Photo of the Week: Chocolate Grows on Trees

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Did you know that chocolate grows on trees? Those green and yellow pods you see in the picture above are hanging from a cocoa tree, and the seeds they contain will be fermented, dried, roasted, and turned into chocolate you can buy at the grocery store! As agritourism rises in popularity, cocoa farms like this one in Nicaragua are welcoming more and more travelers who are curious about where their food comes from--and it doesn't hurt that cocoa is grown in beautiful tropical destinations! On a farm tour, you'll meet local farmers and their families and get a glimpse into authentic rural life.

This photo was taken on a tour with Vapues Tours.