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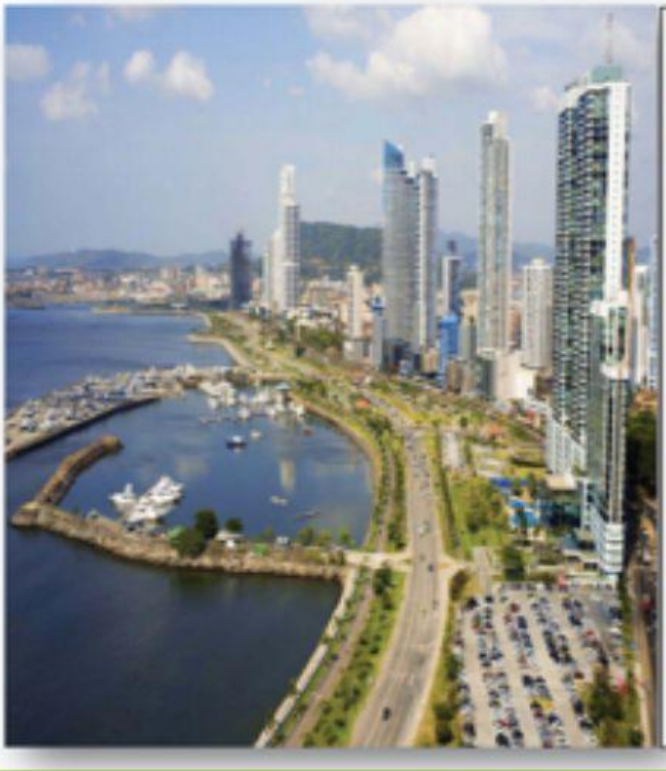
Panama: A Cosmopolitan Country



Since the construction of the canal, Panama is considered as **center** of the world and heart of the universe, because **people** from different parts **come** and **stay** here, making Panama a cosmopolitan country.

Some of these groups of **foreigners** are organized in **colonies**, most of them are located in Panama and Colon cities. These groups **help** to **increase** and **improve** our economy; developing different kinds of business activities such as: shopping stores, hotels, restaurants, jewelry stores, etc.

The Indian, Italian, Chinese, and Jewish, are some of the colonies **established** in Panama; but during the last years, the number of people from, Colombia, Nicaragua, Venezuela and other countries that **move** to Panama to **settle down** here keeps increasing. The **diversity** of cultures combined with our own culture and traditions **make** Panama a wonderful place to visit.