

PHEW! Back from Hopkins after catching at 6.50am bus to Dangriga. And I see that the horrific weather has followed me to San Pedro.

Last night it rained incredibly hard in Hopkins...and it looks like it did here too. A brief post for today until I get myself in gear!

I've received lots of emails in the past two days asking where I am staying. So...allow me to tell you.

I was staying at the All Season's Guest House in Hopkins. It's a great spot. In fact, it may be the ideal Hopkins location. Halfway between the larger resorts and the "downtown" village, the guest house is surrounded by the village's very best restaurants. Rob's Gourmet Cafe (sometimes called the best restaurant in Belize) is right across the street. (You will be hearing much much more about the food in Hopkins...whether you like it or not).

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Ingrid the owner, is Dutch/German and has lived in Hopkins for ten years. TEN YEARS! I can't even imagine what Hopkins was like back then. Any sort of banking or major purchase now must be made 30 minutes away in Dangriga. Wow. And to buy "extras" like real cheese (not the rubber Mennonite variety) or even cream cheese, you need to go to Belize City! Ten years ago? She must have been living on coconuts and plantains.

Her house is gorgeous and across the street from the beach. I mean, really gorgeous. Three stories, beautiful stained glass and tile work with an extensive patio, BBQ and three guest rooms on the ground floor. Ingrid moved here on her own and describes a time when she was driving into Belize City (2.5 hours) many times a month to buy the materials to build this place. Very impressive. (I stole this next pic from Tripadvisor...mine did not come out so well...I shouldn't have waited until it started raining to take them)

