

Tourism recovering after 9 October quake; Boquete operating normally

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Summary

Panama's tourism authority says most of the country, including Boquete and Tierras Altas, is operating normally after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of 9 October.

Details (summary of the article)

Metro Libre reports that tourism in Panama's central provinces is beginning to recover after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of 9 October, while most of the country continues operating as usual. ATP administrator Gloria De León named Panama City, Isla Colón in Bocas del Toro, Tierras Altas and Boquete in Chiriquí, and El Valle de Antón as destinations still fully operating. ATP teams visited affected areas such as Santa Catalina in Veraguas and Playa Venao in Los Santos, finding minimal damage to hotels and restaurants, although some workers lost their homes in communities like El Hicaco, Farfán and Lagartero. Two hotels in Playa Venao were damaged; the rest remain open. ATP and Promtur are continuing international promotion and a country-brand campaign so the emergency does not create the impression the whole country is paralysed. Former CAMTUR president Ernesto Orillac estimated about 95% of the country's tourism infrastructure was undamaged, since the quake struck sparsely populated areas, with exceptions in parts of Los Santos, Azuero and Veraguas.

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