



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Managua (Nicaragua), San Andres de la Palanca Celebration (August 7-19)

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This message alerts U.S. citizens of possible disruptions related to the celebration of San Andres de la Palanca, a Catholic tradition, which takes place August 7-19. The principal activities during this event will be a religious procession that will take place August 7th in the northern part of Managua celebrating San Andres de la Palanca as he is taken to Cristo del Rosario Church. On August 19th, the Saint will return to Ciudad Sandino Church.

Procession Route:

The procession will depart from the Ciudad Sandino church, then will exit Managua via the Nueva Leon Highway until it reaches La Cuesta de Heroes y Martires junction (La Cuesta del Plomo). It will then turn left and head down La Cuesta towards the Linda Vista traffic lights, continue heading east towards the La Ceibita traffic lights, passing thru El Puente Leon, until the Santa Ana Church intersection. From there, the procession will turn north until it reaches Santa Ana Church and will turn east entering the Cristo del Rosario Church (Cine Blanco 2 blocks west).

The closing of the roads/streets will be partial and staged and will affect the following locations:

In Ciudad Sandino, from San Andres de la Palanca Church to Vida Nueva neighborhood, (Zone 2, 4, 5, and 6) in the main street West side of Nueva Leon Highway, from the main entrance of Ciudad Sandino towards the La Cuesta de Heroes y Martires junction La Cuesta de Heroes y Martires junction towards Linda Vista traffic lights, heading east towards La Ceibita traffic lights passing thru El Puente Leon, until the interception of Santa Ana Church From the Ministry of Labor heading west From El Arbolito interception heading south From the former Cine Blanco west on the El Triunfo street The U.S. Embassy recommends that travelers keep their windows up, doors locked, and a cell phone in the car when traveling in the city. Traffic jams and other disturbances can also be expected as a result of the processions.

The U.S. Embassy in Managua is located at Km 5 ½ C. Sur Managua, Nicaragua. The U.S. Embassy in Managua can be reached 24/7 at 011-505-2252-7100. For emergencies (deaths, arrests, etc.) after hours, U.S. citizens can call this phone number and ask for the Embassy Duty Officer. The ACS unit is also available by email at ACS.Managua@state.gov



General information regarding consular services is available by calling 011-505-2252-7104. Non-emergency services for U.S. citizens are available Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, except on Nicaraguan and U.S. holidays.

For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the **U.S. Embassy's website** and the U.S. Department of State's **Bureau of Consular Affairs' website**, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "**A Safe Trip Abroad**", which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

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