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December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Valued Tourism Stakeholders,

## Ref: Increased Entrance Fees to Belize's Archaeological Reserves

The Institute of Archaeology (IA), National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) is appreciative of the continued support in the promotion and preservation of Belize's rich cultural heritage. As stewards of Belize's archaeological reserves, the IA/NICH are committed to ensuring the sustainability and maintenance of these resources for the benefit of all Belizeans and our future generations.

To support ongoing preservation and conservation efforts and to meet the demands of the ever-increasing tourism industry as well as to enhance the visitor experience, Cabinet has approved the increase of fees to all our Archaeological Reserves effective November 1, 2024. The IA/NICH will now embark in its implementation and sensitization of the new fee structure. Below please find the new fee structure for Non-Resident and Resident visitors are as follows:

<b>NON-RESIDENT FEES</b> effective NOVEMBER 1, 2024		
Archaeological Reserves	Current Fee \$BZ	NEW FEE* \$BZ
Actun Tunichil Muknal	\$30.00	\$60.00
Caracol	\$15.00	\$25.00
Lamanai	\$10.00	\$25.00
Xunantunich	\$10.00	\$25.00
Altun Ha	\$10.00	\$20.00
Cahal Pech	\$10.00	\$20.00
Lubaantun	\$10.00	\$20.00
Nim Li Punit	\$10.00	\$20.00
Barton Creek	\$10.00	\$20.00
Nohoch Che'en	\$10.00	\$20.00
Cerro Maya	\$10.00	\$15.00
El Pilar	\$10.00	\$15.00
Santa Rita	\$10.00	\$15.00
Serpon	\$10.00	\$15.00

\* Standard fee applies to visitors aged 6 and up  
\* Children 5 and under enter free of charge

<b>RESIDENT FEES</b> effective NOVEMBER 1, 2024		
Archaeological Reserves	Current Fee \$BZ	NEW FEE* \$BZ
Actun Tunichil Muknal	\$30.00	\$30.00
Caracol	\$10.00	\$15.00
Barton Creek	\$10.00	\$15.00
Nohoch Che'en	\$10.00	\$15.00
Altun Ha	\$5.00	\$10.00
Cahal Pech	\$5.00	\$10.00
Lamanai	\$5.00	\$10.00
Lubaantun	\$5.00	\$10.00
Nim Li Punit	\$5.00	\$10.00
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Cerro Maya	\$5.00	\$5.00
El Pilar	\$5.00	\$5.00
Santa Rita	\$5.00	\$5.00
Serpon	\$5.00	\$5.00

\* Standard fee applies to visitors aged 12 and up  
\* Children 11 and under enter free of charge  
\* Residents enter FREE on public and bank holidays and all Sundays (except cave sites)

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These adjustments are crucial to address rising operational costs and for continuing necessary conservation measures to maintain the integrity of our archaeological reserves. The increased revenue stream will further assist in the IA/NICH commitment to enhancing services and improving facilities that will contribute to a more enriching and memorable experience for all visitors. These funds will furthermore, contribute to the self-sustainability of NICH; the safeguarding of Belize's tangible and intangible heritage, aid in the promotion of cultural expression and creativity. It will also assist with the continued development of the cultural and creative industries; and provide for continued investments in the preservation, maintenance, and development of our archaeological reserves.

The IA/NICH recognizes the importance of collaboration with our valued stakeholders in the tourism industry for the success and implementation of this new fee structure.

We therefore wish to reiterate our appreciation for your continued collaboration and support in communicating this change to your stakeholders, clients and guests. Together, we can ensure that Belize's archaeological reserves remain a source of pride and wonder for locals and visitors alike.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at +501-822-2106 or [iadirector@nichbelize.org](mailto:iadirector@nichbelize.org). Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to your continued partnership in safeguarding Belize's cultural resources.

Sincerely,

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