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Island Ometepe on Lake Nicaragua

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NICARAGUA: UNSPOILED NATURE & CULTURAL ADVENTURE

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY
8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS GRANADA, JICARO ISLAND & GUACALITO DE LA ISLA

Go off the beaten track to discover the magic of Nicaragua. From the grand architecture of Granada to the splendor of the Jicaro ecolodge and Manzanillo Beach on the Pacific Coast, Nicaragua enchants with a bevy of natural and cultural delights. Along the way, cruise around the lovely islands of Lake Nicaragua, ascend to the summit of the towering Masaya Volcano and explore the lush forest canopy in Mombacho Volcano Natural Reserve.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the colonial legacy of Granada on a stately carriage tour
- Visit a local chocolate factory
- Thrill on a zip-line in the cloud forest canopy

Departure Date:	Price From: *Two People
Through March 2020	\$4,995
<small>Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy</small>	

Day 1: Arrive Managua / Granada

Upon arrival in Managua, you will be met by your Cox & Kings local representative and escorted to your hotel in Granada.

Hotel Plaza Colon – 2 nights

Day 2: Granada

After breakfast this morning, get acquainted with historic Granada on a guided introduction, which includes a stately carriage tour. Disembark in the city's grand central plaza and enjoy a typical Nicaraguan lunch in a local restaurant. Then indulge your sweet tooth with a visit to a cacao factory to learn how chocolate is made. Roast, winnow, grind, mix, refine and mold chocolate — and leave the workshop with a sample of your own delectable creation. **(B, L)**

Day 3: To Jicaro Island

Head out of town to discover the wonders of the Mombacho Volcano Natural Reserve, which is home to one of the most pristine areas of tropical cloud forest remaining in Nicaragua. During your day here, ascend to

the treetops for an unforgettable canopy tour where you can ride the zipline from one platform to another. As you explore, keep your eyes open for howler monkey, tropical bird and the many different kinds of orchid found here. This afternoon, return to Granada and board your boat to Jicaro Island, a magical private island in the middle of Lake Nicaragua. **Jicaro Island Ecolodge – 2 nights (B, L)**

Day 4: Jicaro Island

Today, enjoy the day at leisure to relax at your boutique resort. Lounge away the morning in your private hammock as the sun glints off the sparkling waters of the lake. Spend some quality time in the wellness center, which offers yoga, Swedish massage, hot stone massage and facials in an idyllic, tranquil setting. Or embark on one of the fascinating tours offered by the resort. Search for Montezuma's oropendula, the ringed kingfisher, purple gallinule and northern jacana on a birding tour that encompasses the neighboring islands and nearby peninsula. Paddle the serene waters of the lake aboard a kayak. Or hop in a boat for

Spot howler monkey on the Mombacho volcano trails

Search for rare tropical birds or hike forested trails on Jicaro Island

Hike to the summit of the Masaya volcano for spectacular views of the crater

Indulge yourself on the golden sands of Manzanillo Beach

COX & KINGS RECOMMENDS

Private Kayak and gourmet lunch in the middle of Lake Nicaragua

Go sandboarding down a volcano

Rum and Cigar sampling with a local connoisseur

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Masaya Volcano

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an expedition to some of the lake's many tiny islands. **(B)**

Day 5: To Guacalito de la Isla

Enjoy breakfast at your island ecolodge before boarding the ferry back to San Jorge on the mainland. Continue your explorations of Nicaragua with a visit to the country's first national park, which surrounds the incredible Masaya volcano. Descend the slopes of the volcano to browse the handmade wares at the Masaya arts and crafts market. Enjoy lunch before being escorted to the golden shores of Manzanillo Beach at Guacalito de la Isla, a 1,670-acre private beach community on Nicaragua's Emerald Coast. **Mukul Resort – 3 nights (B, L)**

Days 6 & 7: Guacalito de la Isla

Relish two full days of leisure in your luxury boutique resort. Kick back on the warm

sands of the private beach, indulge your every whim in the spa, or hike the forested trails in search of monkeys, tropical birds and other wildlife. **(B)**

Day 8: Depart Managua

Enjoy a leisurely morning beside the sea and soak up the tropical atmosphere before returning to the Managua airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Cathedral of Granada

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. *Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. **Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. [†]Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50