



CA TRAVELERS

# NICARAGUA

## Volcanoes Trekking Tour

MIXED  
GROUPS

**14** days

**13** nights

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Day 01: Managua Airport, Granada
- Day 02: Granada, Masaya Volcano
- Day 03: Mombacho volcano, Apoyo lagoon
- Day 04: San Jorge, Ometepe island
- Day 05: Ometepe island
- Day 06: Ometepe island
- Day 07: Ometepe island, San Jorge, Leon
- Day 08: Leon, Telica volcano
- Day 09: Leon, El Hoyo volcano
- Day 10: Leon, Cerro Negro volcano
- Day 11: Leon, San Cristobal Volcano
- Day 12: Las Peñitas
- Day 13: Las Peñitas
- Day 14: Las Peñitas, Managua Airport



# Welcome to



# NICARAGUA

*Your itinerary with a friendly mixed group begins here:*

## Day 1: Welcome in Managua

Arrival at Managua International Airport. Transfer to the beautiful colonial city of **Granada**, the pearl of Nicaragua. Check-in and briefing with our guide to discuss the itinerary. Overnight.



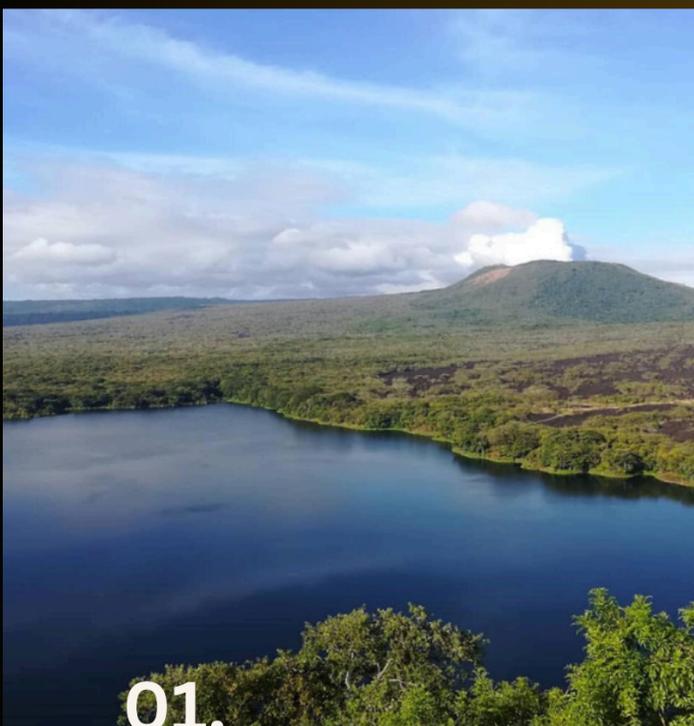
## Day 2: Granada, Masaya volcano

Enjoy isletas tour with us: a boat ride in **Cocibolca Lake** to know its islets, born as a result of a big eruption of the Mombacho volcano. In late afternoon: we will reach the nearby volcano **Masaya** to admire its active crater. Overnight. Lunch and dinner NOT included.



## Day 3: Granada, Mombacho volcano, Apoyo lagoon

Transfer to the base of the dormant **Mombacho Volcano**, where an amusing tourist truck will climb and take us to the top. From here we take a walking tour along the path **Tigrillo** (2-3 trekking hours), crossing the virgin rain forest with frequent ups and downs, so we can enjoy a wonderful view towards Cocibolca Lake. **Lunch included**. This is the kingdom of nature with an animal and plant biodiversity rate of 5% globally. After the volcan excursion, we reach the amazing **Apoyo Lagoon** to have relaxation for a few hours or to kayak on the calm waters in the extinct crater. Return to Granada. Overnight. Dinner NOT included.



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## Day 4: Granada, San Jorge, Ometepe island

Transfer to the **San Jorge** pier to take the ferry towards the island of Ometepe dominated by two volcanoes (**Maderas and the Concepcion**) joined by a small isthmus. If you like pristine nature & trekking, this is the place for you! Hot check-in. Today we will discover **Cape Jesus-Maria**, a very narrow strip of land (product of volcanic ash from the Concepcion volcano) that extends into the lake for over one kilometer. During the rainy season, the water level can rise so much that this strait disappears, the waves come from both sides, from the left and from the right and collide with each other right on this strip of land. It is the same phenomenon that happens when two seas meet, but on a smaller scale. Lunch and dinner NOT included.

## Day 5: Ometepe island

Breakfast. In the morning: trekking on **Maderas volcano** stops up to San Ramon waterfalls, a wonderful natural scenery! (about 2 hours of ascent and 1 hour of descent). In the afternoon: visit the nature reserve "**Ojo de Agua**" to have relaxation and swim in this natural source of refreshing and healing water, surrounded by nature. Return to hotel. Lunch and dinner NOT included.



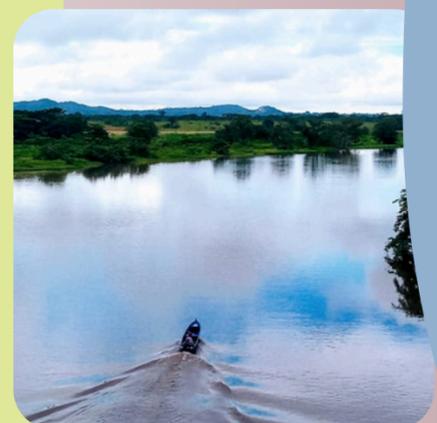
## Day 6: Ometepe island

Today is dedicated to one of the experiences that attract mountain and trekking enthusiasts from the entire American continent: you will climb the volcano **Concepcion** - encountering different types of vegetation walking along the crater wall - to el Floral viewpoint (about 6-7 total trekking hours), which offers an unparalleled view of the island below. If you wish and your physical condition allows, you'll be able to continue to reach the top (about 8-10 total trekking hours round-trip), where the crater is constantly covered by its smoke hat. **Packed lunch included.** Return to hotel in the afternoon. Dinner NOT included.



## Day 7: Ometepe island, San Jorge, Leon

Transfer to San Jorge by boat and continue to Leon, ancient capital of the country. Guided walking tour of the city which crosses the historic center, touching the main historical and cultural landmarks and the main meeting places of local people. Lunch and dinner NOT included.



## Day 8: Leon, Telica volcano

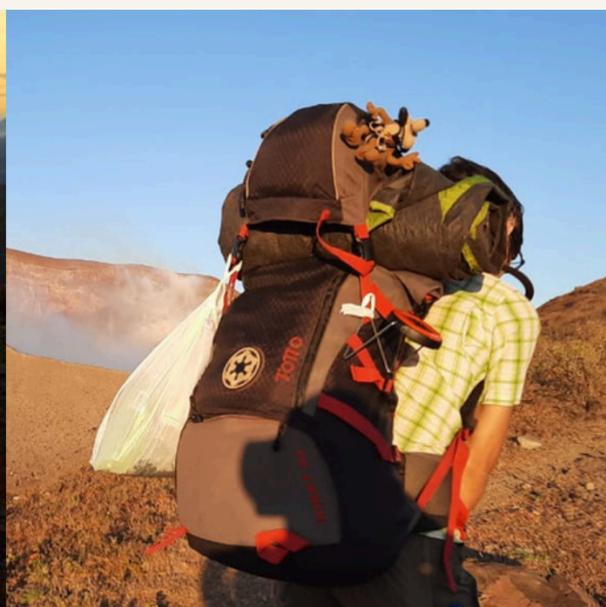
We offer some extra activities (not included) in the morning, so guests can choose (minimum 2 people per activity):

- **Tour of the murals:** this is a characteristic art form of Leon that shows us the recent history of the city, you can admire it outside as well as inside the buildings (available from Monday to Friday);
- **Gastronomic tour:** recommended for those who want to learn about the pillars of local cuisine, as well as some places to taste it;
- **Tour Flor de Caña:** we visit the factory of this rum, awarded as the best in the world and enjoy a journey from the foundation to the present day (available on Saturday and Sunday),
- **Tour Ruinas de Leon Viejo:** visit to the remains of the original town of Leon founded by the Spanish Crown and then abandoned by its inhabitants for fear of volcanic eruptions.



Excursion to the **Telica volcano** in the afternoon (departure at 2.00 pm) - active, 1,068 meters above sea level - which holds the record for the highest number of explosions in the recent history of Nicaragua. It is part of a group of 10 volcanoes, all aligned on the same line, that includes 5 of the 7 active volcanoes in the country. We cross some small local communities and reach the slopes of the volcano where we park (journey of approximately one hour and 30 minutes). Then we begin the walk on the Telica wall - which alternates green areas with barren areas - climbing the never particularly inclined slope. We cover a height difference of 500 m. along the journey of almost 3 km and we reach the top in about an hour.

As we approach the destination we hear the roar of the lava moving in the enormous crater 700 meters in diameter and 120 meters deep, which we can "look out" at. If we are lucky (that is, if the smoke rising from the mouth of the volcano and the atmospheric conditions allow it), we can observe the reflection of the glowing stone walls. After this amazing experience we move a little, reaching the ideal point to enjoy the view of the surrounding volcanic cordillera while the sun drops below the horizon. The descent is carried out by torchlight. Return to **Leon**. Lunch and dinner NOT included.



### Day 9: Leon, El Hoyo volcano

In an hour, we reach the starting point by car where we register at the visitor center. So we begin this adventure and walk for almost 14 km in total, covering a difference in altitude of 650 meters. The paths that lead to the summit are not very popular, so they preserve a rather abundant virgin nature. It is a volcanic complex made up of various structures, some of which, once much higher, collapsed. Currently, the most significant is the **El Hoyo** volcano (1,050 mt. a.s.l.) which stands out because its crater is a perfectly round circle positioned on one of its slopes, rather than on the summit. Although it is an active volcano, it only gives off gas and fumaroles. You can enjoy a stunning view from the top. **Packed lunch included.** Dinner NOT included.

### Day 10: Leon, Cerro Negro volcano

After breakfast, transfer to the Cerro Negro Volcano Nature Reserve (about an hour and 30 minutes). **Cerro Negro** (the black hill) is one of the "youngest" volcanoes on earth, it was born 160 thousand years ago and has erupted 18 times since then. There are no trees or plants on its slopes of gravel and volcanic ash due to the last violent eruption in 1999 which erased the volcano's vegetation and turned black. The climb time to the summit, (728 m), varies between 50 minutes and 1 hour and 30 minutes. The view of the green plain below and the other volcanoes in the area is remarkable. The descent is quicker: we descend sinking our feet into the soft lava ash or sandboarding, sliding down the valley sitting on a board (in conditions of absolute safety) and we arrive at the base quickly. It is essentially a sort of surfing. Return to Leon. Lunch and dinner NOT included.

### Day 11: Leon, San Cristobal Volcano

We leave Leon and continue towards **Chichigalpa**, then **Chinandega**, until we reach the **Las Rojas** farm where our excursion begins. To end on a high note, we reserved the highest volcano in the country (1,745 meters above sea level) for the last day of excursions. We wake up in the middle of the night to walk in a cool temperature, since the area is hot and the walls of the volcano are largely devoid of vegetation. The ascent lasts 4-5 hours with a difference in altitude of over 1,000 meters, while the descent lasts approximately 3 hours. A good physical condition is necessary to face the walls of this active volcano, covered with volcanic gravel/sand and, at times, with low vegetation, the only one to resist gas emissions. The effort is rewarded once you reach the top, which offers wonderful views of the world below! After the excursion we continue towards the Pacific coast, have lunch with the guide in a typical restaurant in the area, then settle into a small and welcoming hotel on the beach. Lunch and dinner NOT included.



### **Days 12-13: Las Peñitas**

Two days of relaxation in a beautiful beach.  
Lunch and dinner NOT included.

### **Day 14: Las Peñitas, Managua airport**

Transfer to Managua airport for the return flight home.

**End of services**

## **The package includes:**



- Private transport (not shared with other tourists) for the entire itinerary
- Round-trip ferry ride to Ometepe Island
- Entrance fees and private visits/excursions (not shared with other tourists) mentioned in the itinerary
- Guide service in English/Spanish
- Overnight stay in selected standard hotels
- All breakfasts, lunch on days 3rd, 6th, 9th, 11th
- Local tourist tax
- English/Spanish telephone service for the entire holiday

## **The package doesn't include:**



- Intercontinental flight
- Nicaragua entrance fee (10 usd)
- Personal purchases /tips
- Tour leader English or German speaking accompanying the group (optional)
- All that's not well specified in "the package includes"

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