

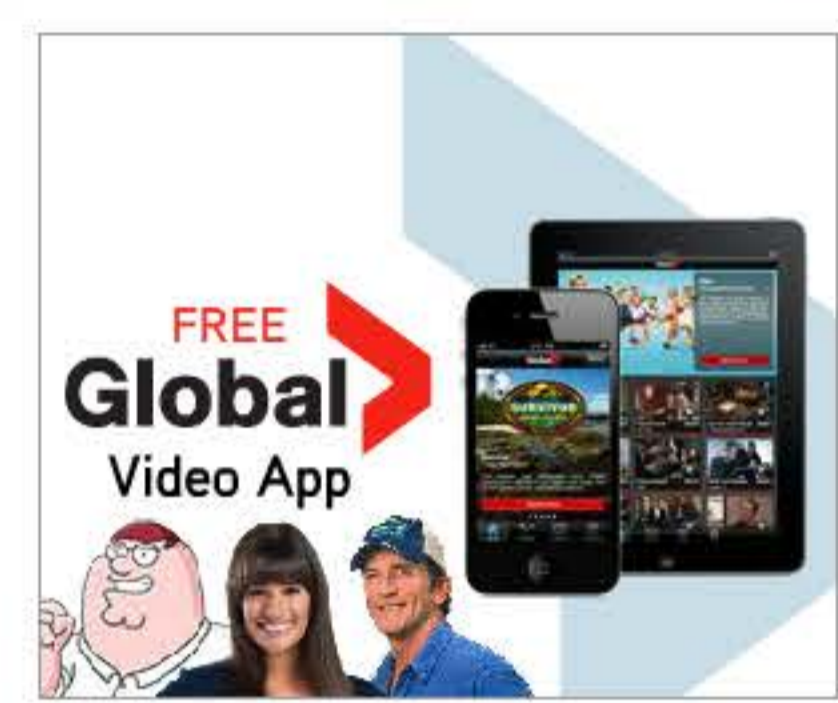
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On a recent trip to southern **Belize**, I stayed at the Placencia Hotel just 9 miles north of **Placencia Village**. This large resort sprawls over several acres of land, boasting a lovely variety of flowers, palms, and waterfalls.

What really caught my eye, however, was the **organic vegetable garden** at the entrance of the property. After a bit of research, I realized this is common practice among hotels and inns in **Belize** - when the soil is so rich, why not grow your own vegetables?

As the photographs show, fresh herbs, beans, peppers and succulent papaya all grow alongside copious amounts of other fruits and vegetables. And thankfully, no pesticides are used in the growing process. As a guest at Placencia Hotel, you're encouraged to visit the garden anytime. The head groundskeeper, Walter Cruz, is very knowledgeable and more than happy to give you a tour of the area. Such a tour is even more enticing as he's ready to lop the head off a **coconut** recently fallen from a tree, so you can drink some refreshing coconut water.

Having the freshest **herbs** and **vegetables** land on your plate at dinner is a delectable addition to a beautiful day.

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