



For part of his life, Pablo Escobar and his family lived in Envigado, a town very close to Medellin. When money started to flow into Pablo's coffers, he shared some of that wealth with the people of Envigado.

Among other things, he purchased electrical lighting for soccer fields, so Envigado teams could play at night. This proved to be a major hit with local residents.

Escobar loved Envigado. About it, he once said:

*I feel proud of being part of the community of the town of Envigado because in this place I have found the most valuable treasures of my life: my wife, my friends, my colleagues and co-workers. They all belong to Envigado.*

What do we know about Envigado, the place Escobar's family once called home? "Discover Colombia" provides a bit of history:

*Envigado lies on one of the foothills of the Central Andean Cordillera (mountain range). It stands on a flat zone, slightly higher than the rest of the Aburra Valley.*

*Its rapid growth was the result of the arrival of thousands of workers who came to make money in the neighboring factories of Itagui, a town which offered better tax incentives for companies to establish themselves in its territory.*

*The quality of Envigado's public services and infrastructure has made it one of the towns with the best quality of life in the country. Including its neighboring town of Sabaneta, Envigado has fast become one of the highest appreciating land areas in all of Medellin and there are currently multiple commercial as well as residential projects underway.*

*In spite of being so close to Medellin, Envigado has a rural atmosphere and many beautiful areas that are ideal for hiking, bird watching, mountain biking or just relaxing. The main park in the town square is another significant meeting and socializing area in Envigado.*

*Dominated by the church on the eastern side, it plays host to cafes, bars and restaurants that surround it and offer people a wonderful place to chat, read, play board games, have a beer or a cup of coffee.*

In this image, we see a picture of Envigado's town square.

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