

# Driving Directions to Playa Coco



# Leaving and Returning to Managua - Rural Route

There are two routes to get from Managua to the Managua-Granada Highway (Carretera Masaya). This first route is the recommended route, as it bypasses Managua almost completely - and it is a more relaxing drive. However, if for some reason you need to stop in Managua, the second route is provided. The first route is marked with a green line, while the second route is marked with a red line. The two routes join up just north of Masaya on the Managua-Granada Highway (Carretera Masaya).

- From the airport, turn right onto Carretera Norte (main road in front of airport).
- Go through the roundabout and go straight for another 5 km, you will enter a town called Tipitapa, make a right.
- Follow this road for about 20 minutes (passing manufacturing plants on both sides of the road).
- This road will dead end into the Managua-Granada Highway (Carretera Masaya). Turn left. Shortly after you make this turn you will pass through the first round-about (with Papa John's) listed on the Managua-San Juan del Sur directions.

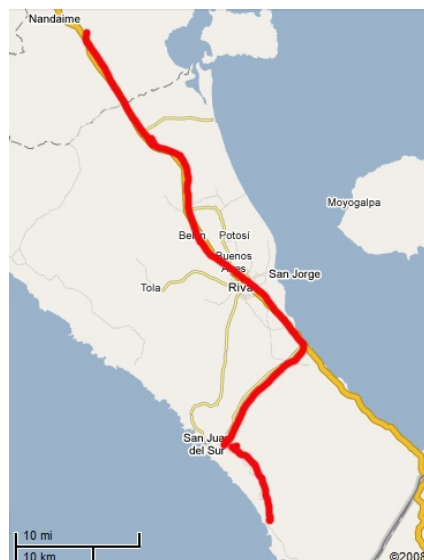
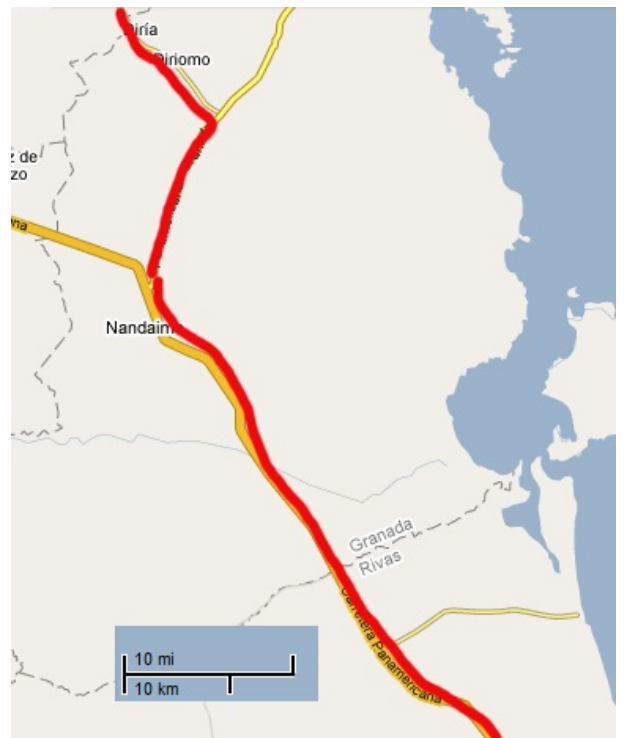
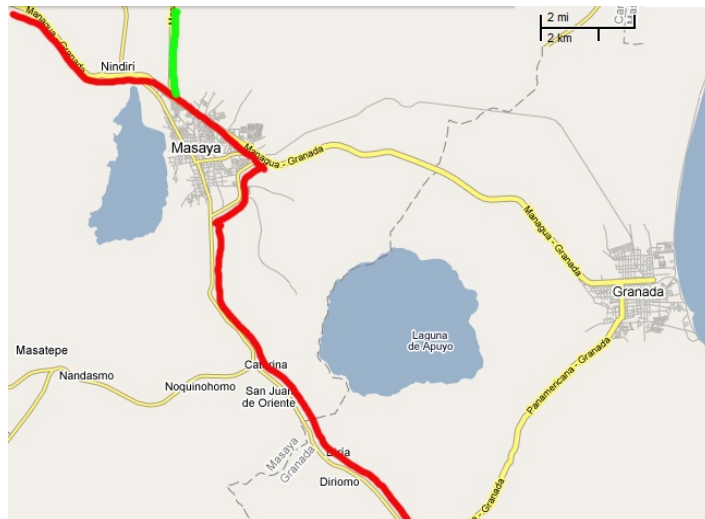




# Managua to San Juan del Sur

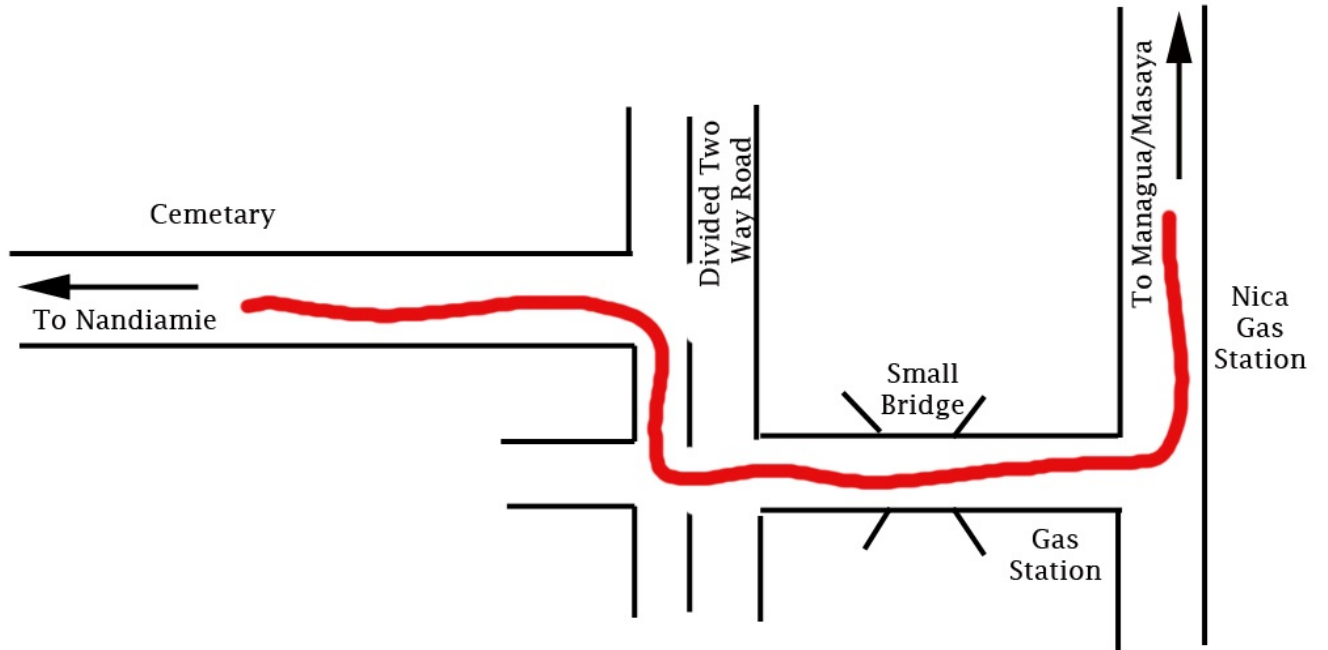
As you travel from Managua to SJDS you have the option of following the map below, or going through Granada. At Granada you must change from the Granada-Managua highway to the Granada-Pan American road, which is a tricky connection. A rough map is provided on the next page. The route listed here is easier.

After leaving Managua, head toward Granada on the Managua-Granada road. You will want to make a right off this road just past the Masaya turn. There is a major round-about that leads towards Masaya market - pass this round-about (this has gas stations and stores, and a Papa Johns). The next round-about is almost completely unmarked. You will take a right turn (one quarter the way around the circle). You will know you are on the correct road when you pass Peblos Blancas. Follow signs for Namdiame/Penas Blancas. You will make pass through a rotunda, pass through San Juan de Oriente, then the road will dead end into the Granada-Pan American Highway road (this will be a fork type intersection). Turn right here (triangle road pattern), and continue for about 15 minutes. The road will end at the Pan American Highway (another fork-triangle), turn left towards Namdaime. Pass through Namdaime and follow the Pan American highway towards and through Rivas (straight through one round about). There will be a very well marked turn off for San Juan del Sur (with a large obelisk in the center), turn right towards San Juan del Sur.



# Granada Route

## Connection in Granada



# From San Juan del Sur to Playa Coco.

As you approach San Juan del Sur, you will pass a Pali Supermarket on your left. This is a good place to stock up on groceries and other supplies, since there are no more stores before Playa Coco. Right after the Pali, take a left hand turn. There will possibly be signs for “Las Finches,” “Ostinal,” “Playa Yankee,” or “Parque Maritimo el Coco”. You will follow these signs for most of the rest of the trip. This road will be paved with paving stones for a short while, then will turn to dirt (you will pass a baseball field and a cemetery). Continue on, and after about 2-3 km, you will make a left hand turn. Just before this turn, you will see “Gaby Mar Motel and Restaurant” on your right. Once again, there will probably be signs for “Las Finches” and/or “Parque Maritimo el Coco”. This is the last turn on the trip, you will stay on this road all the way to Playa Coco. There are a few turn offs, but it is always obvious which one is the main road. You will pass Playa Yankee, Las Finches, and three stream crossings. Most of the time these can be crossed easily, do not try to cross during heavy rains. Wait for the water to subside. After a while, you will pass Parque Maritimo el Coco. Playa Coco is located about a half mile past Parque Maritimo on your right.

