

Hotel Spotlight: El Monte Sagrado Living Resort and Spa

El Monte Sagrado Living Resort and Spa in tranquil Taos New Mexico provides luxurious comfort with a Native American flare. Being respectful of Mother Earth, El Monte Sagrado strives to stay balanced with the hotel's surroundings. The resort follows a philosophy based on sustainability and ecological awareness. From globally inspired rooms to local art displays to a Biolarium, El Monte Sagrado offers an inviting oasis.



Guests can choose from 84 culturally inspired rooms in five different suite options. All rooms focus on comfort, but each offer a unique experience. The hotel features eight Global Suites designed with Argentinean, Chinese, Japanese, Marrakech, Mexican and Spanish influences. Each Global Suite provides a wet-bar, gas-burning fireplace, private courtyard and outdoor soaking tub. If Bali, Egypt and Tibet are more your pace try one of three Premiere Suites. Premiere Suites are considered a retreat inside a retreat with amazing mountain views. Eighteen rooms are designated as Native American Suites with a charming Kiva-style fireplace, stone tile work, private balcony and views of the property's Sacred Circle. Finally, El Monte Sagrado features Casitas and Taos Mountain Resort rooms. Both rooms focus on local

fare featuring Taosano artwork mixed with historical touches throughout the suite.

No matter what room fits the guest's needs, El Monte Sagrado Resort accommodates with wonderful amenities from fireplaces to complimentary daily newspapers. Concierge service is available to make sure all needs are met. Suites offer an in-room dining experience, but the hotel has several bar and restaurant options including the award winning De la Tierra Restaurant. Beautiful architecture and world-class cuisine provided the backdrop for Conde Nest Traveler Magazine to name De la Tierra world's best new restaurant. Forty-four year veteran in the restaurant business, Chef Henry Chaperont give diners a local food experience blended with global touches. With his vast knowledge and prestigious experience guests will be treated to a one of a kind dining experience.

The secluded ground of El Monte Sagrado allows guests to explore nature at her best. Hiking, skiing, rock climbing, rafting, llama trekking and a list of other activities are available either at the resort or by shuttle service. For those interested in a more relaxed atmosphere El Monte Sagrado offers cooking-classes, several art style classes and wine tasting. But, a resort and spa wouldn't be complete without a spa and El Monte Sagrado features a world class experience with The Living Spa. Guest's can relax stress away with all natural and organic products.

After rejuvenating the mind and body at the spa, guests can become one with nature at the Sacred Circle. Green space fills the heart of the resort with 80-year old cottonwood trees. The sacred area is believed to have been a Native American dancing ground. Guests will find tranquility among the waterfalls and native foliage.

Adventurous or low-key activities can be found for all interest, but for those looking for a truly unique experience the hotel features a Biolarium built by the hotel's Dharma Living System (DLS). DLS "is a group of architects, engineers and ecologists specializing in the holistic integration of water, energy and green building systems." DLS seeks sustainable architectural designs through ecological science and analysis. Through the groups effort the Biolarium was created. Water, plants and rock formations combine to create a self-sustaining eco-environment. Biolarium's design brings outside nature indoors providing a basis for plants and humans to "enjoy the benefits of each other."

World class accommodations with constant eco-conscious awareness allow guests to have a unique and tranquil experience. Taos, New Mexico is merely the backdrop for a global experience unlike any other. With so much to offer it is easy to see why El Monte Sagrado Resort and Spa is the recipient of so many travel magazine awards including National Geographic Traveler 50 Top Ecolodges in the World and Forbes Traveler America's 10 Greenest Hotels and America's 50 Best Hotels.