



# 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Celebration

## Event Calendar

**August 28**

**Official launch of September Celebrations**

Sponsored by the National Celebrations Commission  
St. Georges Caye  
8:15 am

**September 1**

**Francis Reneau Countrywide 2011 Tour**

(Sept 1 to Sept 3)  
World renowned Belizean composer and pianist

**Flag Monument Ceremony**

Sponsored by the Belize City Council  
Freetown / Princess Margaret Drive

**September 2**

**Belize Sound Fest**

AFBAF

**September 3**

**Lion Man Triathlon**

Sponsored by National Triathlon Association

**Carnival Jouvert and Carnival Road March**

Sponsored by Belize National Carnival Commission  
Jouvert starts at 5:00 am  
Road March AT 1:00 PM

*Leaving from the Yabra area the revelers adorn in colorful and festive costumes spill forth on to the major streets of Belize City. Whistles blowing, horns hooting and music blaring, the troops of "road rushers" dance their way in celebrations of this annual event with their kings and queens, terminating at the BTL Park.*

**Queen of the Bay Pageant**

Sponsored by the Queen of the Bay Committee  
Birds Isle  
7:00 pm

*The Queen of the Bay Pageant to select the 66th Queen will take place on Saturday September 3rd at Birds Isle starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for reserved seats, \$10.00 for general admission, \$3.00 for children under twelve and children under ten accompanied by a parent is free. The young woman selected from among ten candidates is termed Queen Designate and will be crowned with due pomp and ceremony during the official ceremony on the morning of the Tenth at Memorial Park in the presence of the Governor General, Prime Minister, Chief Justice and other Belizeans. Her Graciousness will then lead the citizens' parade.*

*The Queen of the Bay is our emblem of freedom, a living expression of our love of Belize and our patriotic duty to our country. The Loyal & Patriotic Order of the Baymen (L& POB) founders of the Pageant decided that the Queen should be pure as our waters, sweet as our sugar and oranges, tall and straight as a pine tree, strong and beautiful as a mahogany tree and that all young Belizean women have the right to aspire to be the Queen provided she is a Belizean of Belizean parentage, single and over eighteen.*



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**September 3 (cont'd)**

*The first Queen Rita Lewis was selected in 1946 and there has been a Queen every single year to date (in unbroken line) She died this year. Eloise Humes wrote the Queen of the Bay song which is sung at the Pageant and the Coronation. Her Graciousness reign is from the Tenth to Tenth.*

### **Old School Dance**

Bird's Isle  
10:00 pm

**September 4**

### **Belize City 5K and 10K Races**

Sponsored by the Belize City Council  
Belize City Streets

**September 9**

### **Ninth Night Soca Concert**

Sponsored by Belize National Carnival Commission

**September 10**

### **Official St George's Caye Day Ceremony**

Sponsored by National Celebration Commission  
and the Belize City Council at the Fort of Belize

*Citizens' parade through the city streets; dancing, singing and flag waving accompanied by colorful floats and performers, which terminates at MCC Grounds for the multi-cultural fair and "bram"*

### **Diaspora Forum**

(Sept 10 to Sept 13)  
Sponsored by Minister of Foreign Affairs

### **"Ball" Dinner Dance**

Sponsored by UB  
Great Western Biltmore Plaza, Belize City

### **Tribute to Simeon Lamb**

Sponsored by UBAD

**September 11**

### **Battle of St George's Caye Day Regatta**

Sponsored by the Belize Sailing Association  
Belize City Harbor

### **Cycling Criterion**

Sponsored by Belize City Council  
Albert Street and Regent Street



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**September 13**

**Day of Young Patriots Award**

Ministry of Education & Youth

**September 14**

**The Prime Minister's Forum**

(Sept 14 & 15)

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**September 15**

**National Honors and Ceremony**

Sponsored by the National Honors & Awards Committee

At Center for Performing Arts

**September 16**

**National Children Rally**

Sponsored by Ministry of Education & Youth

**Sir Barry's Belikin Bash**

(Sept 16 to 18)

Sponsored by Bowen & Bowen

Memorial Park

Friday and Saturday 6:00 pm until

Sunday 5:00 pm

**Pan Yaad and Carnival Award Ceremony**

Sponsored by the the National Institute of Culture & History

House of Culture

7:00 pm

Tickets: Adults \$10.00 children \$5.00

**Square Peg Reunion**

(Sept 16 & 17)

Sponsored by Square Peg Players

Bliss Centre for Performing Arts

*Square Peg Players, a theatre group of Belize, is planning a reunion of its members to be held in Belize. A theatrical production will be staged to coincide with the September Celebrations.*

**September 17**

**EXPO Belize Marketplace 2011**

(Sept 17 & 18)

Sponsored by Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry

ITVET Grounds on Freetown Road

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

*In 1996, members of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry approached the secretariat with a proposal to develop a consumer trade show, since the Festival Grand Market, the country's largest consumer show up to that point had run its course.*

*The very first EXPO was held in 1996 and was started with one row of booths situated immediately outside the St. John's College Gymnasium. The Chamber's employees recall that one year,*



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*incessant rains and fierce winds blew down tents, created mud pits and a myriad of difficulties for those working to bring the show to life that year; but the show did go on! Needless to say the show was such a success that it eventually moved inside the Gymnasium and consumed the entire area around the SJC Gymnasium! The "Expo" has over the years evolved into Expo Belize Marketplace, the largest consumer tradeshow in the country and a welcome addition to the September celebrations calendar.*

*Always looking for ways to improve its flagship event, the 2011 trade show promises to be bigger and better than ever. This year, will be our second time at the new ITVET facility on Freetown Road, the former Technical College and venue for the old "Festival Grand Market". In addition we've added new features and events to ensure both participants and consumers get the most of this year's EXPO!*

#### **Gala All White Dinner / Dance**

Sponsored by BTB  
Old Belize  
6:30 pm to 12:00 am

*Beach side "Meet and Greet" with the First Lady while sipping cocktails, specialty drinks and savoring Belizean bites. Listen to the Laru Beya Garifuna drummers or move your hips in the sand. At 8:00 pm walk across to the Jungle Pavilion for an evening of interpretive dance and festive dishes representing six of Belize's many cultures. At 9:30 pm Gilharry Band will strike up the cord for a night of Belizean music enticing even the most docile to shake a leg or two.*

#### **Pan Yaad on the MUV**

Sponsored by Corozal ICA Committee

### September 18

#### **National Ecumenical Service**

Sponsored by Belize Council of Churches  
Saint John's Cathedral  
7:00 pm

*Spiritual gathering with the Governor General, Prime Minister, invited guest, representative from the Belize Defense Force, Coast Guard, Police, and the general public. The BDF band will supply the music for the service officiated by a multi-denominational clergy.*

### September 19

#### **National Colours Day**

Sponsored by National Celebrations Commission

#### **Altun Ha Site Visit & Exposition**

Sponsored by BTB  
Altun Ha  
7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

*Mayan cultural extravaganza at the first excavated Mayan archeological site of Belize. Arts, craft, music, dancing and food under colorful tents invites the visitor to a sensory overload. Tours and historical information recounted by guides help answer the questions of 2012.*



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**September 20**

### **National Flag Raising Ceremony**

National Celebrations Commission & Government of Belize  
Memorial Park  
9:00 am

*Enjoy cultural entertainment until eleven thirty, while awaiting the arrival of the City and Country leaders. Accompanied by the military band and guards our nation's Flag is raised at eleven fifty five commemorating our first day of Independence and the transfer from the Union Jack to our National Flag. Stand tall and proud as we sing our national anthem, then enjoy a pyrotechnic spectacle.*

**September 21**

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

#### **Official Independence Day Ceremony**

Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Independence Plaza, Belmopan  
9:00 am

*This official Independence Day Ceremony will feature, the Prime Minister's Independence Day greeting, the Leader of the Opposition address followed by a celebration of Belizean art, history and culture as portrayed in song and dance.*

#### **Uniform Parade**

Sponsored by Belize City Council  
12:30 pm  
Streets of Belize City

*Marching bands and school children followed by the citizens of the city, parade through the streets of Belize City waving flags and colorful symbols of our Independence. This joyous procession terminates at the Memorial Park for an evening of dancing and fun.*

#### **Parade Day VIP Tents**

Sponsored by BTB  
Street of Belize  
During Uniform Parade

*Enjoy the view of the passing bands and school children followed by the citizen parade under the cool comfort of our viewing lanai.*