

Roberto Chocolate Interviewed On TV

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Vladimir Reznick, Executive Director of PanaExpo - (a trade show promoting Panama in Toronto April 24 - 26 www.panaexpo.com) - announced today that Roberto Chocolate (aka Rob Brown) will be interviewed for an upcoming television special about Panama. The documentary will be broadcast on Canadian and Panamanian television networks in April.

When asked about the dual name, Mr. Brown/Chocolate explained. "When I first arrived in Panama and introduced myself to the local people, they were confused. I would say "My name is Rob Brown. They would reply "No entiendo" (they did not understand) I would say Rob? Bob? Robert? They responded "Si, Si - Roberto". Brown was a non-starter. It meant nothing to them. I tried Brun, Maroon, Brune, nothing but blank stares. When I asked what brown was in Spanish they said "Chocolate" and they all howled with laughter and it stuck. I became Roberto Chocolate. If you ask for Rob Brown in Santa Clara, they will not know who you are referring to. Ask for the Chocolates and they will smile and point to the sign over our gate... Casa Chocolates.

"Roberto Chocolate is in a unique position to impartially discuss Panama. He is not involved in real estate or tourism promotion in any way. He prides himself on his impartiality and being able to give people the good, the bad and the bizarre. Not only is he a Canadian living in both countries, he is researching retirement destinations for a television series to be called "The Retirement Detectives". Remarkably, he and his wife drove their Honda Mini-van with two large dogs all the way from Ontario to Panama this past December in order to investigate over twenty retirement destinations from Mexico to Costa Rica. His insights will be invaluable to anyone considering moving south of the border" said Reznick.

The questions I get asked most often are "how dangerous was the trip?" and about the retirement benefits in Panama. As the headline on "The Epic Journey" article says: "Nine countries, 12,120 kilometers, a directionally challenged (but otherwise brilliant) wife and two large dogs. What was I thinking???"

In terms of retirement benefits, Panama sets the standard for excellence in retiree incentives. They offer more benefits than any other country in the world. Period. No property tax for twenty years on new construction. No income tax on foreign income or on bank interest earned in Panama. If you start a business that qualifies as a tourism business, there is no tax on the profits for twenty years in some cases - ten years in others. There are no import duties on the first \$10,000 in personal effects and you can buy a new vehicle duty free every two years - and remember - vehicles include boats, motorcycles, jet ski's, scooters... and cars/trucks/vans. That

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can add up to a lot of tax in other destinations. In addition there are discounts on almost everything including car rentals, groceries, hotels, domestic air fares, restaurants, bus fares, medical bills and prescriptions - everything except all-inclusive resorts and international air fares. The entire list of discounts is covered on my website said Roberto Chocolate.

The entire trip can be followed on their website www.retirementdestinations.com. Click on [The Epic Journey](#) article.