



ENCANTADO
An Auberge Resort

**AUBERGE RESORTS INTRODUCES NEW LUXURY PROPERTY,
ENCANTADO, TO SANTA FE**
*Drawing Inspiration from the Region, Encantado Offers a True Luxury
Resort Experience*

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (April 14, 2008) – 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 in August 2008. Introducing a full-service luxury resort to the region, the property will feature 65 casitas, a world-class spa, signature restaurant and bar that will rest upon 57 acres of stunning Tesuque, N.M., landscape, just outside of Santa Fe, on the site 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 soft-spoken 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, Esperanza Resort and Las Ventanas Al Paraiso Hotel, will infuse regional elements and a natural flow of original artwork throughout the resort. Architects Hart/Howerton will assure that the natural environment weaves poetically and effortlessly throughout the property, as the firm has demonstrated with such stunning properties as Pebble Beach and Vail Resorts. 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.

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Santa Fe has long been considered an energy center, attracting healers and spiritual guides to what has become an alternative healing community and spiritual hub. Drawing from this energy, **The Spa at 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 The Spa at Encantado will include massage and bodywork (*Crystal Light Therapy Chakra Balancing*), Ayurvedic rituals (*Shiro Abhayanga*) Asian medicine traditions (*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*. The Spa at 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). The Spa at Encantado's signature treatment will be *The Ojo Caliente Purification Ritual*, drawing inspiration from the nearby Ojo Caliente Springs offering a remarkable combination of four different healing minerals.

True to Auberge Resorts' legacy, fine cuisine and wine will be central to the character and experience of Encantado. The resort's fine-dining restaurant, **Terra**, will feature modern rustic cuisine utilizing ingredients from an onsite kitchen garden created by award-winning **Chef Charles Dale**. Drawing upon Santa Fe's intersection of cultures and organic seasonal produce, Dale will put his stamp on regional cuisine. Terra will benefit from a plethora of heirloom vegetables and herbs grown in an extensive 10,000 square foot onsite biodynamic kitchen garden, embracing the "farm to table" dining philosophy and allowing for interactive guest experiences and programs. *James Beard Award*-winning restaurant design firm, **AvroKO**, whose recent work includes New York restaurants Public, Stanton Social and Sapa, is creating a warm modern space for the 60-seat dining room and adjacent 40-seat bar. Guests will enjoy a sophisticated wine program and separate

bar menu of shared comfort food at **Betty's Bar** and may opt to dine in the dining room, expansive outdoor dining area, by the pool or at the communal fire pits.

Encantado, an Auberge Resort, affords guests direct access to the 1.6 million-acre Santa Fe National Forest for hiking and biking, along with horseback riding nearby. Central to the resort experience will be 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, Encantado will grant guests easy access to the city's famed art galleries, restaurants and Santa Fe Opera. For more information, call 877-262-4666 or visit www.encantadoresort.com

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About Auberge Resorts

Encantado is the newest property of Auberge Resorts, 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; and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C., 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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