

What is the Yellow Ginger Festival?

The Yellow Ginger Festival is a vibrant celebration of **East Indian heritage in Belize**. It honors the ancestors who endured indentureship through safeguarding their traditions, language, and cuisine. The festival brings families and friends together to share oral histories of the East Indians migration to Belize, traditions, music and, eating everything **Yellow Ginger**!

Origins & Location

The festival began in 2014 to bring Indian-descent people together to promote and safeguard their culture. It was first held in Punta Gorda Town. It has also been held in Forest Home Village and Eldridgeville Village.



Founders

The Yellow Ginger Festival, which is promoted by the East Indian Council of Belize, Southern Chapter. It was founded by:

- Mrs. Curlette Ramclam-Palacio
- Ms. Lourdes Coleman
- Ms. Anna Ranguy
- Mr. Gabriel Pate
- Mr. Gerald Parham
- Mr. Calvert Supaul
- Mr. Raju Thandahni

Along with other members, they help safeguard Belize's East Indian history, culture, and traditions.



Cultural Significance

The festival is a bridge between past, present, and future generations. It pays tribute to the resilience of East Indian ancestors by highlighting the importance of cultural transmission by passing on traditional culinary practices, dances, and customs for future generations to reconnect with their heritage and identity.

It supports local entrepreneurship and economic development, showcasing Belizean products created out of yellow ginger such as, condiments, herbal recipes and skin care products.

*"Long live the spirit of those who have gone before us.
Long live peace and cultural diversity."*

- Harry Gomez, Yellow Ginger Festival 2018

Did you know?

- The journey of indentured East Indian laborers contributed to Belize's multicultural identity
- East Indians make up 3.5% of Belize's population



Engaging Activities

Experience a lively day of cultural immersion with:

- Coconut husking competitions
- Cohune cabbage making demonstrations
- Chutney and choka making
- Youth East Indian dance group performances
- Storytelling & history sharing

