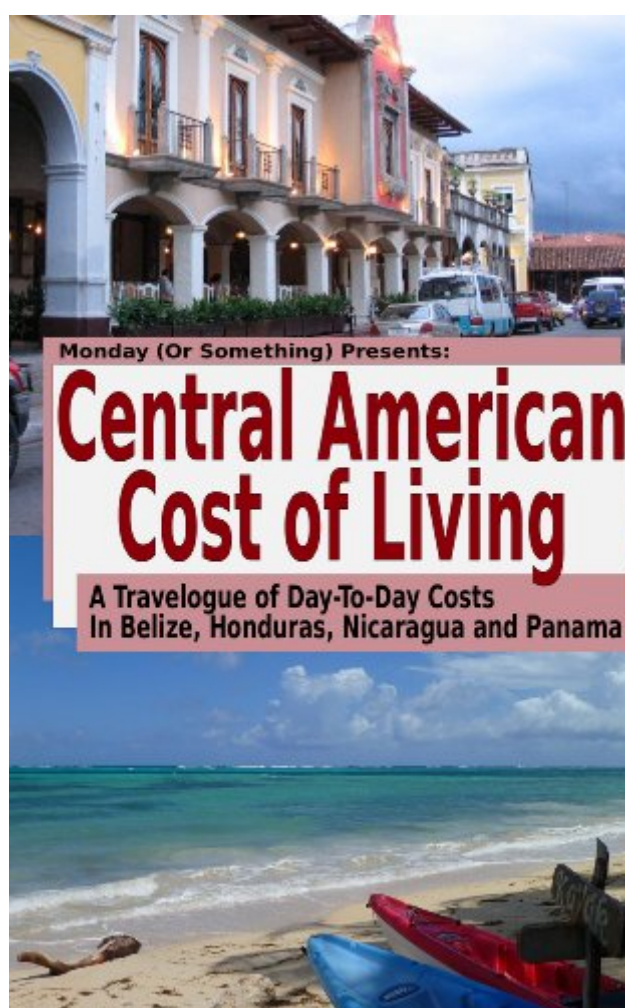


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Central American Cost Of Living: A Travelogue Of Day-To-Day Costs In Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua And Panama



Synopsis

Hard numbers and informed impressions combine to show you what's available on the cheap in 8 Central American towns and cities. Join your author as he samples the quality of life on offer for roughly \$1,000 per month, rent included. From the beaches of Belize to the Islands of Honduras, the mountains of Nicaragua and the expat enclaves of Panama, this book includes detailed, line by line budget data and is a must for anyone interested in living in these countries but stuck on the question "can I afford to do this?" Cities sampled include Placencia (Belize), Utila (Honduras), Esteli, San Juan del Sur, Granada (Nicaragua), Panama City, Boquete and Bocas del Toro (Panama).

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Customer Reviews

The author is a gen-x who's style was fun and informative. He starts with packing and covers some cool ideas about the tech to bring, something you don't see in other books and good advice for us older folks who have the stuff but just didn't think about it. Then there's the price of a beer at the start of every area and thrown in is the song stuck in his head. The song adds nothing to the info you want but is just another fun way he brings you into each area. I also picked up "How to Retire in Panama" by Les Johns and it made a great companion book and reference for all the legal, real estate, visa, and other such things you need to do to live there. Do Not mistake this book with the

one of the same title by Michael Garfield which was a waste of time and money. Central American Cost of Living: A Travelogue of Day-To-Day Costs In...makes me feel like I could roll into town and start calling the locals by their first name while getting the best and cheapest accommodations. Good Job.

This is a great travelogue, and for the two towns covered that I've visited myself - wow, the descriptions and cost estimates were right on the money. In a few weeks, I will be leaving for two more of the towns the author visited, and with this book, I feel confident that I've budgeted correctly, and that I have the "inside scoop" on things to do and places to eat / drink. This is exactly the sort of reference material anyone wanting to relocate to Central America should have.

Excellent. Author documents everything he spent in specific areas to give you a good feel for budget. And he includes it all in a spreadsheet form for making comparisons. A few times he reverted to his computer geek language and lost me, but those episodes were thankfully few. (And I'm sure there is someone out there who appreciated what he was talking about.)

Absolutely wonderful and informative. Easy to read and absorb and compare to your own experiences. We have lived in Central America for 12 years and can confirm everything written about the specific places we have visited. Humbly written with a humorous edge. Just plain enjoyable and honest.

Gearhart is such a fun writer and it was quite refreshing to hear his candid observations of the 8 central American places covered in the book. The idea was to spend a month in each of several destinations and to record their cost of living. Some of the towns were so appealing that they stayed a bit longer than planned. What a wonderfully vicarious view of relocating to that part of the world.

This is a blog written over time that has simply been re-packaged into a book format. This format is not terrible, but could have benefitted by more editing. The facts and information are very useful, however the author seems to feel that the price of a beer is the most important piece of information, followed by the song stuck in his head. Overall, I think this book is worth reading if you're interested in this part of the world.

Mr. Gearhart does a good job of outlining some great research on cost of living here. The insight

into Panama especially is useful, practical and realistic. While it is more of an experience for a backpacking type of crowd, there's a lot here that will help anyone considering a move to Central America. This is a good addition to other research books for Panama, and the other countries visited. I recommend it.

I found this book full of useful information. I added some "must see" places to my travel plans because of the attention to detail.

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