

Who You Callin' A Beach? The Top 3 Nicaraguan Playas

"Nicaragua has beaches?" When a friend recently asked me this question, I was shocked! Well known for its steamy, dense jungles and mountain trails, many Americans are just now discovering what is perhaps Nicaragua's best kept secret: Its breathtaking beaches!

With beaches on both coasts (and many along its numerous lakes and rivers), Nicaragua is a beach lover's paradise. With over 190 miles of beaches on Pacific Coast and 280 miles on the Caribbean Coast, if it's fun, sun, and sand you're after, you really can't go wrong in Nicaragua. Once you experience a Nicaraguan playa, you might never want to leave...but that's okay since there's never been a better time to invest in local real estate than right now.

From white sand to stony shorelines, from lavishly developed to wooden shacks along the shore, there is something for every beach lover in this land of twin coastlines. To make sure you curl your bare toes in softest sand, take a look at my top 3 picks for your perfect piece of paradise.

Montelimar – Luxury at Its Best

One of Nicaragua's largest and busiest beach resort towns and arguably one of the best places to relax on the Pacific's white sandy beaches in all of Central America, Montelimar has the finest collection of luxurious resorts, hotels, and casinos – each designed to cater to your every desire.

Whether you are an average Joe or the President of the United States, you can expect to be treated like royalty by a friendly people everywhere – from eating in a fine restaurant or catching up on some much-needed sleep in your hotel room. Service is first rate and accommodations rival those found in the best beach destinations around the world.

If you're looking for a pampered vacation spot, filled from start to finish with all the rest and relaxation you desire, then Montelimar is the best sandy spot for you.

If you're looking for activity, Montelimar is for you. From horseback riding, scuba diving, and kayaking, you will find none better in the world. And, if you're up for hanging ten, the locals can point you in the direction of great surfing hot spots, too.

Indeed, possibilities are endless on this side of paradise, and, if on the rare occasion you do not have a blast, at least you will go home with a nice tan.

La Boquita Beach – Inexpensive, Clean, and Colorful

With its rocky and sandy beaches, La Boquita has earned a sparkling reputation as one of the most popular tourist destinations in all of Nicaragua. Located on the Pacific coast, La Boquita is filled with chic hotels, world-class restaurants and bars - offering an all-inclusive vacation experience.

With seafood that is to die for, you could spend your entire vacation eating freshly caught food and dining on the amazing wealth of tropical delights that grow in and about this little slice of heaven.

As an established destination, tourists can feel comfortable knowing that they'll find the modern amenities you're looking for and transportation, accommodations, and day-to-day necessities are all easily accessed and enjoyed.

Important: If you cannot tolerate large crowds of people, this is not the place for you, especially around national holidays. But, surprisingly, despite being overrun by a constant stream of tourists, La Boquita is touted as one of the cleanest beaches in the country, and even with the high-class accommodations, you'll find it's really inexpensive, too.

Lake Nicaragua

You don't have to be on the coast to enjoy the beach. Nicaragua is home to many lakes, lagoons, and rivers that offer incredible beach experiences. The most popular lake in Nicaragua is Lago de Nicaragua, or Lake Nicaragua, also known as the Sweet Sea.

Like the country itself, Lake Nicaragua is the largest lake in all of Central America. Even though this is a freshwater lake, it still contains an abundance of sea dwellers like sharks, swordfish, and tarpon. Grab your snorkeling gear and get ready for fun (sharks optional)!

When you go to Lake Nicaragua, you must visit Isla de Ometepe. It's 171 square miles of pure adventure and beauty. Filled with untouched forests, wildlife, and indigenous culture, this island getaway will be unlike any you've ever experienced. Hiking in its many amazing forests, you'll discover monkeys, armadillo, opossum, anteaters, deer, bats, and more. Then, be sure to kick off your sandals, enjoy a papaya or guava juice (with local rum, of course), and take a break on the glorious white sand beaches.

If you're up for an adventure, aren't a fan of large crowds, and are ready for a quiet retreat into one of the world's most beautiful and lush island landscapes, then Isla de Ometepe is a must.

As you can see, Nicaragua is much more than humid rainforests and volcanoes...it's also a beach lover's paradise. But, shhhh, don't let the secret out. Let's keep it just between us, okay? So, next time you're planning a sandy vacation (or even a permanent move), put Nicaragua at the top of your list and be sure to visit one of these incredible beach paradises.

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