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## Nicaragua

The best 36 surf spots in Nicaragua in Central America.

Plus a journal, partial travel checklist and  
two full color maps of surf spots in Nicaragua.

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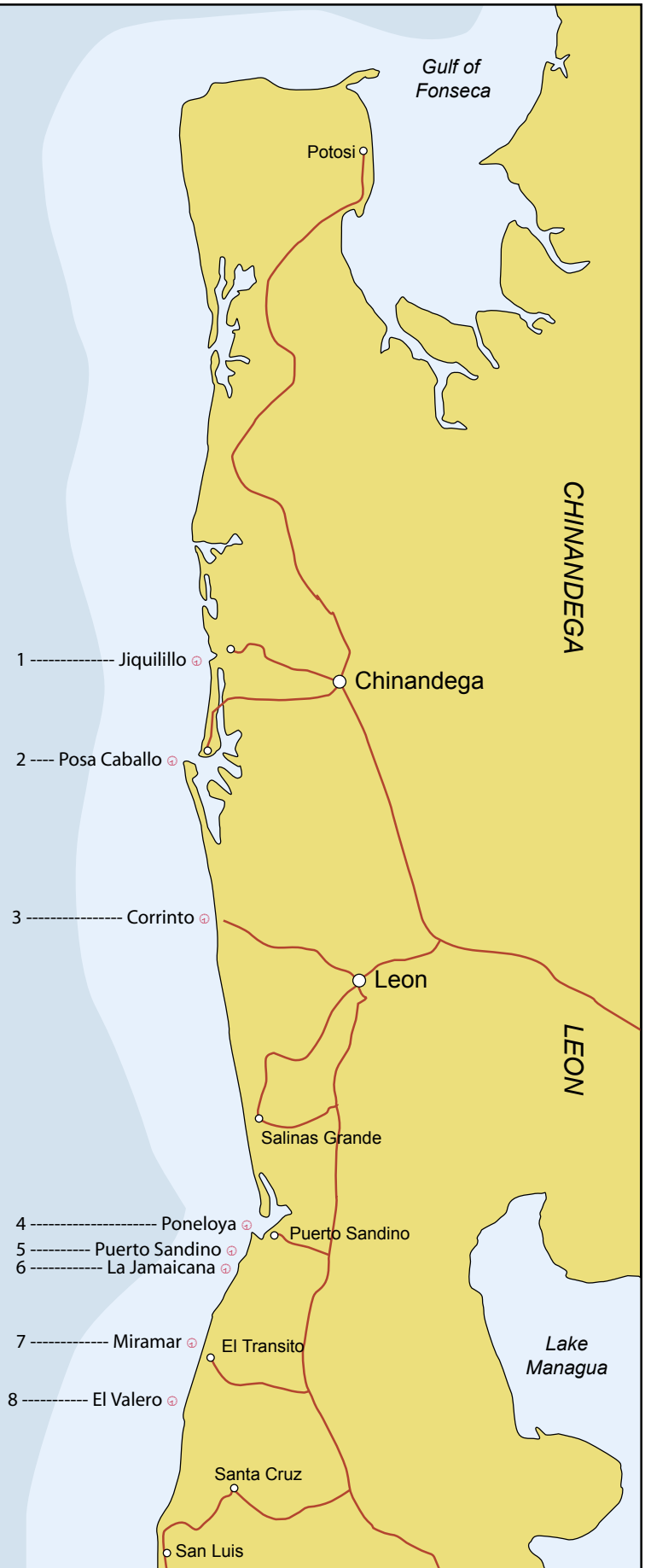
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## Northern Nicaragua



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Nicaragua surf spots suffer from having been deliberately misnamed by early surfers to make it difficult to find stuff. Bear this in mind when navigating, the names have often been chosen (not by us) to confuse those who follow.

1. Jiquillilo: A nice rivermouth/estuary break.
2. Paso Caballo: If Corrinto isn't working go here. Nice lefts off the rocks and a good rivermouth break, too. Look for the shipwreck.
3. Corrinto: On a big swell this is a great wave, grinding hollow lefts, a long ride over the reef in the channel in the harbor. Don't paddle out, the currents will do for you, hire a boat. We mean it. Besides, you will need to save your energy for the party town on shore.
4. PoneLOYA: A crappy left with strong rips and a rocky bottom. You would have to

be desperate, really.

5. Puerto Sandino: A rare break at the mouth of the port, has to have the right sand deposit to work.
6. La Jamaicana: A nice reef break which works best as a left over two feet, but which closes out over five. Look for it at low tide, but watch the rocks. About half a kilometer south of Miramar.
7. Miramar: A really nice reef break, a left from two to seven or eight feet which is very hollow and powerful. Works best on a southerly swell at high tide, paddle out to the north of the break. Access: About six kilometers south of P. Sandino and is hard to find.
8. El Valero: a nice series of point breaks behind a weird private and relatively wealthy development. Nice waves though.

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## Southern Nicaragua



- 1 ----- El Transito
- 2 ----- Punta San Diego
- 3 ----- Quizala
- 4 ----- Montelimar
- 5 ----- El Muelle
- 6 ----- Masa Chapa
- 7 ----- Melon
- 8 ----- Pochomil Viejo
- 9 ----- La Boquita
- 10 ----- Casares
- 11 ----- Between
- 12 ----- El Astillero
- 13 ----- Playa Sardinas
- 14 ----- Playa Popollo
- 15 ----- Playa Gigante
- 16 ----- Punta Manzanillo/Punta Reloj
- 17 ----- Pongo Drops
- 18 ----- Punta Quilla
- 19 ----- Playa Marsella
- 20 ----- San Juan Del Sur
- 21 ----- Playa Remonso
- 22 ----- Playa Tamarind
- 23 ----- Playa Hermosa
- 24 ----- Playa El Yanqui
- 25 ----- Los Senos

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## Nicaragua South

1. El Transito: A long crumbly left to the south but the best break is to the north, a nice hollow right which works best a low and rising tide.
2. Punta San Diego: A left off the point near San Luis. Located just to the north.
3. Quizala: A nice beach break on a sandy bottom to the north of Montelimar. Land is private and hard to get through.
4. Montelimar: Works from two to five feet right in front of the hotel this break is named for, it s a left point break of average quality.
5. El Muelle: A rare break at the pier north of Masa Chapa, lefts and rights.
6. Masa Chapa: A nice tubed right on the reef that needs a large swell and a low and rising tide for its best.
7. Melon and Pochomil: A series of beach breaks of variable quality and size that works on a variety of swell.
8. Pochomil Viejo: A nice easy reef break with long mellow rides suitable for all surfers, with lefts and rights.
9. La Boquita: Another nice peak but also rare.
10. Casares: Some nice peaks on big swell, but rare and not worth the wait. If you happen on it when it is working count yourself lucky.
11. El Asterillo to Casares: Let us know, not explored. A free map or maps to anyone who sends us the information: [surfmaps.com](http://surfmaps.com).

12. El Asterillo: A long powerful and hollow left at the rivermouth on a reef. A wave that works best at or above three or four feet it gets big when conditions are right. Access: About nine kilometers north of Las Salinas.
13. Playa Sardinias/Popollo: a long beach with a number of breaks along the same long rock reef.
  - a. Bus Stop: An A-frame with strong currents, a shallow bottom (rocks) and a long paddle out. A powerful ride that can be fun but is short. A lot of work for not much is the consensus.
  - b. Cobra: A fast left just down from Bus Stop which closes out quickly on the rocks inside.
  - c. Emergencias: A nice peak over a reef, a hollow powerful right or a nice long, more sedate, left. Two nice choices and the easily the best of the three breaks here. Best on low to mid tide and with a three foot swell and up, not so great at high tides.
14. Playa Popollo: A cruddy right point break and a beach break in the same location. Access: North from Las Salinas.
15. Playa Gigante: A really nice beach break that gets hollow when conditions and the sand is all right. Best on a rising tide from mid tide up. Best in winter. Access: Head to Rivas and then Las Salinas from San Juan del Sur, four-wheel drive recommended.

16. Punta Manzanillo/Punta Reloj: A nice left on the point that barrels at the end, but only really works on a good swell and at mid tide. Access: Boat from San Juan del Sur only. Don't go over land, it is all private property, and they are not kidding.

17. Ponga: A fast, powerful, fun wave, a peak breaking on a shallow rock reef outside. Needs decent swell and a medium to high tide to work best. Access: Boat ride from San Juan del Sur.

18. Punta Quilla/Madera: A great beach break, hollow and fun up and down stuff when on, it is best on a rising tide and works from two to seven or so feet. Consistently on. Access: go through Playa Marsella about three kilometers, look for what is as of this writing a gate. Walk down the animal trail about a mile.

19. Playa Marsella: A rivermouth/estuary break. Access: north out of San Juan del Sur about eight kilometers.

20. San Juan del Sur: Not so great place to surf, with an average beach break to the north. Lots of facilities however.

21. Playa Remonso: An average beach break which is easy to get to so is disproportionately crowded because of that. The wave certainly doesn't merit it. It is consistent because it is exposed with a variety of breaks, lefts and rights.

22. Playa Tamarindo: A barreling right at

the headland. Best on a small to middling swell on a rising tide it is just south of Playa Remonso. Tends to close out on any big swell.

23. Playa Hermosa: A nice beach break that is very similar to Playa el Yanqui. Works best in small to middling swell, kind of like a point break the way it works. Access: From San Juan del Sur head south and take the Playa Remonso turn about six clicks down the road. Park at Playa Remonso and hike south for about an hour. Eat your wheaties.

24. Playa el Yanqui: This is another nice beach break on small to mid sized swell. Best on a rising tide, there is a right in front of the rocks and a left a ways to the south.

25. La Flor: This is an ok beach break with rights and lefts at the north of the beach. Located in another turtle reserve like Los Senos about 15-20 kilometers south of San Juan del Sur.

26. Los Senos: A great wave when the swell is about four feet or more. Hollow and powerful, a nice left off the point on the south side of the nature reserve. Works best at mid tide.



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**Places of Interest:**

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**Most Memorable Experience:**

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**Most Interesting Character:**

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