

How do you weave sustainability into the operations at The Grand Hacienda?



"THE GRAND HACIENDA HAS A VERY GREEN FOOTPRINT. WE DESIGNED THE NEW HACIENDA WITH AUTHENTIC DETAILS AND ARCHITECTURE, AND ALSO WITH CURRENT TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT. WE WORK HARD TO REDUCE WATER AND ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION. OUR ROOF IS LINED WITH SOLAR PANELS TO PRODUCE ENERGY FROM THE SUN. WE CAPTURE RAINWATER TO WATER OUR GARDENS. WE USE SHOWER WATER TO WATER TREES IN THE PARKWAY. WE CAPTURE HEAT FROM THE GREENHOUSE AND CONVERT IT TO HEAT FOR OUR FLOORS. WE HAVE BLOCKED ELECTROMAGNETIC FREQUENCIES SO NO EMF RAYS WILL SEEP OUT IN YOUR SUITE. WE HAVE GROUNDED THE FLOORS. WE DON'T USE PLASTIC BOTTLES. WE GROW OUR OWN HERBS AND VEGETABLES. AND, SO MUCH MORE."

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How did The Grand Hacienda come to be?



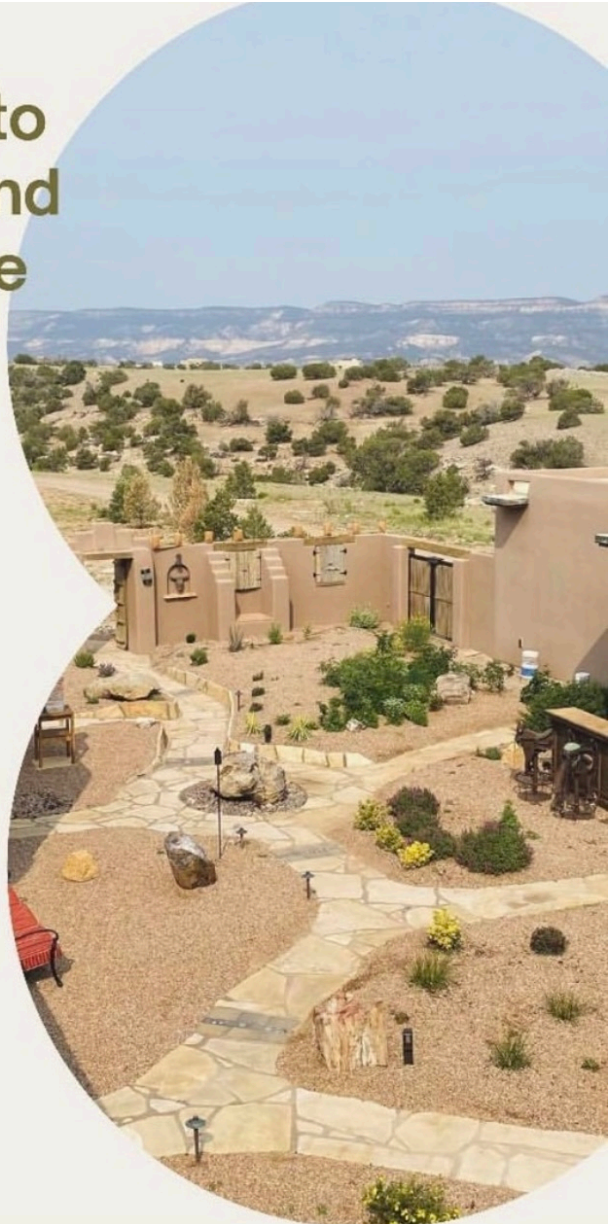
"TOM AND I HAVE A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE ABIQUIU AREA. FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, WE HAVE RENTED OUT OUR VACATION HOMES TO GUESTS LOOKING TO DISCOVER ABIQUIU. WHEN I RETIRED, WE DECIDED TO MOVE TO ABIQUIU LAKE FULL-TIME AND CREATE, BUILD AND LAUNCH A LUXURY BED AND BREAKFAST PROPERTY. THREE YEARS IN THE MAKING, THE GRAND HACIENDA WAS BORN!"

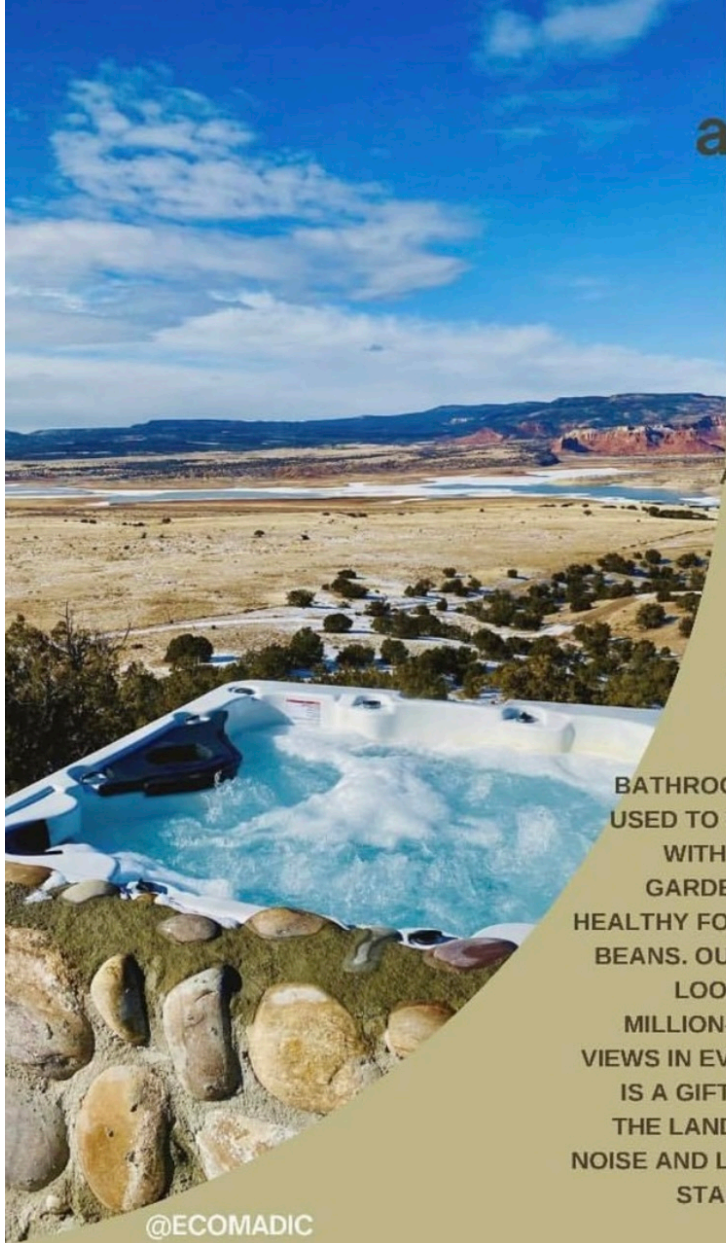
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What does sustainability mean to the team at The Grand Hacienda to promote environmental stewardship?

"TO US, SUSTAINABILITY IS PROTECTING THIS AMAZING LAND, OUR EARTH, AND OUR COMMUNITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF US WHILE WE OCCUPY THIS EARTH. BUT SUSTAINABILITY IS ALSO ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. WE EMPLOY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND PAY A LIVING WAGE. WE TRY TO PURCHASE AS MUCH FOOD FROM LOCAL FARMERS AND FARMERS MARKETS. WE RESPECT CULTURAL RIGHTS AND DIVERSITY."

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What unique accommodations & amenities do you offer your guests?

"WE DO OFFER UNIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS AND AMENITIES. ALL OF OUR SUITES HAVE PRIVATE ENTRANCES AND PRIVATE OUTDOOR PORTALS, SO THERE IS NATURAL ISOLATION WHEN YOU WANT THAT. ALL SUITES HAVE GROUNDED FLOORS AND EMFS REDUCTION BUILT IN. OUR SUITES HAVE HEATED FLOORS, INDIVIDUAL CLIMATE CONTROL, A SPA, BATHROOMS WHERE EXCESS SHOWER WATER IS USED TO WATER TREES. BREAKFASTS ARE MADE WITH LOCAL FOOD FROM FARMERS AND OUR GARDEN, WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WE SEEK OUT HEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK, EVEN DOWN TO COFFEE BEANS. OUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON 42 ACRES, LOOKING OUT OVER ABIQUIÚ LAKE AND THE MILLION-YEAR-OLD RED CLIFFS. WITH STUNNING VIEWS IN EVERY DIRECTION, PEACE AND STILLNESS IS A GIFT. WE ENCOURAGE GUESTS TO EXPLORE THE LAND AND LAKE. AND, WITH AN ABSENCE OF NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION, GUESTS CAN SEE THE STARS AND PLANETS LIKE NEVER BEFORE!"

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