



NICARAGUA: READY FOR A CLOSE-UP

MAY 24-30, 2008

DAY	DATES	ITINERARY	ACCOMMODATIONS	MEALS
1	Sat 5/24	FLY USA to Managua	Hotel Intercontinental	
2	Sun 5/25	Managua - Leon Viejo - Leon	Hotel El Convento	B,L
3	Mon 5/26	Leon - San Jacinto - Las Penitas - Leon	Hotel El Convento	B,D
4	Tue 5/27	Leon - Masaya Volcano N. P. - Granada	Hotel La Gran Francia	B,D
5	Wed 5/28	Granada - Las Isletas - Granada	Hotel La Gran Francia	B,L
6	Thu 5/29	Chorotega Villages - Masaya – Managua	Hotel Intercontinental	B,D
7	Fri 5/30	FLY Managua - USA		B

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In today's shrinking planet few countries can boast such an authentic character and culture as Nicaragua. Nicaragua's unjustly negative image has ironically served to preserve its charm from the hordes of mass tourism. In addition, the legendary hospitality of the Nicaraguans is obvious to all who visit today and has been noted by visitors to Nicaragua for more than five centuries. Only the most jaded of traveler will not feel the warmth of the Nicaraguan people.

Day 1 – USA - MANAGUA

Depart the USA on any regularly scheduled flight to Managua. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to the Intercontinental Hotel Managua, located in Managua's new restaurant district.

Day 2 – MANAGUA - LEON VIEJO - LEON

After breakfast, depart on a cultural and political tour of Managua. Following our tour, we drive north to the base of the smoking Momotombo Volcano and the archaeological site of Leon Viejo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Leon Viejo was Nicaragua's first capital before being destroyed by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in the last 16th century. Excavations are now being made and the tragic history of the site is being revealed. After lunch, we tour the historical site before continuing to the colonial city of Leon, founded in 1610. Our accommodations are at the Hotel El Convento.

Day 3 – LEON - SAN JACINTO - LAS PENITAS - LEON

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we take a walking tour of Nicaragua's intellectual and artistic capital, colonial Leon. stop at the house of world-renown poet, Ruben Dario, now a colonial art gallery. Leon is home to 12 colonial period churches which includes Central America's grandest cathedral. Visit the cathedral before driving to the rural village of San Jacinto, located in the densely active Maribios Volcano chain. Here we see the fumarolic fields, a result of water being superheated on a volcanic vein beneath the earth's surface. Continue to the Pacific Coast for a fresh seafood lunch at the beach before returning to Leon for the remainder of the day and overnight.

Day 4 – LEON - MASAYA VOLCANO N.P. - GRANADA

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive south the city of Granada, Central America's oldest European settlement. en route we stop to see the active crater of Santiago at the Masaya Volcano National Park. Arrive Granada and check in to the Hotel La Gran Francia.

Day 5 – GRANADA - LAS ISLETAS - GRANADA

After breakfast, we tour lake-front Granada. This ancient town founded in 1524 on the shores of mighty Lake Nicaragua is full of history and Spanish colonial charm and is famed as one of the oldest European settlements in the western hemisphere. The city's precious architecture and history is unforgettable. Following the tour of the city, embark on a boat tour to Las Isletas Archipelago. Located in Lake Nicaragua, Las Isletas is a compact 354 island archipelago formed around a peninsula, both of which are products of a pre-historic eruption of the nearby Mombacho Volcano. Most are inhabited and home to a mixture of humble fishermen and some of Nicaragua's most wealthy families, who have vacation or party homes here.

Day 6 – CHOROTEGA VILLAGES - MASAYA - MANAGUA

After breakfast we travel to the ancient highland villages of "La Meseta" for a visit to the indigenous artisan workshops of Catarina, San Juan de Oriente and Masatepe. The precious towns boast colonial period

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houses and churches and a hardworking, native population. Continue to the historic city of Masaya, populated for more than 3000 years. The Spaniards who arrived in the early 16th century organized local artisans in small workshops for export. Enjoy the markets of Masaya where hand-made goods are on sale. Continue to Managua and check in to the Intercontinental Hotel. This evening gather for a farewell dinner and folkloric show.

Day 7 – MANAGUA - USA

Breakfast, Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA.

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ESSENTIALS

DATES May 24-30, 2008

DEPOSIT--A deposit of \$750 per person is required at the time of registration.

FINAL PAYMENT--Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure and is payable by personal check. Credit card charges for final payment are assessed a processing fee.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS--No visa is required for American or Canadian passport holders. Travelers of other nationalities should check with the appropriate Consulate or Embassy for requirements.

SHOTS / HEALTH--None required or recommended. It is recommended you have your regular vaccinations up-to-date before traveling. For further information, visit the Center For Disease Control website.

INT'L AIRFARE--American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Taca Airlines, Spirit Airlines are among airlines that can be used for this trip. We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to try to use Frequent Flyer Miles for free tickets or upgrades or the American Express Platinum card 2-4-1 program.

MINIMUMS--All departures are guaranteed on a minimum of 2* participants. A Coda Tour Manager accompanies the tour on a minimum of 12 participants. (* Some modifications to the inclusions in the program may be made if participation is fewer than 5 travelers.)

TOUR RATES - 6 hotel nights and 11 meals included

2008	Land Price	Intra-tour Air	Total Per Person
Double	\$2195	N/A	\$2195
Single	\$2395	N/A	\$2395

INCLUDED

Tour rates are per person in U.S. dollars. Most major credit cards are accepted for Tour Deposit. Final payment is payable by personal check. Final payment by credit card is assessed a processing fee.

Tour Rates include accommodations as listed in the itinerary, entertainment, special meals, air-conditioned motor coach, van or sedan transportation, sightseeing, luggage handling, admissions, expert English-speaking local guides and drivers. Mineral water on busses and at meals.

Arrival and departure transfers are included for those who purchase international air through Coda International Tours. Separate transfer costs will be charged to those who are not ticketed by Coda International Tours. Participants are required to provide Coda Tours with complete international flight details at least 2 weeks prior to the schedule tour departure date.

Most meals are included as indicated in the itinerary. The meal codes are: B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner; R=Cocktail Reception. Participants with specific dietary requirements must inform Coda Tours at least 2 weeks prior to departure. Every effort will be made to accommodate special dietary needs where possible. Most meals taken as a group are pre-ordered. Local cuisine is given preference over Western choices.

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NOT INCLUDED

International airfare is not included. Coda Tour will be happy to assist with business, first or coach class airfares . If you are planning to use Frequent Flyer Miles for an upgrade or free ticket, we highly recommend booking your tour at least 7 months prior to departure.

Passport and visa expenses (if required). Please check our Travel Documents requirements for this trip. Always double check that your passport will remain valid for at least 6 months past your return to the U.S. and that you have sufficient empty pages in your passport to accommodate visa and entry/exit stamps. Always carry a copy of your passport packed separately from your travel documents and leave a copy with someone at home.

Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance which is highly recommended to protect your travel investment in the unlikelyhood you would need to cancel or return home early. We recommend Travel Insured International and will send you an application form with confirmation of your trip. You may check the rates for insurance on their website at www.travelinsured.com. We also recommend insuring any expense for airline tickets issued prior to the determination if a tour is guaranteed to operate. We cannot assume responsibility for losses incurred due to the cancellation of a tour.

Gratuities to porters, waiters and hotel staff are included. Gratuities to local guides & drivers are not included.

Personal Expenses such as phone calls, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, laundry, airline excess luggage charges, vaccinations, visa fees (if applicable) and other optional incidental extras are not included and may be significant.

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