

# Nicaragua



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# Nicaraguan Information

Languages : Creole and Spanish

Capital city: Managua

Time Zones: CST (two hours behind us)

Currency: \$1 USD = 27.4325 Nicaraguan

Cordoba



# Nicaraguan Cities

1) San Juan de Sur- great for surfing



2) Leon City-Historical Monuments & a beautiful Art Gallery



3) Cerro Negro- Volcano Surfing



# Nicaraguan FOOD



- Gallo Pinto - rice and beans
- Vigorón - originally from Granada, a plate is covered w/ a plantain leaf, topped with yucca, chicharrón, and a salad made out of cabbage and tomato
- yoltamal - plate with corn and is wrapped up in the tuza (the husk surrounding the dry corn). Yoltamales are eaten alone or with dry cheese or cuajada
- drinks - Nicaraguans drink coffee with hot milk at breakfast and black with sugar the rest of the day. Pinol, the national drink, is also nonalcoholic and is made from corn flour with water.

# Nicaraguan Culture



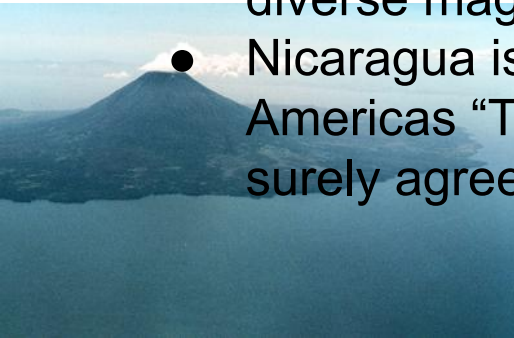
- Family relationships are highly valued and include relatives beyond the family unit.
- Large families are considered a blessing
- Baseball and soccer are popular sports
- New Year's Day is January 1st, Labor Day is May 1st, Battle of San Jacinto is September 14th, Independence Day is September 15th, All Saints' Day is November 1st, Christmas, is December 25th, and Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
- Roman Catholic is about 72.9% of the population



# Nicaraguan Fun Facts



- Nicaragua is larger than Ireland and Portugal put together.
- Nicaragua had the first elected woman president of any central America country. She served from 1991-1997. Also she is the first democratic woman president of any democratic country in the world.
- Nicaragua is home to the worlds only “Dual Volcano” The Volcano is in a small mountain range and is fed underground by two separate magma flows. It is the only volcano in the world that can erupt with two diverse magma channels underneath it.
- Nicaragua is a very large country. It is considered one of central Americas “Tropical Paradise.” If, you get the chance to visit you will surely agree that Nicaragua offers diverse wildlife, culture and history.





# Photo Gallery



- their \$1 bill



Rural bamboo house



Cathedral de Granada, Art Gallery

An ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) at the animal rescue centre in the Nicaraguan national zoo



San Sebastian festival :

The celebrations last several days, from the 17 to the 27 of January. During the feast, the people of Diriamba offer local food and drinks to the visitors. The traditional dances: the Toro Huaco, El Güegüense or Marcho Raton, and Las Inditas performance on the street showing their shining suits with adornments of showy colors in fulfillment of promises to the Patron Saint.



# Videos

<http://youtu.be/WUUnTbNLuRA>

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