



NICARAGUA TOURS: NICARAGUA SAMPLER

4 Day/3 Night Program featuring: Managua - Masaya Volcano National Park - Craft Market - Colonial Granada - Lake Nicaragua

Prices from \$509.00. Includes Land Arrangements only. Please ask for our Airline Specials, too!

Day 1 Home City - Managua

Meet and Greet upon arrival to Managua's International Airport, and Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** www.crowneplaza.com. Balance of day free to stroll, shop, and explore the city streets on your own. Be sure to try one of Nicaragua's specialties, a delicious, succulent steak at a nearby restaurant.

Day 2 Managua City Tour - Masaya Volcano National Park - Craft Market

City Tour of Managua, the nation's capital since 1852, on the south shore of Lake Nicaragua. Day begins at the Acahualinca Footprints Museum to view ancient, petrified footprints from humans and animals escaping from a volcano eruption 6,000 to 10,000 years ago. Continue to the Park of Peace, the National Theatre, the National Palace of Culture, Central Park, the old Cathedral destroyed by the 1972 earthquake, the Presidential House, the waterfront and Tispaca Hill Historical Park. Afternoon, travel just 20 minutes away for close up view of the majestic, imposing crater of Masaya Volcano over 2000 feet above sea level. Nearly 1800 feet wide and 1300 feet deep, it is an active crater offering spectacular views of the surrounding park. Enjoy a presentation on the volcanic activity of the country at the Interpretation Centre, followed by a visit to the archaeological museum of Nindiri, a small village housing a display of items used by the indigenous people of the region. Continue to Masaya, home to Nicaragua's richest folklore and colorful handicraft. Masaya's artisans are renowned throughout Central America for their beautiful hammocks, woodworks, sculpted masks, clay ceramics and delicate, handmade embroidered blouses. Enjoy spirited bargaining for wonderful one-of-a-kind souvenirs before returning to Managua. B

Day 3 Colonial Granada - Lake Nicaragua

City Tour of Granada, founded in 1524, and the oldest city in the Americas. Enjoy its colorful colonial homes, neoclassical and baroque churches and cobblestone streets. Sites to see include San Francisco Church and Convent, the oldest church in Central America founded in 1529, Central Park, the Palacio de Cultura and Casa de los Tres Mundos. Continue to stunning Lake Nicaragua for a glimpse of Las Isletas, 350 small islands formed when the Mombacho Volcano exploded over 20,000 years ago. Includes Lunch. Overnight in beautiful Granada at the **Hotel Dario** www.hoteldario.com. B L

Day 4 Granada - Managua - Home City

At scheduled hour, Transfer to Airport for flight homeward or next destination. B

B Breakfast **L** Lunch



Package Includes:

- Meet and Greet upon arrival to Managua's International Airport
- Round Trip Transfers Airport to Hotel
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Managua
- 1 Night Hotel Accommodations in Granada
- Sightseeing Excursion Colonial Granada and Lake Nicaragua (Includes Lunch)
- Sightseeing Excursion Managua City Tour
- Sightseeing Excursion Masaya Volcano National Park and Craft Market
- Breakfast Daily

*For more information, contact your travel agent or **Festival Tours**.