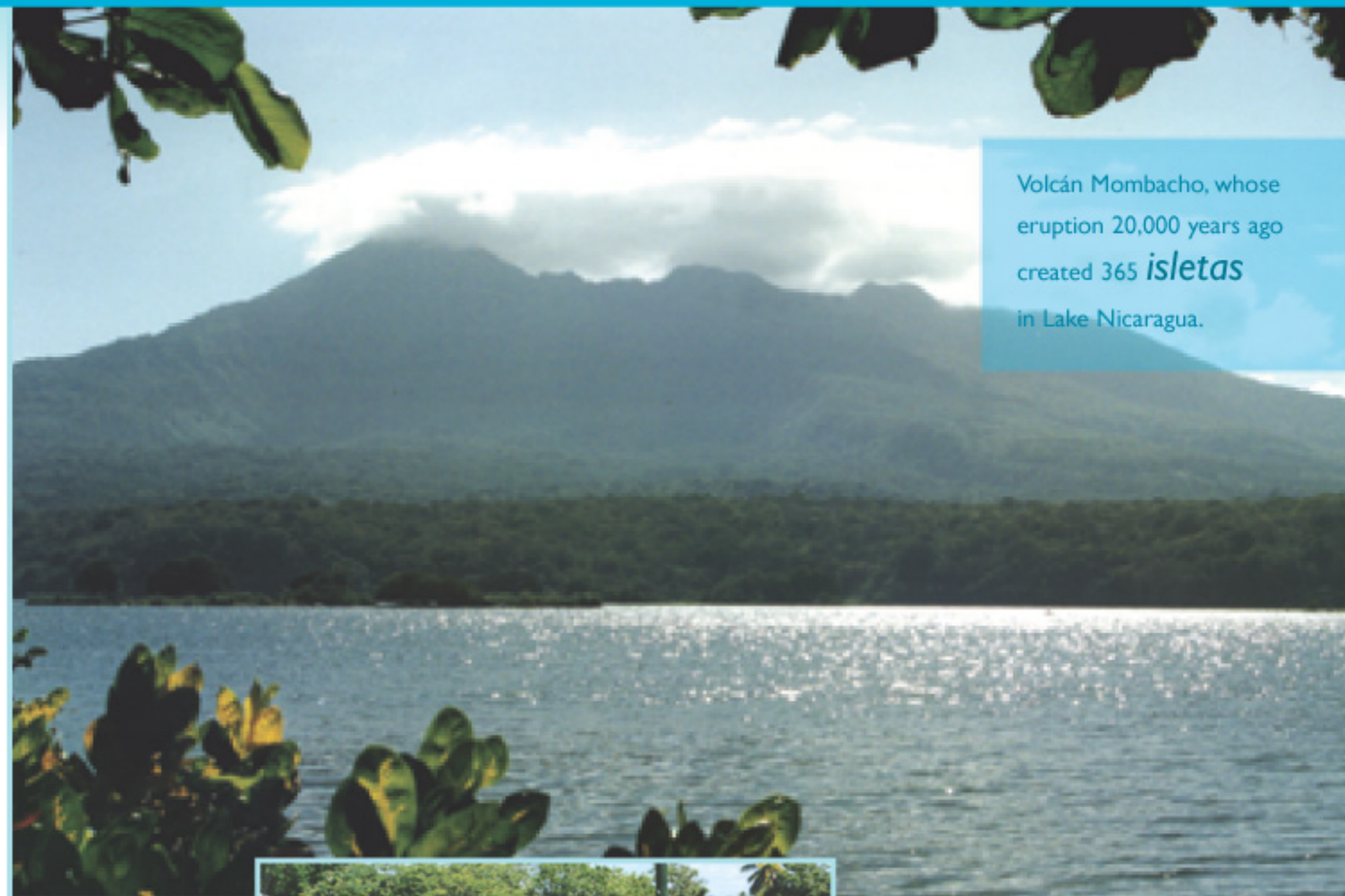


## “Lancha?” Lancha?

These are the cries of the boatmen on Lake Nicaragua attempting to interest people in buying their services to go on a trip to one of the *isletas*—the tiny islands that cropped up in a volcanic eruption some 20,000 years ago and remain as romantic reminders of the phenomenon.

# Lake Nicaragua

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Volcán Mombacho, whose eruption 20,000 years ago created 365 *isletas* in Lake Nicaragua.



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Lake Nicaragua is located in the Southwestern region of Nicaragua in Central America.

**Left:** One of the *Lanchas* for transport to the *isletas* in Lake Nicaragua.