## Nicaragua

### US State Dept Travel Advisory
The US Department of State currently warns US citizens to **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Nicaragua due to 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.

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
Right

### Cultural Practices
Pointing is accomplished with the lips - pucker the lips and raise the chin briefly in the direction you are pointing to.
Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

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


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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