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Nicaragua

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Nicaragua due to COVID-19, civil unrest, crime, limited healthcare availability, and arbitrary enforcement of laws. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays of less than 30 days. You must purchase a tourist card for \$10 USD at the airport (exact change recommended), valid for up to a total of 90 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

+(505) 2252-7100; US Embassy Managua, Km 5 ½ Carretera Sur, Managua, Nicaragua

Vaccinations

Travelers must show proof of yellow fever vaccination administered at least 10 days before travel in order to be permitted entry to Nicaragua. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical in lowlands, cooler in highlands

Currency (Code)

Cordobas (NIO)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



Major Languages

Spanish 95.3%, Miskito 2.2%, Mestizo of the Caribbean coast 2%, other 0.5%; note: English and indigenous languages found on the Caribbean coast

Religions

Roman Catholic 50%, Evangelical 33.2%, other 2.9%, unspecified 13.2%, none 0.7%

Time Difference

UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes, but some people opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Nicaragua, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

Road Driving Side

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Cultural Practices	Pointing is accomplished with the lips - pucker the lips and raise the chin briefly in the direction you are pointing to.
Telephone Code	505
Local Emergency Phone Numbers	Ambulance: 128; Fire: 115, 911; Police: 118
Tipping Guidelines	Leaving a 8-10% tip at restaurants is appropriate. Tipping a porter 50 cents (USD), a doorman \$1-2 (USD), and hotel housekeeping \$1 (USD) per day is common.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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