

# San Juan del Sur, Rivas, Nicaragua

A crescent bay framed by jungle hills, a giant Christ statue gazing over the Pacific, and surf beaches just a short ride away — San Juan del Sur delivers an easygoing Nicaragua in a single shore day.

-  Tender port
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  USD & Nicaraguan Córdoba
-  Spanish
-  Surf & beach town

## 🏖 MY DAY IN PORT

|                  |               |                   |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Tender — ships anchor in the bay; tenders land at the municipal pier

**Best For:** Beach relaxation, surfing, hiking to the Cristo statue, zip-lining

**Walk to centre:** 2-3 min from the tender pier to the main beach and market

**Don't Miss:** Cristo de la Misericordia viewpoint — giant hilltop Christ statue (~110 m above the bay) with panoramic views

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$2-5 USD

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cristo de la Misericordia Hike & Views** — Hike or take a short taxi up to the base of the giant Cristo statue on the hilltop overlooking the bay, roughly 110 m...
- **Surf Lesson at Playa Maderas** — Playa Maderas, about 10 km north of town, is one of Nicaragua's top surf beaches.
- **Olive Ridley Turtle Tour (Seasonal)** — Between July and January, Olive Ridley sea turtles nest on nearby beaches.
- **Zip-Line Canopy Tour** — Several operators run zip-line tours through the jungle hills surrounding the bay, with platforms offering aerial views...
- **Beach Day at Playa Hermosa** — Playa Hermosa, a few kilometres south, is a quieter alternative to the town beach — good swimming and far fewer vendors.

## BEST WALKS

- **Bay Promenade & Town Wander** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy · Flat — Walk south from the tender pier along the beach road, past restaurants and souvenir stalls, to the far end of the crescent bay.
- **Cristo de la Misericordia Hilltop** 2 km round-trip · 45-60 min · Moderate · Steep — From the south end of town, follow the signed path uphill to the base of the giant Cristo statue.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 90°  | 77° | 5d   |
| Jun |     | 84°  | 76° | 26d  |
| Aug |     | 84°  | 76° | 26d  |
| Sep |     | 84°  | 76° | 27d  |
| Oct |     | 83°  | 75° | 28d  |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:32AM–5:54PM · Jun 5:20AM–6:07PM · Aug 5:33AM–6:02PM · Sep 5:33AM–5:43PM · Oct 5:32AM–5:25PM

 USD & Nicaraguan Córdoba

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Hot and humid: San Juan del Sur sits in the tropics. Bring sunscreen, a hat, and water — even a short beach walk gets warm fast.
- Tuk-tuks are the local taxi: Negotiate the fare before you get in. A ride to Playa Maderas typically runs \$10-15 USD one-way.
- Carry small USD bills: Most places accept dollars but change in Córdoba. \$1-5 bills are handy for snacks, tips, and tuk-tuks.

# San Juan del Sur, Rivas, Nicaragua — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

**Capitán Alfred Panga Tours**

Boat tour operator offering ocean excursions and fishing trips.
- 2

**Cristo de La Misericordia**

Giant Christ statue offering panoramic views of San Juan del Sur.
- 3

**Bahía Portal del Mar**

Exclusive beachfront residential community with private beach access.
- 4

**Finca Las Nubes**

Scenic coffee farm and eco-lodge with stunning views.
- P

**Cruise port / terminal**