

Travel from Belize City to Punta Gorda via bus

This is a much cheaper option than taking a flight, if you have the time and will to take the bus. Please note that all prices are correct at the time of writing but are subject to increase.

Guidelines for travel on James Bus line are below:

1. Belize International Airport is about a 25 minute car ride from the center of Belize City. From the airport, ask a taxi to take you to the bus terminal in the city. This should cost \$50bz (\$25 USD) for one person. For 2 persons the fare is reduced and should cost around \$60bz (total).
2. At the bus terminal, there are a few small kiosks where you can purchase snacks and soft drinks. There is also a restroom (ask for directions if you can't find) that charges 50c per use.
3. The bus will pull into the terminal a few minutes before departure. You need the JAMES bus line service to Punta Gorda, shown in the image below (will say destination in front window). You do not need to purchase a ticket in advance – the bus conductor will collect payment and issue tickets once en-route. A ticket costs \$22bz (\$11 USD). The conductor will assist in storing large bags at the back of the bus.
4. The journey on the regular James bus takes approximately 6hr 30mins to PG. There will be three main stops, in Belmopan, Dangriga and Independence bus terminals. Here, the bus will stop for 5-10 minutes so you have chance to use the restroom and purchase refreshments. Restroom charges are 50c or \$1 at these stops. You can leave something on your seat, such as water bottle or jacket to save your spot, but is advisable to keep valuables with you.
5. The bus timetable is available to view here: http://d02044893.brinkster.net/JBL/JBL_Schedule.html
6. Unless advised otherwise, remain on the bus until the Punta Gorda James bus terminal, where a member of the Belize team will present to meet you.
7. TOTAL COST = \$72bz (\$36 USD)



Regular James bus

The bus journey is a wonderful way to see Belize, however the journey is long and the seats can become uncomfortable.

An alternative option (depending upon your arrival time into BC) is to spend a couple of hours in Belize City, getting a proper lunch in a restaurant, then taking the **Express** James bus at 15.45.

Guidelines for travel on James Express bus line are below:

1. Belize International Airport is about a 25 minute car ride from the center of Belize City. From the airport, ask a taxi to take you to a restaurant in the city (we advise The Riverside Tavern). This should cost \$50bz (\$25 USD) for one person. For 2 persons the fare is reduced and should cost around \$60bz (total).
2. Ask the taxi driver to pick you up again in time to reach the bus terminal. Take their number and call in advance from the restaurant to check that they will come. If not, ask the restaurant to call a taxi for you. Aim to be at the bus terminal by around 15.30. Lunch will cost around \$30-\$40bz including soft drink, depending on what you order. A taxi from the restaurant to the bus terminal should cost around \$10. The Riverside Tavern has WIFI.
3. Here are a few numbers taxi numbers too: 607 4916; 620 1906; 607 9858; 665 3666; 620 6402
4. At the bus terminal, there are a few small kiosks where you can purchase snacks and soft drinks. There is also a restroom (ask for directions if you can't find) that charges 50c per use.
5. The bus will pull into the terminal a few minutes before departure. You need the JAMES EXPRESS bus line service to Punta Gorda, shown in the images below (The Express has 2 bus types in service, but will say destination in front window and "Express" if the orange bus). You do not need to purchase a ticket in advance – the bus conductor will collect payment and issue tickets once en-route. A ticket costs \$24bz (\$12 USD). The conductor will assist in storing large bags underneath the bus. The Express buses are usually air conditioned, so worth keeping something warm from your luggage to wear as it can get quite cold.
6. The journey on the regular James bus takes approximately 5hr 15mins to PG. There will be three main stops, in Belmopan, Dangriga and Independence bus terminals. Here, the bus will briefly stop to allow passengers on and off. In Belmopan and Independence the stops are usually very quick, so check with the driver if you need the restroom. In Dangriga, there is usually a few minutes break, but again, check with the driver before leaving the bus to ensure you have time. Restroom charges are 50c or \$1 at these stops. You can leave something on your seat, such as water bottle or jacket to save your spot, but is advisable to keep valuables with you.
7. The bus timetable is available to view here: http://d02044893.brinkster.net/JBL/JBL_Schedule.html
8. Unless advised otherwise, remain on the bus until the Punta Gorda James bus terminal, where a member of the Belize team will present to meet you.
9. TOTAL COST = \$84bz (\$42 USD) Excluding lunch.



Express James bus



Orange Express James Bus at BC terminal