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# Mission Trip Guide



# NICARAGUA



Dear Mission TripFriends,

It is a great honor to have church groups and friends partner with Project 14 Global Missions for the purpose of serving the Nicaraguan people in this beautiful Central American nation. Quite frankly, a mission trip can positively change the entire spirit of a church and significantly impact the lives of those individuals who participate. We eagerly anticipate what the Lord is going to do through your efforts to make a difference in this world. The Bible tells us to "go", and you are to be applauded for prioritizing your calendar, energies, and resources toward this end.

Whether your group represents a men's work team, a group of families exploring Nicaragua for potential future ministry, or a youth group coming with eagerness to serve in multiple capacities, we welcome each of you with equal enthusiasm. Our team at P14GM desires your trip to be as efficient and effective as possible. No doubt, we both appreciate the effort it takes to run an event successfully with few difficulties, especially regarding foreign mission trips. Our commitment in this process is to get answers to your questions quickly, provide coaching and supervision when needed and requested, and do our best to help your team experience satisfaction on your trip.

Nicaragua is special to our hearts and efforts because it is where our primary focus is in relationship to building Global Bible University in Matagalpa to the north which will service Nicaraguan churches with an opportunity to send young people to a quality, affordable, four-year ministry college. Our southern campus gives opportunities for groups to minister to large groups in the Diriamba area.

Make sure to bathe your trip in prayer seeking God to provide opportunities to be a help to P14GM vision and goals, local churches throughout the country, and unbelievers who need to see genuine Christianity in the lives of your group. Pray for safety, sensitivity, souls, and service opportunities.

Our team will organize the details of your trip. They also brief the P14GM executive team on upcoming, ongoing, and current mission trips, projects, and issues. Along with all our partners, including our very capable Nicaraguan P14GM team and our board of directors, let me extend our gratefulness for your interest in this part of the world. God bless you and your efforts for His glory.

Ken McCoy  
Founder, Project 14 Global Missions  
2728 Marks Creek Road, Knightdale, NC 27545



# Reservation Form

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## Group Information

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone (Secondary): \_\_\_\_\_

Group Number, Ages, Males and Females: (Approx.; Final Number given later) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Travel Information

Arrival Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Preference:     North Campus, Matagalpa     South Campus, Diriamba

## Purpose

Please describe what your group would like to accomplish on this mission trip:

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## Agreement

By completing this form and returning it to Project 14 Global Missions, you agree to participate in a P14GM led missions' trip on the dates stated above.

**Please return this form to P14GM at:**

[info@p14gm.org](mailto:info@p14gm.org)

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@p14gm.org](mailto:info@p14gm.org)  
or call 919-679-3318

*We recommend groups confirm trip dates four months ahead of time.*

## Toiletries & Bedding

- Twin sheets & blanket (pillow provided)\**Leave as donation if you desire*
- Towel and washrag (2 each)\**Leave as donation if you desire*
- Medicines: pain reliever, antibacterial ointments, Band-aids, etc.
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shower soap
- Toilet paper/Tissue (This is provided at the Mission House, but public restrooms do not always provide it.)
- Lotion
- Q-Tips
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen

## Clothing

- Clothes for workdays: short sleeve shirts, knee-length shorts (2 outfits per day)
- Clothes for visitation days: skirts/dresses (ladies), polos (men)
- Sleeping clothes
- Light jacket
- Hat
- Closed toe shoes
- Flip flops for shower

## Miscellaneous

- Passport
- Refillable water bottle
- Bible
- Raincoat/umbrella
- Personal Snacks
- Souvenir money
- Garbage bag (for dirty clothes)
- Hard candy, toys, children's clothing (to hand out to villagers)

## Packing Suggestions

- Have a packing buddy! If you are able to share toiletries such as shampoo or bug spray with someone, you will save a lot of room and weight.
- Don't bring your best suitcase. Your luggage will be in many places, so bring the duffle bags you don't mind damaging.
- Have a day's worth of supplies in your carry on. While we don't want anyone's luggage lost or delayed, we want you to be prepared if it happened.
- Don't pack too much! You'll want to leave room for any souvenirs you may pick up.
- This list is not all-inclusive, so don't forget to bring anything that is specific to you, i.e. contacts, phone charger, etc.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **Do I need a valid U.S. passport?**

Yes. If you do not already have a current U.S. passport, you may obtain one by picking up the forms at certain branches of your local U.S. Post Office or visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/apply.html>.

It typically takes about six weeks to receive your passport and costs roughly \$135.

We highly recommend that you make a photocopy of your passport to bring with you and keep in a safe place separate from your original passport. It is also recommended that you leave another copy with someone at home with whom you can easily get in contact with while you are out of the country.

The P14GM North Property is located in Comunidad La Granja, Matagalpa, and the P14GM South Property is located in the province of Carazo.

## **What does the cost of the trip include?**

The cost of the P14GM missions trip includes accommodations, ground transportation, a translator and meals during the trip. Domestic and international airfare is additional. A P14GM team member may join your group for part or all of your trip, and there is no additional cost incurred with them.

## **Where will we stay?**

### North Property

P14GM has built a Mission House in Matagalpa, Nicaragua which houses up to 28 guests – 25 mission trip attendants, and 3 translators/drivers. This house has four bedrooms (each with their own restroom and shower), two living rooms, a kitchen, an outdoor dining area, and a full patio on the second floor. Other housing is currently being built to accommodate more guests.

You are responsible to bring any bedding you will need for a twin-size mattress. We recommend a fitted sheet, blanket, and pillowcase. If your group desires to donate gently used/new bedding or towels, P14GM would benefit from this.

### South Property

P14M has a campus located in southern Nicaragua in a town called Diriamba. This facility has the ability to house up to 150 people total with 2 separate male/female sleeping areas. This area has a full dining hall with indoor and outdoor seating.

## **Where will we eat?**

All meals will be prepared at the GBU dormitory by a local Nicaraguan cook. If you wish to eat at a restaurant, that will be an additional cost. If special food needs are required, please contact the Mission Event Coordinator.

Filtered water will be available for your team throughout the trip. We recommend that each person bring his or her own water bottle and refill it as needed. You are also encouraged to bring your own snacks, provided they are stored in airtight containers.

## Frequently Asked Questions cont.

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### **What kind of transportation is provided?**

Throughout your trip, you will be transported in an air-conditioned, clean, and comfortable van or bus, depending on the size of your group. A licensed and trained Nicaraguan driver from the rental company is included in the cost of the transportation, and he will stay and eat meals with your group.

### **What should I pack?**

For transportation concerns, and to avoid delays at the airports, we strongly recommend that you pack one carry-on bag as well as one small bag or suitcase.

### **Is insurance provided?**

You are responsible to purchase any travel insurance you wish to have. This may be done through online insurance companies such as Travel Guard for as little as \$35. If you purchase your tickets thru American Airlines, Allianz is also a great option.

### **What kind of clothing should I bring?**

We ask that all teams dress modestly while on a P14GM missions' trip. In deference to those we are ministering to in Nicaragua, we ask that knee-length shorts or loose-fitting pants be worn for workdays on the Mission House grounds or for sight-seeing, and skirts for ladies and polo shirts for men be worn for ministry days outside of the Mission House. It is advisable to wear lightweight clothes and closed-toe shoes throughout the trip.

### **What about my safety?**

Nicaragua is one of the safest countries in Latin America. Throughout your trip you will have a P14GM representative, translator, professional driver, and professional guards stationed at each campus. We have never experienced any problems bringing groups to Nicaragua; however, we do highly recommend that you leave all valuables at home and be discreet with the amount of money you choose to bring with you or publicly show.

### **What about prescriptions and vaccinations?**

There are no vaccinations required to enter Nicaragua. However, the tetanus shot is recommended, and you may want to request malaria tablets from your doctor before going on the trip. You will be responsible to bring any medications you may need during your stay.

### **How much money should I bring?**

United States currency is accepted at most locations in Nicaragua. You may wish to bring \$50-\$250 spending money as well as \$10 to get into Nicaragua. The currency conversion is one Nicaraguan dollar (Córdoba) to .04 US dollar (\$1 in USA = \$25.50 Nicaraguan). If you plan to bring cash, it is advisable to bring it in small bills.

Group leaders should plan to bring extra money for any incidentals that may arise with your group (spontaneous ice cream trip, forgotten toiletries, etc.) It is also recommended that you contact your credit card company before leaving the USA to confirm that your card will be usable in Nicaragua.

### **Is our group responsible for damages at the Mission House?**

We will never charge or collect money for damages. Although if something is broken because of negligence, we ask that mission teams provide funds to replace the broken item.

## Frequently Asked Questions cont.

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### **Can I bring anything to give away?**

Yes! We highly encourage groups to bring hard candies, small toys/trinkets, or children's clothing to give to villagers you will meet. Once you arrive in Nicaragua, the P14GM Nicaragua Operations Director will organize how you can give those items out.

### **What if I don't speak the language?**

The P14GM translator will be available to help you through any situations as well as translate conversations when applicable. We recommend that each member in your group learn basic words and phrases in Spanish. Of course, hugs, laughter, and smiles are universal in any language.

### **Are there emergency contact numbers?**

Yes. Emergency contacts as well as their phone numbers will be given to you before your trip, and a copy of emergency contacts is located at each campus as well. Throughout your trip, our Nicaraguan Operations Director will guide you, and he will have any information you may need as well.

### **What is the age limit?**

We ask that our mission trip guests be at least 16 years old. However, there is no age limit, and anyone who is in good health is welcome to join us in Nicaragua. Exceptions may be made for those younger than 16 if their parent or guardian accompanies them. Please contact our Mission Event Coordinator for more information.

### **What if I get hurt or sick?**

While the activities your group will participate provide little chance of you getting injured or sick, we do have access to private doctor clinics in both Managua and Matagalpa. For minor aches or scrapes, there are pharmacies that provide medications found in the USA.

### **Is there anything I should do when the trip is done?**

Yes! We would love to see any pictures or hear interesting stories from your trip. We would specifically love to hear any testimonies of what God did in your life during your time in Nicaragua. These can all be sent to the P14GM office at [info@p14gm.org](mailto:info@p14gm.org).

### **Can our group do anything before or after our trip to help P14GM?**

Yes! Your group can raise funds for a project or person with P14GM and bring those funds with you to give out when you arrive. You are also welcome to take an offering or leave your unused Nicaraguan money (Córdoba) and designate that to the general fund or to a specific need in Nicaragua.

### **What is the process from leaving the USA to arriving in Nicaragua?**

Before you arrive in Nicaragua your flight attendant will give each passenger two documents: Nicaragua Customs Declaration & Immigration Registration Entry/Exit Card. Everyone is required to fill out the Immigration Registration Entry/Exit Card, but only one person in each family is required to fill out the Nicaragua Customs Declaration (family members should go through Immigration and Customs together). On these cards you should mark that you are tourists, and you are staying in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

## Frequently Asked Questions cont.

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Once you land in Nicaragua you will go through Immigration and pay \$10 for a Tourist Card to enter Nicaragua. You will also receive an 'entrance pass', which you must present upon exiting the country. Keep any documentation they give you in your passport, as you will be required to provide it to officials upon exiting Nicaragua.

Once you have passed through Immigration, you will then collect your luggage. **You must present the luggage ticket stub you received from the airline counter in America to receive your luggage.** There are security personnel who will check each bag to make sure the tags on the luggage match the ticket you give them. Luggage assistance personnel are available to help you. Remember they expect a tip for this help.

After you have collected your luggage, you will then go through Customs where your luggage will be scanned in a machine, and you will turn in your Nicaragua Customs Declaration. Once this is completed, you will officially enter Nicaragua where the P14GM Nicaragua Operations Director will be waiting for you!



# Sample Schedule

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This is a sample schedule of what your group may do in Nicaragua. Similar activities will be available at both campuses but in different settings, cities, and people. Specific details and events will be finalized with the Nicaragua Operations Director.

## **Day 1**

Arrive in Managua, Nicaragua  
Head to Matagalpa/Mission House  
Arrive and unpack  
Evangelize and invite for activity  
Dinner  
Welcome Meeting and Devotional

## **Day 2**

Personal Devotion  
Breakfast  
Tour of Property  
Children Activity  
Lunch  
Matagalpa Dump  
Church Service  
Dinner  
Devotional

## **Day 3**

Personal Devotion  
Breakfast  
Waterfall Activity  
Lunch  
Evangelize Downtown Matagalpa  
Church Service  
Dinner  
Devotional

## **Day 4**

Personal Devotion  
Breakfast  
Pack and clean  
Local School Activity  
Lunch  
Depart/arrive in Diriamba  
Welcome Meeting  
Dinner  
Devotional

## **Day 5**

Personal Devotion  
Breakfast  
Church Project  
Lunch  
Excursions (optional)  
Dinner  
Devotional

## **Day 6 (Sunday)**

Personal Devotion  
Breakfast  
Church Service  
Lunch  
Church Service(s)  
Dinner  
Devotional

## **Day 7**

Personal Devotion  
Breakfast  
Church Project  
Lunch  
Diriamba Dump  
Children's Hospital  
Dinner  
Devotional

## **Day 8**

Personal Devotion  
Breakfast  
Pack  
Leave for Managua  
Depart for USA

## **Feedings**

The community of Cristo Rey is located about 30 minutes outside of the capitol city, Managua. And the Matagalpa dump is located near the Mission House in Matagalpa. These communities are very poor and are built next to the large city dumps that are continually burning the trash that is deposited there daily. Many residents, adults and children alike, visit the dump every day to find metals, plastic, and other items they can salvage to make money with. Due to the poor conditions and lack of money and food, many of the people you will see have blonde highlights in their hair because of malnutrition.

We take groups to the Cristo Rey, Matagalpa, and Diriamba dumpsites to feed the people, share a Gospel story, and play with the children. This is a fun and eye-opening experience to participate in. If you know how to smile, laugh, and do basic sign language/Spanish the kids will love you – they'll love you even more if you play soccer!

## **Feeding families at the Children's Hospital**

There is only one Children's Hospital located in the country of Nicaragua, and this hospital has limited housing for families to stay in while their children are being treated. Due to the lack of space, many families are forced to sleep outside and go without food while they are there.

We take groups to the hospital, where you will have the opportunity to feed families and someone will share a gospel presentation. On some occasions, groups are permitted to go inside the hospital and visit the children, pray with them, and give them toys and candy. However, due to the nature of the hospital not every group is allowed to do this.

## **School Visits to la Granja Community & Matagalpa Elementary & High Schools**

We are able to visit the schools in Matagalpa and the la Granja community to teach Bible stories, do crafts, lead game activities, and play with the younger children there. Here you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one interaction with students.

## **Support Local Churches with Outreach Programs.**

We desire to help churches grow in their faith and in numbers by supporting them in outreach into their communities. Your group will have the opportunity to partner with local churches and/or church plants to help them as they have ministry in their towns. You will be able to help in different programs such as:

Sports: Baseball league, soccer league, etc.

Music: You can help develop their choir or teach them how to play an instrument.

Outreach Meeting in Public Areas: Passing out tracts, Bible stories, preaching

English Class: Your team can come specifically to teach free English classes

Children's meetings: VBS, etc.

## **Construction Projects**

Your group could also help with construction projects at Global Bible University or at local churches. These projects could range anywhere from remodeling a church room to building tables and benches for seating. We also seek to be a blessing to the community in Matagalpa/Diriamba and to needy families who are unable to fix issues around their homes. Some projects would include:

Churches: remodeling, painting, building furniture, etc.

Community: Little houses, roofing, painting, etc.

GBU Property: faculty houses, foundation, walls, landscape, etc.



# Individual Information

**Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size(Adult/Unisex): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Single  Married: Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Passport Information

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date/Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

## In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical History:

Do you have any limitations? If yes, explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of your last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medications you currently take and the reason:

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have allergies (food, drugs, other)? If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Medications used to treat allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be filled out for each individual participating in a P14GM led Mission Trip. A copy of each form is to be sent to P14GM at least one week before the scheduled trip.



# Adult Consent

## Release, Hold Harmless, and Indemnify

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that participating in the Project 14 Global Missions trip to Nicaragua involves certain risks and that injury, death or other harm (including damage to property) could occur to me. By participating in this mission trip, I hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of injuries, whether caused by negligence or otherwise. I, on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns, executors and administrators, hereby RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY Project 14 Global Missions and its staff, volunteers, employees, board members, and affiliates from and against any and all liability, claims, damages, causes of action, loss, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney fees) for injuries arising out of or connected with the Mission Trip, including traveling to and from the location(s) of the Mission Trip. I assume all risk of sickness, death, or personal injury, and damage to or loss of my personal property, and any delay, change or cancellation of travel arrangements, and all other damage or expenses I may suffer as a result of participation in this mission trip or in activities related to it. I fully agree to be responsible for my actions and will pay all costs involved should I become ill or injured or suffer other damage to my possessions or myself. I also agree to allow Project 14 Global Missions use of any photographs, videos, or recordings I am in.

## Medical Authorization

If, while participating in the Mission Trip, I require emergency medical treatment, I hereby give my consent for any emergency medical care to be rendered as may be deemed necessary by any duly licensed physician or dentist. I hereby give my permission to Project 14 Global Missions to obtain the emergency medical treatment at any hospital, clinic, or other health care provider as may be deemed appropriate. In these circumstances, I hereby request and authorize any duly licensed physicians, dentists and staff, or other licensed technicians or nurses, to perform any diagnostic procedures, treatment procedures, operative procedures and x-ray treatment as may be necessary, including but not limited to medical transport, hospital tests, injections, anesthesia, surgery, and administration of prescription drugs. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes from any Medical Contacts provided by Project 14 Global Missions. I agree to assume and pay for all costs of such emergency medical treatment.

Participant Print Name

Date

Participant Signature

Date

Witness Print Name

Date

Witness Signature

Date

This form must be signed and returned to the Project 14 Global Missions office in order for you to participate in the mission trip.



# Parental Consent

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## **Release, Hold Harmless, and Indemnify**

I, (We) the undersigned, acknowledge that participating in the Project 14 Global Missions trip to Nicaragua involves certain risks and that injury, death or other harm (including damage to property) could occur to my (our) child. By allowing my (our) child to participate in this mission trip, I (we) hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of Injuries, whether caused by negligence or otherwise. I (We) hereby RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY Project 14 Global Missions and its staff, volunteers, employees, board members, and affiliates from and against any and all liability, claims, damages, causes of action, loss, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney fees) for Injuries to my (our) child arising out of or connected with the Mission Trip, including traveling to and from the location(s) of the Mission Trip. I (We) assume all risk of sickness, death, or personal injury, and damage to or loss of my (our) child and my (our) child's personal property, and any delay, change or cancellation of travel arrangements, and all other damage or expenses my (our) child may suffer as a result of participation in this mission trip or in activities related to it. I (We) fully agree to be responsible for my (our) child's actions and will pay all costs involved should my (our) child become ill or injured or suffer other damage. I (We) also agree to allow Project 14 Global Missions use of any photographs, videos, or recordings of my (our) child.

## **Medical Authorization**

If, while participating in the Mission Trip, my (our) child requires emergency medical treatment, I (we) hereby give my (our) consent for any emergency medical care to be rendered as may be deemed necessary by any duly licensed physician or dentist. I (We) hereby give my (our) permission to Project 14 Global Missions to obtain the emergency medical treatment at any hospital, clinic, or other health care provider as may be deemed appropriate. In these circumstances, I (we) hereby request and authorize any duly licensed physicians, dentists and staff, or other licensed technicians or nurses, to perform any diagnostic procedures, treatment procedures, operative procedures and x-ray treatment as may be necessary, including but not limited to medical transport, hospital tests, injections, anesthesia, surgery, and administration of prescription drugs. I (We) agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes from any Medical Contacts provided by Project 14 Global Missions. I (We) agree to assume and pay for all costs of such emergency medical treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This form must be signed and returned to the Project 14 Global Missions office in order for your child to participate in the mission trip.

# Nicaragua Fact Sheet

## Nicaragua is . . .

- Roughly the size of New York and is the largest but most sparsely populated country in Central America. About 70% of the people live on roughly 20% of the land.
- Bordered on the north by Honduras and by Costa Rica to the south.
- The poorest country in Central America and the second poorest in the Western Hemisphere. On average, a person will make \$24 per week.
- Often referred to as the 'Land of Lakes and Volcanoes'.
- Known for their crops: coffee, bananas, sugarcane, cotton, rice, corn, and sesame.
- A large producer of coffee. Over 40,000 families work their own farms, and there are around 300,000 people cultivating coffee throughout the country.
- An independent, democratic republic.
- Increasing their education system, elementary and high school education are free and mandatory.
- Home to the largest body of freshwater in Central America – Lago de Nicaragua – or Lake Nicaragua.
- Tropical in nature and has two seasons, the dry and the rainy.



**Language**

Spanish

**Religion**

Catholic 73%  
Evangelical 17%  
Other 10%

**Currency**

Córdoba

**Population**

5,500,000+

**Life Expectancy**

72 years

**Capital**

Managua

# Nicaragua Fact Sheet

## Interesting to Note . . .

- Due to the rainforest climate in much of Nicaragua, many exotic animals are found there, such as toucans, monkeys, boa constrictors, wild boars, sloths, and jaguars.
- The only freshwater lake where sharks have been found to live is Lake Managua. They enter by traveling up the Rio San Juan river from the Atlantic Ocean.
- Swordfish larger than sixteen feet have been caught in Lake Nicaragua.
- You can view 86 of the 88 constellations from Nicaragua.
- There are over 50 volcanoes in Nicaragua, and 7 of them are active. Some volcanoes still smoke, while others have had their top blown off from violent eruptions and now hold lakes and lagoons.
- While being one of the poorest countries, Nicaragua has been ranked as the second safest country in Latin America.
- Over 50% of Nicaraguans are under the age of 25.
- Nicaragua is home to León and Granada. These two cities are among the oldest European settlements in the Western Hemisphere.

## You Should Know . . .

- P14GM's Mission House is located in Matagalpa, which is two hours northwest of the capital city of Managua.
- Matagalpa is situated in a rainforest, and you will have the chance to see tropical plants, flowers, trees, and fruits near the Mission House.
- In addition to the tropical foliage you can see in Matagalpa, there are parakeets that regularly fly overhead of the Mission House, beautiful butterflies that grace the property, monkeys howling in the rainforest, and you may have the rare opportunity to see a sloth!
- Our southern campus is near the city of Diriamba where it is close to the coast. An active volcano is close enough to visit as well.



## **North Property - Matagalpa**

- Mostly paved roads
- Housing for 40
- Near center of Nicaragua
- Lots of volunteer opportunities with feeding the poor, fixing the facilities, and training people
- Good for smaller groups
- Primarily Spanish speaking employees
- Global Bible University
- 60-85 degrees
- Mountains and hiking
- 20 minutes from town
- 2 hours from Managua
- 30 acres

## **South Property - Diriamba**

- All paved road
- Housing for 150
- Near Costa Rica
- Diriamba is an old town with average hotels
- Lots of volunteer opportunities with feeding the poor, fixing the facilities, and training people
- Good for large groups
- Primarily bilingual employees
- 70-100 degrees
- Flat and near the Pacific Ocean
- 2 hours from Managua
- 28 acres



## Immigration for Nicaragua

You will receive this document (or one similar) on your flight to Nicaragua and present it when going through Immigration in Nicaragua. Your 'Travel Purpose' is **Tourism**. And your 'Foreseen Address' is **Comunidad La Granja, Matagalpa, Nicaragua**.

**SISTEMA DE LA INTEGRACIÓN CENTROAMERICANA (SICA)**  
**COMISIÓN CENTROAMERICANA DE DIRECTORES DE MIGRACIÓN (OCAMI)**

**REGISTRO MIGRATORIO**  
**TARJETA DE INGRESO/EGRESO**

LLENAR DE ACUERDO CON EL DOCUMENTO DE VIAJE USANDO LETRA DE MOLDE. FILL OUT IN BLOCK LETTER ACCORDING TO TRAVEL DOCUMENT

1 APELLIDOS / Surnames: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

2 NOMBRES / Names: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 DOCUMENTO DE VIAJE N° / Travel Document Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PASAPORTE / Passport:  TIPO DE PASAPORTE / Type of Passport:  ORD.  OFIC.  DPL.  OTRO

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4 NACIONALIDAD / Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 PROFESIÓN U OFICIO / Profession or trade: \_\_\_\_\_

6 FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / Date of birth: DIA / Day \_\_\_\_\_ MES / Month \_\_\_\_\_ AÑO / Year \_\_\_\_\_ 7 SEXO / Sex:  F  M

8 PAÍS DE NACIMIENTO / Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 PAÍS DE RESIDENCIA / Country of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

10 MOTIVO DE VIAJE / Travel purpose:  TURISMO / Tourism  OFICIAL / Official  RESIDENCIA / Residence  TRÁNSITO / Transit  NEGOCIOS / Business  OTRO / Other \_\_\_\_\_

11 DIRECCIÓN PREVISTA / Foreseen Address: \_\_\_\_\_

12 NÚMERO DE VUELO / Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRADA / Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ SALIDA / Exit: \_\_\_\_\_

13 PAÍS DE PROCEDENCIA / Departure Country: \_\_\_\_\_ 14 PAÍS DE DESTINO / Destination Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Customs Declaration

You will receive this document or one similar on your flight into Nicaragua and at the airport in Nicaragua prior to your flight back to the USA. You present it when going through Customs. Only one form needs to be filled out per family, and family members (brother/sister, father/son, husband/wife, etc.) should plan to go through Customs together.

**DECLARACIÓN DE VIAJERO**  
**TRAVELER'S DECLARATION**

ENTRADA / ENTRY 
SALIDA / EXIT

**TODO VIAJERO O JEFE DE FAMILIA QUE INGRESE O SALGA DEL PAÍS DEBE LLENAR UNA DECLARACIÓN**  
**ALL TRAVELERS OR HEAD OF FAMILY TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE COUNTRY MUST COMPLETE A DECLARATION**

**Nombre Completo**  
Name

**Apellidos (Last Names)**

**Nacionalidad**  
Nationality

**Documento de viaje No.**  
Traveling Document No.

**País de Residencia**  
Country of Residence

**País de Procedencia**  
Country of Departure

**Empresa y número vuelo/Nombre de la embarcación/N° de Matriculación del vehículo**  
Airline and Flight N° / Vessel Name / Vehicle license N°

**Número de familiares que viajan con Ud.**  
Number of relatives traveling with you

**¿Lleva animales vivos, plantas o productos alimenticios? / Are you carrying live animals, plants or fresh food?**

**¿Lleva consigo dinero en efectivo, títulos valores, objetos, metales preciosos o una combinación de estos por un valor igual o superior a US\$ 10,000.00? / Are you carrying cash, securities, objects, precious metals or a combination of these equal or greater than US\$ 10,000.00?**

Indique el valor total del dinero en efectivo / Indicate the total value of cash:

Indique el valor total del título valor / Indicate the total value of the Title:

Indique el valor total de los metales preciosos / Indicate the total value of the precious metals:

**¿Lleva (n) mercancías distintas del equipaje? / Brings goods different of the baggage?**

Descripción de las mercancías / Description of goods	Valor en US\$ / Value in US\$	Uso oficial / Official use

Valor total / Total value

**¿Ha visitado algún otro país en los últimos 30 días? / Have you visited others countries during the last 30 days?**

**¿Ha presentado alguno de los siguientes síntomas en los últimos 30 días? (Marque con una "X") / Have you had any of the following signs or symptoms in the last 30 days? (Check with "X")**

Síntomas y signos / Signs and symptoms	SI	No	Síntomas y signos / Signs and symptoms	SI	No
1 Fiebre alta / High fever	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Otros síntomas / Others signs and symptoms:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Diarrea persistente / Persistent Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Información de contacto para casos de emergencia / Contact information for emergencies.**

**Número telefónico convencional o celular Nicaragua / Phone number in Nicaragua.**

**Declaro que he leído y comprendido las instrucciones impresas al dorso y que los datos de esta declaración SON CIERTOS. / I declare that I have read and understood the instructions on the back of this declaration, and the information provided IS TRUE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRMA / SIGNATURE

Fecha de entrada/Salida  
Date of entry or exit

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
D/D M/M A/Y

**INSTRUCCIONES**

- Cada viajero o jefe de familia deberá llenar esta declaración en letra legible, sin omitir ninguna casilla, la firmará declarando que los datos son ciertos y la entregará al funcionario de Aduana en el Módulo de Control Aduanero.
- EFECTUAR PERSONALES EXENTOS DEL PAGO DE IMPUESTOS:
  - Prendas de vestir, artículos de aseo y de uso personal como alhajas, cartera, bolso de mano, paraguas, medicamentos, alimentos especiales y pañales para niños o adultos enfermos, aparatos ortopédicos o de uso terapéutico, artículos deportivos, juguetes para niños, silla de ruedas si el pasajero es inválido. Dos kilogramos de golosinas. Todas estas mercancías en cantidades proporcionales a las condiciones personales del viajero.
  - Una computadora personal, una máquina de escribir, una calculadora, un instrumento musical, todos portátiles, libros manuscritos, fotografías sin carácter comercial, herramientas e instrumentos del arte, objeto o profesión propios del viajero, siempre que no constituyan equipos completos para la instalación de oficinas, talleres, laboratorios o similares.
  - Si el pasajero es mayor de veintiocho años podrá ingresar veinte cajetillas de veinte cigarrillos cada una, una caja de tabacos tipo habanos cuyo contenido no sea superior a veinticinco unidades, quinientos gramos de tabaco para pipa o para mastigar y cinco litros de bebidas alcohólicas.
- Mercancías distintas al equipaje hasta por un valor máximo de US\$ 500.00 (Quinientos Dólares de los Estados Unidos de América) o su equivalente en otras monedas, siempre que hubiese permanecido en el exterior del país al menos 72 horas.
- Todo pasajero podrá introducir al país mercancías distintas al equipaje, cuyo valor en aduana no exceda los US\$ 2,000.00 (Dos mil Dólares de los Estados Unidos de América), sin utilizar los servicios de un agente o agencia aduanera, pagando los tributos, impuestos y derechos que correspondan a cada caso. Estas mercancías no podrán ser importadas en cantidades comerciales y su importación podrá estar sujeta a restricciones y regulaciones no arancelarias. Cuando el valor de las mercancías exceda los US\$ 2,000.00 (Dos mil dólares de los Estados Unidos de América), se requerirá de un agente o agencia aduanera para su despacho.
- Para la introducción de armas, municiones, algunos productos químicos, ciertos alimentos frescos, animales vivos, plantas, sus productos y sub-productos requieren permisos especiales que no son otorgados por la Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros. Consulte a los funcionarios de Aduana antes de presentar su declaración si tiene dudas al respecto.
- El no llenar correctamente esta declaración, hacer declaraciones falsas o incompletas ocasionará la aplicación de multas y sanciones que podrán incluir la incautación de sus pertenencias y la acusación ante los tribunales de justicia por el delito de Contrabando y Defraudación Aduanera.
- Si en el transcurso de treinta días calendario, un mismo viajero ingresa o sale del territorio aduanero nacional, a través de un puesto de control de fronteras, en la vía aérea, terrestre o marítima, y periódicamente ha trasladado dinero en efectivo, títulos valores o metales preciosos con valores inferiores a los US\$ 10,000.00 (Diez mil Dólares de los Estados Unidos de América), este deberá elaborar una declaración aduanera, cuando al ingresar o salir del territorio aduanero nacional, la suma de tales valores alcance o supere los US\$ 10,000.00 (Diez mil Dólares de los Estados Unidos de América).

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Each traveler or head of family must fill out this customs declaration in clear handwriting, without leaving blank any of the required information. Then it must be signed, declaring that the stated information is true and hand it to a Customs Officer at the Customs Control Module.
- EVERY PASSENGER AT THE MOMENT OF ENTERING THE COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO BRING TAX FREE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
  - Clothing garments, personal appliances (bathroom and toiletries) and personal items such as jewelry, purses, handbags, umbrellas, medicine, special food and medical equipment for children or sick people, orthopedic or therapeutic personal equipment, children's toys, wheelchair if the traveler is disabled. Up to two kilograms of candies. All this merchandise in proportional quantities to the traveler's personal conditions.
  - One personal computer, one typewriter, one calculator, one musical instrument, art portables; original handwritten material and photographic pictures with no commercial value, tools or utensil related to the passenger's art, occupation or profession that don't form part of a complete equipment for workshops, offices, laboratories or similar.
  - If the passenger is over 21 years old, the tax free introduction of the following is permitted: twenty packs (of twenty units each) of cigarettes, a box of cigars (habanos) containing no more than twenty five units, five hundred grams of processed tobacco and five liters of any alcoholic beverage.
  - Furthermore, all passenger that have spent at least 72 hours off the country acquire the right to an exception of a maximum of US\$ 500.00 (Five hundred US dollars).
- Each passenger has the right to bring into the country goods different from their baggage, as long as the value does not exceed US\$ 2,000.00 (Two thousand US dollars) without having a customs agent or customs agency and paying the corresponding duties, taxes and rights according to each particular case. This goods is not allowed to be imported in commercial quantities, otherwise its importation will be object of non tariff restriction and regulations. In case the goods exceeds the US\$ 2,000.00 (Two thousand US dollars) limit, a customs agent or agency is obligatory for its clearance.
- For the introduction of weapons, ammunitions, some chemical products, some fresh food, live animals and plants, their products or sub products special permits are required. These special permits are not authorized by the Nicaraguan Customs Administration, and should be obtained in the corresponding public institution at the moment of introducing the goods. Please consult with a customs agent or customs agency before handling in this customs declaration in case of any doubt.
- You must fill out completely the present customs declaration. The omission of a declaration or a false declaration will originate fees and sanctions that could include the decomposition of your goods and accusations before national courts of justice under the Felony of Customs Fraud and Smuggling.
- If within thirty days calendar, the same traveler enters or exits the national customs territory through a customs border checkpoint, and periodically has carried cash, securities or precious metals, for an amount less than US\$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars), the traveler must make a customs declaration when the sum of these values equals or exceeds US\$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars).

**Si tiene dudas sobre lo que debe reportar o declarar consulte a un funcionario de Aduana antes de presentar su declaración. / If you have any questions about what must be reported or declared, ask a customs officer before presenting this declaration.**

**Llevar consigo dinero, sin importar su cantidad es legal, sin embargo, no declararlo constituye delito. / Bring money, regardless of the amount is legal, however, failure to report the total amount is a crime.**

**Si Ud. presenta algún síntoma de los indicados, puede llamar a los números de teléfonos siguientes: 2251-5538, 2251-5866. CEL: 82396905 (CLARO) 89794379 (MOVISTAR) no habrá retención migratoria. Vigilancia epidemiológica, Ministerio de Salud, SILAIS Managua 24 horas al día. If you have had, or have, any of these signs or symptoms, you can call the following telephone numbers 2251-5538, 2251-5866. CEL PHONE: 82396905 - 89794379. They won't be any immigrations retention, Epidemiological surveillance of the Ministry of Health, SILAIS Managua 24 hours a day.**

We encourage everyone going to Nicaragua to learn at least a few phrases in Spanish so they will be able to communicate, at least a little bit, with the people there. While this list is not an all-inclusive list, these phrases will help you communicate on a basic level with the Nicaraguans. You can also use [translate.google.com](http://translate.google.com) to hear how the phrases sound in Spanish or to learn other phrases.

**Por favor**

*Por fah-bor*  
Please

**(Muchas) Gracias**

*(moo-chahs) grah-see-ahs*  
Thank you (very much)

**De nada**

*Day nah-dah*  
You're welcome

**Con permiso**

*Kohn pehr-mee-soh*  
Excuse me

**Como te llamas**

*Koh-moh tay yah-mahs*  
What is your name

**Mellamo**

*May yah-moh*  
My name is

**Mucho gusto**

*Moo-choh goo-stah*  
Nice to meet you

**(No) Entiendo**

*Noh ehn-tyen-doh*  
I (don't) understand

**Como**

*Koh-moh*  
What? Pardon me?

**Que le vaya bien**

*keh leh vah-yah bee-ehn*  
Have a nice day

**Hola**

*o la*  
Hello

**Buenos dias**

*bwe nos deeas*  
Good morning

**Buenas tardes**

*bwe nas tardes*  
Good afternoon

**Buenas Noches**

*bwe nas no chess*  
Good evening

**Adios**

*A dee yose*  
Goodbye

**Lo siento**

*lo see yen tow*  
I'm sorry

**Dios te Bendigo**

*Dee yos tay ben dee go*  
God bless you