

Nicaragua

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Nicaragua due to arbitrary enforcement of laws, the risk of wrongful detention, and limited healthcare availability.

Exercise increased caution in Nicaragua due to crime.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays of less than 30 days. You must purchase a tourist card for \$10 USD at the airport (exact change recommended), valid for up to a total of 90 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

+(505) 2252-7100; US Embassy Managua, Km 5 ½ Carretera Sur, Managua, Nicaragua; ACS.Managua@state.gov;

<https://ni.usembassy.gov/>

Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>

Telephone Code

505

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 128; Fire: 115, 911; Police: 118

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Nicaragua: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical in lowlands, cooler in highlands

Currency (Code)

Cordobas (NIO)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

Spanish, Miskito, Mestizo

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Evangelical

Time Difference

UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

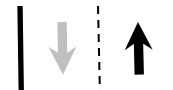
Yes, but some opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Nicaragua, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Somoto Canyon; Masaya Volcano National Park; Cerro Mogotón; Isla Ometepe; Cerro Negro; Pearl Cays; Bosawas Biosphere Reserve

Major Sports

Soccer, baseball, boxing

Cultural Practices

Pointing is accomplished with the lips - pucker the lips and raise the chin briefly in the direction you are pointing to.

Tipping Guidelines

Most Nicaraguans don't tip and taxi drivers don't expect a tip. Some restaurants add 10 to 15% but you don't have to pay it.

Souvenirs

Pottery, hand-woven hammocks, gold jewelry, leather goods, rum, cigars, coffee

Traditional Cuisine

Gallo Pinto — red (kidney) beans and cooked stalerice sautéed in oil with onions and garlic

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