

Nicaragua Tours

- Colonial Nicaragua
- **Spanish Language Training**

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7 nights / 8 days

DAY 1: MANAGUA

Upon arrival a guide will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. A cultural show featuring live Nicaraguan music at Casa Mejia Godoy can be included depending on your day of arrival.

DAY 2: MANAGUA – SELVA NEGRA

After breakfast you will transfer by private car to the Selva Negra region with lunch included en route. Upon arrival you will check in to your selected hotel where you will stay for the night.

This afternoon a guide will greet you at your hotel for the start of your Coffee Lover's Tour. The comprehensive and sustainable experience turns coffee enthusiasts into coffee experts as you visit a nearby coffee plantation, the Selva Negra Estate, where you will learn all about the coffee growing process and will have the opportunity to sample of the best coffee in the country.

DAY 3: SELVA NEGRA – JINOTEGA

Today you will join a guided excursion to the town of San Rafel del Norte. Here you will have the opportunity to explore and learn more about the importance of this town during the Sandino era in the country. You will also have the opportunity to visit the famous Devil Fresco by Daniel Ortega.

Overnight in Jinotega.

DAY 4: JINOTEGA - LEON

Today you will travel to the colonial city of Leon with plenty of Nicaraguan history thrown in along the way. First, your day starts with a visit to the Chorotega Museum where you will be able to enjoy more than 1000 pieces of pre-Columbian indigenous art spanning over one thousand years from 500BC to 500AC.

In Leon, you will take part in a walking city tour of the city's historic center where you will see the main churches including the monumental cathedral, the largest in Cantreal America. You will also see the birdhouse of Ruben Dria, the Ortiz Garden Art Gallery and more.

Overnight in Leon.

DAY 5: LEON – GRANADA

After breakfast you will travel to the ruins of Old Leon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2002. After the morning's visit you will have some time for lunch prior to continuing by land to the colonial city of Granada, founded by Captain Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba in the year 1524. The city was founded next to the Mombacho Volcano and the great lake Nicaragua. Named after the city of Granada in Spain, this city has plenty of colonial churches, narrow streets and large homes with beautiful indoor patios, tiled roofs and pretty colonial colors.

Upon arrival in Granada, you will have the opportunity to walk around the main plaza to see "La Merced" church, the house of the Zamora family, the famous "Casa de Los Tres Mundos" and the San Francisco convent. Here, you will have the opportunity to see and take pictures of mysterious idols made by our ancestors. This is an impressive collection of genuine pre-Columbian sculptures in human and animal shapes. During the tour you will learn the history of the city, and about the adventures of filibuster William Walker, who invaded the city in the year 1855.

You will end your day with a relaxing boat trip on the lake to observe the migrations of birds and other local wildlife.

Overnight in Granada.

DAY 6: GRANADA

Today you will visit the Masaya Volcano National Park followed by the Pueblos Blancos, or the White Towns, in English.

At the Masaya Volcano, your vehicle will be able to take you all the way up the mountain and within only a few steps of the impressive Santiago Crater, active since 1946. You will learn more about the volcano's history and its importance in local beliefs and daily life prior to continuing on to the Masaya arts and crafts market, popular for local ceramics, hammocks, wood and leather souvenirs.

After lunch, you will visit the picturesque Pueblos Blanco. Making strategic stops in the most important and interesting places; you will learn more about the local culture including the production of bamboo baskets, furniture and nurseries with beautiful flowers, all local specialties. After delving deeply into Nicaragua's character, personality and way of life, you will return to Granada to overnight.

DAY 7: GRANADA

Today is at leisure to explore the colonial city of Granada on your own.

DAY 8: GRANADA – MANAGUA

A guide will transfer you to the international airport tin Managua in time to check in for and to board your flight back home.

INCLUDED:

- All land transfers
- One (1) night in Managua
- One (1) night in the Selva Negra Region

- One (1) night in Jinotega
- One (1) night in Leon
- Three (2) nights in Granada
- Excursions and tours as described
- Daily breakfast and some other meals

Spanish Language Training

Magic Tours & Travel offers first class Spanish language training at the Dariana Spanish School in the colonial city of Leon. Courses typically include four hours of class instruction daily from Monday to Friday but can be tailored to fit your needs.

Please contact us directly to inquire further about Spanish language classes in Leon.