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With its dense jungles and secluded beaches, Nicaragua is a raw paradise begging to be explored—but its limited infrastructure has kept many travelers away. Enter **Mukul**, part of a \$250 million luxury development dreamed up by local magnate Carlos Pellas. Set on an untouched stretch of the Pacific coast, the airy accommodations have handmade mahogany furniture, private pools, and spacious decks. If you can bear to leave your beachside villa or tree-house-like *bohio*, the spa offers Turkish baths and Indonesian massages. And when Pellas isn't in residence, guests can lounge at his 20,000-square-foot compound—a glass of the family's slow-aged Flor de Caña rum in hand. mukulresort.com. **\$\$\$\$** —PAOLA SINGER

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