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FIND
YOURSELF
IN NATURE.



SIERRA GRANDE

Located in the heart of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, Sierra Grande is your destination for rejuvenation and exploration. As a tranquil retreat, Sierra Grande offers holistic wellness services, charming accommodations, and contemporary American cuisine. As an adventurous getaway, Sierra Grande is a launching point for visits to Ladder and Armendaris, providing access to over half a million acres of exclusive New Mexican terrain. From hiking the Fra Cristobal Range to soaking in a geothermal hot spring bath, Sierra Grande is Southwestern travel at its finest.

THE LODGE

Sierra Grande's 17-guest room lodge offers delightful accommodations, designed to provide guests with a relaxing vacation experience. Each room features rustic charm and vibrant décor, reflecting the strong cultural heritage of the region. Sierra Grande also offers convenient access to fine dining, a fitness center, geothermal hot springs, and a first-rate spa.

THE CASITA

Located adjacent to The Lodge, The Casita is an adobe-style gem featuring Southwestern charm and contemporary amenities. The 2-bedroom house embodies New Mexican hospitality, offering guests a spacious family room, wood-burning fireplace, personal indoor and outdoor hot spring tubs, and private garden.



THE SPA

Resting on a natural geothermal spring, The Spa is an intimate retreat with a tranquil atmosphere. The geothermal hot springs, which reach temperatures up to 104° F, have a unique combination of over 35 minerals and are known for their healing properties. Holistic spa treatments, including centering bodywork, muscle-soothing massages, skin conditioning wraps, as well as custom facials, are designed to rejuvenate and melt away stress. Our wellness professionals use locally-crafted products made of only the finest, purest ingredients.

All baths are private and prepared by reservation. Guests of The Lodge receive one 30-minute complimentary soak per day during their stay.



DINING

The Restaurant, Sierra Grande's fine dining establishment, features American culinary heritage with strong Southwestern flair. Under the leadership of our Master Chef, The Restaurant offers a contemporary menu that boasts fresh local ingredients, sophisticated culinary techniques, and seasonal dishes.

Whether you're indulging in our savory bison tenderloin, tasting our pecan chile rellenos or sipping local New Mexican wine, our talented culinary staff will make sure your dining experience is an unforgettable one. The Restaurant offers breakfast, dinner, and Sunday brunch, as well as a daily, complimentary breakfast to guests of The Lodge throughout their stay.

Dinner reservations are available for patrons not staying at the property, but are subject to availability and current overnight occupancy. For more information, please contact the front desk at 575.894.6976.



A DESTINATION FOR EXPLORATION

Located in south-central New Mexico, Ladder's 156,000 acres of land are rich in history, stunning landscapes, and diverse wildlife. Ted Turner purchased Ladder in 1992 as an opportunity to preserve the land and its inhabitants. The property is now home to numerous conservation initiatives, including the Mexican wolf recovery program and the Chiricahua leopard frog protection plan.

Ladder's proximity to four Rio Grande tributaries allows a vast collection of animal life, such as bison, elk, mule deer, javelina, and mountain lions to thrive. The abundant historical landmarks on the property include ancient artifacts, adobe homesites, and Hermosa, an abandoned 1800s mining town. With endless opportunities to explore wildlife, terrain, and history, Ladder is perfect for immersing yourself in the treasures of the natural world.

LADDER



LADDER RANCH HOUSE

Decorated by Jane Fonda, Ladder Ranch House combines rustic elegance with Southwestern accents. Staying true to Ted Turner's character, the four-bedroom ranch house exudes comfort and an unassuming ambiance.

Complete with a spacious four-tiered stack stone living room and wood-burning fireplace, Ladder Ranch House fosters absolute relaxation and memorable experiences. A personal chef and a private activity guide are included in your stay, ensuring your experience is catered specifically to you. If you're looking for an intimate and unique getaway, this is second to none.



A SPRAWLING MOUNTAIN ESCAPE

Spanning over 360,000 acres, Armendaris offers rich biodiversity, ancient cultural heritage, and sweeping semi-desert terrain. The vast property is home to diverse wildlife, including bison, pronghorn, desert bighorn sheep, oryx, and offers access to the Jornada lava flows, home to over 1 million Mexican free-tailed bats.

Armendaris' expansive acreage makes it ideal for numerous conservation efforts and wildlife research projects. An abandoned Spanish mine and a 42-mile section of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro are just a couple of the property's historical features that offer fascinating glimpses into the past. With a landscape that encompasses the Fra Cristobal Range and the crimson Chihuahuan Desert, Armendaris is an invitation to connect with New Mexico's natural wonders.

EXPLORATION ONLY

For convenient access to everything Armendaris has to offer, we invite you to stay at nearby Sierra Grande, our 17-guest room lodge that features a tranquil spa, geothermal hot springs, and a fine dining establishment, or Ladder, a history rich 156,000-acre property that is home to Ted Turner's four-bedroom former private residence—Ladder Ranch House.

ARMENDARIS



ACTIVITIES

With more than half a million acres to explore, Ladder and Armendaris offer a wide variety of activities for all ages. From hiking across the Fra Cristobal Range to scouting for desert bighorn sheep in open-air vehicles, or searching for artifacts at an ancient adobe homesite, there's an activity for everyone.

TAILORED EXPERIENCES

Each of our activities is intended to deliver an exciting and educational experience, to refresh the soul, and connect you with nature. We carefully craft your itinerary based on your physical ability and personal interests. For an additional cost, our knowledgeable guides will accompany you to each property's top activity venues and scenic spots.

Our guides have a deep familiarity with the property's landscape and can tailor your activities and adventure to your skill level, ability, and desire to optimize your nature experience.

Guests staying at Ladder Ranch House will meet their personal guides at check-in and have full access to tours on Armendaris.





DAY TOURS

Our day tours last from sunrise to sunset, guaranteeing a full day of adventure. Whether you decide to scout for animals on a wildlife tour, enjoy a picnic lunch in a canyon, or hike through the diverse landscape, the day tour, designed by you and your expert guide, will be filled with your favorite outdoor activities.

Day tours are open to the public. Guests can expect to spend approximately 8 hours at either property. All Ladder and Armendaris day tours depart from Sierra Grande.

HISTORIC TOURS

Ladder and Armendaris' rich biodiversity attracted Spanish settlers and ancient tribes dating back to prehistoric times. Our seasoned guides will share their knowledge of the properties' historical sites, including remnants of ancient inhabitants and unique geological formations. Take in the panoramic view of the immense Rio Grande Rift, walk in the shoes of Spanish pioneers along the Jornada del Muerto section of the historic El Camino Real, or visit the Hermosa ghost town, where a devastating flood hit the mining community in the 1800s. This tour offers an unparalleled opportunity to explore New Mexico's cultural heritage.

WILDLIFE TOURS

With a combined half a million acres of diverse land, Armendaris and Ladder are among the top U.S. destinations to observe wildlife. Led by expert guides, you will explore the property from an open-air vehicle and observe an exceptional range of wildlife, including elk, deer, bison, pronghorn antelope, and hundreds of bird species. Sunset and sunrise departures allow you to observe a spectrum of wildlife in a new light.



CONSERVATION & ECO TOURS

Echoing Ted Turner's belief of "Save Everything," Ladder and Armendaris are committed to wildlife protection and environmental preservation. Guided by our Natural Resource Specialists, our eco tours provide a deeper understanding of the conservation efforts taking place on the properties, and the endangered species that have been positively impacted by them, including the Chiricahua leopard frog, Bolson tortoise, and the bighorn sheep.



HIKING

Armendaris and Ladder offer a variety of hiking trails through some of New Mexico's most scenic landscapes. Ascend the Fra Cristobal Range and take in the panoramic views of the Chihuahuan Desert. Trek through the pristine riparian habitat of Animas or Palomas Creek, home to ancient remnants of Native American tribes. Set forth and view a plethora of picturesque terrain, abundant wildlife, and exquisite wildflowers.

Our hiking guides can help select the perfect trails for hikers of all levels and interests.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

With more than 1,000 miles of unpaved paths, Armendaris and Ladder are ideal locations for biking enthusiasts. Our mountain biking trails weave through a variety of semi-desert terrains, providing excellent excursion options for bikers of all skill levels. Our experienced biking guides will not only help select the best trail for you but also share their knowledge of historical landmarks along the way.

We provide our guests with state-of-the-art, full suspension Santa Cruz "Tall Boy" bikes, helmets, and riding gloves.





BIRDWATCHING

Ladder is home to hundreds of bird species, making it one of the finest birdwatching sanctuaries in North America. Proximity to the Rio Grande Flyway, gallery bosques of Arizona sycamores, and Rio Grande cottonwoods, as well as the property's incredible plant diversity, make Ladder an attractive destination for avian populations. The varying ecosystems along Las Animas and Palomas Creek provide optimal habitats for riparian and cavity-nesting birds.



THE BIRDS OF LADDER

Summer residents of Ladder include common black hawks, zone-tailed hawks, golden eagles, yellow-billed cuckoos, hepatic tanagers, grosbeaks, and several warbler species. Some of Ladder's year-round Southwestern specialties include the curve-billed thrasher, elf owl, Inca dove, Montezuma quail, common poorwill, phainopepla, and bridled titmouse.

Our birding guides will maximize your birdwatching experience by customizing the tour based on your interest and skill.

BAT FLIGHT EXPEDITIONS

Imagine standing on the edge of a cavern, the sun dipping below the horizon of Armendaris, anxiously awaiting the emergence of the Mexican free-tailed bats. Suddenly, over 1 million bats rush from the cave and take flight along the Rio Grande, all while dodging Swainson's hawks and Peregrine falcons above. This experience is a unique opportunity to witness one of nature's wonders.

The Jornada lava flows consist of a complex series of lava tubes and serves as the summer home to one of the largest Mexican free-tailed bat populations in the U.S. Guests will also see additional wildlife as they travel to and from the flows.

This seasonal event occurs most evenings from June to September.





BISON ROUNDUP

This special seasonal event is your chance to get up close to America's national mammal. Get an optimal view of the famed bison roundup as bison specialists move the herd throughout the property. If you want to get closer to the action, ride in an open-air vehicle behind the seasoned cowboys on horseback. As hundreds of bison race through the landscape, you'll understand why the bison roundup is a favorite among bison enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike. Saddle up and get ready for an experience unlike any.

This seasonal event only occurs at specific times throughout the year. For more information, visit tedturnerreserves.com.



ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE WATER SPORTS

New Mexico's largest lake is located on the Rio Grande approximately five miles north of the town of Truth or Consequences. Day tours from Sierra Grande to Elephant Butte Lake offer a welcome respite from the summer heat with various water-based activities, including stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, boat rentals, and chartered fishing excursions.

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

Float high above the semi-desert terrain and get an unforgettable view of southern New Mexico's sun-soaked landscape. Both Ladder and Armendaris offer hot air balloon rides for guests to experience a serene and peaceful aerial tour of the properties.

Our hot air balloon rides are weather and wind-dependent to ensure the most enjoyable flight experience.





NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Join renowned photographer Sean Fitzgerald as he takes you on a truly unique photography experience. Our multi-day photo workshops provide one-on-one photography instruction while you explore the properties' signature geographical features and rich biodiversity. Test out your newly-attained camera skills at Sean's favorite destinations, each site featuring incredible wildlife and spectacular scenery.

Workshop themes and times vary depending on the time of year.



ABOUT TED TURNER

Founder of CNN, Professional Sports Team Owner, Sailing Champion, Restaurateur, Philanthropist, Conservationist—Ted Turner’s many titles are as diverse and impressive as his renowned legacy.

Ted Turner’s appreciation for nature runs deep, compelling him to work tirelessly through his private company, Turner Enterprises, and his various foundations in support of land and species conservation. Turner has given millions to programs for improving air and water quality, developing a sustainable energy future to protect our climate, safeguarding environmental health, and protecting wildlife and habitats to maintain biodiversity.

Ted Turner wishes to share his love of nature and discovery in the hope that those visiting his properties will develop a deeper appreciation for and awareness of what our Earth has to offer and, just as importantly, a shared responsibility for the well-being of our environment.



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ARMENDARIS

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE.

As stewards of spectacular biodiverse lands, we are committed to restoring, sharing, and safeguarding America’s wild places for future generations, while providing an inspiring guest experience that showcases our planet’s natural treasures. We proudly collaborate with the important environmental preservation and wildlife restoration projects, funded by the Turner Foundation and Turner Endangered Species Fund, to make a positive impact on the world around us. We welcome you to witness conservation in action while enjoying the holiday of a lifetime.

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