

BOQUETE
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Located in the western Highlands of Panama and bordering Costa Rica, Boquete is tucked away on the eastern slopes of the Volcan Barú an 11,400 foot extinct volcano. This small and charming mountain village is known to produce some of the richest coffees in the entire world. Boquete is quickly becoming a destination for those visitors seeking the most enchanting weather in the world. Visitors bask in Boquete's sunny and cool mountain weather and marvel at the exquisite vistas. There is an aspect of the Swiss Alps about Boquete, with small babbling brooks that run between restaurants and bakeries, a naked yet complex landscape that seems like it should be covered in a layer of snow. Yugoslavian settlers in Chiriqui imparted a theme of steep triangular roofs, which peek up from the forests, reminiscent of Bavarian chocolate houses. Boquete's healthy climate has prompted many to believe it is the secret to longevity since many native Boqueteños have lived well on past their one-hundredth birthdays. Boquete is also home to a number of retired expats from all over the world who have come to live and in many cases, spend the rest of their lives here. I am one of those people – Tom Brymer.

I was born in Panama, grew up in Asia and traveled the world. I am often asked, why Panama and in Panama, people often ask why Boquete. Let me show you some of the reasons why and the land that I love.

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Early in the morning as the sun lights up the highland valleys, the clouds still lay over the mountain tops like blankets ready to be shrugged off.



As I mentioned earlier Boquete is about coffee and the best high latitude coffee finca up here is Finca Lerida. This is the place to wake up with a good cup coffee and a chat with my friend and the proprietor, John Collins.



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His home is over 100 years old and the plantation is not only profitable as an eco resort but also with its excellent coffee quality and production. He does it the right way.



Well, it's time to move on up to a property higher up and adjacent to the Parque Nacional at Volcan Baru.



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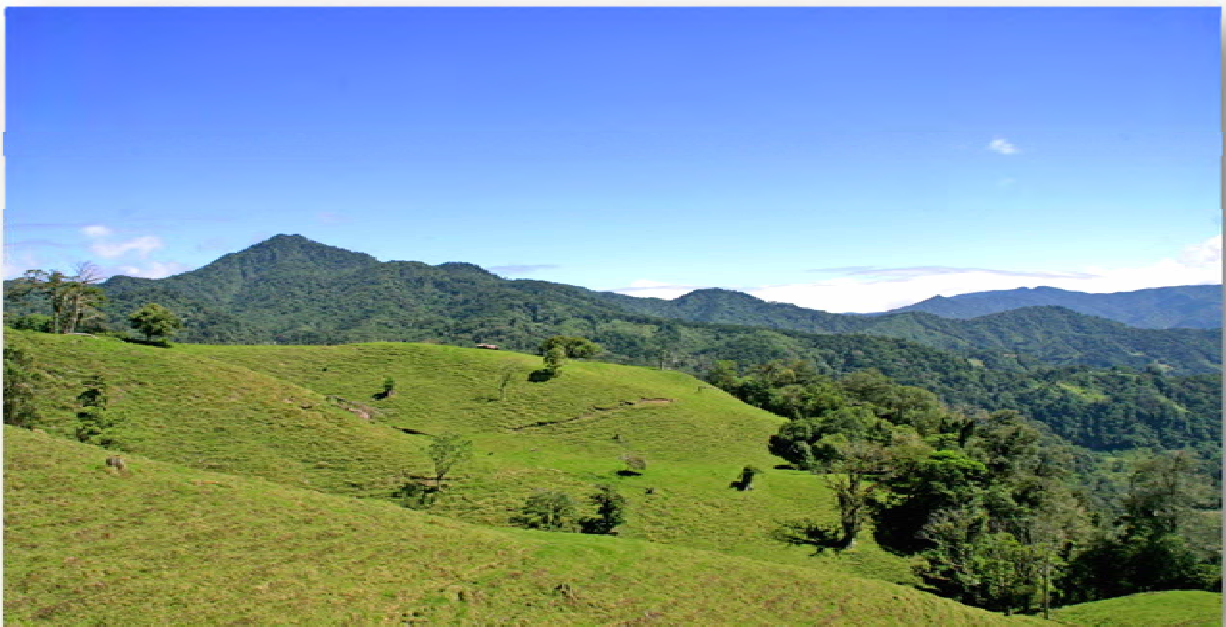
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Here we are at 6,240 feet and the mountain behind the sign climbs up to 11,400 feet where an incredible rain forest and national park runs through the mountains of western Panama and into Costa Rica.



I am working on a 60 hectare (148 acre) parcel that is next door for a sustainable eco community of maybe 6 to 12 homes with paths that lead up into the forest. There are troops of monkeys, birds and indigenous animals that are found only in remote areas of the park. Care must be given not to put too much pressure on this habitat and thought must be given to the environment and the people who live up here and work the land. The raw land price is \$4 Million and parcelized sell out could be \$6 to \$8 Million.



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Now we venture back through town and stop at a favorite place of mine, the gardens of Mi Jardin es Su Jardin (my garden is your garden) where the owners have opened up their gardens to the public.



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We enter town just in time for the 65th anniversary parade of the fire department and must stop for pictures.



Even the little guys and girls get to participate.



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Another property that I recently visited is located just 15 minutes from town and adjoins two major projects, one of which is completing a world class golf course along the side of a mountain. The developer has used the best systems available to insure that this course will be a destination for any serious golfer in Central America. First, here is the project known as Cielo Paraiso www.cieloparaiso.com



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I guess that you get the picture so lets head out the gates and head down the road a few minutes to a spectacular investment property.



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First we pass another project where progress is being made on an internal 4 lane road in the project known as Las Huacas. It is as magnificent a place as I have ever seen. The developer pledges to keep it environmentally natural and create a paradise free from stress, pollution, and contamination. You can see for miles in every direction. It is sitting atop a 3900 ft. peak with a 360 degree view amid the cool quiet natural surroundings, bordered by rivers on two sides, a view of the Pacific Ocean, and Volcan Baru.



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Here are some pictures of the vistas from another property that I have for sale.



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This fully titled property consists of approximately 622 hectares (over 1500 acres) and is a combination of producing coffee and cattle plantations. One parcel of 113 hectares (280 acres) is in coffee and the balance, 509 hectares consists of ranch land and forest. The 113 hectare (280 acre) coffee plantation can be purchased separately for \$1.5 million. There is a fresh water stream, a major waterfall and the property has frontage on a river canyon. The property has spectacular views of the peaks of the Talamanca Mountains, the Pacific Ocean and islands and the towering Jaramillo Mountain to the north. The asking price for the entire 622 hectares is \$9,000,000 or \$1.45 per m² which is \$6,000 per acre or 14 cents a square foot.



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Yes this is Boquete

*"Somewhere, over the rainbow, way up high...There's a land that I heard of, once in a lullaby.
Somewhere, over the rainbow, skies are blue. And the dreams that you dare to dream, really do come true." - E.Y. Harburg*

There is indeed a land where rainbows often grace skies that are unencumbered by pollution, life is unhurried, and retirement dreams are fulfilled for many, in the Chiriqui highlands of Panama. Here's the story...

Ex-pats, for those who are unfamiliar with the term, are those who leave one's native country to live elsewhere. This unique breed may have a few motivational variations for permanently traversing beyond borders, but they tend to share a common character trait – a great sense of adventure in abandoning what is socially, culturally, and geographically familiar to pursue their dream of a healthier, happier, less hectic lifestyle. And, given the current economic state of affairs, perhaps they share the collective desire to avoid a possible catastrophe.

They seek a better quality of life married to a lower cost of living. They're confident enough to start over in a new environment, making new friends. Ex-pats likely possess a libertarian streak, a do-it-yourself mentality that propels them to create their lives anew, whether it means transforming a piece of property into a model of green energy self-sufficiency, launching a new school for local kids, or opening a new café. And characteristically, they want to integrate into a community of similar-minded souls.

What gives a particular area the gravitational pull for ex-pats? It often starts with a warm climate and beautiful scenery surrounding a charming, affordable city or town. An abundance of fresh water sources, locally grown food and reliable hydro-electric power. Add a big welcome mat to foreigners from the local people, and a government actively enticing you to stay with such incentives as no property tax for the first 20 years, a generous program for newcomers to guarantee permanent residency, equal rights under the law, discounts for products and services across the board, plus excellent asset protection and maximum privacy from the banking institutions. Welcome to Boquete, Panama, and leave the door open. There's more coming.

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Well, these are a few of my favorite things and I hope that you enjoyed this short road trip and if you care to see more on this property and others, check out our website www.panamaadvisoryinternationalgroup.com or better yet visit us in Boquete.

Regards,

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