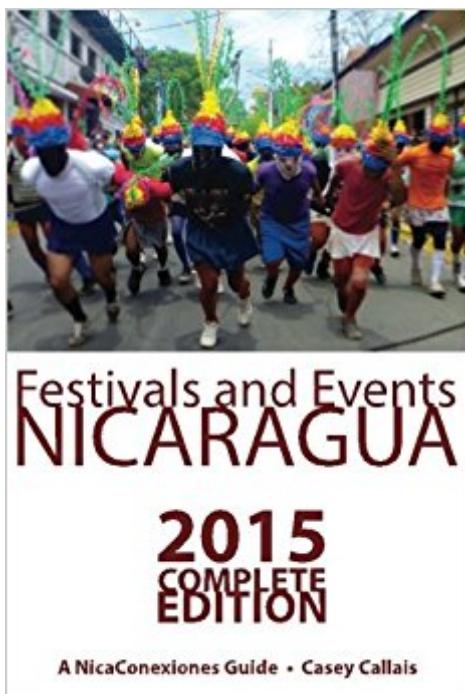


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NCX Guide To Festivals And Events In Nicaragua



Synopsis

Afraid of getting stuck on the "Gringo Trail"? You can't experience the best of the real Nicaragua if you know when and where to look. The NCX Guide to Festivals and Events is exactly that...your guide to discovering what the other guidebooks leave out. A few highlights: There is one where they dress up their dogs in funny little costumes to be blessed by the priest at the cathedral. Then there is the one where the beat of African drums, chanting and dancing goes on until the daylight hours. Then there is the one where eight-foot tall women dance with their short, big-headed suitors singing satirical rhymes about the audience. And of course, the one where the devils descend upon the city is not to be missed. Nicaragua is so rich in festivals that you can always find something fascinating going on if you know where to look. Most travelers, however, miss what could be the highlight of their Nicaraguan adventure since even the best travel guides go into little detail about the festivals and events. In this country the festivals are the pulse of the culture and the people. You haven't seen Nicaragua until you have experienced the parades, the fireworks, the food and the alegría that surrounds these events. Don't plan a trip without including a few days to see the local festivities. And who knows, maybe you will see me there!

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Customer Reviews

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I am planning to spend six months in Nicaragua, and kept hearing about the great festivals. I couldn't get much info on them from the usual travel and tourist books, but this book is a great source of information. It lists the festivals all over the country by date, rates them and provides a concise, frequently humorous and clever description of each. It is going to be a big help and will be used often during my stay, especially since there is a festival going on somewhere in the country nearly every weekend. These aren't your USA county fairs; these are almost all celebrating various saints, and have people in costumes and masks, parades, lots of local food, dancing, big headed, tall women in costume being chased by very short men, a festival celebrating the crab, one in which the young men of the town try to climb up a greased pole to reach the prize - money and a bottle of booze. There is even a festival where the men slap each other with bull penises! (No longer attached to the bull) I highly recommend this book to anyone living in or planning to visit Nicaragua, or to anyone just looking for very interesting and clever reading about Nica. I hope he writes some more books on the country.

Excellent book has so many exciting events and organized by date. We are going to Nicaragua in 2015 and are using this to build our trip around. One recommendation for the next edition, have a summary section which shows the regions and what festivals are in each region. Thanks for putting this book together!

Excellent book

I was sent this book by my mom, who loves to buy random gifts off the Internet. I have traveled to Nicaragua before and she knew that I had an interest in the culture. Let me just say "Thanks Mom." Most of the wacky gifts you get me end up in the garbage -- I don't need them takin' up space. This one has a spot on my bookcase. The author has busted his hump to come up with all the festivals of Nicaragua for this book. Seriously, you won't believe that a country the size of Nica can have this much going on. Furthermore, I don't know you can find most of what is in this book anywhere else (even Google). There are some festivals that I would like to see a little more written about, but I can't fault the author for not having more given the circumstances. Overall, this book is an invaluable resource to see what's going on all across the country. I love that it is sorted by date. That way I can know what's hopping when I am planning my next trip.

As a traveler that prefers the less traveled road, this has been an essential resource! The author

has definitely done his research to provide the most authentic and unique Nicaraguan experience possible. Follow the advice in this book and adventure is guaranteed! When sharing travel experiences with a gathering of friends, you're sure to be the center of attention, as nobody's stories will compare to yours. Immerse yourself in the local culture and you won't be disappointed!

Sooo much stuff in here, wow. The book chapters are by month so you can plan on what's going on when you will be there. Plus there is a super useful chapter with other resources where you can find out what other events are going on, useful phone numbers and websites and stuff. I reaaalllly want to check out that swell down on the Caribbean side; this is the only place I have heard about it.

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