BEST OF NICARAGUA

A colonial city, a crater lake, volcanoes & beautiful beaches

14 days, 13 nights \$1499 USD pp

Day 1 Managua & Granada

Upon arrival in Managua you will be met by our guide and transferred to your hotel in the colourful colonial city of Granada where you'll spend the next three nights.

Accommodation: Hotel Colonial

Day 2 Granada & Laguna de Apoyo

Private transfer to Laguna de Apoyo National Park where you can enjoy a full day of relaxing, swimming and kayaking in the crystal clear waters of a volcanic crater lake.

Accommodation: Hotel Colonial

Day 3 Granada

This morning you will enjoy a 2-hour guided walking tour of Granada, which includes a climb to the top of the bell tower where you can take in sprawling views of this colonial city, Lake Nicaragua and Mombacho Volcano.

This afternoon you'll tour Las Isletas by boat with our guide. You will visit some of the 365 small islands, which have formed some 20 000 years ago after an eruption of Mombacho Volcano. Situated on some of the islands are private homes; one even has a small village and another a troop of monkeys. A fun and relaxed way of exploring Central America's biggest lake!

Accommodation: Hotel Colonial

Day 4 Masaya & San Juan del Sur

Transfer with your guide to the colourful beach town of San Juan del Sur where we'll be waiting to welcome you with a cocktail at sunset. En route to San Juan you'll make a stop at the National Artisan's Market where you can shop for local handicrafts such as hammocks and handmade pottery. From there you'll travel to Masaya Volcano National Park where you can peer over the crater's edge of one of Nicaragua's most active volcanoes – Volcan Masaya.

Accommodation: Park Avenue Villas

Day 5 San Juan del Sur

Today you'll try your luck at surfing. Our instructor will collect you at your hotel and transport you to a nearby beginner surf beach. After your lesson stay and enjoy some more time at the beach or head back to Park Avenue Villas for some pool time.

Accommodation: Park Avenue Villas

Day 6 San Juan del Sur

We'll accompany you on a morning walk up the hill where you'll not only have a panoramic view of the bay of San Juan del Sur, but an up close and personal look at one of 10 largest Jesus statues in the world. Spend the afternoon at your leisure.

Accommodation: Park Avenue Villas

Day 7 San Juan del Sur

Today you'll have free time to explore San Juan del Sur yourselves or we are happy help you with arrangements for a local excursion such as a half day catamaran cruise, fishing, horseback riding or rappelling.

Accommodation: Park Avenue Villas

Day 8 San Juan del Sur

Enjoy the day in the town of San Juan del Sur or hop on a shuttle to one of many beautiful surrounding beaches.

Accommodation: Park Avenue Villas

Day 9 San Juan del Sur

Today you'll be picked up at your hotel and taken to a nearby adventure park. You'll make your way up the hill through the jungle in a rugged 4 x 4 buggy for some zip lining fun! Watch for monkeys, sloths and toucans along the way.

Accommodation: Park Avenue Villas

Day 10 San Juan del Sur & Ometepe Island

Private transfer to the port of San Jorge where you'll board the ferry en route to Ometepe Island. Our guide will greet you on the island and transport you to your hotel. In the afternoon you'll visit Ojo de Agua, a natural pool with clear water canalized from the volcano and said to heal a myriad of ailments.

Accommodation: Hotel Charco Verde

Day 11 Ometepe Island

After breakfast explore the intricate river and swamp land of Rio Istián by kayak. With some luck you'll spot monkeys, turtles, beautiful birds and caimans. Spend your afternoon exploring Charco Verde Ecological Reserve.

Accommodation: Hotel Charco Verde

Day 12 Ometepe Island

A day at leisure on Ometepe Island.

Accommodation: Hotel Charco Verde

Day 13 Ometepe Island & Managua

Travel by ferry from Ometepe Island back to the mainland where our driver – who you met earlier in the week in Granada – will be waiting for you. He'll transfer you to Hotel Camino Real in Managua where you can spend the afternoon relaxing poolside soaking up your last bit of Nicaraguan sun.

Accommodation: Camino Real Hotel & Convention Centre

Day 14 Managua

You will be transferred to the airport by the hotel shuttle to board your flight home.

NOTES

Some restrictions apply. This is a sample itinerary only. Pricing based on double occupancy. The information and prices may have changed by the time you book your holiday. Exact pricing of your trip will be confirmed at time of booking.