



# STEPH'S QUICK BUDGET FACT SHEET

## NICARAGUA – MANAGUA

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Managua
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Sq km:** 544
- ✓ **Population:** 2,224,000
- ✓ **Currency:** Cordobas / Dollars
- ✓ **Country code:** +505
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 118
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Malaria prevention



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

1522: Country named after Indian chief Nicarao (by Gonzalez). '24: Granada/León founded by Cordoba. 1821: Independent from Spain. '23: United Provinces of Central America independent from Mexico / '38: fully independent. '55: William Walker in Granada →'56: Battle of Rivas/San Jacinto→'57: Walker pres.: Slavery/ planned canal →'57: defeated by Costa Rican army, executed. 1900: US/UK signed Hay-Pauncefote Treaty: canal rights (expired in '71).'09: US invasion. '12: Civil War (Managua destroyed). '27: Pres. Diaz allows US intervention →Sandino's 5-year war against US occupation / Moncada pres. '31: Earthquake Managua (12000 death). '36: Begin Somoza family presidents. '41: Enters WWII. 49: Friendship treaty Costa Rica (borders). '61: Sandinista front against US-backed dictatorship Somoza's→ '78 attacked/captured León: Somoza starts bombing, tortures/killings. '79: Pres resigned, Sandinista government. '80: Contra rebellion US (financed by drug money).'81: Indigenous Miskitos search autonomy & join Contra rebellion. '84: Ortega pres. '87: Failed US-Nica peace negotiation. '87: Brunei helps Contra. '88: Hurricanes start. '90: Chamorro pres. (non-Sadinista). '97: Aleman pres. '02: Ortega again pres. '04: Free trade pact US CAFTA. '06: Nica wants to built canal (rights in '13: China).

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dry												
Wet												
Best												

Altitude: 55m. Climate: Tropical savannah.

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Head to Parque Central and Plaza de la Revolucion for some nice landmarks: Antigua Catedral (old one), Palacio Nacional, Casa de los Pueblos and the 'eternal flame'. Occasionally free folk dancing shows.
- ☺ Visit the Catedral Metropolitana Immaculada Concepcion de Maria.
- ☺ Go to Puerto Salvador Allende for some lake views.
- ☺ Visit the market to get to the core of true Nicaraguan culture... watch your bag though!

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 Go up to the Mirador (Parque Historico Nacional Loma de Tiscapa) for some refreshing views over the town, surrounding lakes and volcanoes.
- 👉 Museums: [Palacio Nacional de la Cultura](#), [Galeria Codice](#), Galeria Praxis, Huellas de Acahualinca.
- 👉 Surrounding nature: Tiscapa Lagoon, Momotambo volcano.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Pandora Hostel, +50557212528, 1 block south & 1 block east from Ticabus.
- ❖ Lost Inn Managua Hostel, +50522780155, Km 4.5 carretera to Masaya, Tip Tio 2 blocks west.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

## Knowledge I'm Taking Home

- 📖 Hable español: [Viva Spanish School](#).
- 📖 Dance like a Latino: [Studio Bailalo](#).

## Festivals

- ☼ Holy week: Religion, Apr.
- ☼ Santo Domingo de Guzman: Folkore, 1-Aug.
- ☼ Independence festivities: 14-15-Sept.

## Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Puerto Salvador Allende, 1177 Paseo Xolotlán.
- ◆ Broder, Plaza Eclipse, Pista Juan Pablo II.
- ◆ El Caramanchel, Bolonia, 12066.

## ... Seated Down

- ◆ [Teatro Nacional Ruben Dario](#), Barrio Ruben Dario.
- ◆ [Teatro Justo Rufino Garay](#), 3 blocks lower from de Montaya statue, nex to Parque Las Palmas.
- ◆ Cinemark, Metrocentro.

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Markets: Mercado Oriental (Barrio Los Angeles).
- ⌘ Cheaper supermarket: (Maxi)Palí.
- ⌘ Nicaragua's streetfood: Nacatamales, (corn dough with meat), tortilla, mais, vigaron (yuca/pork/salad), baho (yuca/beef/plantain /salad), gallo pinto (rice & beans), quesillo (tortilla with melted cheese & pineapple), tajadas (deepried plantain chips), hamburger, hot dog.

## Free-Riding?

- Managua is big and everything is far. There is no real centre, everything exists of big streets with (unsafe) sidewalks. It's better to use public transport during the day and take a cab at night. It's too hot to walk anyway.
- City buses go anywhere in Managua and are dirt cheap. Ask locals which one to take if you're confused. You need a pass (*tarjeta*), but you can also ask a local to swipe and pay him/her. Intercity buses leave from Mercado Roberto Huembes (to the south), Mercado Mayoreo (to the north), Mercado Israel Lewites (to the west) and the UCA station (Recommended! Minibuses). International destinations are served by [Tica Bus](#).
- Biking is not recommended in Managua's traffic.
- Taxi's are quite pricy compared to buses and take your precautions. Foreigner = money, which can attract robbers. Use only the official, red cabs.

Tip: Download the free Triposo Nicaragua app for an offline map, offline guide & more. Load Google Maps when you have wifi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.

## Next?

- ➔ In Nicaragua: Granada, Masaya, Leon, Rivas, the coast, Moyogalpa, Esteli.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador.

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