

## TERMINAL PORTUARIA PUERTO BARRIOS

Guatemala Updated January 2008, according to Information received from Port Authority  
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**Status** Port Open **UN Ilocode** GTPBR  
**Latitude** 15° 42.0' N **Longitude** 088° 37.0' W  
**Max draft** 9.5 **Time Zone** GMT -6  
**Worldscale** No

### PORT DESCRIPTION

**Location:** Puerto Barrios is situated at the eastern side of the entrance to Santo Tomas Bay in the Bay Of Amatique at the head of the Caribbean Gulf of Honduras and is located 300 km. From the capital, Guatemala City

**General Overview:** The port has one pier with 7 berths and has facilities for handling bananas, grains, fertilizers and oil

**Max Size:**

- A. Multipurpose quay, length 288 m. South side.
- B. Multipurpose quay, length 200 m. + 70m North side.
- C. Draft 9.5 m.

### PRE ARRIVAL INFORMATION

**ETA's:** Initial ETA to be sent with vessel's appointment, usually 10/15 days prior to arrival, to the vessel's agent. Further ETA's to be sent 72, 48, 24 and 12 hours prior to arrival. In addition to arrival date and time the message should include the vessel's arrival drafts.

**Documentation required:** the following are required Document:

1. Crew List
2. Provisions List
3. Voyage Memo (Last 5 Port of call with arrival/departure date)
4. Certificate of Registry (photocopies)
5. International Tonnage Certificate (photocopies)
6. Crew Personal Effects List
7. Clearance from Last Port
8. Negative passenger List
9. Passenger List
10. International Ship Security Certificate

The following documents to be submitted 72 hours prior to Berthing:

1. List of Cargo
2. Bill of Lading
3. Check Notebook
4. Stevedore Plans

The above are required by the Port Authorities and may be completed on the ship's own forms.

**Communications:** VHF-FM Marine Band Traffic Control Tower Channel 16 (Stand-By)

WEBSITE: <http://www.puertobarriosonline.com>

**Health Regulations:** The Quarantine officer boards either at the anchorage area or alongside the wharf as required, throughout the day.

### Customs and immigration:

**Customs:** there are no customs restrictions for personal items for crew and officers. Such items should be duly declared in the Crew Personal Effects List. Non compliance may result in a fine up to US\$5,000.

**Immigration:** Crew and Passenger Lists required, Shore passes issued by Agency/Customs and are immigration approved.

**Flags:** Flags should be displayed as per Interco. Fines up to US\$5,000 may be payable for non compliance.

**Notice of readiness:** Usually tendered on dropping anchor in an anchorage zone.

**General Notices & Regulations:** The Drug Enforcement Agency may, at their sole discretion, request permission from the ship's Master/Agent to carry out a sniffer dog inspection of the ship.

### NAVIGATION

**Sea buoys, Fairways and Channels:** The entrance channel is dredged to 9.75 m and marked by lighted buoys.

The approach is from the N, passing through Bahia de Amatique and the entrance to Bahia de Santo Tomas de Castilla.

Both Puerto Barrios and Puerto Santo de Castilla use the same approach channel, which is entered from the vicinity of the safe water lightbuoy in position 15°48'N 088°36'W

*Directions for entering harbour:* Entrance channel: Leading lights. From a position in the vicinity of the safe water lightbuoy (15°48'N 088°36'W) the alignment (189.5°) of Puerto Santo Tomas leading lights leads through the centre of the entrance channel.

Front Light (red triangular mark on metal framework tower) (15°41.6'n 088°37.2'W), visible on leading line only.

Rear Light: (red triangular mark on metal framework tower) (347m S of the front light), visible on leading line only.

The entrance channel is marked by lightbuoys.

Useful Marks: Bajo Villedo light (15°45.3'N 088°37.0'W).

Muelle de Puerto Barrios head Light (15°44.1'N 088°36.7'W).

**Pilot:** Compulsory. Pilot boards about 3.2km off the Port.

**Anchorage:** Anchorage is available with good holding ground on a mud bottom, depth 8.99m

**Tidal Range and flow:** Range 0.3m.

**Currents:** Off the pier the out-going current sets NW at 0.4kn, very occasionally reaching over 2kn. The in-going current sets SE at 0.2-0.6kn.

**Dock density:** 1025

**Weather:** prevailing winds: S'y. Weather along the coast is hot and humid with an average annual rainfall in excess of 2,200mm. The Port is susceptible to gale and hurricane force winds during summer and early autumn.

**Principal navigation aids:** *Principal Marks:* Landmark: conspicuous tower (15°43.5'N 088°36.0'W).

*Mayor light:* Puerto Barrios light 15°43.8'N 088°36.0'W position approx.

**Charts:** Admiralty charts # 2988 & 1573, approaches to Santo Tomas, Puerto Barrios y Puerto Cortes scale 1:65,000 & 1:25,000 Admiralty Pilot NP69A. H.O 28162

**Tugs:** compulsory

#### **BERTHS AND CARGO**

**Names/Nos:** Pier operated by Compañía Bananera Independiente

No cranes on pier. Four Banana loading conveyors. Containers discharged using ship's gear.

**Storage:** Adequate covered and open storage available

#### **GENERAL**

**Repairs:** Available

**Bunker/Water/stores:** Fresh Water: Available

Bunkering: Available by road tanker.

**Medical Facilities:** Medical centre near port

**Transport:** Nearest airport: Puerto Barrios (1km from the port)

Airport facilities: Domestic flights

Nearest railway: National railway network for connection to capital city.

**Public Holidays:** New Year's Day, Good Friday, Labour Day, and Christmas Day

**Working hours:** Throughout 24 hours if required.

**Port Charges:** Port Charges must be deposited in advance before the vessel's arrival, in order to ensure immediate berthing and proper services; otherwise Port Authorities will refuse the vessel.

**Others:** If the vessel will require logistics as fuel, water, supplies and others please let us know in advance. If there will be crew rotation or any other immigration matter, please let us know in advance

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Temperature:** max: 33.2°C min: 23.0°C mean: 27°C

**Humidity:** max: 80% min: 71% mean: 81%

**Rain:** Rainy season normally takes place between May to November with an annual mean of 2575.8mm

**Atmospheric Pressure:** max: 1013mb. Min: 1000mb. Annual mean: 1015mb.

**Water Density:** 1,017