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THE *Kessler* COLLECTION



EL MONTE
S A G R A D O

TAOS

AT A GLANCE

CURATED TO INSPIRE

Weaved into the cultural flavor of Taos, New Mexico, The Kessler Collection's El Monte Sagrado Living Resort & Spa offers a secluded sanctuary in harmony with the Earth. Surrounded by towering mountains and rustic desert, guests are inspired and enthralled by the nurturing ambiance and mystique of the resort, with sunlit fish-filled streams, tropical flora and the sounds of calming waterfalls. From the exquisite accommodations inspired by Native American and global cultures to the dramatic Kessler family art collection from world-renowned and local artisans, El Monte Sagrado lures guests into a world of serenity promoting wellness, relaxation and life enrichment.

El Monte Sagrado offers 84 guestrooms, including 48 Taos Mountain Rooms, 18 Native American Suites, six Casitas, eight Global Suites and four Premiere Suites, many of which featuring kiva fireplaces and/or private courtyards. With globally themed suites ranging from Argentina, China and Marrakech to Spain, Egypt and Tibet, El Monte Sagrado provides a captivating haven of passionate design for guests.

TASTE OF TAOS

DE LA TIERRA

The award-winning De la Tierra restaurant treats guests to a creative menu of global and local influences within an awe-inspiring architectural setting. With seasonal menu items and ingredients, De la Tierra provides guests with a comprehensive wellness experience and locally inspired dishes.

THE GARDENS

For a more casual setting, delicacies are offered in The Gardens, located in a lush tropical atrium amidst a tranquil and serene atmosphere. As sunlight streams through the glass sky roof, guests enjoy peaceful dining in The Gardens while savoring the alluring aroma of kaffir lime, Ceylon cinnamon and white guava along with the gentle trickling of an indoor spring waterfall.

ANACONDA BAR

As the mighty anaconda sculpture slithers across the ceiling in the Anaconda Bar and exotic fish swim in a lavish saltwater aquarium, a lively and edgy atmosphere invites guests to socialize over a signature margarita and creative cuisine. Live local entertainment and chic décor sets the mood as hotel guests, locals and occasional high profile celebrities mingle.

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THE LIVING SPA

The Living Spa invites guests to a sustainable, eco-friendly healing retreat featuring 10 exquisitely designed treatment rooms, many with added benefits of a sunlit shower and natural waterfall cooling system. The spa also boasts two romantic, candlelit couple's suites with extraordinary treatments that are sure to heal mind, body and spirit.

The spa is passionately committed to a healthy environment as it only utilizes natural and organic products, such as *Naturopathica* and "Sagrado" by *Body Bliss*, The Living Spa's own private label. For post-treatment meditation, The Sacred Circle, an on-property relaxation area revered for hundreds of years by the local Taos tribes, invites guests to unwind among towering Willow and Cottonwood trees and breathe in the tranquility of the New Mexican landscape. After soaking up the warm sun, the Cenote, a fresh-water naturally filtered swimming pond filled with exotic fish and natural flora, or the resort's saltwater pool and Jacuzzi, further revitalize the body and soul.

THE LIVING MACHINE

Named by *Forbes Traveler* as one of "America's Top 10 Greenest Hotels," El Monte Sagrado is a well-known leader in alternative energy, blending its setting of indulgent luxury with a deliberate commitment to sustainability. Even at 7,000 feet above sea level, El Monte Sagrado sustains a lush and fertile year-round environment by treating and recycling water with natural purifiers through the award-winning *Living Machine*. By incorporating various plants from around the world into a self-sustaining ecosystem, The Living Machine creates an enclosed, lush sanctuary around the resort's pool.

GRAND BOHEMIAN GALLERY

At the heart of each Kessler Collection hotel is a celebration of the artistic spirit. Surrounded by the cultural inspiration of Taos, El Monte Sagrado is home to a masterpiece – the Grand Bohemian Gallery, featuring local, regional and internationally recognized artists. Exhibitions and artist receptions showcase works of art designed to inspire creativity and self-expression in Kessler guests.

Pioneered by Kessler, the Grand Bohemian Gallery is located within most of the hotels, featuring work by local, regional, world-renowned and Kessler Signature artists. These visually stimulating art galleries are some of the destinations' best-kept secrets with something for everyone from paintings and sculptures, to handbags and jewelry. Rare and original pieces of art are displayed in the awe-inspiring galleries, as well as throughout the hotels, ranging from oil paintings, glass, wood, contemporary jewelry, bronze sculptures and unique gift items.

WEDDINGS

Brides and grooms at El Monte Sagrado may choose to wed indoors, outdoors or even within the Sacred Circle, which creates the perfect setting for an intimate wedding ceremony among the towering trees. From exquisite dining to breathtaking wedding venues, the resort can accommodate nearly any number of guests with limitless options. After a beautiful wedding, newlyweds wander back to the concealed comfort of the romantic Kama Sutra Suite, featuring uniquely lavish surroundings including a private patio area and a king-size bed beneath a magnificent hand-carved wooden canopy.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

El Monte Sagrado Living Resort & Spa takes great pride in hosting exceptional and extravagant events without overlooking a single detail. Alongside the resort's phenomenal staff, through meticulous planning and flawless execution, as well as state of the art, luxe event and meeting space, El Monte Sagrado can help guests host breathtaking social functions or inspire business with a wonderfully put together meeting. The resort not only offers 7,000 square feet of function space, but meeting attendees may also enjoy the Rio Grande Ballroom, Sandoval Room, Grand Bohemian Gallery, stunning mahogany-paneled executive boardroom, cozy library with southwestern charm, private Mediterranean-inspired wine room or perhaps an outdoor setting in the Sacred Circle among mountain vistas.

THE TOWN OF TAOS

Defined by its rich culture, Taos is an inspiring landmark luring visitors to taste the distinctive flavor of the town. As home to the Tiwa speaking Native American tribe of Pueblo people, the Taos Pueblo, at approximately 1,000 years old, has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Constructed entirely of adobe, the Pueblo is said to be the oldest continuously inhabited community in the USA. Taos offers plenty of activities from world-class alpine skiing, fly fishing and rafting to hot air ballooning, llama trekking and mountain climbing. Whether guests come to immerse themselves in an ancient culture, stroll through local galleries in town, satisfy their adventurous spirit or simply sightsee among the breathtaking New Mexican landscape, Taos offers its visitors an experience that is never forgotten. .

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

National Geographic – World's Best Ski Towns & Digs
Conde Nast Traveler - Gold List
Conde Nast Traveler – Readers' Choice
Forbes Traveler – America's 10 Greenest Hotels
Forbes Traveler – America's 50 Best Hotels
SpaFinder – Best for Mind Body Spirit and Best Environmental Practices
AAA Four Diamond Award
Taos News – Best Place to Get Married
Taos News – Best Place for Visitors to Stay
Taos News – Best Place to Say "I Do"
Taos County Chamber of Commerce – Hospitality Business of the Year

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Capturing the classical and unconventional spirit of Bohemian cultures, The Kessler Collection's portfolio of passionately created and artistically inspired boutique hotels boast chic design, luxe accommodations, enriching ambiance and intimate service. Whether visiting properties in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Colorado or New Mexico, each hotel's exquisite art, music and cultural influences, personally acquired for that hotel by the Kessler family, are deliberately approachable. Designed to inspire unforgettable experiences, Kessler guests are bathed in re-defined Bohemian luxury, from an 1888 historic hotel, a cutting edge downtown landmark and a magical castle, to an earthy Native American retreat, high design southern mansion and elite ski lodge.

El Monte Sagrado Living Resort & Spa is a proud member of the Autograph Collection, a group of high personality and boldly independent boutique hotels. Guests at the resort may accrue and utilize their Marriott Rewards points while staying at most Kessler properties. Kessler championed Marriott's soft brand, the Autograph Collection, with many of Kessler's properties forming its core when it launched in early 2010.

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