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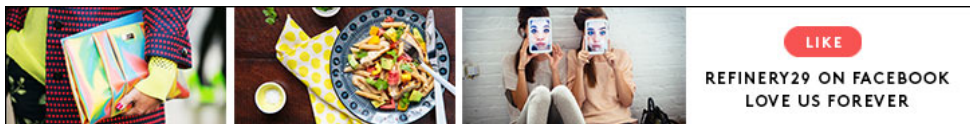
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The Surf Oasis Worth A Pilgrimage

The beachside town of San Juan Del Sur on the pacific coast has become a surfing mecca thanks to some of best breaks in the country and amazing surf schools, including the girls-only ChicaBrava helmed Ashley Blaylock. "I've traveled all over the world, and beyond the wonderful people and the beauty of the country, the waves are what brought me here," exclaims Blaylock who is a six-time Nicaraguan surfing champion. "We are surrounded by world-class beaches. The offshore winds create perfectly groomed waves 300-plus days a year." Blaylock left her native Texas to live full-time in San Juan Del Sur. "Ten years ago, it was a tranquil fishing village, a very local vacation spot. While it has become an international destination, it is a robust Nicaraguan town that is hundreds

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