

laguna lodge eco-resort + nature reserve

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THIS PAGE: Natural materials and intricate artwork reflect the lodge's Guatemalan heritage.

OPPOSITE (FROM LEFT): Wake up to captivating views of the lake; the lounge's rustic ambience makes it one of the best spots for guests to relax and unwind.

Perched on the shores of Lake Atitlán, one of Central America's most beautiful lakes, Laguna Lodge Eco-Resort & Nature Reserve is framed by lush forests, steep mountains and volcanoes. Avid environmentalists Mayah and Jeffro Brandon started the lodge in 1999, and it now consists of a 40-hectare (99-acre) private nature reserve that protects the local flora, fauna, and culture.

The journey begins with a tranquil boat ride to the resort. Laguna Lodge occupies a series of thatch-roofed pavilions, which, true to the owners' vision, have been built using natural materials such as volcanic stone, adobe, wood and palm. The lodge only offers nine suites to ensure that no undue stress from excessive human traffic is placed on the environment. As such, visitors are ensured a peaceful stay in pristine surroundings.

Suites are furnished with king-sized beds dressed in sumptuous linens, intricately woven textiles, local artworks and antiques. Green-coloured Guatemalan marble and local organic toiletries adorn the bathrooms, while a private balcony allows guests to enjoy the clean air and clear views across the volcano-rimmed lake.

The lodge's lakefront restaurant, Zotz, offers distinctive gourmet vegetarian cuisine to whet the appetite. The chef's creations emphasise fresh organic produce, local cheeses, legumes and free-range eggs. The result is an ever-changing menu of rich, exotic dishes, accompanied with an eclectic wine list from the Lava Bar. Even the coffee is made from shade-grown, organic beans, sourced from the reserve and local farmers in the vicinity.



Contact with the outside world is available, but it's a waste to surf the Internet or check the news when one could be exploring the lake on a kayak or a canoe. Hiking trails take trekkers up to the volcanoes or through the forest, both of which are home to a rich array of wildlife and plant species.

The spa makes creative use of its natural environs, with an intimate lakeside sauna and a jetted spa pool set in smooth river rock. A variety of massages and treatments are available, all of them utilising natural oils and locally sourced ingredients.

As an eco-destination, Laguna Lodge places high emphasis on sustainability and reducing environmental damage. The lodge's detailed finishing incorporates handmade

ceramic tiles, recycled glass, reclaimed lumber and adobe bricks made on site. Mayah and Jeffro have carefully restored some areas of the forest by replanting trees that were cut down to make way for farmland. The lodge also has a waste recycling programme and is powered by renewable energy. Collected rain and lake water is purified for consumption, while grey water is used to irrigate the organic garden. Being socially responsible is also one of Laguna Lodge's roles, and the establishment supports health programs in the local communities.

As a first-rate establishment that puts nature first, Laguna Lodge Eco-Resort & Nature Reserve pays personal attention to the well-being of its guests, as well as that of the earth.

rooms

9 suites

food

Zotz: gourmet eco-cuisine

drink

Lava Bar

features

spa • lakeside sauna • jacuzzi • spa pool • nature interpretation room • fitness centre • wireless Internet access • Spanish lessons • trekking • canoeing • kayaking • daytrips and excursions

green features

organic gardens • energy-efficient lighting • natural materials for construction • recycling and composting measures • use of biodegradable cleaners • support of local health programmes

nearby

Lake Atitlán • Sierra Madre Mountains • local markets • volcanoes

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