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SOUTHERN PROPERTIES GUIDE



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FIND
YOURSELF
IN NATURE.

OUR MISSION

By connecting people with nature, we partner with Ted Turner in his quest to “Save Everything”. Our goal is to leave our guests inspired by and in awe of these vast rewilded landscapes on every visit.

“When we connect with nature, we heal ourselves. When we protect nature, we heal the planet.”

– Ted Turner

The Southern New Mexico properties not only provide guests the opportunity to experience completely unique outdoor adventures, but also represent a wide variety of habitats - from grasslands to canyonlands to mountains - and serve as a wildlife refuge for many native New Mexican species.

Ladder has been a focal point for several species restoration programs in partnership with the Turner Endangered Species Fund, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Some of these species include the Mexican gray wolf, Chiricahua leopard frog, and Bolson tortoise.

The scale and location of Armendaris provide a great setting to conserve and restore imperiled species and habitats of the northern Chihuahuan Desert including the Desert Bighorn sheep and Bolson tortoise. The desert grasslands on the Armendaris are a good representation of a restored habitat, fast disappearing elsewhere in the Southwestern U.S.



ANCIENT MOUNTAINS,
DESERT DISCOVERIES, AND
ENDLESS STARRY SKIES

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 few 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.

ARMENDARIS

THE HACIENDA

The Hacienda at Armendaris is the definition of desert luxury.

Its four guest rooms include a king master suite with jetted tub, two king bedrooms and a double-queen bedroom. This rambling home holds a full Santa Fe style kitchen, exquisite oversized dining area and living room, separate breakfast room, game room with a convertible pool or ping-pong table, bar, reading and entertainment spaces. There are even fitness and massage areas.

Outside, a stone courtyard with a gas firepit, fountain and outdoor kitchen extends your time in nature. With private chefs and activity guides, the Hacienda at Armendaris is a delightful Southern New Mexico hideaway.



LIFE - GIVING TRIBUTARIES AND INDIGENOUS STORIES

Located in Southern 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.



THE COUNTRY HOUSE

Ted Turner's private four bedroom Country House at Ladder flaunts rustic elegance and Southwestern accents. With newly renovated bathrooms featuring spacious walk-in showers and slipper tubs, the home stays true to Ted Turner's character, exuding comfort and an unassuming ambiance.

The first floor includes the master and two additional bedrooms with ensuite baths. Up a set of outdoor stairs, is another suite, including a breakfast porch, window sitting area, and bright airy bathroom. Sip lemonade in a rocker on the open front porch or enjoy a nightcap by the stone fireplace. A private chef, server, and guide will ensure you enjoy personalized meals and activities suited to your tastes and preferences.



RELAXATION
AND REJUVENATION
AWAITS

Set atop a natural occurring geothermal spring 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 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 the healing mineral-rich waters, Sierra Grande is Southwestern travel at its finest.

A photograph of a hot spring with stone steps, a lit candle, and rolled towels. The scene is warmly lit, suggesting a relaxing atmosphere. The stone steps lead down to the water, and a single lit candle sits on a ledge in the background. In the foreground, two white towels are neatly rolled and placed on a stone ledge.

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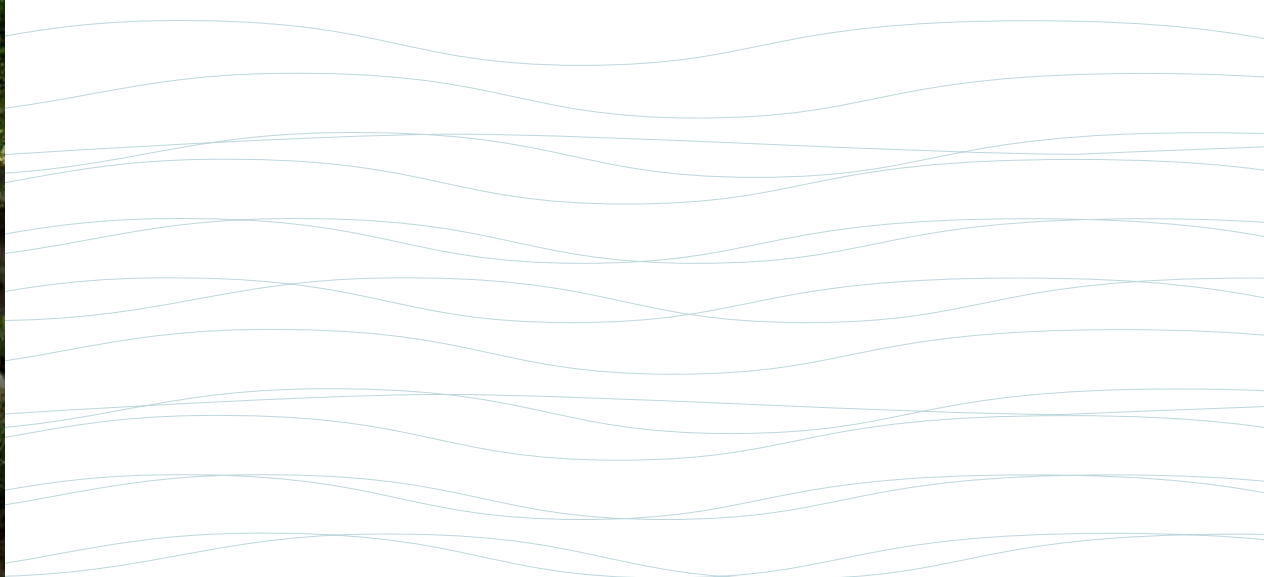


THE LODGE

Sierra Grande's historic 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 authentic local 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, 2-bathroom house embodies New Mexican hospitality, offering guests a spacious family room, wood-burning fireplace, personal indoor and outdoor hot spring tubs, and private courtyard.



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 night during their stay.





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 delivers 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. A knowledgeable private guide is included with your stay at Ladder or Armendaris to accompany you to each property's celebrated and scenic venues.

Our guides have a deep familiarity with the property's landscape and will tailor your activities and adventure to your party's ability and desires to optimize your experience.

Guests staying at either the Country House at Ladder or Hacienda at Armendaris will meet their personal guides at check-in and have full access to tours on both properties and may schedule wellness services at Sierra Grande. Guests of Sierra Grande may also book tours on Ladder and Armendaris for an additional charge.





FULL OR HALF-DAY TOURS

Explore from sunrise to sunset, or save some time for a different 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 tour designed by you and your expert guide, will be filled with your favorite outdoor activities.

Tours are open to the public. Guests can expect to spend approximately 4–8 hours at either property.

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' historic 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. Our historic tours offer 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 TOURS

Contributing to Ted Turner's goal to "Save Everything," Ladder and Armendaris are committed to wildlife protection and environmental preservation. Guided by our Natural Resource Specialists, our conservation tours provide a deeper understanding of the earth-saving efforts taking place on the properties, and the endangered species that have been positively impacted by them, including the Chiricahua leopard frog, Bolson tortoise, Mexican wolf, 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 OR E-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 both the best bike and 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 e-bikes, or mountain 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 May to September.

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 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.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Join an expert photographer for 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 on incredible wildlife and spectacular scenery.





AREA ATTRACTIONS

Let us help you plan a day to explore more of Southern New Mexico. Visit White Sands National Park or Spaceport America. Delight in a Hatch green chile cheeseburger - in the town of Hatch. See the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, local ghost towns, or learn about the legends and lore of Truth or Consequences. Our Reserve Ambassadors will help you plan a day of local cultural immersion based on your interests.

**Additional charges apply.*

TURNER TRAILBLAZERS

There is nothing we love more than planning fun interactive experiences in nature for the kiddos. Learn about wildlife, history, plants, geology and more without ever stepping foot in a classroom. Ask for more information about our Turner Trailblazers program and how to earn badges for your passport field guide.



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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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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