

Private 14-day Nicaragua Roundtrip with the best hotel and guided in English!

All our itineraries can be personalised and combined with a Costa Rica holiday. It will be a pleasure for us to tailor a connecting Costa Rica itinerary.

Highlights:

- ***Highly flexible with included transfers to the border and the Costa Rican drop-off hotel!***
- ***Nicaragua's highlights with the best hotels and plenty of time at every destination!***
- ***Comfortable, safe and private with an English-speaking diver-guide!***

Your trip:

Together we will discover the west of fascinating Nicaragua in all comfort. For a total of 14 days including 5 destinations, we will be travelling by private 4x4 as part of this privately guided tour. Nicaragua has many faces: a rich colonial past, beautiful beaches, impressive volcanoes, an immense inland lake, pristine rural scenes, a fateful history and warm-hearted people. We want to discover all of this together. The hotels are among the most beautiful, luxurious and comfortable that the country has to offer!

Itinerary and hotels:

Day 1: Border crossing and journey to San Juan del Sur

Our journey begins in the morning in Costa Rica. A private transfer will take us to the border. A little patience will be required here: it is always unpredictable how much time the border formalities will take. Fees are charged both for leaving Costa Rica and for entering Nicaragua. After crossing the border, we pick up a 4x4 hire car on the Nicaraguan side. Then we can collect our first impressions along the journey from the border to San Juan del Sur and the fantastically beautiful Hotel Morgan's Rock. San Juan del Sur and the Pacific beaches are a good opportunity to familiarise ourselves with the customs of Nicaragua in peace and quiet. Two nights are planned here in the Ocean View Bungalow. This is certainly the most exclusive accommodation of the trip: a dreamlike location with a view of the Pacific beach. Something very special!



Morgan`s Rock, Ocean View Bungalow or Forest View Bungalow with Plunge Pool including breakfast
Driving Times: in Costa Rica starting in San José approx.. 5 h, in Nicaragua approx. 1h, additional time for border formalities

Day 2: San Juan del Sur

A whole glorious day to take it easy and enjoy the fantastic hotel. Of course, we can always take a trip to the neighbouring beaches or to the pretty little town of San Juan with its striking Christ statue high up on a cliff. Or perhaps we could snorkel along the rocks, go kayaking or take a walk through the surrounding dry forest.

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Day 3: Onward Journey to colonial Granada

Granada is a jewel of classic colonial architecture. And the Hotel Plaza Colón, in the same style, is certainly the finest hotel in town, located right in the centre by the Parque Central. We will stay for a total of three nights. Granada invites you to take a leisurely stroll through the city centre. Some of the historic buildings and the traditional market are well worth a closer look. But it is just as appealing to just kick back with a freshly brewed coffee in one of the beautifully restored courtyards or enjoy dinner at one of the outdoor tables along the famous calzada.

Hotel Plaza Colón, King or Queen Room with a balcony facing the Parque Central, including breakfast
Driving time: approx. 1,5 to 2



Day 4: Granada and Surroundings

There is a lot to discover: both in Granada itself and in the surrounding area. The colonial city of Granada deserves to be discovered on a leisurely stroll. A carriage ride along the historic sights is also a pleasure. We have two full days for this. A visit to the Masaya volcano is firmly planned (except during periods of increased activity), if possible at night, so that we can view the red-hot lava deep down in the crater.

Hotel Plaza Colón, King or Queen Room with a balcony facing the Parque Central, including breakfast



Day 5: Granada and Surroundings

We have many other plans and ideas. We will decide on the spot what we want to do and when: A visit to the Mombacho volcano, a visit to the artisan villages and the artisan market in Masaya, Laguna de Apoyo, a boat trip around the islands in Lake Nicaragua or a visit to the Chocoyero reserve..

Hotel Plaza Colón, King or Queen Room with a balcony facing the Parque Central, including breakfast

Day 6: Onward journey to Selva Negra

The 'Black Forest' with a slightly different interpretation: The Hotel Selva Negra is part of an active coffee farm in the mountains, but it also offers a nature reserve, a network of hiking trails and a lake. We will stay here for two nights, enjoying the cooler temperatures, nature and the local coffee. Accommodation in the bungalow's own four walls is private and comfortable.

Hotel Selva Negra, Bungalow with breakfast
Driving Time: approx. 4h



Day 7: Selva Negra and Surroundings

Another full day to enjoy. There is certainly still a lot to discover on the grounds of the finca: the guided coffee tour, for example, comes highly recommended. The hotel also has its own network of hiking trails through the mountains. The Cerro Dantalí El Diablo and Cerros de Yali reserves are also nearby. The city of Matagalpa is very authentic, unspoilt and definitely not touristy. Here, too, it is worth strolling through the streets, having lunch and watching the hustle and bustle along the streets. High above the city, a viewpoint with a restaurant offers a good view over the valley.

Hotel Selva Negra, Bungalow with breakfast

Day 8: Onward journey to León

León is Nicaragua's second, highly praised colonial city. The route there leads through extensive rice and sugar cane plantations. In León the selected hotel is the finest in town: Hotel El Convento. The former convent is located two blocks from the central park and features a charming interior courtyard with a shaded verandah, where breakfast is served in the mornings. We will stay for three nights.

In León, it is also worth taking a stroll through the streets, enjoying the atmosphere and taking a closer look at some of the highlights, such as the cathedral (the rooftop is especially nice around sunset) or the Revolution Museum.

Hotel El Convento with breakfast

Driving times: approx. 3,5h



Day 9: León and Surroundings

We have two full days to explore León and the surrounding area. Excursions to Cerro Negro, the crater rim El Hoyo or the Pacific Ocean, which has both beaches and a nature reserve to offer are all among the kaleidoscope of options. There is lots to do!

Hotel El Convento with breakfast

Day 10: León and Surroundings

The second full day in León and the surrounding area. There are certainly still plenty of ideas to fill this day to the brim. It's hardly possible to do everything. The distillery for Nicaragua's famous Flor de Caña rum is also close by. And in San Jacinto you can experience the volcanic activity very close to the surface.

Hotel El Convento with breakfast



Day 11: Onward journey to Ometepe

Today we have quite a long journey on the programme: from León, we head south again past Managua to San Jorge and from there take the ferry to Ometepe. Ometepe is an island straight out of a picture book: two mighty volcanic cones rise majestically from the waters of the endless Lake Nicaragua.

We have also planned three nights here, at the Hotel San Juan de Ometepe. The hotel is located directly on the lakeshore and the lake is, of course, also suitable for swimming. The Finca San Juan's Cabaña de Lago is set in a prime location overlooking the water.

Hotel San Juan de Ometepe, Cabaña de Lago with breakfast.
Driving times: approx. 4,5h + 1,5h ferry ride + additional time for embarking and disembarking



Day 12: Ometepe

Ometepe is a feast for the eyes, whether you take in the volcanoes, the lake or the rustic, rural scenes. But there is also lots to do here on Ometepe and we have two full days to go exploring. Among other things, we are planning to drive around the island and go for a few walks, for example at Charco Verde with a stop at the beach perfect for taking a splash. Hotel San Juan de Ometepe,

Hotel San Juan de Ometepe, Cabaña de Lago with breakfast

Day 13: Ometepe

We still have lots of ideas on our list. We may have already done one or two activities the day before. We are still considering swimming in the Ojo de Agua, visiting the museum or walking to the Jesus María viewpoint to enjoy the sunset behind the lake, possibly with a refreshing drink in hand followed by dinner.

Hotel San Juan de Ometepe, Cabaña de Lago with breakfast

Day 14: Return to Costa Rica

It's time to say goodbye to Nicaragua and return to Costa Rica. Today will be a long day of travelling. We drop off the Nicaraguan hire car at the border before tackling the border formalities. On the Costa Rican side, another private transfer awaits us and we continue to your connecting hotel in Costa Rica. We will probably arrive in the late afternoon or at night.

Driving times: Approx. 1,5h in Nicaragua + 1,5h ferry ride – additional time for embarking and disembarking + additional time for border formalities + additional driving times in Costa Rica depending on your connecting hotel

Included Services:

- 14-day round trip with the hotels listed above with breakfast
- 14 days accompanied by an English-speaking tour guide (both driver) in Nicaragua
- All expenses for the tour guide for accommodation, meals and travel
- tour guide's additional entrance fees and expenses up to a maximum of \$90
- 4x4 hire car in Nicaragua incl. fully comprehensive insurance and operating costs
- Private transfer to the border with Nicaragua and back to the connecting hotel in Costa Rica
- Departure tax Costa Rica
- Ferry crossings to Ometepe and back
- Entrance to Masaya National Park
- City tour by horse-drawn carriage in Granada

Not included:

- voluntary tips
- optional activities and national park entrance fees
- Meals not included
- Fees for border crossings with the exception of the Costa Rica exit tax

Please note:

- The order of the hotels may be changed if the desired rooms are not available on the correct dates.
- Nicaragua restricts entry with drones, telescopes, night vision binoculars and GPS devices. However, a GPS-enabled mobile phone is not a problem.
- The trip to Nicaragua must be registered in advance via a digital platform. We need the passport details for this purpose.
- The tour guide may be accommodated in a different hotel at some of the stops.
- The ferries to Ometepe can be booked for a fixed time, but are sometimes unreliable. Journey times may vary accordingly.
- Some restrictions apply to the included journey to the border and onwards to the connecting hotel after the programme.

Prices:

The price is for 1 or 2 people staying in the same room. Different requests and enquiries will be calculated separately. The price quoted here is valid until the end of 2027. Restrictions apply to peak seasons.

Total**US\$ 10`500.00**

20% of the tour price is due at the time of booking, the remaining 80% are due 6 weeks prior to the start of the tour.