



## **NICARAGUA TOURS: NICARAGUA TREASURES**

**8 Day/7 Night Program featuring Managua - Colonial Leon & Hot Spring - Selva Negra - Colonial Granada - Lake Nicaragua - Omepete Island - Masaya Volcano National Park -**

Prices from \$1699.00 Per Person in Double Accommodations. Includes Land Arrangements only. Ask for our Airline Specials, too!

### **Day 1 Home City - Managua**

Meet and Greet upon arrival to Managua's International Airport, and Transfer to the Crowne Plaza Hotel [www.crowneplaza.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com). Evening free to stroll, shop and explore on your own.

### **Day 2 Colonial Leon - Hot Spring**

Visit to Leon, historic colonial city which shared with Granada the capital of Nicaragua until 1852. Enjoy its impressive Cathedral considered one of the most outstanding colonial buildings in Central America. Its walls are decorated with beautiful oleos and frescoes. At the entrance are six engraved lions decorating the atrium and a fountain adorns the center of the church's plaza. Several prominent Nicaraguans are buried here including its most renowned poet, Ruben Dario. Marvel at its rooftop view of the Maribios Volcanic chain and numerous colonial style buildings including Nicaragua's first university, one of the two oldest in Central America. Includes Lunch. B L

### **Day 3 Selva Negra (Black Forest)**

Morning departure from Managua for scenic two-hour drive starting in the flat lands surrounding the capital, circling around beautiful Lake Nicaragua, on route to the rich, diverse, tropical highlands of Nicaragua, the Selva Negra (Black Forest in English). Today is the nature enthusiast's delight as we reach nearly 5,500 feet above sea level, spy ferns as tall as trees, enjoy the abundant bird life, and admire beautiful butterflies and orchids before arriving for check-in to the rustic Selva Negra Mountain Resort [www.selvanegra.com](http://www.selvanegra.com). B

### **Day 4 Selva Negra - Colonial Granada - Lake Nicaragua**

Depart Selva Negra for the historic city of Granada. Arrival and City Tour of charming Granada, founded in 1524, and the oldest city in the Americas. Enjoy its colorful colonial homes, neoclassical and baroque churches and cobblestone streets. Sites to see include San Francisco Church and Convent, the oldest church in Central America founded in 1529, Central Park, the Palacio de Cultura and Casa de los Tres Mundos. Continue to stunning Lake Nicaragua for a glimpse of Las Isletas, 350 small islands formed when the Mombacho Volcano exploded over 20,000 years ago. Includes Lunch. Overnight in the Hotel Dario [www.hoteldario.com](http://www.hoteldario.com). Evening free to shop, stroll and explore its charming, colonial streets on your own. B, L

### **Day 5 Granada - Omepete Island - Barcelo Montelimar Beach Resort**

Depart for Omepete Island on an unforgettable journey to one of Nicaragua's most beautiful places. Omepete is the largest island in the world on a fresh water lake. Board a ferry at San



Jorge's port and enjoy spectacular views of Lake Nicaragua and nearby volcanoes. Visit the Pre-Columbian Museum, the Green Puddle's Lagoon, the Concepcion and the green Madera volcanoes. Lunch is enjoyed on beautiful Santo Domingo Beach. Check-in to the gorgeous All-Inclusive Montelimar Beach Resort and Casino [www.barcelomontelimarbeach.com](http://www.barcelomontelimarbeach.com). This magnificent resort boasts six miles of soft, sand beach, the largest swimming pool in Latin America, tennis courts, mini-golf, two children's pools, a zoo, nightly entertainment, a Casino and much more... B L D

#### **Day 6 Barcelo Montelimar Beach Resort**

Day free to enjoy the many amenities and activities of this beautiful resort on the Pacific Ocean. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included along with mid-day snack at poolside or beach barb'q, unlimited local beverages, use of beach lounge chairs, and non-motorized sports. Enjoy! B L D

#### **Day 7 Montelimar - Masaya Volcano National Park - Craft Market - Managua**

Depart Montelimar for close up views of the majestic, imposing crater of Masaya Volcano over 2000 feet above sea level. Nearly 1800 feet wide and 1300 feet deep, it is an active crater offering spectacular views of the surrounding park. Enjoy a presentation on the volcanic activity of the country at the Interpretation Centre, followed by a visit to the archaeological museum of Nindiri, a small village housing a display of items used by the indigenous people of the region. Continue to Masaya, home to Nicaragua's richest folklore and colorful handicraft. Masaya's artisans are renowned throughout Central America for their beautiful hammocks, woodworks, sculpted masks, clay ceramics and delicate, handmade embroidered blouses. Enjoy spirited bargaining for wonderful one-of-a-kind souvenirs before continuing to Managua for check-in at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** [www.crowneplaza.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com). B L

#### **Day 8 Managua - Home City**

At scheduled hour, Transfer to Airport for flight homeward or next destination. B

**B** Breakfast    **L** Lunch    **D** Dinner

#### **Package Includes:**

- Meet and Greet upon arrival to Managua's International Airport
- Round Trip Transfers Airport to Hotel
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Managua
- 1 Night Hotel Accommodations in Selva Negra
- 1 Night Hotel Accommodations in Granada
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Hotel Barcelo Beach Montelimar (All Inclusive)
- Sightseeing Excursion Colonial Leon & Hot Spring (Includes Lunch)
- Sightseeing Excursion to Selva Negra (Includes Lunch)
- Sightseeing Excursion Colonial Granada and Lake Nicaragua (Includes Lunch)
- Sightseeing Excursion Masaya Volcano National Park & Craft Market (Includes Lunch)
- Breakfast Daily

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