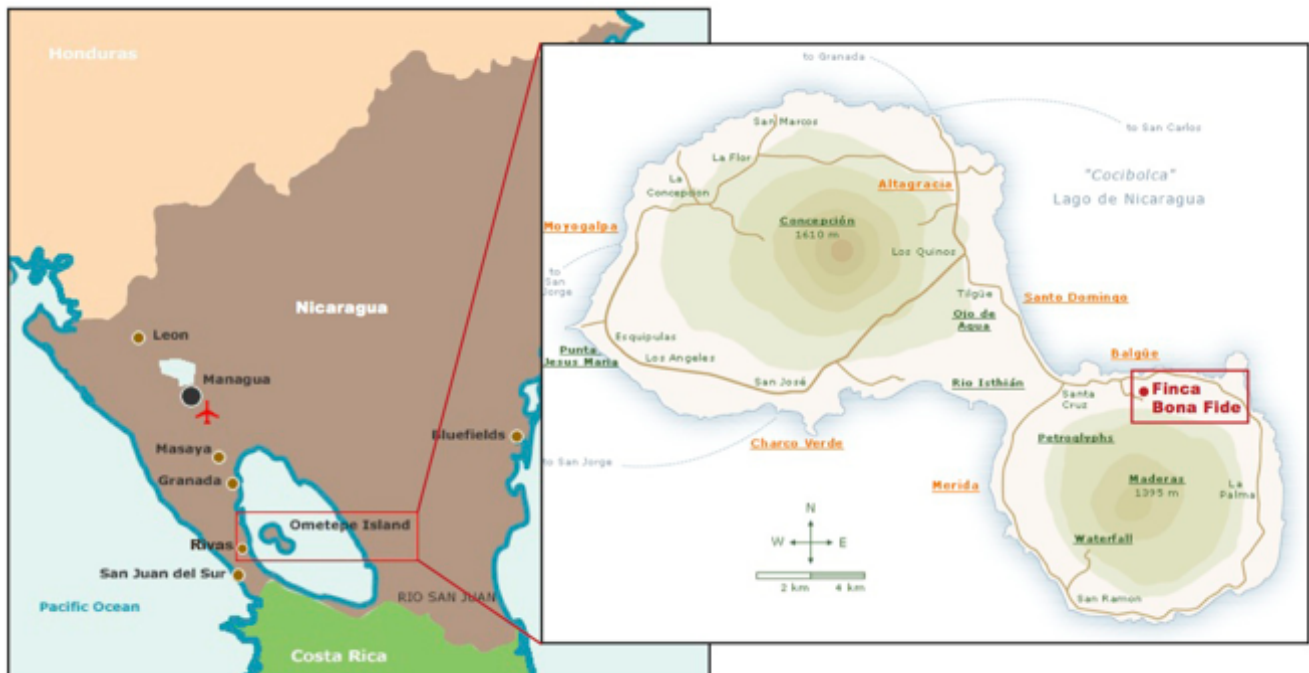


# Directions to Finca Bona Fide

Balgüe, Isla de Ometepe, Nicaragua

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**NOTE: Please bring Córdobas!** Although our prices are in US dollars, we greatly appreciate Córdobas, especially in small denominations when possible (100s or smaller instead of 500 bills). We accept payment for your stay in Córdobas at the current exchange rate.



**TO RIVAS:** Take a bus or taxi to the *mercado* (market) in the city of Rivas. From Managua the bus leaves from Mercado Huembes. From San Juan del Sur the bus leaves from the Taxi Corner. If coming overland from Costa Rica, there is a direct bus to Rivas.

**RIVAS TO SAN JORGE (5-10 minutes):** From the Rivas market, take a taxi to the town of San Jorge, which lies on Lake Nicaragua. Ask to go to *el muelle* (the port). A taxi should cost around C\$20 per person, or no more than US\$1 per person.

**FERRY TO OMETEPE (1 hour 15 minutes):** Travel on a *lancha* (boat) or ferry to either Moyogalpa or San José. If you want to catch a bus on Ometepe, the latest ferry you should take is the 2:30pm ferry to Moyogalpa, which meets up with a 3:45pm bus that goes from Moyogalpa direct to the town of Balgüe. If you take a later ferry or otherwise miss the bus leaving from Moyogalpa, you can either stay the night in Moyogalpa or take a taxi.

See the current ferry schedule at: <http://www.ometepenicaragua.com/ferryboat.php>

**BUS OR TAXI TO BALGUE (1-1.5 hours):** There are many buses to Balgüe, some direct and some indirect. Direct buses to Balgüe leave the Moyogalpa port area at 8:20am, 10:15am, and 3:45pm and take about 1 hr 40 min. You can also take a bus from Moyogalpa to Altagracia (leave at least once per hour), then take another bus from Altagracia to Balgüe. Feel free to ask around for directions; people are friendly and will point you in the right direction. Total fare from Moyogalpa to Balgüe is around C\$25-30, or US\$1. Buses do not run to/from Balgüe on Sundays.

View the current bus schedule at: <http://www.ometepenicaragua.com/ometepebus.php>

You can also take a taxi directly to the farm. Upon arrival at the port, there are various taxi and shuttle drivers offering rides, which take about 50 min. A fair price is usually about US\$30 for a taxi, or US\$10-15 per person in a shuttle. Ask to go to “Finca Bona Fide” in Balgüe. If they seem unsure of where that is, you can specify “350 metros después del Puente Balgüe”, or 350 meters after the Balgüe River Bridge.

**FROM BALGUE TO THE FARM ENTRANCE (10 minutes):** Buses either stop at the “Puente Balgüe” (Balgüe River Bridge) or continue on past the Finca Bona Fide entrance. Whether riding or walking, continue east on the main road about 350 meters past the “Puente Balgüe” sign over the small Balgüe River (more like a stream). This will include passing the point where the road changes from paved to gravel. Look for the Finca Bona Fide sign and road on the right. Enter through the opening next to the locked gate. The road has concrete tracks and leads uphill.



The farm entrance from below as viewed from the main road

**WALKING THROUGH THE FARM (15 minutes):** Walk uphill on the concrete tracks. At the two forks in the road, take a right, following the signs that say “Finca Bona Fide.” Our farm entrance paths are shared with two neighboring private businesses—please respect their privacy and stay on the “Finca Bona Fide” path.

At the top of the hill you will see a small *bodega* (shed of tools) on your right. From there give a holler and continue on towards the big thatch roof structure, which is our main kitchen and the heart of life at the farm. The dogs are friendly.

If you feel a bit lost, don’t worry; just about all paths lead to the kitchen, which is our headquarters at the top of the property. See you soon!