

Horse Cottage

Stylish cottages in a tropical horse garden



Sarteneja, Corozal District
Belize, Central America



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Welcome!

Hello!

Thank you for choosing to stay with us! Welcome to our hotel and we hope that you enjoy your stay at Horse Cottage.

In this welcome book you'll find all the information about the hotel and our favorite local places to visit!

If you have any questions or need anything during your stay, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone, WhatsApp or text at +501 607-1873.

Enjoy free self-service tea and coffee in the communal room, where you are also welcome to cook your own meals.

Welcome to Sarteneja, Land of the Mayas!

Best,
Nathalie and Johanna



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In Case of Emergency dial 911

Hotel manager

+501 607-1873

Pharmacy de La Fuente

+501 614-2035

Local Hospital

Corozal hospital +501 402-3909

Ambulance +501 402-2076

Local Police Department

Sarteneja +501 605-7691

Corozal station 911

Fire department Corozal +501 422-2105

Belize country code

+501 or 00501



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Check In – Check Out

Exchange rate for room prices: 1 USD = 2 BZD

Check-in is at 3 pm
Check-out is at noon

If you leave with the afternoon boat, you are welcome to use the communal room and shared bathrooms after you check out of your cottage at noon.

Directions

Just before you reach Sarteneja Village, turn right at the **BANDERA ROAD** sign and follow it to the Horse Cottage entrance sign.

Parking

Ample secure parking space in front of the hotel. If you wish to park in front of your cottage, please let us know so we can open the gate for you.

Cottage keys

When you check out, please LEAVE THE KEYS ON THE COTTAGE DOOR.

Perishables and leftovers

Feel free to leave your perishables. We will take care of them.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us! If you would like a later check-out time, please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate your request.



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Hotel Rules

Cancellation policy

Cancel at least 30 days before your check-in date to receive a full refund. Cancellations made within 30 days of check-in are not refunded. No refund is given for no-shows. Any change of dates within 30 days of check-in is treated as a cancellation, with no refund.

Our horses

Duna and her daughter Shiva live on the property. Please admire them from a distance, without feeding or touching them. The hotel declines all responsibility in case of an accident involving the horses. Thank you for your understanding!

Children

Children must be supervised by a parent at all times.

Communal kitchen

Guests are responsible for cleaning their dishes and tidying the communal kitchen after use. Any additional cleaning left for our staff will incur an extra charge.

Garbage

White trash bins for garbage are located right next to the car entry gate.

Water

Free refills of purified water are available from the blue gallon in the communal room. The tap water in the bathrooms and kitchen comes from a well. It is safe for brushing your teeth, cooking and washing, but for drinking we recommend the purified water provided, as the well water is untreated.



Hotel Rules

Power outage

In case of a power outage, torches are available at the office.

Laundry

Laundry service for guests' clothes is available for US\$10 per load. Only hotel staff are allowed to operate the washing machine.

Safe

A safe for your valuables is available at the office. The hotel declines all responsibility in case of loss or theft of personal belongings.

Not allowed on the property

Please do not bring street dogs or cats onto the property.

Only registered hotel guests are allowed on the premises.

Other rules

A first aid kit is available in the communal room and at the office.

If your cottage needs attention, such as repairs or cleaning, please let the staff know.

If insects bother you, please burn the mosquito coil provided in your cottage, in the communal room or at the office.

Phone calls are available at the office at a cost of Bz\$5 per minute for international calls and Bz\$2 per minute for local calls.



Food & Drinks

Restaurants in Sarteneja

Raquel's Kitchen, *Tuesday to Sunday, 8 am – 3 pm. Closed on Monday.*

Restaurant with terrace, facing the basketball field. Creative Belizean breakfasts (fry jacks, poached eggs) and regional Mestizo dishes, with excellent fresh fish and chicken.

WhatsApp: +501 622-8973

Delivery to Horse Cottage available

Izadora Restaurant & Lounge

*Monday, Thursday and Sunday, 12:30 – 8 pm · Friday and Saturday, 12:30 – 10 pm.
Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.*

A family-friendly beachside restaurant with sunset views, burgers and cocktails, and sometimes a little nightlife on weekends.

WhatsApp: +501 664-6424

Delivery to Horse Cottage available

Crab Shack “The Crustee”, *Wednesday to Sunday, dinner 5 – 8 pm*

Come eat and chill with the local vibe: family dining, outdoor palapa dining and games, ice-cold beers. They also sell ice.

WhatsApp: +501 662-7401

Delivery to Horse Cottage available (extra US\$10)



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Food & Drinks

Restaurants in Sarteneja

Mirador Restaurant & Lounge, *every day, 11 am – 8 pm*

Located on Sarteneja Main Street. Nice patio with homemade hardwood furniture created by the owner.

The perfect spot to socialize over beers and botanas. Creative food, beautiful atmosphere and attentive service.

WhatsApp: +501 651-4140

Delivery to Horse Cottage available

Nay's Pot, *Tuesday to Sunday, 11 am – 8 pm. Closed on Monday.*

Home-style food made from scratch by Nay, born and raised in Sarteneja.

WhatsApp: +501 622-5371

Food to go only (no delivery)



Activities

Within Walking or Biking Distance

Shipstern Nature Reserve, *Monday to Friday, 8 am – 5 pm. Closed on weekends.*

Riding bikes is one of the best things to do in Sarteneja. It only takes 20 minutes by bicycle to reach the Nature Reserve Visitor Center, 3 miles from the hotel. For US\$10 you can climb the 22 m observation tower, visit the butterfly breeding center and garden, and hike the botanical trail (allow about 2 hours). Please bring bug spray.

Boat trips on the Shipstern Lagoon must be booked in advance.

Swimming in Sarteneja

All the piers and docks are public.

You will find a small beach if you follow the seafront street past the end of the village. The trail continues along the mangroves to a small beach next to a cement pier with a thatched roof.

It is best to get into the water from the pier, as the mangrove shore is muddy. If you have water shoes, wear them, as some rocks can be sharp. Mind that the bay is shallow!

Traditional Milpa with Maya ruins, *every day, by appointment only*

See how Maya farmers lived and worked, with traditional wells and ancient Maya pyramids. Entry by donation.



Activities

Within Driving Distance

Snorkeling tour with Sea & Cerros Eco-Tours

Snorkeling tour at the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve, from Corozal. US\$200 per person, including pick-up and drop-off at the Fishermen Pier in Corozal, snorkel gear, rum punch, ceviche and water.

To book, call or WhatsApp Mau: +501 614-2203 (24/7).

Lamanai Maya ruins

This family-friendly adventure is popular with both locals and visitors. You might get a little wet, but it's all part of the fun as you ride a small boat up the river, spotting crocodiles on the way. US\$85 per person, with lunch, the boat ride and site entry included, and a guide with you at all times.

Cerros Maya ruins

Reachable by car, or by bus: please ask the hotel office for details. The Maya site is right on the bay, and 10 minutes away Cerros Resort has a winery and a restaurant run by Bill and Jenny.

Orchid Bay beach and restaurant

Reachable by private transport only. A beachfront restaurant at a resort, with kayaks and paddleboards for rent and fishing trips.



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Wildlife Activities

Birdwatching

Sarteneja is home to around 250 bird species that come and go throughout the year. Start right here at Horse Cottage: our 3-acre orchard attracts parrots, hawks and many other birds.

For a guided birdwatching tour with a professional guide, please ask at the Shipstern Nature Reserve. Bring binoculars and set out early in the morning, when birds are most active.

Manatee rehabilitation center – Wildtracks

Important notice! This is a private place, open only if you have been given an appointment via the website wildtracksusa.org (Contact us section). Allow up to 24 hours for a reply.

This is a volunteer and donation-based wildlife rehabilitation project in Belize. Daily visitors are welcome by appointment only. Please do not show up at the center without an appointment!



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Transport

Private transfers by land – recommended licensed taxis

Venancio Dominguez – taxi & shuttle 24/7, to Belize, Mexico and Guatemala
WhatsApp: +501 603-6711

Bildo Tamai – licensed taxi, Sarteneja Village
+501 623-4726 · +501 652-0915

Thunderbolt Water Taxi – Corozal / San Pedro

WhatsApp: +501 610-4475

Tropic Air reservations

Central reservations: +501 226-2012 / +501 226-2626

Reservations (WhatsApp only): +501 622-5857

Toll free (USA & Canada): 1-800-422-3435

Toll free (Belize): 0-800-4-TROPIC



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Getting Around

Taxi

Taxi from the hotel to the village: Bz\$10 per trip, not per person. Ask the staff to call for you, or call Bildo at +501 623-4726 or +501 652-0915.

Private transfers are available to Chetumal, Corozal, Orange Walk and Belize City, including the international airport. Call Venancio on WhatsApp at +501 603-6711, or ask the staff to call for you.

Bicycles

Free for our guests.

The hotel declines all responsibility in case of an accident with our bicycles.

Bus

There is a bus stop near the *Welcome to Sarteneja* sign, a 5-minute walk away.

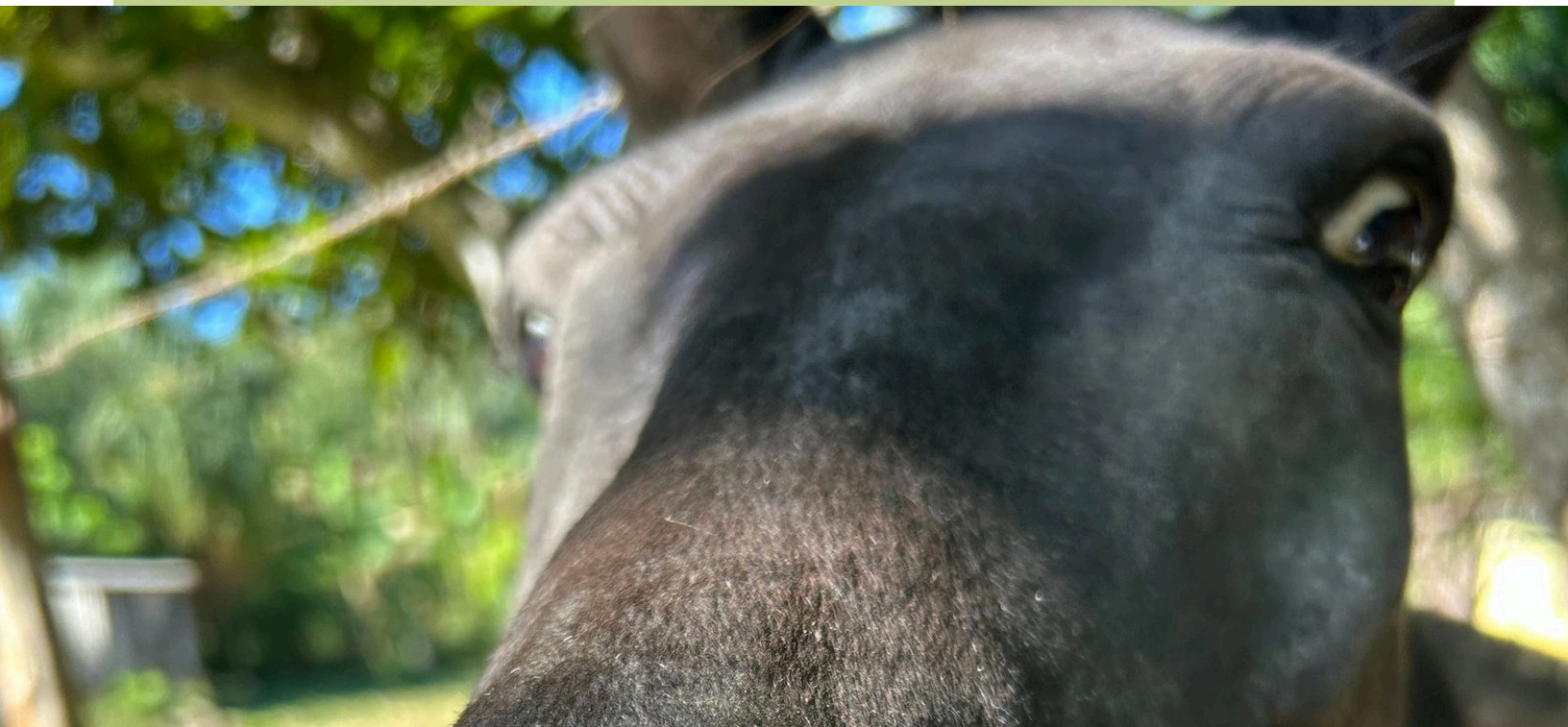
Bus to Orange Walk and Belize City: Monday to Saturday at 5 am and 6 am.

Bus to Corozal and the northern border: Monday to Saturday at 5 am.

Yes, those are the only buses we have in Sarteneja, early morning only.



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Let's keep in touch on social media

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