



Chuparosa Inn

## HACIENDA DE LA MARIPOSA, Camp Verde

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**A** *mariposa*, or butterfly, evolves from caterpillar to chrysalis, eventually emerging with luminescent wings. To Donna Momeyer, who felt similarly transformed by her own spiritual journey, it represents the highest form of beauty one can achieve. Wherever her path eventually led, she decided she would place a butterfly on the gate.

So when she found the Hacienda de la Mariposa, with an enormous, lighted butterfly already on its gate, she believed it was where she and her husband, "Mickey," were destined to land. And though it took a while, the idea of turning it into a B&B has finally taken wing.

Situated on Beaver Creek between Montezuma Well and Montezuma Castle, the Santa Fe-style B&B is a shrine to the Southwest, with clay adobe walls, saltillo-rile floors, hand-hewn vigas and kiva fireplaces. With her daughter's help, Donna decorated every room with colorful Mexican paintings, folk art and religious imagery.

The B&B's three guest rooms, all similarly decorated, include one that overlooks the creek and one with a private hot tub. Two more, which will share a full kitchen, are planned across the courtyard over what was the garage.

Guest areas include a great room, pool, gardens and a small, free-standing chapel called Casita Milagros, "Little House of

Miracles," intended as a place for quiet reflection, reading, writing or prayer. It's also where Holly, the resident masseuse, sets up her table when guests request her services. A poolside cantina, now under construction, will serve guests by summer.

Donna's background is in customer service and real estate. Mickey's is in food service and construction. Their daughter is a decorator. "In a way, everything we've done in our lives has prepared us for this," Donna says. "It's become the culmination of years of skills and the highest service we could offer.

"Not everyone finds us. But when they do, there's a reason they're here. Everyone who comes through the gates is somehow transformed."

**Number of rooms:** 3

**Rates:** \$145-\$185

**Pets:** No

**Children:** No

**Smoking:** Outdoors, in designated area

**Amenities:** All rooms feature private entrances, jetted tubs, telephones, TVs, VCRs, robes and hair dryers. One room has a hot tub. A large-screen TV with satellite, and a CD and video library are located in the "gathering room." The property includes an outdoor pool and chapel. A guest refrigerator is stocked with ice, beer, wine and soft drinks. Coffee and hot chocolate are available 24 hours a day, and each guest receives a complimentary bottle of Arizona wine upon arrival.

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## LA ZARZUELA, Tucson

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**I** magine that you have a very wealthy friend, with very good taste, who owns a very large, private villa in the Tucson Mountains (think Carefree). This friend, being a very good friend, offers you the use of the villa and its staff, who have been instructed to do anything your heart desires: arrange flights, limos, massages, dinner, whatever — anything to make you blissfully happy. That's La ZarZuela, "the operetta," in a nutshell.

Lew Harper, an aspiring chef, and Cliff Aberham, with nearly 40 years in hotel management, work in accord to deliver a level of service that rivals that of a five-star hotel.

The Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired building resonates with Southwestern culture, with scored concrete floors and walls painted in vibrant hues. But its accents evoke the sophistication of the pair's former San Francisco home — a stained glass panel inset into polished mesquite cabinets and a Roger's pipe organ (yes, Cliff does play).

Expansive covered patios are furnished as comfortably as any family room, down to a poolside stereo, lending a certain richness to poolside lounging. And the pool and spa look as though they extend right into the surrounding desert.

In the evenings, Cliff and Lew host a social hour with hors d'oeuvres in the great room, its 18-foot ceilings and golden, sponge-painted walls illuminated by candlelight and a blazing hearth, while tin lanterns, chimineas and luminaria light the



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La ZarZuela

patios and walkways. If you sit on the Tucson-facing patio at just the right moment, it's possible to watch the moon rise, like a beacon, over the city and its million shimmering lights.

Cliff and Lew's extensive collection of CDs comprise the soundtrack for the whole experience. It's the final detail in a package calculated to restore harmony to a discordant lifestyle.

**Number of rooms:** 4

**Rates:** \$195-\$225

**Pets:** No

**Children:** No

**Smoking:** Outdoors, on patios

**Amenities:** The "casitas" are equipped with telephones; TVs, VCRs and CD players; refrigerators, stocked with soft drinks and water; coffee makers; hair dryers; robes; and fresh flowers. All have private entrances, and a veranda or patio. Common areas include a TV, VCR and CD player; CD and video libraries; pool and hot tub. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served at 5 p.m.

**LA ZARZUELA**

**THE LODGE AT SEDONA, Sedona**

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Originally the home of Sedona's first doctor, The Lodge was converted into a bed and breakfast in 1993. Shelley and Ron Wachal bought the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired building two years ago with the goal of converting it "from a three diamond facility to a four diamond facility."

The Wachals redecorated the common areas with Mission-style décor and Arts and Crafts-style furniture, added a gift shop, and built a 900-square-foot sun porch, naming it the "Celebration Porch," after the exuberant sculpture located there. They've also upgraded the mattresses, linens and level of services to include a welcome gift, afternoon snacks, evening hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and concierge service.