

Auberge Resorts Introduces New Luxury Property in Santa Fe

A spiritual energy center and arts mecca, Santa Fe, New Mexico, can now consider the luxury resort operator, Auberge Resorts, among the many who have followed the light to this enchanting region. Encantado, Auberge Resorts' newest property, sister to famed Auberge du Soleil and Esperanza Resort, will open July 2008. Introducing a new luxury resort to the region, the property will feature 65 casitas, a world-class spa, and signature restaurant and lounge that will rest upon 57 acres of stunning Tesuque, New Mexico landscape just outside of Santa Fe, formerly occupied by Rancho Encantado.

"Inspired by the unique character of impeccably selected natural settings, Santa Fe was a clear choice for Auberge Resorts as the site for our next endeavor," said Mark Harmon, Principal & CEO of Auberge Resorts. "We relish this opportunity to bring our style of simple luxury, fine cuisine and exceptional spa services to New Mexico."

The 65 Encantado casitas will display a contemporary interpretation of traditional Santa Fe design. Stucco exteriors in soft, earthy tones with rich chocolate wood trim will lead into the contemporary adobe style casitas with oversized windows, square-cut wood beams, polished cement flooring, stone detailing, and kiva-style fireplaces, all of which spill into the indulgent bathroom with deep soaking tubs and heated floors. Private terraces with welcoming furniture will set the stage for admiring magnificent vistas. Texas-based Wilson & Associates, interior designers of Inn at Palmetto Bluff and Esperanza Resort, will infuse regional elements and a natural flow of original artwork throughout the resort. Speaking to essential Auberge hallmarks, Encantado will incorporate a rich collection of contemporary artwork along with highly influenced regional undertones. Furthering the arts experience on property, Encantado will feature an on-site art gallery, expansive outdoor sculpture garden and art and photography programs for inspired guests.

Dating back to the 1980's, Santa Fe has been considered an energy center, attracting healers, body-workers and spiritual guides to what has become an alternative healing community and spiritual hub. Drawing from this energy, Spa Encantado will feature an innovative selection of spa and wellness services that honor healing traditions indigenous to the region while paying tribute to Santa Fe's contemporary appreciation of health and well being. The 10,000 square-foot spa will incorporate the outdoors with pools, fountains, courtyards, and outdoor garden soaking tubs and showers. With 15 treatment rooms and suites, the Healing Arts offered at Spa Encantado will include Massage and Bodywork (*Gemstone Foot Therapy with Reflexology*), Ayurvedic Rituals (*Shiro Abhayanga*) Oriental Medicine (*Thai Yoga Massage*), Regionally Inspired Treatments (*Blue Corn & Honey Skin Renewal*) and Western Herbalism featuring organically grown herbs from the local Resting in the River farm. Targeted treatments will be offered to counterbalance the effects of the 7,000-foot altitude, including an *Aerobic Oxygen Facial*. Spa Encantado will also offer a series of Men's Reprieves (*True Grit Body Treatment*), Women's Wellness Treatments (*Awakening the Goddess*), Interludes for Couples (*Prelude to a Kiss*) and Seasonal Sensations (*Warm your Bones* for Fall/Winter and *Skin Quencher Aloe Body Hydration* for Spring/Summer). Spa Encantado's Signature will be *The Ojo Caliente Purification Ritual* drawing inspiration from the Ojo Caliente Springs located an hour from Santa Fe offering a remarkable combination of four different healing minerals.

True to Auberge Resorts, food and wine are central to the character and experience of Encantado. The on-property fine dining restaurant will utilize the finest ingredients to create memorable regional cuisine. Drawing upon local inspiration and organic seasonal produce, Auberge will put its stamp on regional cuisine. *James Beard Award* winning restaurant design firm, Avro Ko, of New York restaurants Public, Stanton Social and Sapa, will be at the helm of its design. Guests will enjoy a sophisticated wine program when dining in the private dining room, expansive outdoor dining area, by the pool or at the communal fire pits.

Encantado, an Auberge Resort, affords guests access to the Santa Fe National Forest for hiking and biking, along with horseback riding nearby. Central to the resort experience is the dramatic pool, 1,200 square-foot Fitness Center and 800 square-foot Movement Studio for yoga, Pilates and meditation. Located minutes outside the city of Santa Fe, guests will be granted easy access to the famed urban art galleries, restaurants and Santa Fe Opera. www.encantadoresort.com

About Auberge Resorts

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina; and Encantado, Santa Fe (opening 2008), with several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com

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