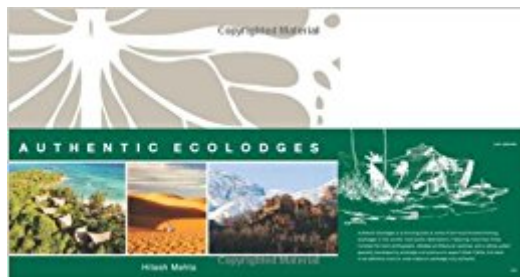


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# Authentic Ecolodges



## Synopsis

Authentic Ecolodges is a stunning look at some of the most forward-thinking ecolodges in the world's most exotic destinations. Featuring more than three hundred full-color photographs, detailed architectural sketches, and a rating system specially developed by ecolodge and ecotourism expert Hitesh Mehta, this book is the definitive word on what makes an ecolodge truly authentic.

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## Customer Reviews

Hitesh Mehta is one of the world's leading authorities, practitioners, and researchers of ecolodges and ecotourism. An architect, landscape architect, and sustainable tourism planner, he is also the longest-serving board member of The International Ecotourism Society.

I couldn't wait to sit with Mr. Mehta's book since its arrival, as Christmas present to self, just before the holidays. Having followed the evolution of several of the lodges, and having the great privilege to be a guest of a few, this book was intended for my special reading time with my favorite tea and the perfect sunlight in my favorite reading chair. I was especially eager to learn what Mr. Mehta had to say about their authenticity. It did not disappoint. I was totally immersed within the first few pages. Thank you, thank you, thank you Mr. Mehta for such a valuable and meaningful resource of truly AUTHENTIC eco lodges, their basis in authenticity and references to all the various team members contributing to each, as well as the book itself. It will be a primary resource for me and direct my future travel. Truly inspiring!

I've finally had a chance to read, or at least thoroughly skim, *Authentic Ecolodges* and I think it's a wonderful book. Sitting down late at night, initially just intending to flip through the book and then suddenly finding myself reading just about every word and studying every photo and sketch had a much needed restorative effect on me. It inspires me as a professional resort designer, and a traveler. It's amazing how, at least for me, Mr. Mehta has managed to publish what is just about the most useful book I've ever bought! As a professional, the book is an amazing resource and will be my "go-to" book for ideas and inspiration. As a traveler, I hope to plan my future vacations around the destinations found in *Authentic Ecolodges*. I'll probably have to buy a second copy for the office to consume!

*AE* brings great success to the print in superb images, illustrations, site plans and informative descriptions of 36 eco-hotels around the globe. *AE* is elaborated in to 12 eco characterized themes. Each itself described proper context and overview of the eco-tourism & environment friendly architecture. I am sure once you go through *AE*, You will experience nature friendly, sustainable, community based responsible travel. On behalf of eco-lovers and eco travelers I thanks to Author Hitesh Mehta and other coordinators with Costas Christ & Matthews Lewis for the gift you gave to the planet

Hitesh Mehta transports the reader to places where most of us will never travel, revealing through luminous photographs and rich text the character and personality of each destination. Descriptions of each lodge are eloquent and detailed, with attention to the architectural style and features only a world-class designer could convey. Reading this wonderful tribute to authentic Ecolodges reminds one that each place on this precious earth has its own personality. Students of ecotourism, holistic design, and conservation of natural and cultural heritage will be compelled, as I am, to read this book from cover to cover many times over.

I have been enjoying this book bit by bit ever since I purchased it a few weeks ago, jumping around from the intro and the first chapter to Art as Architecture to Creative Design to Community Owned and Operated and then all around. The photography is amazing - I am particularly drawn to the luscious wide angle lens images, the text is informative and well-written, the drawings are welcoming, the topic is so very important. Hitesh Mehta needs to be very proud to have dedicated three years of his life to compiling this important work.

Authentic Ecolodges is an amazingly comprehensive presentation of a global search for ecolodges which are true to the ideal of sustainable travel. The photography, sketches and site plans are illustrative and beautiful. Combined with text, the book makes a perfect guide for the eco friendly traveller, as well as those interested in architectural design. The beauty and integrity of the book reflects Hitesh's philosophy, dedication and passion to his work.

Book construction is cheap. Environmental and architectural details are missing.

Probably the best resource out there when it comes to ecolodges

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