

7 Beach Resorts That are Affordable and Awesome

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Aqua Wellness Resort, Nicaragua

The beaches in Nicaragua are just as beautiful as those in Costa Rica, its neighbor to the south, but you'll pay significantly less for your slice of paradise here. The charmingly rustic Aqua Wellness Resort is one of the top luxury options in the country, but you'd hardly know it from the rates this winter, which start at around \$160 a night. The resort has eco-friendly design, lush vegetation (expect to spot wildlife such as howler monkeys and iguanas), and rooms adorned with lots of natural wood; some units include plunge pools and stunning ocean views. The white-sand beach is secluded and beautiful, the restaurant serves simple but tasty local dishes, and group yoga classes on the ocean-view wooden platform are free.



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