



the surf ranch

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How to get to San Juan Del Sur & the Surf Ranch from Managua International Airport.

Okay, so you are now at the Managua International Airport, now what? Below you will find some tips and ways to get from Managua to the Surf Ranch and San Juan Del Sur.

1st step | You get off the plane and enter customs. At this point you will be required to pay a \$5.00 USD entry fee which you can only pay in US Cash or Nicaraguan Cordoba's (C\$100). After the payment, you will receive a tourist card (keep this), and a passport stamp.

If you stay in Nicaragua for longer than 90 days, you will be required to pay roughly \$1 USD for each day you've exceeded your stay, at the airport or international border prior to your departure. If you would like to stay longer than 90 days, there are a couple ways to do so.

1. Visit the office of Immigration in Managua (Telephone +505.244.0741).
2. Simply cross the Costa Rica Border which is a 30 minute drive from San Juan Del Sur and return on the same day. We can help you with this, if you need to, no problem.

2nd step | After customs, you pick up your luggage, and then head out the front doors of the airport. By now you have either decided to stay in Managua for the night and go to San Juan Del Sur the next morning, or just go straight to San Juan Del Sur. There are a couple different ways to get here, we have them listed off for you below.

Airport Shuttle

You can pre-book an airport shuttle with one of the companies listed below. These are very safe, reliable, and a comfortable mode of transportation. But can be more expensive than the other modes of transportation to San Juan Del Sur

- **Adelante Express** - Phone: (505) 8-850-6070 – Web: www.adelanteexpress.com
- **Iskra Travel** – Phone: (505) 8425-5039 – Web: www.iskratravel.com
- **Paxeos** – Phone: (505) 2552 8291 – Web: www.paxeos.com

Taxi

Right when you leave the front doors of the airport, you will be swarmed by taxi drivers. The good thing about these Taxis is that they are the legit taxis with properly registered taxi service providers. The bad

thing is that their rates are high. No problem, they will offer you around \$80 USD for 2 people. Spend 5 minutes counter offering, saying no and going to other drivers and you will cut the price in half.

It's also true that if you walk a couple minutes to the highway and take a taxi from there, it will be less expensive, but may encounter non legit taxis. Remember, red and white license plates and you are good to go.

Bus

Buses leave Managua's Huembes Market to San Juan del Sur several times each day. The ride is 2 1/2 hours. Remember these are chicken buses, often crowded and robberies still exist. We have taken every mode of transportation on this list and the buses are actually pretty fun, especially for \$2 USD.

Regular 'Chicken bus' from Managua to Rivas

Mercado Huembes, every 25 minutes (3:30 AM – 7 PM)

C\$ 28/\$ 1.45 USD

Express bus from Managua to San Juan del Sur

Mercado Huembes, every 30 minutes (10 AM – 4 PM)

C\$ 55/\$ 2.84 USD

Rental Cars

We recommend renting a 4x4 as many of the roads leading to beaches and other activities are pretty adventurous. The majority of autos available for rent are with standard transmission. A good number of International rental car companies offer service at the Managua International Airport. Make sure to book your rental car ahead of time to ensure the vehicle of your choice, and always do your best to rent the most fuel efficient vehicle that will meet your travel needs.

Surf Ranch Shuttle

If you contact us before you arrive at the Managua International Airport, we will have the Surf Ranch shuttle waiting for you at the airport with your choice of ice cold water, pop or beer. We do have better prices than the other shuttles in town as you will be staying at the Surf Ranch.

Directions to San Juan Del Sur & the Surf Ranch from Managua:

Take Highway CA-1 South towards Rivas. The highway will pass through the following cities: Masaya, Catarina, San Juan de Oriente, Nandiname. Drive through Rivas and continue south. Follow the signs to San Juan del Sur.

Now when you are entering San Juan Del Sur, you will pass "Pali", you will see the sign on the left. Then take your first left turn which brings you to Remanso Beach. Pass the baseball field, 1 km later the road has a sharp turn to the right, take your first left for about another 1km through the valley. You will see the Surf Ranch signs throughout this. **(Most taxi drivers know it as Rancho del Surf en la finca el valle.)** Then pull up to the resort, check in, unpack, relax and meet all of the girls and guys staying at the Surf Ranch. It's party time!