

Where Panamanians travel and what they spend

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Summary

A Crítica feature on domestic and international travel habits notes that Boquete, Tierras Altas and Volcán are among the top domestic destinations, especially for capital residents escaping the heat.

Details (summary of the article)

The newspaper Crítica looks at whether Panamanians really can afford to travel, concluding that holidays have become a non-negotiable part of household spending, funded by year-round saving, the thirteenth-month bonus, credit cards and interest-free airfare instalments. For domestic trips, the mountain destinations of Chiriquí — Boquete, Tierras Altas and Volcán — rank among the favourites alongside the Pacific beaches of the central provinces and the islands of Bocas del Toro and Guna Yala. A weekend trip inside Panama for a family of four is put at roughly \$250 to \$600 depending on lodging and transport. Abroad, Medellín and Bogotá lead, followed by Orlando and Miami, with Punta Cana and Cancún popular for all-inclusive packages. A short four to five day trip to Colombia costs about \$450–\$800 per person, while US or Caribbean trips run \$1,200–\$1,800. Traffic counts on the Arraiján–La Chorrera highway regularly show 80,000 to 100,000 vehicles heading to the interior on long weekends and patriotic holidays, so Boquete residents can expect heavy visitor traffic around those dates.

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