

# Awards



## Travel + Leisure Global Vision Award winner

2011 “Development and Community Building”

## Travel + Leisure World’s Best Awards Reader’s Polls

2011 “World’s Best Destination Spa”  
2010 “World’s Best Destination Spa”  
2009 “Top 10 Destination Spas”  
2007 “Top 10 World’s Best Spas”  
2006 “Top 15 World’s Best Value Spas”  
2005 “Top 10 Destination Spas”  
2003 “Top 10 Destination Spas”  
“Top Spas for Value”

## Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Polls

2010 "World Savers Awards" honorable mention  
2007 “Best Destination Spas”  
2005 “Best Destination Spas”  
2004 Ecotourism Award  
2003 “Best Destination Spas”

## Spa Magazine’s Silver Sage Readers’ Choice Awards

2010 Favorite Destination Spa – International  
Favorite Eco/Green Spa  
2009 Favorite Destination Spa  
Favorite Eco/Green Spa  
2008 Favorite Destination Spa  
Favorite Eco/Green Spa

## Spa Finder Readers’ Choice Awards

2011 **Country Award Winner:** Favorite Spa in Mexico. *Other category recognitions:* Best for Cuisine, Best for Environmental Practices, Best for Fitness Program, Best for Going Solo, Best for Hiking  
2010 **Country Award Winner:** Favorite Spa in Mexico. *Other category recognitions:* Best for cooking classes, Best for Cuisine, Best for Environmental Practices, Best for Fitness Program, Best for Going Solo, Best for Hiking, Best for Mind-Body-Spirit, Best for Yoga  
2009 **Country Award Winner:** Favorite Spa in Mexico. *Other category recognitions:* Best for Fitness Program, Best for Hiking, Best for Yoga, Best for Going Solo, Best for Cooking Classes, Best for Cuisine, Best for Mind-Body-Spirit, Best for Weight Loss, Best for Environmental Practices  
2008 **Crystal Award Winner: Favorite Spa in North America;** Favorite Spa in Mexico  
*Other category recognitions:* Best for Fitness Program, Best for Hiking, Best for Yoga, Best for Weight Loss, Best for Going Solo, Best for Cooking Classes, Best for Cuisine, Best for Mind-Body-Spirit  
2007 *Recognized in these categories:* Best for Fitness Program, Best for Hiking, Best for Yoga, Best for Going Solo, Best for Cooking Classes, Best for Mind-Body-Spirit  
2006 Favorite Spa in Mexico  
*Recognized in these categories:* Best for Going Solo, Best for Affordability, Best for Mind-Body-Spirit, Best for Fitness Program, Best for Cooking Classes, Best for Hiking, Best for Yoga

## **American Spa**

2010 Favorite Destination Spa

# **Acclamations**

## **Organic Gardening**

2010 “True Mexican cooking remains one of the oldest and healthiest diets... Rancho La Puerta demonstrates the joys and health-giving benefits of cooking seasonally and regionally with traditional Mexican ingredients.”

## **San Francisco Chronicle**

2010 “After spending a few days at the house the Szekeleys built, you'll find that there really is no mystery to what keeps people coming back for more: even after 70 years, it's simply about the way the ranch makes you feel.”

## **California Homes**

2010 “Our dishes were artistic and delicious beyond our belief. And, they were achievable by all of us, even those who rarely cooked but still bravely signed up for the [La Cocina Que Canta] class.”

## **Good Housekeeping**

2009 “Not only did I bring back exercise that fit into my life, I brought a few recipes that have become a part of my repertoire.”

2008 “An invigorating hike over rolling hills to an organic garden (where you're rewarded with a farm-fresh breakfast) is just one of many enticing ways to begin your day at Rancho La Puerta.”

## **Yoga Journal**

2009 “In my version of paradise, there are a lot of great yoga moments, plus fabulous food, laughter, and plenty of rest. It's an exuberant place but a very peaceful one, set in a great expanse of nature. And on a weeklong yoga retreat this summer [at Rancho La Puerta], I felt as if I'd arrived there.”

2008 “I feel myself leaning into the ranch's graciousness, as though it were a set of warm arms comforting me.”

## **Arizona Foothills**

2009 “Spending a week at Rancho La Puerta feels more like a stay in your own private mountain oasis rather than a jaunt to a high-profile destination spa.”

## **Gourmet**

2008 “The whole farm-to-fork idea is put into practice, and the word diet is redefined to mean eating real food instead of the prepackaged, processed stuff.”

## **Town & Country**

2008 “This is a place to learn how exercise, rest, reflection, healthful eating habits and a relationship with nature can lead to a longer, happier life.”

2005 “But for me, the ranch's burnished charm, along with the sense I come away with—my mind is clearer and my body more taut—is what calls me back. I have always been a

traveler who yearns for the next place; however, when it comes to Rancho La Puerta, my motto is same time, next year.”

### **Edible San Diego**

2008 “Tres Estrellas garden awes me at first sight with rows and rows of fruits and vegetables that unfurl like plush, colorful carpet along the base of the nearby mountains.”

### **Tucson Lifestyle**

2008 “When I first visited the Ranch 30 years ago, the grounds were lovely; these days they nearly defy description, as the greenery and scenery change every time you turn your head.”

### **Food and Wine**

2007 “I had resigned myself to a life without cooking, a life without understanding why people even enjoyed the labor that goes into preparing meals, until I visited Baja California’s Rancho La Puerta and its brand-new cooking school.”

### **Los Angeles Times**

2005 “Rancho La Puerta, a spa where the overworked and stressed-out have recharged for nearly 70 years.”

### **The New York Times**

2004 “The venerable Rancho La Puerta resort and spa in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico... has been deluxe and organic for 64 years.”