

# Nicaragua

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US State Department 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

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

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

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

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the U.S. State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.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. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/>

### 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

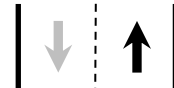
Yes, but some opt for bottled water

### 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 stale rice sautéed in oil with onions and garlic

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