

Cultural Adventures

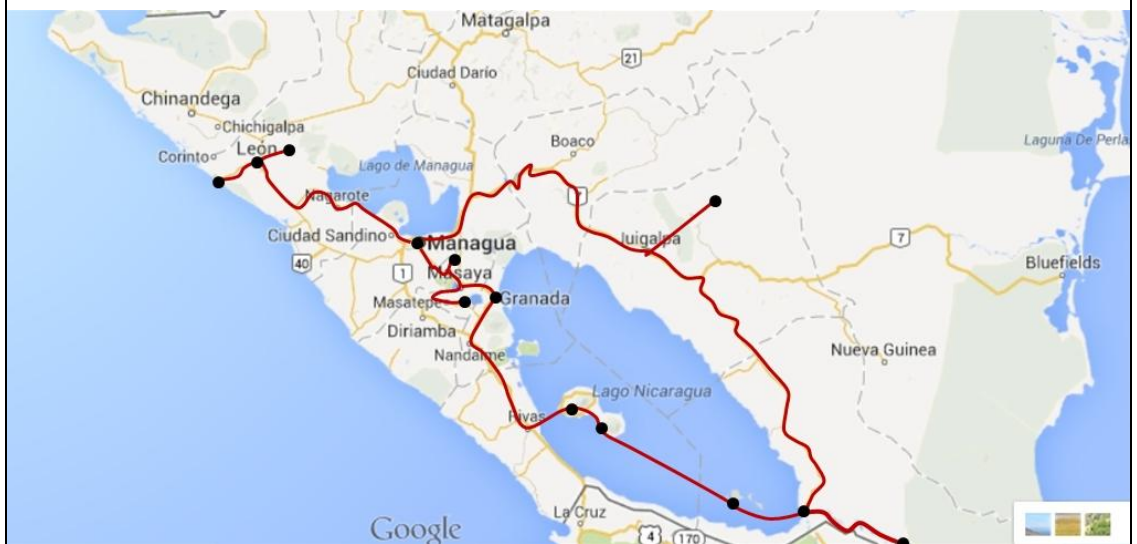


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Rainforest Alliance
sustainable tourism
requirements

14 Days / 13 Nights (15days) -
(Ref #LNI-101)

***Discovery and Encounters with
communities + 1 night home stay, hikes,
baths, volcano craters, typical dishes...***

Summary



Day 1: Arrival in Nicaragua

Reception at the airport. 30min transfer to the hotel in Managua. Dinner not included.

Note: Night: , Transfer: h00 , Marche : h00 0Km ..

D2 : The capital and Cerro Negro

Visit the Managua cathedral, the city centre and Tiscapa lagoon. Transfer to Leon. You climb Cerro Negro to admire a solfares crater and the Pacific valley at sunset. You come back down from the summit by jumping through the ashes or on a sledge. Unforgettable. Dinner not included.

Note: Overnight at hotel Sn Juan de Leon. Transfer: 3h Walking: 2h

D3 : Leon and / or Las Penitas mangrove

Free exploration according of the city of Leon, according to your personal taste, you will have the opportunity to visit churches and entomological museum, Legends museums, the Ruben Dario museum or the most famous art gallery in the country: the Ortiz / Gurdian. Lunch at Las Penitas and a tour of the mangrove (right in the middle of Las Penitas nature reserve. A short swim. We watch many birds and reptiles, sometimes even raccoons. Dinner not included. Spend the night in a small seaside hotel in Las Penitas on the edge of the Pacific Ocean.

Note: Overnight in a family hotel , Transfer: 30 minutes, Walk: 2 hours

D4: Workshops and gardens, from La Paz to the villages on the Masaya Plateau.

On the road to Masaya, stop in a traditional brick factory, later a quesillo and corn tortillas factory or a traditional sugar mill . Further on, gardeners and potters in their villages: San Juan de Oriente and Catarina, and to end this beautiful day, you go to Masaya volcano and see its mega smoking crater. Dinner at Nindiri village homestay.

Note: Overnight in Nindiri perched in front of Masaya's lagoon , Transfer: 2h, Walk:

D5: The Indigenous Nindiri Community en route to the Far West of Nicaragua (Finca-grown coffee and Las Brumas natural reserve).

A bit of living culture around Masaya. In the morning, visit the indigenous community who lead a simple life, integrated in modernity in the small town of Nindiri, with their artisanal crafts and a remarkable pre-Columbian museum. Then you take the road to Chontales. Stop in Juigalpa (totems) before settling in to Sto Domingo, in a coffee plantation in the middle of a nature reserve and a small Far West. Dinner and stay overnight at the farm.

Note: Night: , Transfer: 3h, Walking:

D6: Gold Mines, mineral ore mills and 19th century alchemy

You explore a cowboys' and gold seekers' town, where early 19th century methods, in use since the beginning of the industrial revolution (ore mills of different kinds in full operation, wells and artisanal tunnels) can still be seen . In the evening, with a drink in hand, you learn to trill your coffee and toast it at the farm. Dinner and overnight stay at the farmhouse.





Note: Night in rustic farmhouse , Transfer : 0, Walking: 4h

D7 : El Castillo fort, Rio San Juan

Set off very early in the minibus towards Juigalpa. Then direct bus to San Carlos. After lunch, boat trip on Rio San Juan to El Castillo, historic fort which has played a part in shaping the destiny been of the Spanish colonies. Settling into the hotel. Dinner not included.

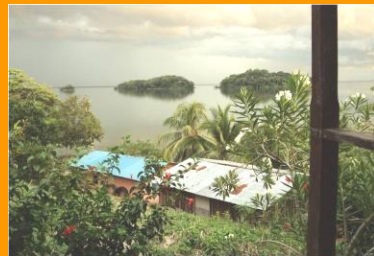
Note: Night: family hotel, Transfer: 5h 30 Walk : 1h



D8 : Boca de Sabalos

Walking in the village to explore the fortress, a small museum and the village. After a lunch in front of the river, we embark on a small river cruise to Boca de Sabalos in a freighter a little slow. Installation in your Tarzan cabins overlooking the river and walk in the nearby village.

Note: Night: rustic and unique eco-lodge (Verifed Sustainable Tourism), Acuatic Transfer: 1h



D9: To the Picturesque Archipelago of Solentiname

Back to San Carlos by public transportation, an ancient fort which close the access between lake and the river. We take a small boat to the Solentiname Archipelago. Visit an island bird sanctuary and installation in the archipelago. Workshops and house painters neighboring the famillial hotel. Dinner and overnight in the archipelago.

Note: Night: familiar hotel, Transfer:, Boat: 4h30, Walk: 2h00



D10: Crossing Cocibolca to the volcanic island of Ometepe

Morning visits to other islands of the archipelago, its community, Mancarrón island, the poet Ernesto Cardenal's church , and balsa wood sculptors' workshops. In the afternoon, cross lake Cocibolca to visit the impressive volcanic island of Ometepe! Dinner not included, overnight stay at Hacienda Merida.

Note: Night in an ecolodge, Transport: boat 3h Walking: 3h



D11 : San Ramon Waterfall , kayaking in the freshwater mangrove

Climb for three hours through the forest for a possible meeting with bands of howler monkeys and swim at the foot of a waterfall. Lunch and a three hour tour from Caballitos de mar by kayak, discovering a kind of freshwater mangrove, a unique habitat. Visit the Magdalena petroglyphs, then drive Las Palomas community. Overnight in a homestay.

Note: Overnight in homestay, Transfer: 1h00, Walking : 3h and kayak 2h30



D12: Rural Women's Group La Paloma / the colonial city of Granada

Spend the morning sharing experiences- the lives of women who are co-developing a little business of their produce. Discover how they produce Flor de Jamaica wine. Book a 2- hour canopy tour, an unforgettable zipline ride through the air above the lake, in front of the smoking Concepcion volcano, or leave early , taking the ferry to Rivas and finally to Granada by car. Supper not included.

Note: Night in a charming colonial hotel Transfer: 1hr boat and 2 hours drive , Walking : 1 or 2 hours



D13: Colonial City of Granada

City tour, by bike or horse-drawn carriage. Streets, colonial high streets, magnificent buildings, cathedrals and humble artisan's workshops at work. Shoe and cigar manufacturers. Lunch at Café de Sonrisas - Smile Cafe (with speech and hearing-impaired waiters) and hammock manufacturers. In the afternoon, a boat tour of "Las Isletas " or kayak through the lake in the middle of this archipelago's labyrinth of water and greenery where you can go swimming. Supper not included.

Note: Night : charming colonial hotel , Transfer : 0, Walking : 2h, bicycle or horse-drawn carriage (1h30) boat or kayak (2h)

D14: Breakfast – End of service

Note:

INCLUDED: Bilingual guide, Tours, Transport, Accommodation and Food, all included apart from: the not included meals, the drinks, tips, and airport tax.

Minimum: 4 people

Rate per person: US\$ 1699