

## *Jewels of the Rainforest Museum*

*I am a Biologist-Entomologist-Nature Videographer and have lived in Costa Rica for over 7 years. I am the creator and owner of The jewels of The Rainforest Entomological Museum in El Tirol Hotel, Heredia, and La Quinta Hotel, Sarapaqui, Costa Rica.*

*Several years ago, Mr. Vinzenz Schmack invited me to his “La Laguna del Lagarto Lodge”, a pristine area on a hill surrounded by 1,275 acres of virgin tropical rain forest in the extreme northern part of Costa Rica.*

*I have traveled extensively throughout Costa Rica in search of natural history subjects in either original, unaltered environment, as material for the various professional educational videos, which I have produced here.*

*La Laguna del Lagarto Lodge and the surrounding tropical forests has provided me with the greatest selection of remarkable natural history material of any location I have so far visited in Costa Rica. Besides the tremendous number and species variety of my favorite subjects, the arthropods (Insects, etc.), this wonderful area is home to over 350 bird species including the rare Great Green Macaw and the Chestnut Bellied Heron! The howler, capuchin and spider monkeys are a common sight here as well as “the last of the Dinosaurs” in the forms of Iguanas, Basilisks, and of course, numerous Caimans in the surrounding lakes! Both red and metallic green Arrow-Poison Frogs occur here in great abundance!*

*I recommend, without reservation, La Laguna del Lagarto Lodge to anyone desiring the opportunity to be immersed in and to observe first hand the wonder of Central Americas Rainforests. You will not find another location with such easy access to wild tropical nature, while being provided with excellent, safe, accommodations and some of the best food anywhere!*

*Feel free to contact me at my museum if you desire further commentary regarding La Laguna del Lagarto Lodge.*

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