

# Directions to Pacific Surf House

## Tola, Nicaragua

### Driving Directions from Managua Airport

Coming out of the airport, turn **RIGHT** onto (Carrtera Norte).

1) At the **first rotunda** continue straight. This rotunda will have a busy bus depot and large market – don't get confused – continue straight thru.

2) At the **second rotunda** go **RIGHT** (onto a bumpy tree lined road). You will pass large white tanks along the right side of the road.

3) After about 7K there will be a funky intersection – stay **RIGHT** – turning onto a very smooth main road going toward Masaya. You will soon pass a large manufacturing plant called ASTRO. Buses should say to Masaya and Tipitapa.

4) You will come to a T-junction with a white arched building directly in front. There will be a sign that says Masaya and Granada and Penas Blancas to the left and Managua to the right – **GO LEFT**.

NOTE: Make sure to stop properly at the stop sign here – there is always a cop – also, never stop and ask a cop for directions – they'll find something to give you a ticket for!!

Soon after turning left toward Granada you will pass a **Papa Johns Pizza**.

REMEMBER this – this will be your landmark when returning to the airport!

5) At the **next rotunda** – **continue STRAIGHT thru** – do not take first right or you will be on the scenic/hectic tour through the center of Masaya!

Now you should be on a nice 4-lane divided highway...

6) At the **next rotunda** – **take a hard right** – otherwise you will drive all the way into the city of Granada. This rotunda is a bit different than the others as it has a bike path with yellow markers. There should be a big factory on the right shortly after.

You are now heading toward CATARINA on a smoothly paved 2-lane road.

Look for a sign that says CATARINA 6K. You will pass Pueblo Blanco Artist Villa. Upon arriving in Catarina you will see a sign for the Mirador on the left – make note of this as you may wish to come back to see the Volcanic Lake.

After you pass through Catarina (a village noted for its beautiful plants), you will pass through the small towns San Juan de Oriente (a village noted for its beautiful pottery), and then the small towns of Diria and Diriomo.

7) Stay on the main road toward NANDAIME. As you approach Volcan Mombocho you will come to a rotunda of sorts – more like a traffic triangle – stay right and then take a hard **RIGHT** again – otherwise you will end up in Granada

8) As you approach Nandaime, you are approaching the Pan American Highway. When you reach the Pan American highway you will come to a Y junction with a big bible in the median. Stay left here and then turn **LEFT** (south) toward NANDAIME. You are on the PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY!

Look for a sign that now says Nandaime 1K and Rivas 46K.

## Follow the Pan-American Highway south to RIVAS

- 9) About 19 kilometers past NANDAIME, you will cross over the PUENTA OCHOMOGO BRIDGE, and about 40 kilometers further you will reach RIVAS. Just before you come to RIVAS you will see signs for TOLA and Rancho Santana.
- 10) Upon arriving in RIVAS you will turn off the PAN AMERICAN Highway. (Look for a small brightly painted corner stall - MANGOs - for tire repairs.) Turn **RIGHT**, onto a small straight cobblestone street. At the end of this street, turn **RIGHT** again, and you will be heading for the next small town, TOLA.
- 11) *Should you arrive at a roundabout* on the PAN-AM highway in Rivas, you've gone too far – However, if you intend to gas up and buy supplies, perfect! Go straight through the roundabout and find the **Pan-American Grocery Store** just behind the **Gas Station** on the right hand side. Gas Station also sells very good fried chicken and wine...

## From RIVAS to TOLA to Ranch Santana

IF, you went to the gas station and Pan-American Grocery, get back to the small straight cobblestone street. At the end of this street, turn **RIGHT** again, and you will be heading for the next small town, TOLA.

After crossing a one-lane bridge, you will be in TOLA.

In TOLA you will pass a large church (on your right).

Beyond the church is a public square – (a good place to buy fruits and veggies)

At the far end of the square is a stop sign and to the left a police station.

- 12) Turn **LEFT** at the police station – (make sure your seatbelts are on!) Travel maybe two blocks. Turn **RIGHT** at the sign that says “Rancho Santana.” You will now be on a dirt road and will have about 15-20 minutes left to travel. Stay straight on this road. You are ultimately heading for the town of LAS SALINAS. You will pass signs for Playas de Tola and Gigante. Stay straight. You will pass the a couple gated communities: Iguanas, & Los Perros.
- 13) Just beyond Los Perros, you will arrive at Rancho Santana. There will be a guard at the Gate to welcome you into the Gated Community.



