



# STEPH'S QUICK BUDGET FACT SHEET

## NICARAGUA – RIVAS

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Managua
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Sq km:** 281
- ✓ **Population:** ± 42,400
- ✓ **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												
Budget	no	specific	high	or	low	season						

Altitude: 69m. Climate: Tropical savannah.

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Go for a tour around time and check out the central park and churches: Parroquial de San Pedro & San Francisco.
- ☺ Visit the cemetery and enjoy the view of Isla de Ometepe on top of the hill.
- ☺ Visit the local market for some authentic culture.

### Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hospedaje Lidia, +50525633477, 3ra calle n/e.
- ❖ Hospedaje Dalinky, +50589121205, 200m este de Puerto San Jorge.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 Museum: [Museo de Antropologia](#).

### Tourist Trap Alert

☹ Avoid San Juan Del Sur. It's everything Nicaragua is not.

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Markets: Surrounding the bus station you can find the market. Great for cheap fruits, rice, beans and cheese.
- ⌘ Cheaper supermarket: 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 (deepfried plantain chips), hamburger, hot dog.

## Festivals

- ⊗ Holy week: Religion, Apr.
- ⊗ Fiesta Day: Folkore, 1-Aug.
- ⊗ La Gritería: Religion, 7-Dec.

## Next?

- ➔ In Costa Rica: Ometepe, Granada, Volcán Mombacho, the coast.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador.

## Knowledge I'm Taking Home

📖 Hable español: [Sol del Sur](#).

## Mama Said

- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Smartphones are popular.
- ☠ Locals don't walk around at night, not even the smallest distances. With a reason.
- ☠ Be careful with taxi's, only use the official one with authorized drivers.

## Free-Riding?

- In the centre everything is walkable. Don't walk on the streets at night.
- Buses go from the market and have their destination displayed on the front. Ask locals which one to take if you're confused.
- Bicycle taxi's bring you everywhere in the centre if it's too hot to walk. Negotiate the price up front.
- Taxi's are quite expensive and take your precautions. Foreigner = money, which can attract robbers. Use only the official, red cabs. Negotiate the price up front.

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.

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