

NICARAGUA

13 DAYS 12 NIGHTS \$2000

4-DAY HOME BUILD/9-DAY TOUR

HOME BUILD

Arrive Day prior to the Start of the Home Build

We leave for **Managua**, the capital of Nicaragua. This is typically a full day of travel. Flights take off in the morning and land around dinner time the same day. Each volunteer is responsible for their own international flights. Managua is the largest city in the country. It is composed mainly of mestizos and whites of Spanish descent. It is a densely populated city and holds the nation's culture and commerce together. Everywhere you turn there are sprawling markets, honking horns, garbage, street art and monuments. Our transportation will be waiting to pick us up from Augusto César Sandino International Airport in **Managua** and take us to our accommodation which is situated on the outskirts of Managua. Our home for the next 4 days will be simple, but clean with dormitory style rooms. There is no air conditioning!



Cristo Rey Landfill (Day 1,2,3,4)

On the outskirts of **Managua** lies the organization we work with. Their ministry is twofold working with Nicaragua's children that live in the very poor Barrios and working in the country's biggest landfill. Without their work children would be left alone for hours "children raising children" often with little or no food and many would not have homes. From their base we will travel to **Cristo Rey** where we will spend 4 days building houses and playing with children in the pungent smell of burning garbage.



TOUR



Welcome to Nicaragua Land of Lakes and Volcanoes! This morning we pick you up in Managua. One of our representatives will meet you to provide the information you need, after this you are transferred to the colonial city of Granada. Along the way, you visit Masaya Volcano National Park, the arts and crafts market and the famous White Towns. Enjoy a delicious Nicaraguan lunch at a local restaurant.

Day 1 Transfer: 08:30 Managua – Granada. Distance: 45 km. Road is in very good condition. Average travel time: 50 minutes

Destination Info: Granada

Granada was founded in 1524 and is believed to be the second oldest city established in mainland Latin America by the Spanish conquest. During colonial times, Granada is characterized by bright-colored Spanish-colonial architecture, visible throughout the city center. The ambience is very pleasant and there is a wide array of popular restaurants and bars, especially along the boulevard from the central park to the shores of Lake Nicaragua. While the city is already an impressive attraction, the immediate surroundings make Granada a place where you will want to spend a couple of days.



10:30 *Masaya Highlights: Masaya Volcano, Artisan Market & Pueblos Blancos (-L-) (On-route)*

Gaze down into the active Masaya volcano to see molten lava flowing in Santiago crater and then continue to the colorful artisan market in Masaya town. Afterwards, you will have lunch overlooking the Apoyo lagoon from the Catarina viewpoint and visit the surrounding villages, including San Juan de Oriente, where you will learn from local craftsman at a traditional workshop.





Paraiso Granada Condominiums (<https://www.paraisogranada.com/>)

Paraíso Granada is more than just a condo - hotel, it is a unique way of living. Situated only three streets from the colonial center of Granada. Paraíso, meaning paradise in Spanish, exudes luxury in each corner, from its beautifully designed condos to its pool and bar area. Its lovely combination between layback bohemian setting and Granada's colonial architecture creates a unique lifestyle experience. Each 16 suites are decorated to make guests experience a tranquil vibe. All rooms are equipped with a/c, LCD TV, Cable TV, free Wi Fi, private bath and amenities to freshen up after a long day. If you are looking for a different kind of stay in a colonial town, Paraíso Granada is the place to be. **Rooms:** Quadruple Room - Standard, Double Room – Standard



Day 2

In the morning, our local expert picks you up at the hotel and explore the city of Granada to learn about the city's history and culture on a guided tour. Later, in the afternoon you enjoy a boat ride on Lake Nicaragua to visit Las Isletas de Granada.



09:00 Granada - City Tour

Granada is one of the oldest colonial cities in the Americas, founded by the Spanish in 1524. No visit to Granada is complete without exploring the city's historic center on foot and in a classic horse-drawn carriage. On this tour, you will discover key sites including the San Francisco Convent, founded in 1529, and La Merced church where you can climb the bell tower and enjoy spectacular views over the city, Lake Nicaragua, and Mombacho volcano. The last stop is the oldest sector of the city in the area around the Xalteva church and the old city walls.





15:00 Granada - Las Isletas Boat Tour

Situated at the foot of Mombacho volcano, Las Isletas consist of around 360 small forest-covered islands, formed by a volcanic eruption 20,000 years ago. You will be transferred to the harbor where you'll meet the captain and board a motor boat. During the tour, your guide will point out the exotic flora and fauna, to later stop at one of the islands, and visit the San Pablo fort, built in the 18th century to protect Granada against English pirates. Beverages are included during the tour.



Day 3

This morning you are transferred to one of the 78 protected areas in Nicaragua, Mombacho Volcano nature reserve, here you explore the abundant nature and wildlife while you hike the shortest trail (1.5 km). In the afternoon you visit the Chocolate Museum where you learn how to prepare your own organic chocolate bar.



08:00 Mombacho Volcano - Crater Trail

Experience the mystical cloud forest of this lush Nature Reserve atop a majestic volcano which boasts a wide variety of vegetation and wildlife. Explore the landscapes during a guided hike along the trail (1.5km) around the crater while enjoying the view of Granada, Laguna de Apoyo, Las Isletas and the Masaya volcano. Keep an eye out for the howler and white-faced monkeys, sloths, and the endemic Mombacho salamander. (This tour can be combined with the Mombacho Canopy Tour).



14:00 Granada - Chocolate Workshop

Visit the Choco Museo to learn about cacao and the chocolate making process. This workshop covers the entire process, starting from the cocoa bean and ending with a handmade bar of chocolate. Cocoa-based beverages are also covered in the workshop, including how to prepare an ancient Mayan drink. Learn about our cultural heritage in a very positive and joyful way, all with the promise of delicious chocolate to wrap up the tour.



Day 4 Free Day

Today you can keep discovering the city's history and culture, you can enjoy an optional tour or explore by your own the city. Visit La Calzada Street, famous for the nightlife and the different gastronomic options in it!

Day 5 Transfer: 08:30 Granada SoLost Playa Jiquelite Distance: 150 km. Road is in good condition. Average travel time: 3:20 hrs

After breakfast we say goodbye to the colonial city and head towards the beach, you are transferred to Playa Jiquelite situated at a breathtaking Pacific Bay.

Destination Info: Tola

The Tola region, commonly referred to as the 'Nicaraguan Riviera' or 'Costa Esmeralda', is an idyllic getaway with isolated beaches and dramatic coastlines. Located off a long, partially paved road just west of Rivas, the beaches of Tola have maintained quiet tranquility in comparison to other Nicaraguan beach towns such as San Juan del Sur.

The string of lonely beaches that make up the almost 18 kilometers of Pacific shoreline between Tola and El Astillero are quite diverse. Secluded from each other by rolling tree-covered hills each beach has its own unique characteristics; some have sparkling white sand with steep rocky outcrops while others are situated in secluded bays. Places to visit in the area include the small fishing village of Gigante, and Playa Guasacate. Other activities include horseback riding, hiking, fishing, surfing, or just hanging out on the beach.

The Tola area is a perfect destination for those who wish to unwind and relax on a pristine beach with few interruptions. There are very few areas left in the world with such immense natural beauty and little development.





SoLost Hotel (<http://solostinnica.com>)

Solost is a boutique hotel located on the beautiful southwest coast of Nicaragua. The hotel has tastefully decorated cabañas with high standard mattresses and linens, and modern, spacious bathrooms. There is no air-conditioning as it does not rhyme well with the hotel's ecological philosophy, but wall fans provide fluid cool breezes. Clients can relax in a hammock on their private outdoor space, listening to the sounds of the jungle and the ocean.

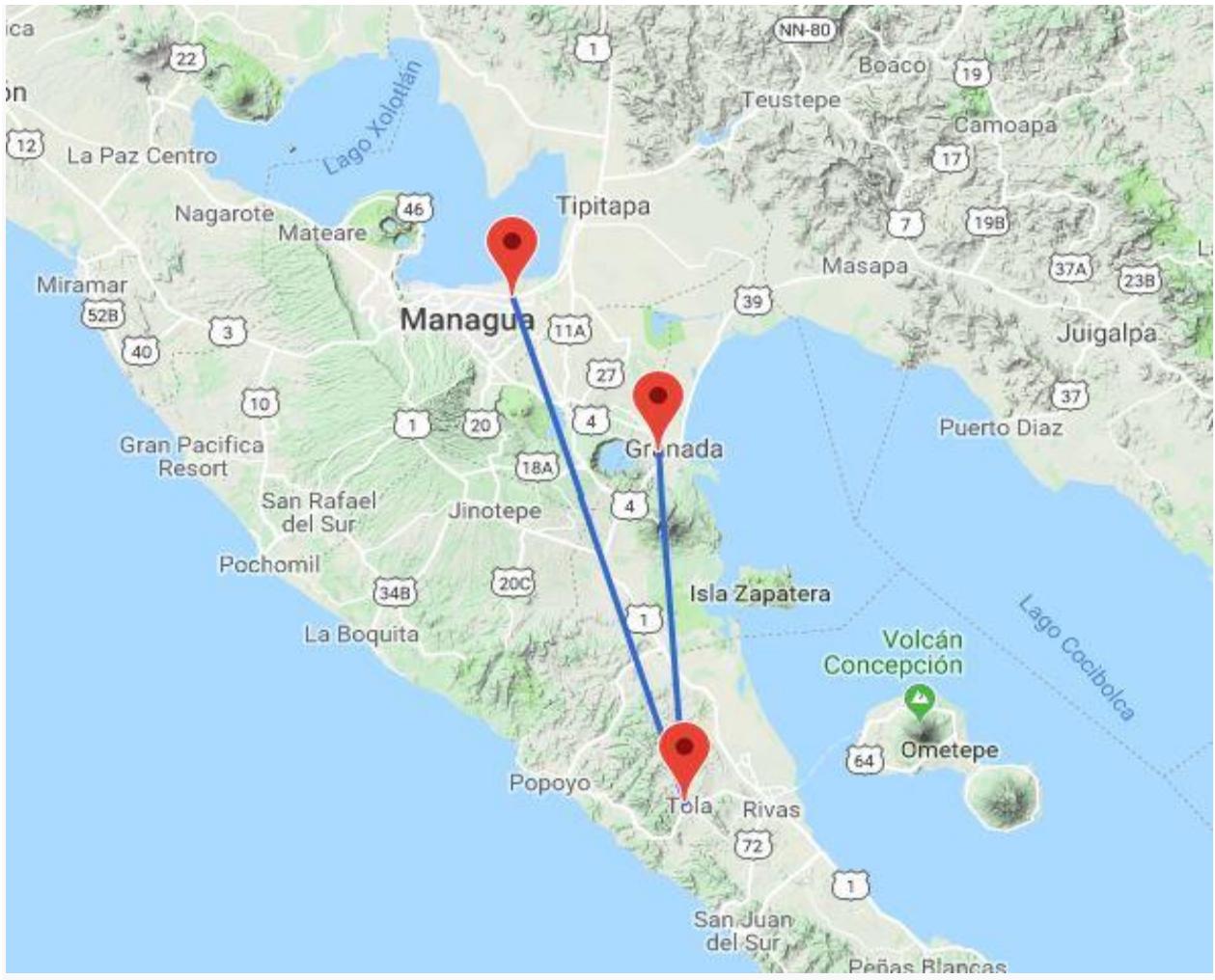
Solost is Bistro Bar offers eclectic cuisine for every palette. Fresh herbs, local fruit and vegetables are implemented in all dishes. The menu will always include a fresh catch of the day, the finest beef, poultry, as well as vegetarian and vegan dishes.

Other amenities offered by the hotel are yoga and surf board rental. The surf break is excellent, Playa Jiquelite hosted various international championships.

Rooms: Triple Room - Deluxe, Double Room – Deluxe



Day 6,7,8 Free Days.



Day 9

Your Nicaragua experience has come to an end. You are transferred to the Airport for your flight back home. We hope you enjoyed your time in Nicaragua!

Transfer: 00:00 - SoLost Playa Jiquelite Managua Airport Distance: 122 km. Road is in good condition. Average travel time: 3:45h

Drop off point: Managua Airport - International Flights

Upon arrival at the Augusto Cesar Sandino International Airport in Managua, head to the check-in counter. Pass through security and onward towards your gate and outbound international flight. If your departure tax is not included in your ticket, you will have to pay US\$ 42.00 per ticket. Facilities within the airport include a bank, restaurants, bars, post office, souvenir shops, duty free shops, and a VIP lounge.

Fundraiser: Per Person Sharing	\$ 500.00 Canadian Dollars
Tour	\$2000.00 Canadian Dollars

**Price is Subject to currency changes
30% deposit required upon confirmation

****The Maximum number that can be accommodated with this tour is 13.**

INCLUDED

- Meet & greet at Managua
- Information package with maps and a detailed itinerary
 - Lodgement at hotels as mentioned or similar
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch on: Day 1
 - Transfers with bottled water
 - Tours mentioned with an English-speaking guide + entrance fees.
 - VAT / taxes

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned
 - Migration fees
 - Personal expenses
- Optional tours/activities
 - Tips nor porters

Q – Who do I contact if I want to join a team or would have more questions?

A – Please contact Nigel Bragge at nbragge@savingthehungry.com