## Driving Directions to Table Rock from Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport, Belize City

Total Estimated Distance: 74 miles

**Total Estimated Driving Time: 2 hours** 

## \*\*SPECIAL DRIVING NOTES:

- Most of the highways are narrow and poorly marked and all are only two lanes wide, so driving at a reasonable rate of speed is encouraged.
- Passing is legal and is commonly done with abandon. Be sure to watch for other vehicles passing in both directions. If you choose to pass another driver, it is recommended that you drive with your headlights on and use your turn signals so that others can see you. Also, passing drivers may beep their horn at you as they pass. They aren't being rude, just letting you know that they are coming about.
- Around all towns and villages speed bumps, rather than traffic lights or signs, are used to slow traffic. There are dozens of these bumps during this drive and they tend to be ill marked, so watch out for them as you approach population centers.
- > Police Check Points: Occasionally, the authorities will have traffic cones and police stopping vehicles on the highway. No worries here, they are only checking for license and insurance.
- Gas Stations & Restrooms: 1) Shell Station, as you exit the International airport on the Left; 2) CDS Gas, a few miles after the turnoff to Burrell Boom Bypass; 3) Hattieville, at the bright green Everyday Store on the Right; 4) Puma, after the Belmopan Roundabout 5) Weststar Service Center, Roaring Creek 6) Santa Elena, Shell Station at the roundabout & CP Station on the Right just before the turnoff to the road to Table Rock.
- > Expect various areas of road construction along the way. These are changing constantly, so just be aware that you may run into work areas at any point along the drive.

## DIRECTION DETAILS:

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- Exit the International Airport parking lot following the signs that read "To Belize City".
- At the end of the airport entrance road, turn LEFT going Northwest on the Philip Goldson Highway (aka Northern Highway).
- Follow the Philip Goldson Highway through Ladyville for approximately 5 MILES (8km), until reaching a large junction for the Burrell Boom Bypass.
  You may see a green road sign at this junction for Belmopan and Cayo.
  - Turn LEFT at this junction onto the Burrell Boom Bypass and proceed for approximately 13 MILES (21 km).
    - Drive over the Boom Bridge crossing the Belize River.
    - Pass the Belize Central Prison on the right.
- You will approach Hattieville and a roundabout for the junction of the George Price Highway (aka Western Highway). Turn RIGHT at the roundabout heading West, following signs for Belmopan (this is the first turn off the roundabout).
- Proceed on the George Price Highway for approximately 56 MILES (90 km) until reaching Santa Elena/San Ignacio Towns.
  - Pass the Belize Zoo on the right at approximately Mile 29 (Kilometer 46.5) and La Democracia Village.
  - o Pass Cheers Restaurant & Amigos Restaurant on the left at approximately Mile 31(Kilometer 50). This is the approximate halfway point and both are great spots for a bite to eat.
  - o Pass the sign for Caves Branch Outpost & Nohoch Che'en Archeological site on the left at Mile 37 (Kilometer 59.5). This is the entrance to Cave Tubing & Zipline.
  - Drive over Beaver Dam Bridge. Pass by Cotton Tree Village, and the Art Box.
  - Continue driving STRAIGHT on the George Price Highway as you pass through the Roundabout for Belmopan City at Mile 47 ½ (Kilometer 76.5).
    - Pass the Guanacaste National Park on the right, drive over the Roaring River Bridge.
    - Pass Westar Service Center.
    - Drive past Teakettle Village at Mile 53 (Kilometer 85. You'll see the brown archeological sign marking the turnoff for Actun Tunichil Muknal (ATM) Cave here.
    - Pass The Orange Gallery at Mile 60 ½ (Kilometer 97). This is our top pick for art, crafts, and local souvenirs. You can also enjoy a tasty lunch at their café and bar.
    - Pass the campuses of Galen University and the University of Belize.
    - Pass the turnoff for the Georgeville Road at Mile 61 ½ (Kilometer 99)—You will see signs for Caracol & various lodges, BE CAREFUL!!!\*\*Don't turn here!\*\*
    - Keep driving straight on the PG Highway. Pass a Land Rover Center and Airstrip, and Running W Meats & Cattle Ranch at Mile 64 Kilometer 103).
- At approximately Mile 66 (Kilometer 106) you will enter the twin towns of Santa Elena and San Ignacio. GET READY FOR THE TRICKIEST PART!
  - Drive less than 1 MILE (1.6 km) through Santa Elena going STRAIGHT at the Roundabout.
    - Pass over 2 speed bumps after the roundabout.
    - After the 2<sup>nd</sup> speed bump, look for the CP gas station on the right and a bus stop and a green road sign for Barton Creek, Pine Ridge & Caracol at a paved junction on the LEFT, as well as signs for numerous lodges and resorts. \*\*This is the SECOND turn with such signs--Be careful NOT to turn at the first signs in Georgeville!!\*\*
      - Turn LEFT at this junction and stay on the paved portion of the road. Proceed for approximately 5 MILES (8 km) to Table Rock.
      - Pass Maya Mountain Lodge & Tours on the Right.
      - Continue on the dirt road and down a large paved hill.
      - Cross a small creek and drive through Cristo Rey Village, where the pavement starts again.
      - Pass Crystal Paradise Resort on the Right.
      - Pass Hill Bank Farms with the sign for Lichees & Coconuts for sale on the Left (stone entrance gate).
- The NEXT stone wall and gate you see after Hill Bank Farms is TABLE ROCK. We are on the RIGHT.
- Turn **RIGHT into Table Rock Farm** and follow the signs to the parking area, about 1/3 mile (0.5 km).
- CONGRATULATIONS! YOU MADE IT!

## Map to Table Rock from BZE

