

WHERE THE JUNGLE MEETS THE SEA



PANAMA CITY TO BOCAS DEL TORO

We spent the night in **Panama City** which is bustling with the recent expansion completion of the **Panama Canal**. Then we boarded a private plane to **Bocas del Toro**. The short 40 minute flight was full of panoramic views over land and sea. Bocas del Toro is currently a back-packers' haven, but with a lot of local color. I foresee a major gentrification over the next few years.



ECO-HEAVEN ON EARTH

I traveled to **Panama City** and onto **Bocas del Toro** to check out a new eco-friendly real estate development that includes the site for the future **Viceroy Bocas del Toro Panama** and **Casi Cielo**. This unique project is on **Punta Bocas** which is a peninsula reachable only by boat, seaplane or helicopter, making it super exclusive. It borders Costa Rica and the jungle on one side and a huge national marine park on the other. It is a little slice of eco-heaven on earth.

PUNTA BOCAS

We hopped on the developers' private Viceroy 'branded' boat and cruised to Punta Bocas to see the development site. It is only accessible by boat, helicopter or seaplane, thus providing privacy and exclusivity. The Viceroy will occupy about 50 acres of the 450+ acres of land the developer has here. Suites and over-water bungalows (Maldives'-style) are for sale. Viceroy prices will range from about \$500,000 for a 1 bedroom loft to about \$10 million for a 5 bedroom villa with completion 2019. Parcels of land for like-minded people to develop eco-friendly venues on the peninsula from Casi Cielo will also be available in the future. Stay tuned for details coming soon

TAX HAVEN

This area of Panama is attractive, not just for the surrounding nature, but also for all the investment benefits of Panama. It is a **tax-friendly country** with both property and income tax advantages. Plus, the U.S. dollar is the currency of choice. And it is a short distance from Miami.





VICEROY PANAMA RESORT DEVELOPMENT

Here's a [Viceroy](#) Video and [Forbes](#) feature describing the forthcoming [Viceroy Bocas del Toro Panama](#):

Viceroy Panama Video: <https://vimeo.com/172296799>

Forbes Viceroy Panama Article: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/jimdobson/2016/07/12/viceroy-announces-new-bocas-del-toro-overwater-villa-resort-in-panama/#417c936e1fd5>

FRESH CATCH OF THE DAY

While in this area, we ate at 2 different seaside shacks accessible only by boat where the catch of the day was still swimming nearby til lunch was served. The fried plantains along with a secret local hot sauce were addictive. Real ripe coconuts were everywhere, self-service style providing plenty of pure coconut water to drink.



SWEET BOCAS

Since Punta Bocas is still undeveloped, we overnighted nearby at a private house over the water called "Sweet Bocas". It is now one of my all-time favorite spots to stay. This bohemian chic haven is super cool to say the least. [Sweet Bocas](#) is the perfect blend of nature, sustainability, relaxation, and style. The Canadian owner/designer left no stone unturned when it came to details. I was in awe everywhere I turned at how all the colors and elements



of nature were integrated to the ultimate degree. The book titles in the library were all so perfectly selected to fit the world they were shelved in. Even the outpost building, housing the gym was carefully color-coordinated. Plus, art was incorporated on the property both inside and out. A private chef was on duty for freshly prepared gourmet meals. Hammocks and sheer drapes gently swayed to the sea breezes throughout the day. And Mother Nature did her thing at night, first with the most amazing sunset and later with a sky filled so brightly with stars while schools of fish and sleek stingrays swam vigorously underneath us. What a wonderful place to stay and sleep sweet dreams!

Looking forward to hearing from you so you too can have your own little slice of Eco-Heaven!

Cheers,

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