

# NICARAGUA

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

**Day 1:** Depart for **Managua Nicaragua**. Meet your assistant and transfer to your hotel for the night.

**Day 2:** See the Ruins of the first capital of Nicaragua, **Leon**, founded in 1524 by Captain Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba. This city had to move to its actual location in 1610 due to a volcanic eruption. The **Ruins of Old Leon City** were declared a **UNESCO World Site** Heritage in 2000. Leon was the capital of Nicaragua for over 200 years, until it was replaced by Managua in 1851. Leon's Cathedral is the largest religious colonial building in Central America. The remains of the immortal and internationally well-known poet, Ruben Dario, are resting there. **Visit to the San Jacinto Hot Springs**, with views of the impressive volcanic chain of Nicaragua.



**Day 3:** After breakfast, leave for **Matagalpa**, located in the northern region of the country. This mountainous area offers superb scenery and the forested slopes of the many hills and mountains provide great possibilities for hiking and other nature-related activities. Matagalpa is also famous for its coffee production and it is an excellent place to learn about how coffee is grown, harvested and processed.

**Day 4:** Full day in Matagalpa with different optional tours such as Horseback riding. Guided or self-guided walking tours of the trails or a coffee tour.

**Day 5:** After breakfast, continue south to **Granada**, arriving in the nicest colonial city of Nicaragua. Built by the Spanish conquistadors in 1524, Granada is noted for its beauty and colonial architecture, activities to enjoy, Lake Nicaragua and the islands, and Mombacho volcano with its natural reserve.



**Day 6:** Tour the city of **Masaya**. Discover the First National Park created in Nicaragua, the active **Masaya Volcano**, as well as its small museum dedicated to the volcano's history. Visit the finest Handicraft Market to enjoy the creativity and variety of Nicaraguan art at bargain prices. Continue to Catarina for a delicious lunch with a magnificent view on the **Apoyo lagoon, Mombacho volcano, Granada and Lake Nicaragua**. Late afternoon, visit San Juan de Oriente, famous for its ceramic arts.

**Day 7:** Take an unforgettable journey to one of the most beautiful places of Nicaragua, **Ometepe Island**, the biggest island in the world on a fresh water lake. Head towards the southern part of the country, San Jorge's port to take a ferry to Ometepe to enjoy the most spectacular views in all Nicaragua. **Visit the Green Puddle's lagoon, Santo Domingo beach, and "Ojo de agua" Water Springs**.

**Day 8:** The **Waterfall San Ramon** is one of the most breathtaking attractions the island has to offer. Crystalline water flows over the edge of a 140 meter high steep cliff, which is surrounded by the lush vegetation of a transition forest. Free afternoon to enjoy the beach and relaxed swimming in Lake Nicaragua.



**Day 9:** Transfer to **beach town of San Juan del Sur**. With a rich history as a sea port and fishing village, and as the most popular Nicaragua vacation destination on the Pacific coast, San Juan del Sur offers a lively mix of local culture and international flare. Direct access to a wide variety of activities, sports and amenities makes San Juan del Sur the ideal location to enjoy your Nicaragua vacation.

**Day 10:** Full day to enjoy the beach town.

**Day 11:** Transfer to Managua for your flight home.

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Return air Managua, Nicaragua
- Coach transfers upon arrival and departure
- Assistance upon arrival
- All coach and ground transportation as described in itinerary
- 10 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 10 breakfast
- 9 lunches
- 9 dinners
- Guided city tours as per itinerary
- All entrances as per itinerary
- All taxes and services charges

