



## Farming in the Modern Age

A unique eco-friendly farm and inn, La Donaira is a great example of luxury *agroturismo*—agricultural hospitality—a movement that celebrates farm-to-table food, a laid-back vibe, and, above all else, authenticity.

Set on 1,730 acres of land in the middle of the dramatic Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park in Andalusia, Finca La Donaira welcomes guests to its charming lodge tucked between protected oak forests and a biodynamic farm. Built in an old Spanish farmhouse, there was only space for nine guest rooms; the owners supplemented this with two award-winning luxury yurts, a Sybaritic spa pod, and two swimming pools fed by spring water. La Donaira combines farming and hospitality in the modern age. Though a rustic vibe pervades the house—think worn brown leather seats, wreathes of dried flowers,

trough-like sinks, and beamed ceilings—the style is very much country living for the finely tuned design eye. Local craftsmen painstakingly restored this traditional *cortijo* (Spanish for “farmhouse”) over many years using traditional methods; its architecture and interiors celebrate natural materials, ranging from stone floors and lime-plastered walls to terra-cotta tiled roofs and leather furnishings.

From embracing the permaculture principles of farming to growing a medicinal garden based on the living pharmacies of