

ANGELS WITH AUTISM COSTA RICA ADVENTURE TRIP

Come enjoy a unique rainforest & cultural experience hosted by Barb & Jim Lewis at their home in Costa Rica.

Deep forest hiking, horseback riding, birding & monkey watching in the Oro Verde Private Biological Reserve located high in the mountains overlooking miles of isolated beaches at Ballena Marine National Park. Here, in the very remote southern Pacific coast of Costa Rica where the mountains kneel to the sea, you can leave the jungle & walk alone for miles on the beach below, swim, surf, snorkel, go sea kayaking at low tide or take a boat ride to fish or explore the area. Or just relax all day by the pool in a hammock. You are entirely on your own schedule.

- Main house (two bedrooms, one with queen bed, the other with two twin beds, separate full bath, kitchen & observation deck)
- Jungle house (large one-room bedroom with three bunk beds—sleeps 6—full bath & a private observation deck)



Meals at the house (including drinks), maid & laundry service, horseback rides, guided hiking & birding tours & local ground transportation are included. A wonderful, gentle way to be introduced to the culture of a friendly foreign country, practice Spanish with new friends & experience a virgin tropical rainforest in a way no tourist to Costa Rica ever will. Oro Verde offers a thousand constant distractions—all of them natural. No TVs or VCRs here, just Mother Nature at her purest. A powerful chorus of howler monkeys will awaken you each morning, the gentle rush of two jungle streams will beckon you to sleep at night & a thousand tropical birds will awaken you each morning at Oro Verde. Come enjoy Costa Rica in an intimate setting with your family & friends.

A one-week trip, including ground transportation to & from the house, is offered for bid: **February 14 - 20, 2007**. Airfare & taxes, San José hotel stays & meals en route to & from the house & local boat trips & restaurant meals are not included in the bid price. After bidding, final travel arrangements must be confirmed with the Lewises by **November 15, 2006**. (Plane and hotel reservations must be made this early for travel in the High Season.) Barb & Jim, who have spent many years in Latin American and speak Spanish, look forward to meeting with you, the happy winners of this bid, to help you plan all aspects of your adventure trip to Costa Rica, where they will warmly welcome you with the traditional Spanish greeting, "Nuestra casa es su casa"—our house is your house.

Suggested itinerary: **Day 1** – fly to San José, Costa Rica (7-8 hrs.) & enjoy dinner & an overnight hotel stay in the capitol city. **Day 2** – up early to travel through an 11,000' scenic mountain pass en route to Oro Verde (4-5 hrs.) & then enjoy your first afternoon & night in the jungle. **Days 3-5** – experience the many wonders of the area at your leisure. **Day 6** – return to San José, shop & tour the city & enjoy another fine dinner. **Day 7** – fly back to the U.S. or perhaps spend even more time in Costa Rica. There are many interesting day trips readily available from San José, like to the nearby Poás or Irazú volcanoes, or perhaps take an overnight trip to the Monteverde cloud forest or Lake Arenal to the north, which sports hot springs and an even more active volcano—and the world's most exciting windsurfing! These additional trips can be added to either end of your stay—or both!

A U.S. passport with three remaining months is required for each traveler. Currently, there are no special health concerns in Costa Rica. Additional details about this unique offer, well in advance of the auction, are available from Barb Lewis by telephoning her at 523-4363 or e-mailing BLewispolitics@insight.r.com. Enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience in support of Angels With Autism!