

## WELCOME TO THE **MANAGUA** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavor – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. With each hotel offering its own bespoke selection of services, and every experience designed around you, the InterContinental Insider Collection delivers unique events firmly rooted in their location with a rare, but tangible sense of place.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Managua experiences.

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### INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

### INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

### INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

### INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

### INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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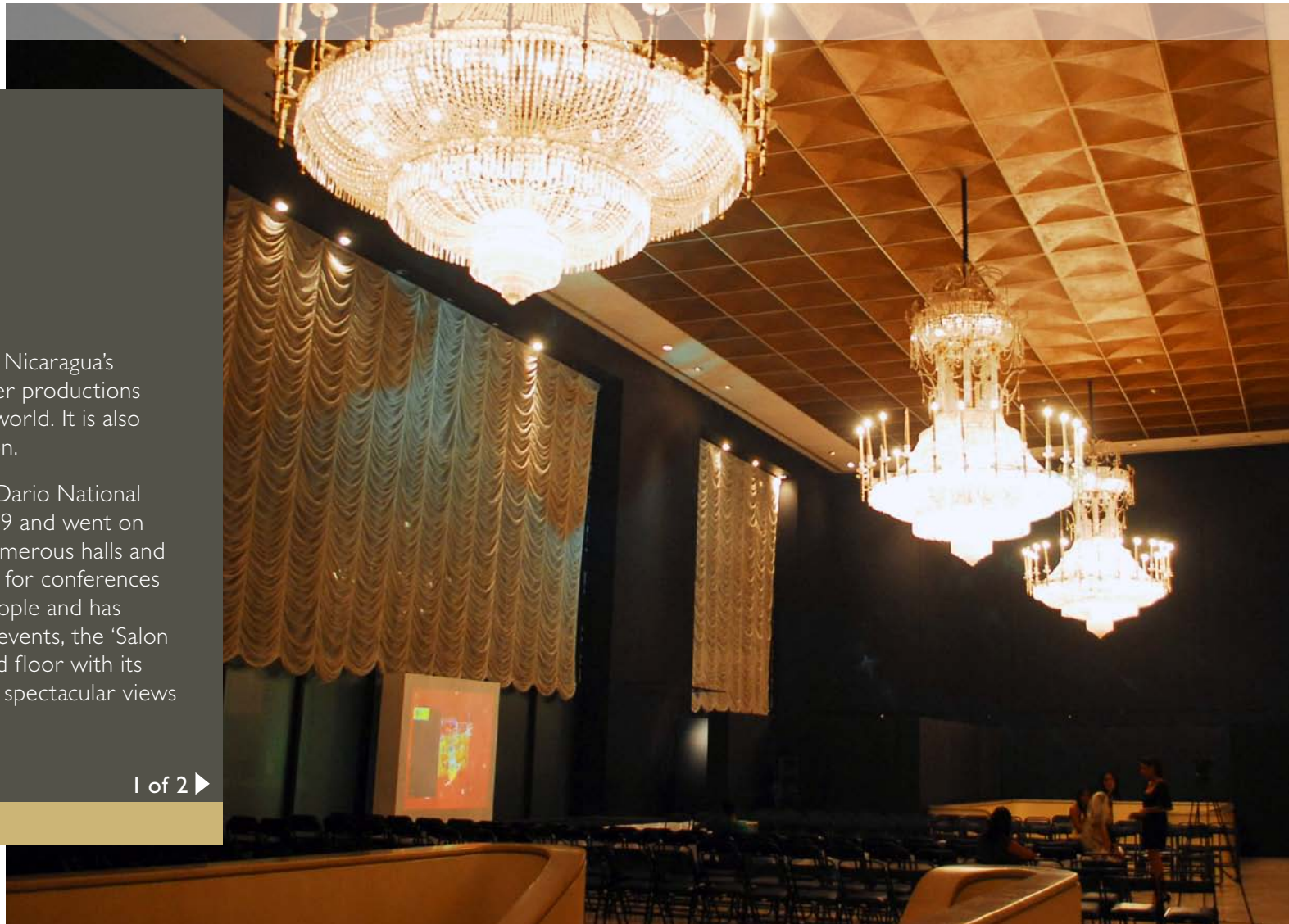
### ENJOY AN EVENING AT SALON DE LOS CRISTALES

The majestic Ruben Dario National Theater is Nicaragua's cultural hub with musical performances, theater productions and exhibitions from artists from around the world. It is also the perfect venue for a lavish cocktail reception.

After three years of construction, the Ruben Dario National Theater was inaugurated on December 6, 1969 and went on to survive the earthquake in 1972. With its numerous halls and rooms and stylish lobby, the building is perfect for conferences or exhibitions. The main hall can seat 1200 people and has exceptional acoustics. For more sophisticated events, the 'Salon de los Cristales' or crystal room on the second floor with its exquisite crystal chandeliers, marble floor and spectacular views of the Lago Xolotlan, is simply stunning.

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THE RUBEN DARIO NATIONAL THEATER

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## ENJOY COCKTAILS AT THE CONVENTO SAN FRANCISCO

One of the jewels of the Spanish colonization era, the Convento San Francisco is a unique venue for any special occasion, from a cocktail party to a formal dinner. Make sure you hold your event here during your stay.

Your event can be staged in the museum, which is located in a wonderful old colonial house with a beautiful inner courtyard in the heart of Granada. As well as taking in the stunning surroundings, delegates can explore the inspirational Pre-Columbian exhibits on display. These exquisite collections of primitive paintings, crafts, and statues provide a fascinating insight into the culture and history of XVII Century Granada.

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THE CONVENTO SAN FRANCISCO

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## BECOME AN EXPERT OF FLOR DE CAÑA RUM

You cannot visit Nicaragua and not taste Ron Flor de Caña. This delicious, traditional rum drink acquires its rich amber color, unique flavor and aroma from the small American white oak barrels in which it is allowed to slowly age and mature. Indeed, the natural ingredients and fine craftsmanship that go into its making renders Flor de Caña one of the world's finest rums of all.

Your delegates will be charmed by the fascinating history of this national drink, which dates back five generations to the very first distillery founded at the end of the 1800s at the San Antonio Sugar Mill in Chichigalpa by Francisco Alfredo Pellas.

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FLOR DE CAÑA RUM TASTING

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## GET CLOSE TO GÜEGÜENSE CULTURE

During your visit your delegates will get the chance to experience an authentic taste of Güegüense history and culture. This theatrical indigenous play dates back to the 16th century and derives its name from the main character 'El Güegüense', which is Nahuatl for 'old' or 'wise man'. A satirical drama, it started in the city of Diriamba to honor San Sebastian. For many years it was presented as a theatrical street play, but nowadays it is performed as a modern dance, which has become part of cultural expression in Nicaragua. The Macho Raton or Güegüense has also been given World Heritage status by UNESCO.

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GÜEGÜENSE EXPERIENCE

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## HOPE OF A BETTER LIFE FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

Conanca provides an exceptional opportunity for your delegates to interact and help children suffering with cancer. During your visit to the hospital to see the children you will be accompanied by the doctors and volunteers who are working so hard to give these children a better life. You cannot fail but be touched by the huge amount of love and care lavished on these very special children.

This is a humanitarian project that your delegates will really value as they share their time with the children and help to brighten their day.

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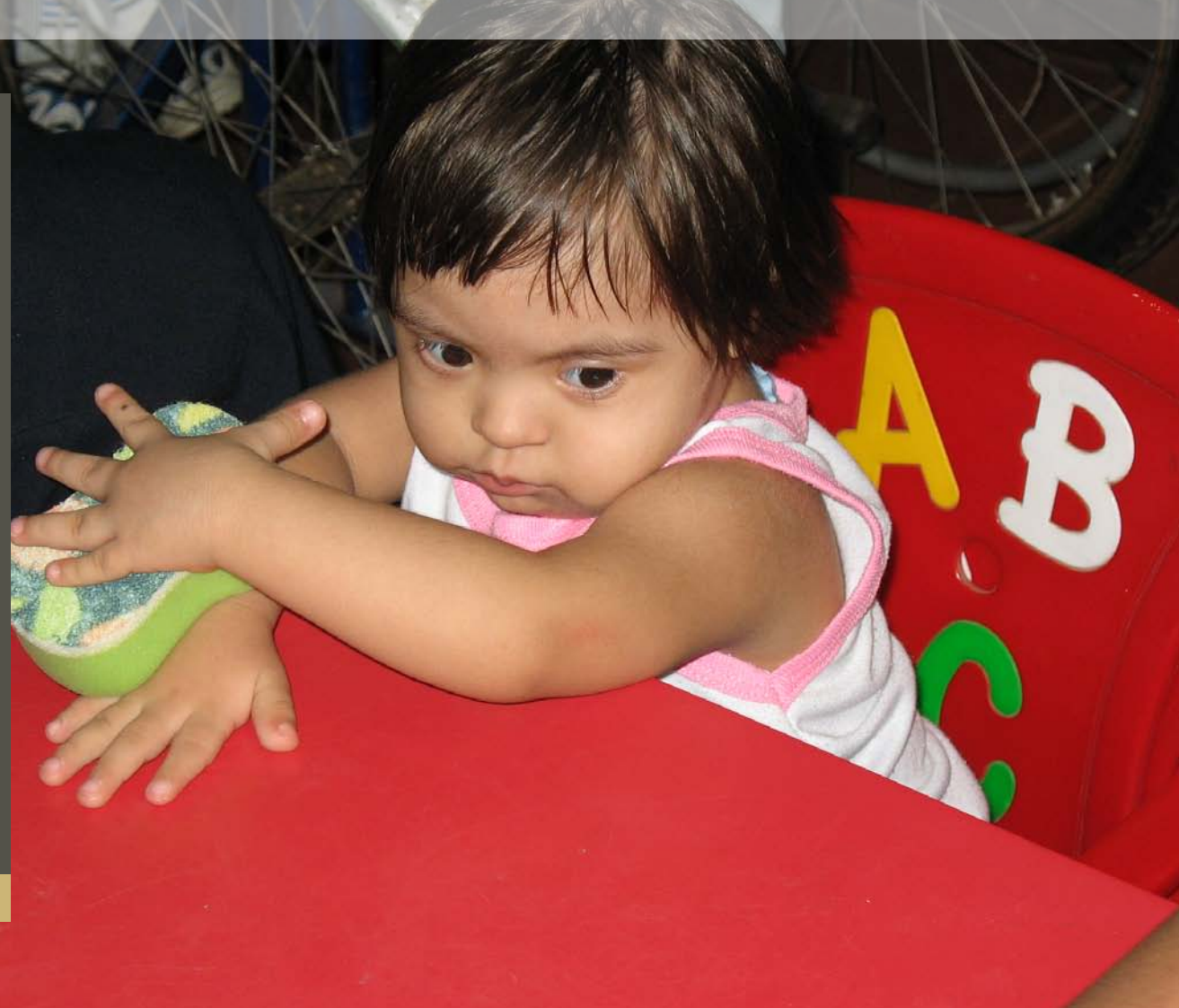


## SPEND TIME WITH CHILDREN FROM PAJARITO AZUL

Your delegates are invited to spend some very special time at Pajarito Azul, a local shelter for children who have been abandoned by their parents because of their disabilities. Delegates can play and interact with the children as they take part in their daily activities.

Home to around 100 mentally and physically disabled young people from the age of 1 to 30, Pajarito Azul not only provides lots of love, every child also receives a good education along with regular health check-ups, physical therapy, and counseling services.

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CHILD AT PAJARITO AZUL

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## EXPERIENCE A PALO DE MAYO DANCING CLASS

This is a fantastic opportunity for your delegates to learn to dance the real Palo de Mayo. In Nicaragua this dance form is revered as the ultimate expression of Nicaraguan culture and tradition.

Sensual, rhythmic, colorful and mysterious, the Palo de Mayo is a traditional fertility dance originating from the Afro-Caribbean. The centrepiece is a tree decorated with strips of colorful cloth around which, tradition has it, people from several communities along Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast dance in celebration of the start of the rainy season.

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## A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR CIGAR AFICIONADOS

No trip to Nicaragua would be complete without taking the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of one of its most famous exports: the cigar. In this unique insider experience, your delegates can learn more about the fascinating history of cigar-making in Nicaragua, as well as the intricate process of drying, rolling, cutting and moulding the finished product.

The city of Estelí is well known for its cigar plantations and factories and produces high quality cigars for export all over the world, something of which the Nicaraguan people are rightfully proud. Delegates will treasure this opportunity to be given a genuine inside view of this important industry with its long-held traditions and methods.

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## SWEET BREAK WITH ICE CREAM À LA CARTE

Perfect for warmer weather, we offer you the opportunity to visit our in-house 'ice cream parlor' during your break. It's heaven for ice cream lovers with a fantastic variety of flavors from traditional vanilla to a tropical fruit to sweeten your day.

Delegates can also prepare their own sundae from our selection of delicious ice creams. You can experiment with a range of flavors, toppings and sauces including caramel, chocolate or fruits. Then serve your creation on a delicate wafer basket, or in a sugar cone complete with a sprinkling of crumbled cookies, fruits, nuts or shredded coconut. The perfect way to relax after a busy day.

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THE PERFECT SWEET BREAK

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## COFFEE DELIGHT

With this break, coffee lovers get the chance to experience the exquisite flavors of Nicaragua's finest coffee grains fresh from the mountains. Your delegates will enjoy trying the wide variety of canapés, appetizers and drinks prepared to the unique taste of authentic Nicaraguan roasted coffee.

Tiramisu, puff pastry, tartlets, pudding, mousse or ice cream all made with coffee, plus beef medallions or chicken skewer with coffee sauce, accompanied with a cup of regular or decaf coffee with milk, are all on this very special break menu.

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A COFFEE DELIGHT INTERCONTINENTAL STYLE

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