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**Saturday, December 6th: Managua Airport – Managua:**

Welcome to Nicaragua, this day will be dedicated just for your arrival to Nicaragua, not knowing where you come from I assume that you will be tired from your trip here so we arrange just a transfer to your hotel for one night.

Meals included: None

Accommodation at Hotel Colonnade

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Managua – City tour of Managua – Leon**

This day we will depart from your hotel in Managua and make our way to the Colonial city of Leon but before leaving the capital we will have an introduction to the history of the country by visiting the most important monuments in the city, such as the Revolution Plaza, The Tiscapa Hill for nice views of both the old and the new Managua and lastly the promenade of the city, right on the shores of Lake Xolotlan or Lake Managua. On the way to Leon we will visit Leon Viejo which was the first capital of Nicaragua, here we will see the remains of the city that were covered completely by the explosion of the Momotombo Volcano. Once we arrive to Leon, we will take our rooms and prepare for the evening activity.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Cacique Adiact

***Note: It turns out that On December 7<sup>th</sup> in many places throughout the country we have one of the biggest religious celebrations in Nicaragua, especially in the city of Leon where this celebration was initiated approximately 275 years ago***

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: Leon – Flor de Cana Rum Factory – Leon**

Today we are going to get to see one of the finest things that Nicaragua offers and it is its RUM. We will take a half an hour drive from Leon to the town of Chichigalpa, here we will have the opportunity to visit the factory of the most awarded rum in the world and of course we will get to try it. Here you will also have the opportunity to buy some in order to bring back home.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Cacique Adiact

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>: City tour of Leon – San Jacinto Hot Springs – Leon**

Today we will have the opportunity to get to learn the history of the city, we will visit the most relevant places such as the Cathedral, Ortiz Gurdian art Gallery and the myth and legends museum. Walking through these streets you will also see lost of murals that tell part of the history of the city also known as the capital of the Nicaraguan revolution. After the walking tour we will drive to the town of San Jacinto which is northeast of Leon to witness the boiling mud holes that are linked to the Telica Volcano.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Cacique Adiact

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>: Leon – Masaya Volcano – Masaya Arts and Crafts Market – Catarina – San Juan de Oriente – Granada**

This morning we depart from Leon to the beautiful city of Granada, on our way, we will visi the Masaya Volcano (Active) at the Masaya Volcano National Park we will have the chance to drive all the way to the crater area and the visitors center to learn more about the volcano and the rest of the volcanoes in the country. We will then continue to the city of Masaya for a visit to the Masaya Arts and crafts market, here you will find all different souvenirs at reasonable prices. Catarina is very colorful due to all of the nurseries that you find in this town but the main attraction will be view point that you have of Laguna de Apoyo which is the biggest carter Lake in Nicaragua, from here if it is clear enough we will be able to see Laguna de Apoyo, Lake Nicaragua, The archipelago of islands on the lake and the Mombacho Volcano. Last but not least before reaching Granada, we will visit San Juan de Oriente, here we will visit a local family that will teach us the process of making pottery following the teachings of their ancestors.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Colonial

**December 11<sup>th</sup>: City tour of Granada & Isletas**

Today we get to se this colonial gem, Granada was founded by Francisco Heranandez Cordoba back in 1524, set ablaze by pirates in different occasions and was also part of war between Leon Granada, now a day is Nicaragua´s most visited city and we will learn its history by visiting the local market (Fruits, Veggies, Meats), The La Merced Church bell tower and the San Francisco Pre-Columbian museum. Walking the streets of Granada we will get to appreciate the rich colorful and colonial architecture. By Horse carriage we will reach the port on Lake Nicaragua in order to visit Las Isletas, an archipelago of 365 small islands created by the explosion of the Mombacho Volcano thousands of years ago, here we will get to learn about the flora and the fauna, visit a fort that was built to defend

Granada from pirates and monkey island, once back to mainland we will have a short drive back to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Colonial

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Open for activities or free time**

This day you will be free on your own I order to enjoy the city.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Colonial

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: Granada – Chocolate workshop – Laguna de Apoyo – Granada**

Today we start our day by visiting a Chocolate museum, we will learn everything related to Chocolate and we will have the opportunity to make drinks out of Cacao and to make your chocolate bars. After this entertaining activity we will got the Laguna de Apoyo Crater Lake for a nice relaxing time swimming in its refreshing water and to enjoy the tranquility of the place. At a chosen time we will return to Granada.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Colonial

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Granada – San Jorge – Ometepe**

This day we leave Granada behind and we go South to the department of Rivas, here we will go to the port of San Jorge for a one and half ferry ride to the Volcanic Island of Ometepe. Once we reach the main port Moyogalpa, our local transportation will be waiting to take you to the hotel passing through several colorful villages.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Villa Paraiso

**Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: Ometepe Island tour**

Today we tour the island, we will visit a Pre-Columbian museum that will make us understand the life of the indigenous people in Nicaragua. We will also visit Charco Verde which is one of the 76 protected areas and Nature Reserves in the country a short walk on the trails will give us the opportunity to see Howler Monkeys up Close. We will also visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> most important city in the island Moyogalpa and last but not least OJO DE AGUA, this is 2 natural spring water pools where good swimming can be done.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Villa Paraiso

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Petroglyphs and Horseback riding.**

Today we get to visit 2 places different farms to see what our indigenous people left behind "Petroglyphs" - These beautiful art pieces done on rock tell some stories about the lives of the indigenous people in Ometepe Island, after we get to experience some of the local coffee plantations.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Villa Paraiso

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ometepe – San Jorge – Playa El Transito**

This day we head back to mainland and look for a place to stay on the beach. We will go ahead and make ourselves to El Transito Beach for your final stay in Nicaragua at the Soul Free Nicaragua hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation at Hotel Soul Free Nicaragua

**Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>: El Transito – Managua Airport**

This day according to your flight out of Nicaragua, you will be transferred from Playa El Transito to the Managua International Airport for your flight back home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

**Services Included:**

- Private ground transportation in modern air conditioned Sedan Type vehicle.
- Accommodation at mentioned hotels in the itinerary, including breakfast and local taxes.
- Entrance fee to all monuments, National Parks, Rum factory and everything that requires an entrance fee as described on the itinerary
- Water transportation on Lake Nicaragua boat for Las Isletas tour and ferry to Ometepe
- English speaking guide from December 6<sup>th</sup> until December 17<sup>th</sup>