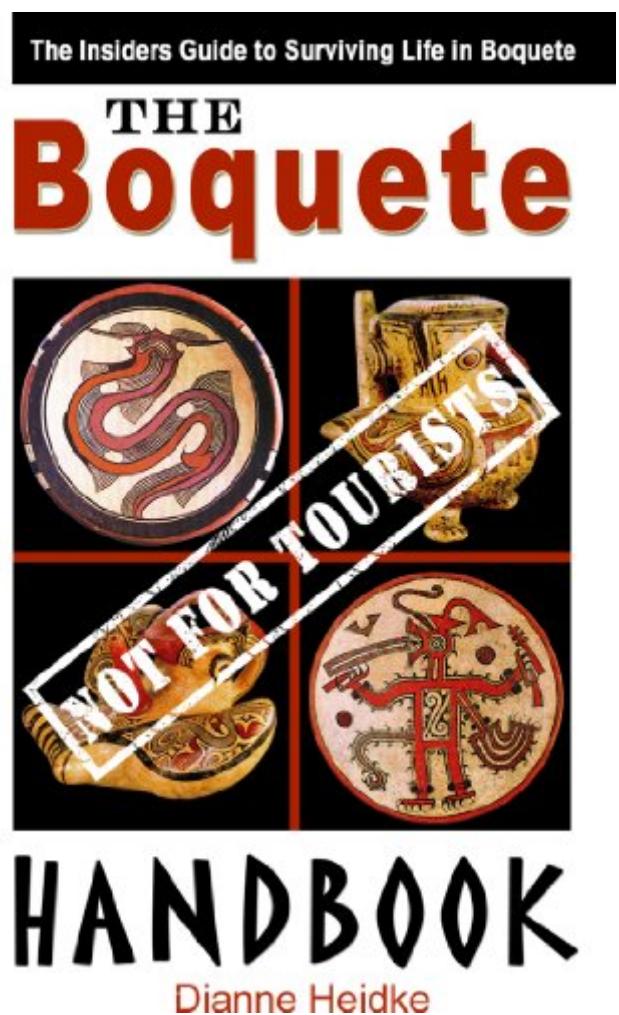


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# **The Boquete ( Not For Tourists!) Handbook - The Insider's Guide To Surviving Life In Boquete.**



## **Synopsis**

Thinking about retiring to or perhaps moving to Panama? The latest Edition of the Handbook( 4th Edition) published in 2016, is written by an expat who has lived in Boquete, Panama for more than 10 years. It will save you countless hours of trolling the internet, not to mention many \$++. It covers all the basics and then some - Visas, Property Purchase, Security, Banking, Taxes, Emergency Services, Health, Building, Employment, Retirement Benefits, Cultural Info, Where to Stay, What to do, Community & Civic Organizations. All this in a no-nonsense, no spin zone, all fact based, more than 200 pages of hardcore info. The Author even guarantees if she can't answer your questions about living in Boquete, Panama, she'll point you to who can, personally!! For more info check out [www.theboquetehandbook.com](http://www.theboquetehandbook.com)

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## **Customer Reviews**

I plan to move to Boquete next summer. I've been researching online, but have not found any resource as outstanding as this book. Now I feel very comfortable with the move because this book answers all my questions and many that I didn't even know to ask.

I new lots of what was discussedNeeded to know a whole lot more.Thanx for the infoLee we need to meet. You got it right!

Gives great insight.

There is much out there on the 'net on Boquete in bits and bobs. It mostly comes in the form of expat discussion groups and blogs (which \*can\* be mined for some useful information), or someone who's selling something (like real estate, or relocation or immigration services). After \*much\* searching online, as far as I can tell, there is only one, complete, consolidated -- and disinterested -- source of current information on immigrating to, and living in Boquete: The Boquete (Not For Tourists) Handbook. ("Disinterested" in the sense that the author is not selling anything.) The author understands the would-be immigrant or newcomer, and she answers the questions I would ask. The handbook covers the main areas of interest to someone considering a move to Boquete: Health Care & Insurance, Banking, Safety, Telecommunications & Utilities, Visas & Residency, Taxes, Real Estate, Construction & Contractors, Accommodations, Restaurants, Shopping, and Importing Household Goods -- to name a few... But probably the best aspect is that you get a balanced view -- hard information, as opposed to a sales pitch. For me, that kind of information is essential. I've found this to be an excellent resource in considering whether to move to Boquete. I've done a \*lot\* of online searching, and can't find another resource that even comes close...

We're looking for a warm place to spend winters and possibly full time eventually, so for 2012-2013 it was Panama City, which we loved, but which was too hot. So we've been getting all these raves about Boquete, and were considering at least an exploratory trip next fall, until I got this book. We like big-city life: Boquete is not that much of a city. It does have a reasonable amount of art, etc., but it's not really a cultural center. Airports and hospitals are too far away, and there's no public transportation at night, which means we'd need a car (my husband objects) in order to go to Panama City for events, or even to the hospital in David if necessary at night. Apparently there will be an airport in David (or is one that's being enlarged) but it's the same problem. Also there's apparently no direct transportation to Panama City--it's necessary to change busses (or maybe fly from) David. None of this was obvious from all the glowing reviews about Boquete as a place to live and/or retire until I read The Boquete Handbook. It doesn't make Boquete sound less attractive for people who want that sort of life, but it made it very clear that it's not for us. Thank you Diane Heidke!

I wanted some solid information on Boquete and Panama. Information like this in the handbook empowers the reader to view the topics presented as realistic and not just a glossed over sales pitch. Since reading all of the info in the handbook, I am inspired to hunt out additional sources to help me and my wife in our plans for a move to Panama. The web addresses provided and other sources for information has been very helpful.

If the phone book and the gossip column had a torrid affair, this book would be the resulting love child. Filled with valuable information -- and delightfully witty personal comments -- this is a book that everyone who lives in Boquete, who wants to live in Boquete, who is thinking about living in Boquete, should have at hand. Had I had it when we were in the midst of a veterinary emergency, we could have saved ourselves precious moments and a great deal of anxiety. You'd better believe I will know exactly where this book is at all times!

Is it the best book ever written? No. Is it the best book if you are thinking of moving to Boquete? Absolutely.

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