

Nicaragua to Costa Rica – Penas Blanca

1. Documents
 - a. Passport – 1 copy
 - b. Title – 1 copy
 - c. Registration – 1 copy
 - d. Passport page with Costa Rica Entry stamp – 1 copy
 - e. Costa Rica insurance – 1 copy
2. Nicaragua Exit
 - a. Enter fenced in area past blue guard shack
 - i. DGA official will ask for passports and vehicle import permit
 - ii. Official checked permit and signed
 - b. Nicaragua Immigration – park by bus parking near Budget Rental Car
 - i. Municipal fee of \$1 USD/24 Cordoba
 - ii. Fill out tourist exit form
 - iii. Pay \$2USD/person exit fee
 - iv. Stamp out of Nicaragua
 - c. Nicaragua Customs – office is in the same building as Immigration in the opposite corner
 - i. Before customs will cancel your vehicle import permit you need to find a DGA official and a police officer to sign/stamp permit
 1. We could not find a police officer and were not sure if the initial signature from the DGA agent was sufficient so we found another DGA agent who signed off, not even checking the truck's VIN.
 - ii. Grumpy customs lady will sign and stamp your vehicle import permit, canceling it and returning it to you.
 - iii. Official at Nicaraguan exit booth will take canceled vehicle import permit
 - iv. Police officer checked our passports as well
3. Costa Rica Entry
 - a. Costa Rica fumigation – keep to the right down a slight hill to fumigation shack
 - i. Official waved us through and we didn't pay and we were never asked for a receipt.
 - b. Costa Rica immigration – large white and blue building on the left park in bus parking on the right.
 - i. Wait in the longest line yet, fill out tourist entry card
 - ii. Stamp into Costa Rica
 - c. Costa Rica Customs
 - i. Do not go to customs building directly across from immigration
 - ii. Instead walk approximately 400 meters past many trucks to customs #2 at the furthest corner of the building
 - iii. Purchase mandatory Costa Rica insurance in office next to customs office #2

1. Cost was \$35 for 3 months, the insurance agent would not let us pay for 1 or 2 months only
 - iv. Make copies of Costa Rica insurance and passport page with Costa Rica stamp for all drivers in copy office directly across from customs #2
 - v. Walk back to customs office #1 with copies
 1. Fill out customs form, official with sign and staple form together with all copies
 - vi. Drive back to customs office #2
 1. Present paperwork, receive vehicle import permit
 - vii. You are now free to explore Costa Rica!
4. Total Cost
 - a. Nicaragua municipal tax - \$1/person
 - b. Nicaragua exit fee - \$2/person
 - c. Costa Rica fumigation - \$35/person