

# Roatan Backpackers' Hostel

Welcome to the hostel! We hope you'll have a great stay. Please let us know if there's anything you need while you're here, or anything that needs attention or repair.

The hostel is run by a Canadian, Mel James, who has lived on Roatan since 1998. She has two sons, Deo and Auri, who are now adults. The hostel also has a cat named Tortuga, and a dog named Watchie. Staff members are Belkis and Trisha. Alex does yard and maintenance work on Sundays. We sometimes also have volunteers staying with us and helping out around the hostel. Office hours are 8am to 7:30pm. The communal kitchen can be used at anytime, but is locked during the night: the key is kept on the office counter, and the office door is not locked, so just grab the key and return when you're done.

Mel lives on property in the small white house and is available in case of an after-hours emergency. Hostel phone/whatsapp +504-9714-0413 email roatanhostel@gmail.com



Roatan Backpacker updates  
WhatsApp group



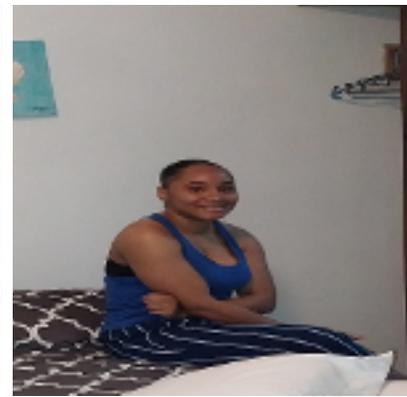
*scan the QR code to join our whatsapp hostel group chat, a great way to connect with other guests during your stay*



Owner Mel, with her sons Deo and Auri



Belkis



Trisha



Watchie

# Hostel Common Areas

There are lots of great places to relax at the hostel. Quiet time is in effect between 11pm and 7am so that all guests can enjoy their rest. The entire property, including rooms and private porches, is non-smoking except for the front porch. If you are a smoker and someone would like to enjoy a meal on the front porch, we ask that you refrain from smoking until they're done. Marijuana is not permitted anywhere on property, as it is illegal here.

## Front Porch

The most social spot of the hostel, the front porch is right next to the communal kitchen, with wrap around benches, and a few tables and chairs. It's a great place to share drinks with new friends, enjoy a meal, play cards or just relax.



## Garden Pergola

The garden pergola is located near the back of the property. Pretty flowering vines provide shade. There are 2 hammocks, and a table and chairs. This area is non-smoking.



## Stone Patio

Our stone patio just in front of the office has a few hammocks and comfortable chairs. This is a non-smoking area. Laundry lines in this area are for hostel use only please, however there are a couple of laundry lines along the fence line that guests can use.



## Pool Deck

Soak up some sun on the lounge chairs, or relax in the pool. There's an outdoor shower, and down the steps to the right, there's a bathroom. The pool is open from early morning until 8pm. No glass near pool please. Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult. This area is non-smoking



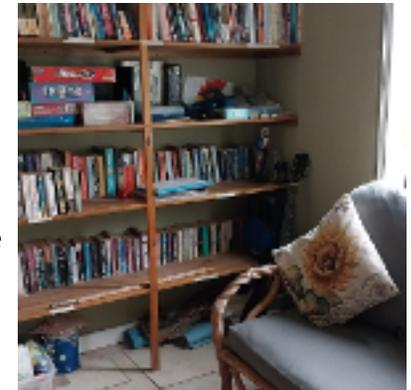
## Lizard Lounge

A little hideaway from everything, the lizard lounge is the perfect spot to catch some afternoon sun, to enjoy the sunset, or to stargaze. There's a bench and a lounge chair, or if you've got a travel hammock, feel free to string it up! This area is non-smoking.



## Sunflower Cafe

Even in the slower months when the cafe itself is closed, the seating area is always open during the day for guests to make use of the space. There's a book exchange and collection of board games. We have a projector, if you're interested in a movie night, let us know! In our busy season, the cafe serves breakfasts and dinners.



## Amenities

**Laundry service:** \$7 for up to 10 lbs, wash, dry, fold, including pick up and drop off. Inform the hostel by whatsapp or email prior to 10am that you have laundry that you would like picked up so that we can contact the laundry company.

**Snorkel gear rental:** \$5/day. Available through the office Purified water: \$4 for a 5 gallon (20 litre) jug.

**Car rental:** \$45/24 hours for a compact car, SUVs \$60-\$80. Dropped off and picked up at the hostel. Can be booked through the office.

**Airport transfers:** \$15 for 1-2 people, \$20 for 3 people. Can be booked through the office

**Internet:** no charge for hostel guests. All routers have password cashewlily Please note that internet services are not comparable to developed countries. Please do not stream (eg Netflix, youtube), as this will slow down the usage for everyone.

## Important Info

NO TOILET PAPER IN THE TOILETS- never! Please. We are on septic system, only human waste should go in the toilet (no toilet paper, no paper towel, no wipes, no tampons, no condoms)

Power outages are fairly common (at least once a week) and sometimes last several hours. Our solar landscape lights come on even when the power is off. Electricity rates are exceedingly high here. Please turn off fans and lights when you go out. For rooms with optional a/c, a \$10/day surcharge applies if you would like to use the a/c. Please let the office know you'll be using it, and turn off when you are out.

Rooms are self-catering: if you need toilet paper, garbage bags or cleaning supplies, let us know. Garbage: please separate any compostable material (fruit/ vegetable waste) and leave outside of your apartment door for collection. Recycling can be placed in the bins outside of your apartment. Garbage can be taken in a tied bag and placed in the blue garbage receptacles just outside the main gate.