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It all started when my wife Yolanda and I decided to try to find the perfect place to spend winters, and eventually to retire. Like most people we turned to the internet.

Now, I know this may come as a shock to some, but it is true: Some people lie on the internet!!!

After reading so many misleading articles on the internet, we decided that the only way to be sure what we were reading was not just internet hype, we realised that to be sure - we would have to see it for ourselves. So in 2007 we drove from Toronto to Panama with our two dogs, stopping in at 26 retirement destinations along the way to witness it first hand. I wrote about the good, the bad and the bizarre of the places we visited. The result was The Retirement Detectives blog.

To keep the information unbiased, I refused to accept any advertisers who might want us to tone down or slant the stories and reviews - such as discounting crime, shoddy building practices or social problems in an area. Readers seemed to appreciate the unbiased and frank articles.

That was nine years ago. We took a month to drive down (it can be done in eleven days, and it is an awesome trip) and ended up in Panama. After only three days here, we bought a house. Armed with all of our research, Panama was the one place that had everything that we were looking for.

We moved to Panama full time in 2007, and all articles on The Retirement Detectives after that were focussed on life in Panama.

We have never regretted our decision. Life in Panama has been fantastic. Right now Yolanda and I are preparing to launch a new musical called PANAMÁ: The Musical (book by Yolanda Van Der Kolk and T Rob Brown, music and lyrics by Yolanda and our niece Tara Van Der Kolk)

This week or next, The Retirement Detectives will achieve something beyond my wildest
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expectations: TWO MILLION HITS. That is amazing. While that is not two million unique visitors, that is still a LOT of traffic. To me, that means some people have enjoyed what I have written, found the information to be useful as they have returned to the site time and time again.

I would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to all of you, for your loyalty, your support, your time and your attention. I will continue to do my best not to disappoint.

Cheers.
Rob Brown, The Retirement Detective

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