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on location
in Nicaragua.

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THE VARIED
LANDSCAPE OF
NICARAGUA
INSPIRES A SPRING
SHOPPING LIST.

By Amanda R. Hearst

On a recent visit to Nicaragua, "the land of lakes and volcanoes," I got to stay at two of its coolest, most interesting hotels. Jean-Marc Houmard, the man behind such New York restaurants as Indochine and Tijuana Picnic, presides over the charming Tribal Hotel, in the heart of the colonial city of Granada. There are only seven rooms, which offered a surprisingly welcome intimacy as I sipped a margarita poolside with a fellow guest. I later trekked to Morgan's Rock, on the Pacific coast, and enjoyed the surf on the dark blue water and the fresh seafood from the nearby fishing town San Juan del Sur. The hotel's "Breakfast on the Farm" tour was a highlight: I milked a cow, collected fresh eggs, and then prepared my own meal. Though mesmerizingly beautiful, the country is unquestionably rustic, so leave your Manolos at home. Eco-friendly beauty finds like Drunk Elephant's nontoxic sunscreen and artisanal apparel like Zac Posen's woven dress are your surest bets.

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