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If you like fire, water and natural beauty, you are gonna love the Central American country of **Nicaragua**.

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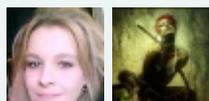
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those looking to enjoy being on the water. With vast untouched regions, Nicaragua is a haven for a wide variety of interesting outdoor adventures:

- The sleepy beach town of **San Juan Del Sur** attracts surfers to its quiet (yet highly rated) waves.
- **Lake Nicaragua**, the 19th largest lake in the world, is home to Ometepe, two small volcanic islands with rich archeological history, relaxing beaches, and preserved forests.
- **The Corn Islands** on the Caribbean side of the country are a beach-lovers dream, and inexpensive, too!
- **Laguna De Apoyo**, which is a volcanic lake, offers crystal clear water surrounded by green hills adjacent to spectacular craters.

But the water in Nicaragua faces many challenges ...



As the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere, with 80% of the population living on less than \$2 per day, environmental preservation and water quality often fall short in the face of far greater concerns. Like many other developing countries, Nicaraguan often suffer from poor sanitation, which breeds disease and ill health.

Thankfully, there are many organizations working on the water quality challenges. One such organization is called **El Porvenir**.

If you're into eco-tourism and volunteering you too can get involved with a socially responsible tour operator like **El Porvenir** that'll let you get your hands dirty working on solutions. Aside from voluntourism options, you can always come to enjoy the natural splendor of the country – just be sure to choose green hotels that conserve water and contribute to the community!

Get a closer look of Nicaragua's great landscapes and waterscapes ...

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*I want my life to be a mountain stream that rushes down wild flowered slopes through pine glades into green valleys, I do not want culverts to contain my force or cement to channel my flow, nothing to break my life's course with roots, stones and sand.*

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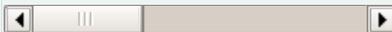
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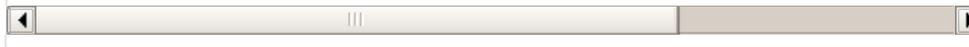
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