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The Richest Poorest Country in the World

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... as Honduras gets skewered for its murder rate, its drug trafficking, its corrupt police force or any number of other depressing statistics, a very different side of the country is too often ignored. One that is worth seeing and worth celebrating.