

## Mexico to Belize – Santa Elena

1. Documents – no copies asked for at this border
  - a. Passport
  - b. Driver's license
  - c. Vehicle Title
  - d. Registration
2. Mexico Exit
  - a. Mexico Immigration
    - i. Small shack on the right immediately before gated border. Official asked for a \$20/person exit fee. We knew that we needed our entry fee receipt, but it was part of the random bag of stuff stolen in Oaxaca. Somehow we still managed to talk him out of charging us the bogus exit fee, but he did not stamp us out of Mexico, something we didn't notice until already in Belize.
  - b. Drive through Mexico exit gate and park on the left. Go to banjercito to cancel vehicle import permit.
    - i. Large, white building behind a gate.
    - ii. Official will walk out to car and take a picture of the VIN # and process paperwork through the computer system.
    - iii. Refund of \$200 deposit should appear in bank account 2-3 business days after canceling.
  - c. Fumigation
    - i. Drive over bridge into 'no-man's land,' fumigation shack on the right, poorly marked.
    - ii. Car gets sprayed, pay \$5USD/10 Belize and keep the receipt.
  - d. Ignore insurance touts trying to get you to buy extremely overpriced mandatory Belizean insurance and drive to large parking lot on your left.
3. Belize Entry - Belize Immigration and Customs are in one building.
  - a. Belize immigration – first desk
    - i. simple stamp in passport
  - b. Belize customs - second desk immediately behind immigration
    - i. Customs official hand-fills out and stamps vehicle into driver's passport. He/she may ask you about fruits, vegetables, dairy products in car, but our official did not go into the parking lot to search the car.
  - c. Drive through inspection gate. Official poked his head in, but didn't bother opening the fridge (we made it through with all contraband materials intact).
  - d. At the "T" in the road is the large white Belize Insurance office. Insurance for two weeks was \$23 USD
4. Total Cost
  - a. Fumigation \$5
  - b. Belize insurance \$23