

## HONDURAS & NICARAGUA - LUXURY & AUTHENTIC NICARAGUA



### TRIP CODE

NITSLAN

### DURATION

9 Days

### LOCATIONS

Nicaragua



## INTRODUCTION

Explore Nicaragua at its best. Travel for 9 days and experience the country's beautiful cities, nature and landscapes while staying in amazing luxury properties. Starting in Granada you will explore the city as well as visiting the famous Masaya Volcan and the Momacho Volcan, before spending some days relaxing at Nicaragua's beautiful beaches.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival

Meet & Greet. Follow by Private Transfer with Bilingual Guide from the International Airport to Granada.



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## DAY 1: Granada

Granada dates back to 1524 and is the oldest European settlement in the Americas. It is a beautiful city on the shores of Lake Nicaragua, with colonial buildings in pastel shades, historic churches and an 18th century fort. Central Park, the main plaza, is dominated by the colourful façade of the Cathedral of Granada that dates back to 1583. San Francisco is the oldest church in Central America and possibly the most striking building in Granada. La Merced is probably the most beautiful church in the city. Granada is a great base from which to explore the nearby Masaya and Mombacho Volcanoes, Lake Nicaragua and Ometepe Island.



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## DAY 2: Day Tour Granada & City Tour Masaya Volcano

Granada was founded in 1524, is the oldest European settlement in the Americas. Walk around the main square and admire La Merced church, the famed convent of San Francisco where you'll have the opportunity to see the mysterious stone idols, made by our Indian ancestors, as well as an impressive collection of genuine pre-Columbian sculptures. Then you will do visit the First national park in the country, established in 1979. The park includes a beautiful volcanic lake known as the "Masaya lagoon". Upon arrival, we will witness all the influence that volcanic activities have had in the shaping of the zone. Only ten minutes from the entrance we will be able to visit the environmental interpretation center, a museum where we can see a model of the park. See paintings of Nicaraguan artists concerning the history of the volcano. Learn about the tectonic plates and volcanic regions of the planet. We will get to know about the flora and fauna of this wildlife refuge. We will continue our trip to the summit of this volcano, where we will get off our vehicle and walk a few steps to see the Santiago crater, active since 1946. Just fifteen minutes away we will visit the Masaya arts and crafts market for local ceramics, hammocks wood and leather souvenirs.



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DAY 3: Free Days: 3 & 4

Day at Leisure to rest or book activities directly at the hotel.



DAY 5: Walking tour at Mombacho Volcano

Private Guided Transfer from Jicaro Lodge to Mukul Resort. En-Route walking tour at Mombacho Volcano “The Crater Trail”. Today you will head to Mombacho Volcano for a nature walk. For the visit, our vehicle will lead the way to the foot of the mountain where we will get in touch with the park keepers. Then we will switch vehicles and start our way up to the top on a four wheel drive. The adventure begins on a paved road and right from the start we will be surprised by the biodiversity of this natural reserve. Surrounded by exuberant vegetation and enjoying breathtaking views. When we reach the summit, we will understand why this ecosystem is a cloud forest. The park keeper will give instructions to everyone so we can enjoy our visit. We will then take the trails of the volcano (For approximately 1:45 Minutes) to learn a lot about the flora, the fauna, the ancient people who lived there and the Vulcan logy of the area. If the day is clear enough, we will visit an impressive viewpoint to observe the plain pacific region of Nicaragua.



DAY 6: Free Days: 6 to 8

Day at Leisure to enjoy the beach.



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### DAY 9: Departure

Private Guided Transfer from Mukul Resort to International Airport.



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### INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| Accommodation        | Standard   |
| Inclusions           | Private transportation for the entire trip<br>Excursions as specified in the itinerary<br>Bilingual guide for all days<br>All breakfasts<br>All your meals when staying at Jicaro Resort.<br>Breakfast only when staying at Mukul Resort.<br>4 nights at Jicaro Lodge, Granada<br>4 nights at Mukul Resort, Guacalito de la Isla<br>Local taxes<br><b>Exclusions</b><br>Visa fees (if applicable)<br>Optional activities not mentioned in itinerary<br>Gratuities for guides/drivers |
| Difficulty Rating    | 1 (easy)   |
| Single Surcharge     | Available upon request   |
| Notes                | Contact us for more details  |
| Price Dependent upon | Season and availability  |

### SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximize local employment opportunities and minimize carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.

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2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximize the return to the local community.

3) Chimu's "Pass it on" program has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organization), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimize your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programs to help staff minimize their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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