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Colonial Cities, Rainforest & Burning Mountains – 2 Country Journey

8 days / 7 nights, daily from San Pedro Sula to Managua
Approach: Colonial Cities, Nature & Volcanoes

Day 1: San Pedro Sula – Cerro Azul Meambar National Park (Honduras)

Meet with our guide at 8:30 am and transfer to Cerro Azul Meambar National Park. The region around Yojoa Lake is rich in different habitat types. It is home or temporal host to a huge amount of migratory birds. Before we arrive at the park, we visit the impressive Pulhapanzak Waterfalls. The national park Cerro Azul Meambar works as a retreating area for a lot of species, because of increased human activities around the Lake. Jaguars, Ocelots, Peccary, Coatis, Tapir, Howler Monkeys, White Faced Monkeys and Spider Monkeys are only a few of the 50 mammal species that are found in the park. 2 overnights at Cerro Azul Meambar Visitor's Centre.

Day 2: Cerro Azul Meambar

Today we explore the magnificent tropical forest types of the Cerro Azul Meambar National Park. The national park is one of the main protected areas around Lake Yojoa, which is fed by the small rivers of the surrounding mountains. We hike to the interchange zone between the tropical rainforest and the tropical cloud forest enjoying impressive views of the lake. In the afternoon we refresh ourselves at one of the many waterfalls.

Day 3: Cerro Azul Meambar – Comayagua – Tegucigalpa

After an early hiking tour in the Cerro Azul Meambar National Park we transfer to Tegucigalpa, driving through fascinating landscapes in Honduras. On the way, we visit the ancient capital Comayagua with its colonial heritage and a small historic museum. The church of the Immaculate Conception, known as the Cathedral, houses one of the oldest clocks in America, which dates from AD 1100. Today's capital Tegucigalpa is located at 1.100 above sea level in a valley surrounded by mountain ranges. 2 overnights in Tegucigalpa.

Day 4: Tegucigalpa – Santa Lucia – Valle de Angeles – Tegucigalpa

Today we tour the Honduran capital and visit its surroundings. The origin of the today's metropolis dates back to the 16th century and is linked to the discovery of silver deposits in the surrounding areas. This colonial and mining past is still palpable in the historic centre. Tegucigalpa is also Honduras' cultural and intellectual centre. There are numerous institutions dedicated to the conservation and dissemination of art and national patrimony, parallel to exhibiting works of international artists. Later we visit the colonial mining towns Santa Lucia and Valle de Angeles, located outside of the big city in the country. The Valley Valle de Angeles is considered as Honduras' national handcraft centre.

Day 5: Tegucigalpa – León (Nicaragua)

We leave Tegucigalpa towards the pacific coast and cross the border to Nicaragua. After a scenic drive, we reach León in the afternoon. With its university founded in 1813, León has long been the intellectual centre of the nation. Until today León has more colonial churches and cathedrals per capita than any other place in Nicaragua. The highlight of the sightseeing tour is the cathedral, built between 1747 and 1814, which was awarded World Heritage Site status in 2011. It is the largest cathedral in Central America and one of the best known in the Americas. Overnight in León.

Day 6: León – Managua – Granada

In the morning we visit the Ruins of León Viejo, the Old León. Founded at the beginning of the 16th century, it was one of the oldest Spanish colonial settlements in the Americas. After an earthquake in 1610 the town was abandoned, not even 100 years after its foundation. The ruins are therefore preserved unaltered by subsequent rebuilding and demonstrate in a uniquely way the form and nature of early Spanish settlements in the Americas. After an exploration of the archaeological site we continue our way to Managua. On a short tour we discover Nicaragua's current capital. In the late afternoon we finally arrive at Granada. 2 overnights in Granada.

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Day 7: Granada – Masaya Volcano – Granada

Granada is the oldest colonial town in Nicaragua and said to be one of the most beautiful Central American towns. Located directly at the shore of Lake Nicaragua it is a famous tourist destination with its coloured buildings and its interesting history. It is also a popular initial point for day-tours to the surroundings. After an extensive city tour visiting the colonial buildings we go on to the Volcano Masaya National Park, Nicaragua's first and biggest national park. The area comprises two volcanoes and five craters. Due to various eruptions the volcanoes were feared by both the indigenous people and the Spanish conquerors. The Spanish baptized the active volcano "The Mouth of Hell" and planted a cross on the crater lip in order to exorcise the Devil. Enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view from the lookout point including the lagoon of Apoyo, the Lake Nicaragua and Granada.

Day 8: Granada – Managua

Drive back to Managua in time for your international flight. End of program.

Services included:

- 07 nights lodging incl. breakfast
- Bilingual Mesoamerica Travel guide
- Transfers in A/C vehicle according to itinerary
- Entrances and local guides according to itinerary
- Local taxes

Border crossing fees are not included in the rate.

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Remarks:

- For a small additional charge we transfer you back to Tegucigalpa or San Pedro Sula.
- You can book this tour in the opposite direction without additional costs. You can also extend or shorten it or propose program changes.
- We suggest extension stays on the Bay Islands in the Honduran Caribbean or at the lodge Morgan's Rock at the Nicaraguan pacific coast.