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## Ka'ana Boutique Resort

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### What's Special About Ka'ana Boutique Resort:

Adventure seekers venturing inland to explore Belize's natural wonders and Mayan sites didn't have a luxury option until Ka'ana Boutique Resort came along. An intimate collection of villa accommodations, Ka'ana gives guests proximity to caves, Mayan ruins, and rivers without sacrificing creature comforts.

- [Pictures of Ka'ana Boutique Resort](#)

### Guest Rooms at Ka'ana Boutique Resort:

Fifteen villas, mostly two per building, have vaulted ceilings, private terraces, iPod docking stations and flat screen TVs. Décor has a rustic edge but is romantic and flowing with white curtains and white bedding offset by colorful Mayan art. Amenities are peppermint-scented and charmingly scooped into hand-carved wooden containers.

- Nightly rates from about \$175 low season (May-Dec.), and \$245 peak season (Dec.-Mar.)

### Dining at Ka'ana Boutique Resort:

La Ceiba, led by Executive Chef Manolo Castillo of Guatemala's famed KACAO restaurant, is filled with interpretations of comfort food from a mix of cultures. The Eggs Benedict, with its thick Belizean bread and green sauce, was a bit of a stretch for me, so I switched to the overstuffed breakfast burrito. I recommend trying the Fried Jacks, a side order of traditional Belizean fried tortillas. A varied lunch and dinner menu ranges from pizza to seafood, steak and pasta. Try the homemade peanut butter gelatto for dessert. The Frieze Lounge has an extensive wine cellar and live entertainment.

### Pool and Spa at Ka'ana Boutique Resort:

The tiny Ka'ana Spa, just off the pool deck, has one treatment room and a nail salon. Small meant pleasingly informal; I was able to set a time to appear and decide on my treatments when I arrived. I had a relaxing foot and hand massage, followed by a manicure; she even French-braided my hair for the pool. Just outside the spa is an infinity-edge swimming pool and pool deck.

### Nearby Activities at Ka'ana Boutique Resort:

Ka'ana is situated in the Cayo District, inland near the Guatemalan border. We took a day trip to the impressive Mayan ruins at Caracol, a city that once defeated the more widely known Mayan metropolis of Tikal. The ruins are still being excavated in this bucolic setting, and you can still climb the towering structures (the tallest, and the highest man-made structure in Belize, is the resort's namesake, Caana, at 140 feet.) On the return trip we cooled off in a river and explored Rio Frio Cave. Other excursions nearby include tubing through ancient Mayan caves, mountain biking, bird watching and horseback riding.

### Location of Ka'ana Boutique Resort:

In the Cayo District, seventy miles west of Belize City, about a two-hour drive from the airport. The resort can arrange airport transfers. If you rent a car, make it a four-wheel drive; roads to some of the activities are rough. Gas was \$5.50 a gallon when I was there in mid-2007, I was told that's the highest in Central America. [Compare Flights](#)

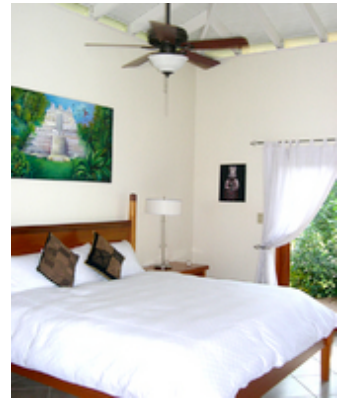
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### Guest Reviews of Ka'ana Boutique Resort:

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