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Holiday travel surge to the interior during patriotic days

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Summary

Crítica reports that each November between 100,000 and 130,000 vehicles head to the interior along the Pan-American Highway for the patriotic holidays, filling hotels in Chiriquí and other provinces to 85–100% on 3, 4, 5 and 10 November.

Details (summary of the article)

The newspaper Crítica looks at how Panamanians split their patriotic holidays between parades and travel. Drawing on figures from the land transport authority (ATTT) and security forces, it says 100,000 to 130,000 vehicles move yearly toward the interior along the Pan-American Highway, carrying hundreds of thousands of people. Tourism authority (ATP) and hotel-sector data show occupancy of 85% to 100% in beach and interior areas on 3, 4, 5 and 10 November, one of the year's biggest tourism peaks alongside Easter and Carnival. For provinces such as Chiriquí, Coclé, Herrera, Los Santos and Veraguas this means a strong boost for small restaurants, crafts, hotels and local transport. At the same time, large crowds still attend the dawn "dianas" of 3 November and the parades of school delegations, bands and security forces in the capital and provincial capitals. Residents heading out or returning should expect heavy traffic on the David–Panama highway during these dates.

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