

Hiking in Costa Rica and Nicaragua

COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA - TRIP CODE NCR

WALKING AND TREKKING

Why book this trip?

This walking holiday in Central American journeys through the contrasting countries of Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Hike up volcanoes, discover remote waterfalls and explore the tropical forests, seeing the diverse wildlife living in the tree tops.

- **Isla Ometepe** - Experience the laid back atmosphere of this island in the middle of Lake Nicaragua
- **Arenal Volcano** - Hike in the tropical forest around this striking volcano
- **Leon and Granada** - Explore these beautiful colonial cities



INCLUDED MEALS
Breakfast: 14



TRIP STAFF
Explore Tour Leader
Boat Crew
Driver(s)
Local Guide(s)



TRANSPORT
Bus
4WD
Ferry



ACCOMMODATION
9 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights premium hotel
2 nights comfortable lodge



WALKING GRADE:
Moderate



GROUP SIZE:
10 - 16

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip in San Jose

Our trip begins in San Jose, Costa Rica's capital, in the country's Central Valley

For those arriving on time our Leader plans to meet you in the hotel reception at 6pm and for those that wish, there is the chance to go out for dinner. Due to the number of evening flights into San Jose, your Leader plans to do the welcome meeting on the morning of day two, and will leave a message in reception with details on timings and everything else that you'll need for the day. There are no activities planned today, so you are free to arrive in San Jose at any time. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you'll need to arrive into San Jose's Juan Santamaria International Airport (airport code SJO), which is a 30 minute drive from our hotel.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, you could choose to head out to explore the city which is easy to navigate with a grid pattern of avenues and streets. The National museum (Museo Nacional De Costa Rica) is also worth a visit. The city is more cosmopolitan than other Central American capitals and is famed for its vibrant nightlife, which you may choose to sample this evening.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Sleep Inn (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

DAY 2 - Walk in Braulio Carrillo National Park. Drive to Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí

This morning after breakfast we travel to Braulio Carrillo National Park, where we take a short walk through the tropical forests. This protected area, though only a short distance from the capital, is a significant natural reserve and home to over 500 species of birds and 150 species of mammals, including howler and white faced capuchin monkeys. On our return to our bus we continue our journey to Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí.

Today's introductory One-and-a-half kilometre walk is expected to take around one hour with 300 metres of ascent and descent, through tropical forest.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Ara Ambigua (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Follow trail through primary rainforest at La Selva. Free afternoon

Today we visit La Selva, the Organisation for Tropical Studies' biological station, and follow the trail through their primary forest with a local guide. En route we learn about the flora and fauna here and about the station's research. The afternoon is free and optional excursions include white water rafting, a hike around Tirimbina Reserve and a chocolate tour (please note that you will only have time to do one of these activities).

Today's six-and-a-half kilometre walk is expected to take around three hours, through primary forest following a marked trail



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Ara Ambigua (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Travel to Arenal. Local walk. Optional thermal baths

This morning we leave Sarapiquí and travel for around three hours to La Fortuna, close to Arenal volcano. Arenal Volcano has until recently been one of the world's most active volcanoes, but since 2010 activity has reduced. It however continues to have a dramatic and picturesque presence in the area. It is surrounded by rainforest which provides great hiking and has a large attractive lake to the west, formed as part of a hydro-electric power scheme. In the afternoon we take a gentle walk in the national park to learn about the area. This evening, we can enjoy an optional bathe in nearby hot springs or a two hour night walk.

Today's five kilometre walk is expected to take around two hours with 100 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Arenal Montechiari Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 5 - Hike through the rainforest to Burrito Waterfall

Today we travel by truck the short distance to the town of El Burrito, the starting point for our walk through the protected rainforest. Following the trail through the rainforest, which is in the transition to a cloud forest, we pass over small streams and keep a lookout for wildlife in the trees including white face monkeys, howler monkeys, sloths and many bird species. We'll enjoy a break and snack at Horacio waterfall before continuing to Burrito waterfall. Here there will be time swim in the pool at the base of the fall. Returning to El Burrito the trail leads us over small streams and past cassava, sugar cane and fruit plantations.

Today's seven-and-a-half kilometre walk is expected to take around five hours with 400 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Arenal Montechiari Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 6 - Drive around Lake Arenal and on to Rincon de la Vieja National Park

This morning we depart for Rincon de la Vieja. We drive part way round Arenal Lake before heading north-west to another national park with an active volcano, Rincon de la Vieja. Here we stay in a lodge not far from the park entrance.



ACCOMMODATION:
Canon de la Vieja Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Lodge





SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 7 - Hike through Rincon de la Vieja Volcano National Park to waterfall

After driving into the park we begin our hike through Rincon de la Vieja Volcano National Park to a local Waterfall. Within the park we will walk through the dry tropical forest, keeping an eye out for white faced howler or spider monkeys and other flora and fauna surrounding us. On our return it is possible to include the 'Pailas Loop' to see more of the park and evidence of volcanic activity, mini geysers and bubbling volcanic mud.

Today's waterfall hike is six kilometres and expected to take around four hours with 200m of ascent and descent. The additional Pailas Loop is another four kilometres and two and a half hours.



ACCOMMODATION:
Canon de la Vieja Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Lodge



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 8 - Cross the border to Nicaragua. Take ferry to Isla Ometepe

Today we leave Costa Rica, crossing over into neighbouring Nicaragua. We travel to Lake Nicaragua, one of the world's largest freshwater lakes, and take a ferry across to the volcanic island of Ometepe. Ometepe has been home to indigenous tribes and cultures for many centuries, demonstrated by the pre-Colombian petroglyphs and artefacts found here. The island was made from the formation of two

volcanoes - Concepcion (1610m) and Maderas (1394m) that give the island its distinctive profile as you approach the island by boat. On Ometepe we stay in a small natural reserve on the shoreline.

Today's one-and-a-half kilometre walk is expected to take around one hour along a flat route.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Charco Verde (or similar)



Grade: **Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 9 - Hike through cloudforest to San Ramon Waterfall

After breakfast we drive to the start of today's hike to San Ramon Waterfall. The waterfall is on the southern slopes of Maderas Volcano, about four kilometres from San Ramon village. We walk through dense jungle, home to howler monkeys and a wide variety of birds and butterflies, some of which are endemic to the area. The waterfall is most impressive during the rainy season when there is the most water but remains a beautiful spot throughout the year. Along the way to the waterfall we will see the pipes from the local hydroelectric station. The crystal clear water from here is also bottled for drinking. This afternoon we can take an easy walk around the nearby lake to a viewpoint.

Today's eight kilometre walk is expected to take around four hours with 400 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Charco Verde (or similar)



Grade: **Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 10 - Ferry back to mainland and drive to the colonial city of Leon

Today we take the ferry back across the lake to drive north-west to the colonial university city of Leon, home to the countries main universities. In the afternoon we take a walk around the fascinating old town with its historical buildings, churches and cathedral - listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Los Balcones (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 11 - Drive through Los Maribios and volcano hike on El Hoyo

Our walk today is on a distinctive volcano - El Hoyo can easily be recognised from a distance by the large hole in the on one of its slopes, and is actually a complex of several volcanic structures, the most significant of which are two round craters and several fumaroles. We arrive to the start of our hike by driving through Los Maribios, Nicaragua's impressive volcanic chain. As we ascend we will have views down over other volcanoes and Lake Managua, the large lake to the north of Lake Nicaragua.

Today's 12 kilometre walk is expected to take around seven hours with 500 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Los Balcones (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 12 - Drive to Granada, one of Central America's most beautiful cities; explore on foot

Granada, on the shores of Lake Nicaragua, was founded in 1524 and is thought to be the second oldest Spanish city in Latin America. Today much of the city centre has been renovated and it has a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere. On our arrival we take a tour of the city including the Merced church and a local market. The rest of the day is free to explore this attractive city further or relax in one of the many cafes.

Our final hotel of the trip is the premium graded Hotel El Almirante. Located on a quiet street a short walk away from the main square the hotel is built in a traditional colonial style. There is a welcoming pool and courtyard restaurant which makes for a relaxing end to the trip.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel El Almirante (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 13 - Four-wheel drive and hike along the Puma Trail on a walking tour of Mombacho Volcano

Covered by cloudforest, Mombacho Volcano can be seen from Granada. This morning we drive to the top by four wheel drive and visit the scientific station there. We then take a guided hike along the Puma Trail, learning about the volcano and the flora and fauna found in this special environment. From the top there are stunning views down to Lake Nicaragua.

Today's seven kilometre walk is expected to take around four hours with 400 metres of ascent and descent although this will feel like more due to the amount of ups and downs.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel El Almirante (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 14 - Free day in Granada

Today we have a free day in Granada. Possible optional excursions include a boat trip or kayaking through Las Isletas on Lake Nicaragua and a visit to Masaya Volcano.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel El Almirante (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 15 - Trip ends in Granada

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Granada.

There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart from Granada at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day luggage storage facilities are available at our hotel. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you need to depart from Augusto C. Sandino International Airport (MGA) which is around one hours drive from the hotel.





MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

Trip information

Climate and country information

Costa Rica

Climate

Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page. Costa Rica has a tropical climate with high temperature humidity and rainfall. The average temperature is 21°C in the highlands and variable in the lowlands. The rainy season is from May to November and the summer from December to April, but it does still tend to rain, usually in short bursts. Bear in mind that Costa Rica has 12 microclimates and weather can vary significantly in one day.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
-6	2 Pin Flat	Christian, Roman Catholic	Spanish

Nicaragua

Climate

Tropical, with little seasonal variation in temperature. The heavy rainy season is May to October but it can rain at any time along the Caribbean coast of Rio San Juan. There are 3 main climactic zones, the hot tropical lowlands and the cooler hill region, which has a larger range of daily temperature.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
-6	2 Pin Flat	Roman Catholic	Spanish

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Puerto Viejo Sarapiquí - White water Rafting (class I-III) US\$60; (class V) US\$110; Canopy US\$59;
Canopy and rafting US\$100; Chocolate tour US\$34; Tirimbina hike US\$34

La Fortuna - Hot Springs:US\$41 (Entrance); with dinner US\$65; Night walk US\$40 2 hours
Granada - Las Isletas boat trip US\$35 (2 pers); US\$25 (3 pers +) Las Isletas kayak US\$35; Masaya Volcano US\$30; Masaya Volcano and craft market US\$50 (2 pers); Masaya Night tour US\$45 (min 2 pers)

Clothing

Bring light and comfortable clothing that can be layered according to the temperature. It can become cool, especially at night, so bring warmer layers. Tops made from wicking materials which keep you drier, a warmer fleece is recommended as a mid layer, and walking trousers are preferable to trousers of heavier material such as jeans.

- Breathable wind and waterproof jacket (you may also wish to bring waterproof trousers)
- T-shirts
- Long sleeved tops
- Sunhat
- Long trousers
- Shorts (if you prefer to walk in them)
- Swimwear and towel
- Midlayer Fleece/pullover
- Socks (liner and thicker pair)

Footwear

We recommend you bring lightweight walking boots with ankle support, make sure that your boots are worn-in and comfortable before the start of the trip. Also trainers or sandals for relaxing and general wear. We suggest that on international flights you either carry your walking boots in your hand luggage or wear them - should your luggage be lost or delayed, your own boots are the one thing that will be irreplaceable.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

Bring one main piece of luggage and a 20-30 litre day sack is recommended. You will need to carry what you need for the day which may include a raincoat, jumper, camera, sun-cream, water and picnic lunch. On hot days you will carry fewer clothes but more drinking water.

Equipment

- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Small Torch (with spare batteries and bulb)
- Camera
- Walking poles (if you usually use them)
- Personal toiletries
- Personal first aid kit - On each walk a first aid kit is carried but you should have your own blister kit,

supply of plasters, aspirin and other essentials.

-Insect repellent

-Small waterproof dry bag (for items such as your mobile phone)

-Reusable water bottle (minimum 1 litre) - Get 15% discount on a Water-to-Go bottle

www.explore.co.uk/about-us/responsible-travel/water-to-go-discount-with-explore

Tipping

Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. However, you might want to recognise a leader that's done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It's a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we'd recommend between £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline

Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, your leader may organise a group's tips kitty for included activities and meals and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow US\$ 60 for group tipping

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

International Departure Taxes

Please allow US\$20 for border taxes.

Costa Rica

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£13	£13	£3	£1.3

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Costa Rican Colon (CRC)

Recommended Currency For Exchange

You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. The exchange rate with the CRC is approximately CRC 800 to the British Pound. USD are accepted in some shops / restaurants. We recommend you take some emergency cash in USD as the GBP exchange isn't very good. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they may not be accepted. Please check on line for up to date information

Where To Exchange

Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability

ATMs can be found in the major towns and cities for cash withdrawals in Colones. Always have some cash back up as they are not always reliable

Credit Card Acceptance

Credit card are widely accepted in many shops and restaurants but some may be subject to a service charge

Travellers Cheques

We do not recommend Travellers Cheques

Nicaragua

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£10.00 - 12.00	£2	£0.8

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Cordoba (NIO)

Recommended Currency For Exchange

You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. The exchange rate with the NIO is approximately NIO 42 to the British Pound. We recommend you take some emergency cash in USD as the GBP exchange isn't very good. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they may not be accepted. USD can be used in some places in Nicaragua. Please check on line for up to date information

Where To Exchange

Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability

ATMs can be found in the major towns and cities for cash withdrawals in NIO. Always have some cash back up as they are not always reliable

Credit Card Acceptance

Credit card are widely accepted in many shops and restaurants but some may be subject to a service charge

Travellers Cheques

We do not recommend Travellers Cheques

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, 4WD, Ferry

Accommodation notes

During this trip we stay in a range of comfortable, 3 star standard hotels and lodges, which offer a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. At the end of the trip we have three nights at the premium graded Hotel El Almirante in Granada. Located on a quiet street a short walk away from the main square and with only 20 rooms it makes for a relaxing end to the trip. Built in a traditional colonial style there is a welcoming pool and courtyard restaurant. The rooms are comfortable and clean with air conditioning and a tiled en-suite bathrooms.

Essential Information

Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Costa Rica: Citizens from the UK, US, Canada and most E.U countries do not require a visa for a stay up to 90 days. Citizen of Australia, New Zealand and the Republic of Ireland do not require a visa for stays up to 30 days.

Nicaragua: Visas are not required for UK, New Zealand, Australian, US and Canadian citizens. There is an entry charge of 10USD. Other nationalities should consult the relevant consulate.

USA: (including those in transit) Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and passport holders from several EU countries can enter the United States without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) - where you apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation), which applies if you enter the country by sea or by air. This must be done on line - <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> no later than 72 hours prior to travel. Travellers who have not registered before their trip are likely to be refused boarding.

You must have an electronic passport with a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. UK passports which are biometric feature a small gold symbol (camera) at the bottom of the front cover.

If you have visited Iraq, Syria, Iran or Sudan since 2011 or are dual nationals of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA and instead you will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. If you are unable to provide a valid visa before boarding flights to the US, or entering via another method, you may not be permitted to travel.

Please note for your ESTA application you will be required to supply Point of Contact information. Explore's USA contact information will be listed on your final documentation which you will receive approximately 3-4 weeks before departure. If you are leaving for the USA before this, please call the Explore team to get this information.(Not necessary if in transit)

For further information please check out the US embassy website. Visa applications - <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>

Canada: An electronic travel authorisation (ETA) is required by British citizens transiting via Canada. For more information see the official Canadian government website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Costa Rica

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against typhoid, infectious hepatitis and polio. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Nicaragua

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against typhoid, infectious hepatitis and polio. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. All travellers coming to Nicaragua from the following countries (even if only in transit) must present an international certificate of vaccination: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Panamá, Paraguay and Venezuela. From the African Continent, all countries are included except Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Sao Tomé and Príncipe and Somalia. This list is regularly updated please check NaTHNaC for the most up to date list. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list.

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Walking and Trekking information



Walking grade

Moderate




Trek details

Walks on 9 days for between 1 to 7 hours. Some of the walks are graded easy but the trip is graded moderate overall as walking through rainforests and in the tropical heat and humidity requires more energy.

Additional Information



Reviews

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