"There is nothing contrived about the easygoing, friendly atmosphere of Dangriga life. Enjoy the authenticity !"

The heart of the town is the "riverside" where the North Stann Creek River makes it way to the sea and divides the town into "North Side" and "South Side". The main thoroughfare starts with St. Vincent St. at the Drums of our Fathers monument, found at the south entrance to the town, and changes into Commerce St. when it crosses the main bridge. Commerce St. comes to an end a mile later at the Garden of Gethsemane - the town cemetery where everyone's last resting place has a Caribbean view.

In between, the main street is lined with stores, churches, schools, rum shops, Chinese restaurants, barbershops, the police station, food vendors, banks and domino sheds in no particular order. Within a block on either side are a small library, town parks, rudimentary basketball courts and a football stadium where kids hang out in the evenings. Long stretches of undeveloped beachside are deserted during the week and swarming with families cooling off on hot weekend afternoons.

Points of Interest

- **Gulisi Garifuna Museum**
- **Drums of our Fathers monument** - a monument to the Garifuna ancestors, inspired by a poem written by E. Roy Cayetano - linguist, educator and artist

- The sheds - Large, open-sided thatched sheds with a bar and tables for playing dominoes or catching up with the latest news.
- **Pen Cayetano's studio** - self taught painter, singer, songwriter, percussionist and guitarist who recently returned to Dangriga after living for several years in Germany.

- **The riverside** - a bustling waterway where the boats come and go for fishing, caye trips and crossings to Guatemala and Honduras.
- **The Dangriga market** - "Dangriga's mall" with local produce and fresh fish stalls on the one side across from clothes, shoes, hammocks and household items meticulously packed away each night by their Central American vendors.
- **Austin Rodriguez's** drum making shed - watch as drums emerge from sections of tree trunks in a small shed right next to the beach
- **BTL Park** - formerly "Princess Royal Park", just outside the Town Hall. The park was recently refurbished and renamed by the local telecommunications company. Picnic tables, a concession stand, a stage and band stand make this a favorite hangout and venue for the occassional musical concert or religious revival.
- **Carl Ramos football stadium** - Soccer is BIG in Dangriga! Games between local teams can often be seen here on weekends.
- **Marie Sharp's Fine Foods** - Simply the BEST habanero pepper sauce in Belize -

available in several heat levels! A case makes a great present and easily fits inside a suitcase.

- **TV Ramos monument -** A monument found on the north end of town, it was built to honor the Garifuna leader who helped bring local recognition to the rich culture and heritage of the Garinagu with the establishment of November 19th as a public and bank holiday.

- **Deserted beaches -** Dangriga's beaches are devoid of man-made structures and usually quiet except for early morning fishermen with their castnets.
- **Garifuna Settlement Day** - November 19th is the anniversary of the Garifuna arrival to Belize in 1823. The preceding weeks are filled with cultural pageants, contests, ceremonies and events culminating in all night drumming to bring in the dawn of November 19th and the early morning reenactment of the Garifuna arrival in wooden doreys on Belizean shores. Drums then lead a spirited procession with offerings to the local Catholic church where a packed Ecumenical thanksgiving service is celebrated in the Garifuna language.