

WELCOME



HOTEL  
SECRET GARDEN





Welcome to **Hotel Secret Garden!**

## ABOUT THE HOTEL

Our aim was to create a hotel in the city center, but far away from the noise of the street, in a hidden garden, where the weather is cooler and you can relax in a peaceful atmosphere.

The rooms are decorated with local crafts and the garden is full of flowers, plants and even visiting hummingbirds.

We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and you will find useful information in this handbook.

Should you have any other questions we are here to help you.

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# **HOTEL SECRET GARDEN**

## GRANADA

# WI-FI

**NETWORK**

CASALUCIA

**PASSWORD**

Secretgarden



# CHECK IN information

## Check In Time 3:00 PM

You'll find a towel and a pool towel for each guest in the bathroom.

- Towel hanging up means "I will use it again".
- Towel on the floor means "I'd like a clean one".



# CHECK OUT information

## Check Out Time 11:00 AM

If you want to leave later, you can leave your luggages here. Also, you can stay in the pool area after check out for free of charge.

**You can pay by card, but paying with cash would be a big help for us. If you do so, we are happy to gift you a first quality nicaraguan cigar by Donna Elba.**





# HOUSE RULES

01

## NO SMOKING IN THE ROOMS

But you can smoke in the garden, as long as it doesn't disturb other guests.

02

## CLEANING

Please tell us if you need cleaning during the day or just hang the sign outside the door.

03

## REGISTERED GUESTS

Only those guests can stay in the Hotel who were included in the booking. If you want to invite others, please ask before.

04

## SILENT HOURS

Please respect other guests and try not to bother them with loud noise, especially from 8pm-8am.

05

## GATES

Please always check if the iron gate has been closed properly. After 8pm also close the wooden gate.

If you want to enjoy a fresh and healthy breakfast in Granada, you are at the right place! Locally baked bread, homemade granola, typical nicaraguan dishes, fresh juices... Having almost everything home-made or supplied by local small businesses guarantees that you start your days with the freshest and highest quality breakfast you can imagine! Breakfast is from 7-10, you can choose from the following options.

# BREAKFAST



## Gourmet

A gourmet combination of delicious morning treats: Yoghurt bowl with homemade granola, fresh fruits, chia and cacao nibs; Oat-banana pancake; Fruits; Coffee; Juice



## Nicaraguan

This breakfast contains the typical Nicaraguan morning dishes - it is delicious and filling: Scrambled eggs; Tortilla; Gallo pinto (traditional Nicaraguan dish: rice with bean); Pico gallo; Grilled cheese; Vegetables; Fruits; Coffee; Juice



## Continental

If you prefer something more traditional, but not less tasty... Bacon & eggs; Home-made / artisanal bread; Butter; Cheese; Ham; Vegetables; Coffee; Juice;



# BEST RESTAURANTS

We know it can be difficult to choose where to go out for a nice meal locally or where to find the best party, so we would like to help you with our top choices.

## Pita Pita

Mediterranean-Middle eastern food, romantic restaurant, not cheap but worth it.

## Taco Loco

Mexican restaurant with delicious tacos. Good price, but service can be slow.

## Rapido and furioso

If you want to feel like you're in Jamaica, get a café or a shake here and chill in the hippy garden

## La Frontera

Great Nicaraguan food.

## El Zaguán

Steak restaurant, more pricey and elegant than Asarte.

## Pan de Vida

Pizzas, salads, good food, great vibes.

## Garden Café:

The most popular place for coffee and breakfast; Excellent atmosphere, and food.

## Asarte

Nice place in an open-air parking lot, where you can have mainly grilled dishes made by a Venezuelan couple;

## El Garaje

Only weekdays at lunchtime. Great restaurant run by a Canadian couple.

## Bocadillo

Spanish type tapas bar in the romantic garden of Hotel San Fransisco.

## Numu

New fine dining restaurant of the city.





# BEST BARS

## Boca Baco

A decent restaurant-bar, and there's often live music. You can find them behind the Cathedral.

## ECO

World music, wide variety of beers and good food.

## Hotel Selina

A nice party spot visited by mix of locals and tourists - located at the central park.

## Bars and

## Restaurants along the Calzada

You can find a lot of similar bars on the Calzada (the main pedestrian street of Granada). Here you can drink and dance - especially if you like very loud nicaraguan music :) The one we could mention is "Bar Encuentro" with rather "world" dance music and ambient.

## Treehouse

Treehouse is a hostel near Granada, with structures on the top of the trees, where there's electronic parties organised once a month. If you have the opportunity and want to party, don't miss it...

## Hacienda

Opposite of Church San Francisco, this is a nice bar visited by locals and tourists alike.





## TAXI

Taxi is a good choice for transportation within Granada. The price is 30C/pp anywhere you go in the city. Don't be surprised if other passengers will sit in next to you...

## BUS

If you have time to try local "chicken" buses, it can be a good option to go to nearby cities like Masaya. It is cheap and they run frequently.

## BIKE RENTAL

No, you don't have to rent it, we have them here in the hotel and you can use them free of charge. Don't expect a brand new superbike, but it works.

## CAR RENTAL

Renting a car is a good way to explore further parts of the county as well. We can help you renting a car at the very best price.

# TRANSPORTATION



## HOTEL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

We can also offer you transportation with our car (or with a reliable taxi driver) to cities nearby or to the airport at the following prices:

- Laguna de Apoyo: 15\$.
- Laguna de Apoyo + Volcan Masaya: 50\$.
- Masaya: 20\$.
- Volcan Mombacho entry point: 10\$
- Volcan Masaya: 40\$.
- Airport: 45\$ (50\$ by night).
- Managua: 30-40\$.
- San Jorge (Ferry to Ometepe): 60\$.
- San Juan del Sur: 80\$.
- Popoyo beach: 80\$.
- Leon: 90\$.
- Penas Blancas (border of Costa Rica): 80\$.

# TRANSPORTATION



Treat yourself with an exceptional massage! Our in-house masseur, Claudia does the best massage in the city! You can enjoy it either on the rooftop terrace or in your private room.

# MASSAGE

## Swedish massage

If you don't have any major physiotherapeutic issues, but would like to relax and start the day with a massage...

Cost: 25\$/hour

## Sport massage

If you have a specific physiotherapeutic problem, a sports massage is what you need!

Cost: 25\$/hour

## Hot stone massage

It helps you relax and ease tense muscles and damaged soft tissues.

Cost: 30\$/hour.

## Cupping

In this therapy we use special cups on your skin for a few minutes to create suction. Cost: 15\$.

## Reflexology

Reflexology is the application of pressure to areas on the feet (or the hands). Cost: 25\$/hour.

## Acupuncture

Cost: 15\$/

## Facial with naturales products

Cost: 15\$/





You can find several great activities and things to do in and around Granada. Below you can find our top choices. For most of them you don't need to book an expensive tour at an agency, you just need transportation and information. We can provide you both...

# ACTIVITIES



## Boat trip on lake Nicaragua

You can easily walk to the lake and find the boats. They take you for a one hour boat trip, visiting the "isletas". You can also arrange to stop at an island for lunch or just to chill...

If you prefer, you can also rent kayaks at the end of the road.

Cost: 25\$/boat, to be paid there; 10\$/hour/kayak



## Free walking tour in the city

As a guest of our hotel you can participate in a free walking tour in the city. Booking ahead is necessary!

The best time is either in the morning or late afternoon, so you can catch a sunset from the bell tower of one of the churches.



## Laguna de Apoyo

This is a crystal clear volcanic lake, you must visit when you are in Granada! We will take you to our favourite resort at the lake (Beach Club), where you can chill, have lunch and use kayaks for free of charge (entry fee ca. 7\$/pp)



# Volcano Mombachio

You can see the volcano from everywhere in the city. The most unique thing about this mountain is the cloud forest on top, home to a lot of exotic plants and animals. There are beautiful views to the city and if you choose to make a longer trip, you can see incredible volcanic scenery.



# ACTIVITIES

## Excursion to Volcano

### Mombachio

You don't need a tour guide or an expensive organised trip. The entry fee includes the transportation from the entry point up to the top of the mountain and from there you can choose which trip you'd like to take. It is also possible to climb to the top on your own, it takes 4 hours and it will be a difficult excursion.

## Canopy on the volcano

2 km of cables on 17 platforms, connected by 11 double cable lines and two suspension bridges. A nice walking trail is also included in the price!

Cost: 30\$/pp (transportation included).

## Tour de cafe

Guided tour on a cafe farm on the hills of Mombacho. Cost:30\$/pp, included transportation, sloth watching and visiting a frog farm as well.



# Masaya

Masaya is the name of the volcano, the city and the region. It is rich in culture, tradition and nature.



# ACTIVITIES

## Volcano Masaya by night

Volcano Masaya is one of the few volcanos on earth where you can easily see the glowing lava in the crater. The best time to go there is after 6pm when it's dark, so you will have a spectacular view! You can literally look into the mouth of inferno. (Entry fee 10\$/pp)

## Pueblos Blancos - Masaya

Pueblos Blancos (white villages) are a few villages next to each other with a very active handcraft tradition and colourful culture. Pottery, hamacas (hammocks), furniture and nurseries with exotic plants are also worth a visit. You can have a spectacular view to laguna de apoyo from the viewpoint of Caterina and also try a georgeous zipline over the lake.

After visiting the Pueblos Blancos, you can continue to Masaya, where you will find the biggest art market of Nicaragua and also a big local market.

## Pueblos Blancos + Laguna de Apoyo + Masaya + Volcano Masaya by night

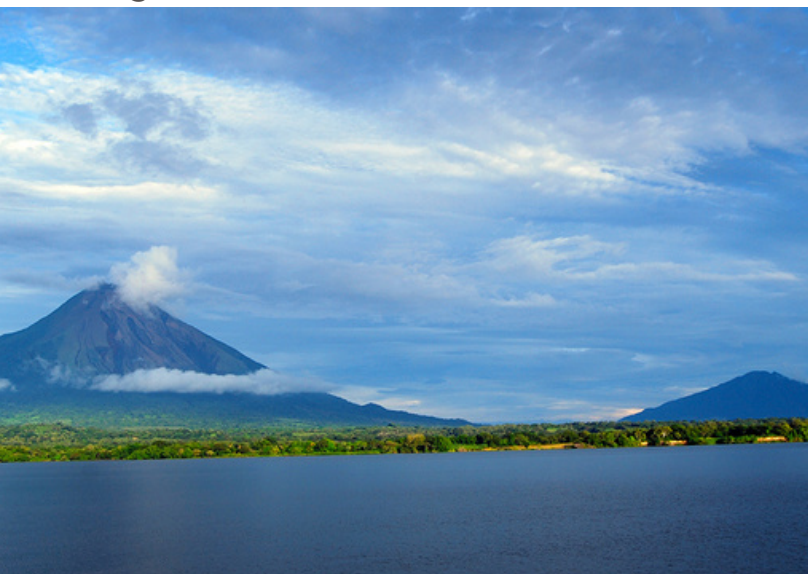
You will see everything in the Masaya region in one day with a guide. If you are here only for a few days we defenetly recommend this activity!

Cost: 100\$+25\$/pp



# Ometepe

Ometepe, an island composed of two volcanoes, emerges from the Cocibolca, the great Lake of Nicaragua. Joined by a thin, flat isthmus the two volcanoes shape the island like an hour glass. If you stay longer in Nicaragua we advise you to spend a few days there, but if you are short on time, on a one day trip you can get a taste of it.



## ACTIVITIES

### One day excursion to Ometepe

We will leave the hotel at 5:30 in the morning to get on the first ferry. We will go first for a kayak tour on rio Istian, where you will see incredible vivid flora and fauna, including also crocodiles. Then we will chill in the beautiful ojo verde, (a semi natural pool in the middle of the forest). There you can have lunch and nice coco cocktails. After that if you want to, we can visit the museum of the precolumbian culture. Before leaving the island we watch the sunset from a special point of the island.

This is a whole day trip, so prepare well. Sun and mosquito cream, propiate clothes (including rain coat if it's rainy season), water, some snack and of course swimming suite. You will arrive back to the hotel around 8 pm.

Price: 150\$/ + 50\$/person.

This includes all the transportation, entry and rental fees and also a guide as it would be difficult to do it without him. Meals are not included in the price.

# ABOUT THE OWNERS

Our family of 7 (5 children & us), from Hungary, Central-Europe, fell in love with the city during a family campervan road trip from the USA to Costa Rica a few years ago. Back then we purchased and refurbished a house - Casa de Arcos -where we lived for the first six month following our move to Granada. But when we spotted this property - Hotel Secret Garden - which had been closed for a few years, it just spoke to our hearts.

We knew immediately that this is the perfect setup for a boutique hotel and also a home where we can live and welcome travellers at the same time!

We will probably meet you during your stay but your main contact will be Monica, our lovely manager, who will help you with everything you need!

Last, but not least, enjoy your stay at us and ask us if you have any question, we are here to help you!



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