

# Earthquake's real impact on Panama tourism and property

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## Summary

Casa Solution analyses the aftermath of the 9 October earthquake: damage was concentrated in central provinces, 90% of hotels are open, Boquete and other destinations are receiving visitors, and buyers are urged to get technical inspections.

## Details (summary of the article)

Casa Solution looks past the headlines at how the 9 October magnitude 7.7 earthquake, centred on the Azuero Peninsula, is affecting tourism and real estate. Damage was concentrated in Herrera, Los Santos, Veraguas and Coclé; SINAPROC had assessed 8,403 homes by 18 October (2,081 destroyed, 5,137 moderate, 1,185 light) and the housing ministry MIVIOT 9,391 by 21 October, with families able to register via Panamá Conecta or by calling 520. Engineers note the worst losses were in older or informally built structures, not in the housing market generally. Tourism is expected to dip briefly mainly on perception: the Panama Canal kept operating, Tocumen reopened quickly, and the tourism chamber Camtur says 90% of hotels are active with 67% average occupancy, with Panama City, Bocas del Toro, Boquete and the Caribbean coast open. The article argues continued travel helps affected communities, while property buyers should commission engineers to check structures, foundations, retaining walls, utilities, drainage and permits, as SPIA advises. Reconstruction spending on homes, roads, bridges, schools and water systems is expected to boost local economies, and the finance minister kept the 2026 growth forecast at 4.5%, possibly 5.5%.