Off the Beaten Track: Nicaragua

SALTO EL ROSARIO
At the end of one of the worst roads in Central America you'll find this spectacular 100m-high split-level waterfall that makes every bump, ditch and pothole seem insignificant.

MISKITO KEYS
Spend the night with welcoming Miskito lobster fishers in their stilted wooden houses that jut out of the turquoise Caribbean Sea, among rocky outcrops and coral reefs some 50km offshore.

DESCENDING THE RÍO COCO
The ultimate remote river adventure takes you from Wiwilí in the northern highlands, all the way to the Waspán, in the Caribbean, stopping in tiny Miskito villages along the way. Only hardcore adventurers need apply.

DELTA DEL ESTERO REAL
Take a boat ride through these vast wetlands, close to the Honduran border, to spot alligators and migratory birds backed by the magnificent Volcán Cosiguína.

EL SAUCE
On the back roads between León and Esteli is this sleepy mountain town cut straight from an old Western movie. The surrounding mountains are strewn with waterfalls and hiking trails.

MONKEY POINT
This Creole community, accessed by boat charter from San Juan de Nicaragua, is the gateway to superb wildlife-watching in this seldom-visited part of the Reserva Biológica Indio-Maíz.

DELTA DEL ESTERO REAL
Accessed from the town of Río Blanco on the Managua–Siuna Hwy, this ruggedly beautiful mountain reserve has almost a dozen peaks over 1400m and as many dramatic waterfalls.

MAKENGE
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