see:

- Scarlet Macaws
- Toucans
- Butterflies
- Iguanas
- Native tropical plants

The island emphasizes conservation and environmental education.

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## **Shopping**

Shopping opportunities include:

- Belizean artwork
- Local crafts
- Rum
- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Jewelry
- Handmade wood carvings
- Souvenirs

The shopping village supports many local Belizean artisans.



## What to Eat

Popular local favorites include:

- Fresh seafood
- Belizean rice and beans
- Fry Jacks
- Coconut shrimp
- Grilled lobster (seasonal)
- Conch fritters
- Tropical fruit
- Rum punch

Several restaurants and bars are located throughout the island.

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## Hidden Gems

Many guests spend the entire day near the pool, but don't miss:

- The marina
- Lighthouse observation area
- Quiet walking paths
- Butterfly garden
- Scenic waterfront views
- Wildlife exhibits

These peaceful areas are often much less crowded.

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## Weather Throughout the Year

Harvest Caye enjoys warm tropical weather all year.

### Winter (December – February)

- Highs: **80–84°F (27–29°C)**
- Lower humidity
- Excellent beach weather

### Spring (March – May)

- Highs: **83–88°F (28–31°C)**
- Sunny and warm

## Summer (June – August)

- Highs: **88–91°F (31–33°C)**
- Hot and humid
- Afternoon showers possible

## Fall (September – November)

- Highs: **84–89°F (29–32°C)**
- Warm temperatures
- Lush tropical scenery

Trade winds help keep conditions comfortable throughout the year.

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## Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season officially runs from:

**June 1 – November 30**

Peak activity generally occurs during:

- August
- September
- October

Because Harvest Caye is located along Belize's Caribbean coastline, cruise itineraries may occasionally be adjusted due to tropical weather.

Travel insurance is always recommended.

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## Getting Around

Harvest Caye is designed to be explored on foot.

Walking paths connect:

- Cruise pier
- Pool
- Beach
- Marina
- Shopping village
- Restaurants
- Lighthouse
- Wildlife exhibits

Mainland excursions depart directly from designated transportation areas within the island.



## What to Pack

Bring:

- ✓ Swimsuit
- ✓ Reef-safe sunscreen
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Comfortable sandals
- ✓ Water shoes
- ✓ Waterproof phone pouch
- ✓ Small cash for local purchases and tips
- ✓ Reusable water bottle

If you're planning a mainland excursion, insect repellent is also recommended.

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## Premium Travel Group Tip

Harvest Caye offers the best of both worlds. If you simply want to relax, spend your day enjoying the beach, pool, and tropical atmosphere without ever leaving the island. But if you've always wanted to experience Belize's incredible rainforests, wildlife, or Mayan history, this is also an excellent opportunity to venture onto the mainland.

If it's your first visit, consider enjoying the island for part of the day before exploring some of the quieter areas near the marina and lighthouse. Many guests never wander beyond the main pool, and they're missing some beautiful scenery.

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## Why Visit Harvest Caye?

Harvest Caye combines the convenience of a private cruise destination with the incredible natural beauty of Belize. Whether you spend the day lounging by the pool, relaxing on the beach, spotting tropical wildlife, or exploring the rainforests and Mayan history of the mainland, Harvest Caye offers a relaxing and distinctly Belizean experience. It's an ideal stop for travelers who want the flexibility to enjoy either a laid-back beach day or a memorable eco-adventure.



## Joe's Logbook

I've had the opportunity to visit **Harvest Caye several times**, most recently in **November 2025**, and every visit reminds me why it's one of my favorite exclusive cruise destinations. One thing I really appreciate is the flexibility it offers. Some visits I've spent relaxing by the pool or walking the beach, while other times I've ventured out to experience more of Belize.

One piece of advice I always give is **don't rush through Harvest Caye**. Take time to explore beyond the main pool area—you'll discover peaceful walking paths, beautiful landscaping, the marina, and some fantastic photo opportunities that many guests overlook.

Whether it's your first visit or your fifth, Harvest Caye is the kind of destination where you can truly slow down, enjoy the tropical surroundings, and make the day exactly what you want it to be.