



A U S T R A L I A A N D

Nicaragua



Friendly relationship based on modest trade and international cooperation.

Key engagement

Australia's trade relationship with Nicaragua consists mostly of coffee imports.

Outlook

Modest trade potential based on current political environment.

Bilateral relations

Australia and Nicaragua established diplomatic relations in 1987.

Australia's Ambassador to Mexico holds non-resident accreditation to Nicaragua. Australia has an Honorary Consul in Managua.

Nicaragua's Ambassador to Australia is resident in Tokyo and does not have official representation in Australia.

Foreign relations

Australia and Nicaragua are members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), United Nations (UN), and United Nations organisations.

Both participate in the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC).

Nicaragua is a member of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Organization of American States (OAS), Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), Central American Integration System (SICA), Petro Caribe and other regional organisations.

Australia is an observer of SICA.



Foreign Policy White Paper:
<https://www.fpwhitepaper.gov.au>

FAST FACTS



Nicaraguan visitors to Australia ([2019 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 100



Australian visitors to Nicaragua (primary destination ([2019 Dept of Home Affairs](#))) # * 200



Resident Australian population born in Nicaragua ([2016 Census](#)) 715



Australian residents of Nicaraguan descent ([2016 Census](#)) 667



Nicaraguan Working Holiday Makers ([2019 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) N/A



Nicaraguan students in Australia ([2019 Dept of Education](#)) 12

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* Nicaragua reports Australian visitors as 4,240 (average of "rest of the world including Asia, Africa and Oceania) in 2019 (www.intur.gob.ni)

High level engagement

2017 June – Ambassador for Women and Girls, Dr Sharman Stone, visited Nicaragua.



Agreements with Nicaragua

2019

[Tax Information Exchange Agreement](#)

Public diplomacy

Through the [Direct Aid Program](#), the Australian Government provides financial support to a range of projects in Nicaragua, including improving the health indicators for vulnerable communities and the economic empowerment of women.

In 2020, the Australian Embassy hosted a webinar on Australia's biosecurity expertise to combat Fusarium wilt in bananas. The event attracted over 150 participants from 13 different countries, including Nicaragua.

In 2018, the Council on Australia-Latin America Relations (COALAR) provided grants to Somos21 Limited to connect and collaborate with people and institutions in Nicaragua.

Economic diplomacy

The Australian Government supports Australian investors in Nicaragua by providing support and advice on political, economic and regulatory environments.

Further economic and trade information can be found in our [Economic Factsheet](#) for Nicaragua.

Business

Austrade aims to attract foreign direct investment into Australia. It also identifies market opportunities and promotes the capabilities of Australian exporters and education providers.

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