

# MacDougall Drive 2025

## 6 Nicaragua to Costa Rica

Hopefully instructions were followed to get USDA Certified Health Certificates for Guatemala AND Costa Rica. If so, this will be a piece of cake getting pet into CR.

Then:

<https://iOverlander.com/places/9617-penas-blancas-nicaragua-costa-rica-border>

Nicaragua Exit

- easy to locate, though google wanted us to go an extra hour in a circle so pay attention to the road sign to Peñas Blanca
- There is great parking
- You'll be given a customs form as you enter which needs to be filled out
- PEOPLE: Go into white building 'Terminal de Pasajeros' and pay \$1 USD as you enter building and get in line or go to a window for immigration
- Documents needed - passport and ticket that was given on entry to Nicaragua.
- Passport will be stamped out. Pay \$3 USD
- VEHICLE: Exit back out same door entered and go to small white building on left if facing the parking lot. This is to get the officer to inspect vehicle. Once inspected you receive a stamped document.
- VEHICLE: Take stamped document and go inside building on left of immigration. Once inside building, the TIP cancellation window is on the right side.
- PET: in same building as TIP cancellation there is an office on the left for the Pet process.
- PET: Documents needed, completed customs form and other Pet documents (see process at IPSA pet export process on iOverlander)
- PET: Give the completed customs form to the officer there. Add information about pet on here if applicable - mark yes for live animal and add in description the type of pet, age, breed and quantity and a nominal value (we know they are priceless - we put \$10)
- PET: Make sure to get a specific form from IPSA for pet on this exit as this is needed for entry to Costa Rica. CR will not look at any other paperwork.
- Nothing to pay on exit for vehicle or pet.
- Whole process for exit us was approx 2.5 hours at 4pm on a Friday

**Blog:** [Morag y Martin](#)

**Place:** [Penas Blancas, Nicaragua/Costa Rica border](#)

**Visited:** January 24th, 2025

**Location:** [11.21544, -85.61225](#)

Enter Costa Rica:

<https://iOverlander.com/places/54058-costa-rica-border>

