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Lejos Eco Retreat Begins Construction in Vieques

Vieques, PR, March 12, 2021 - **Lejos Eco Retreat** is a new and exciting eco-sustainable vacation retreat on the beautiful Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, offering low-impact, boutique style accommodations and focusing on better practices of conservation and the benefits of responsible tourism. Upon completion, the installation will offer 13 beautifully appointed rooms including 10 units using up-cycled steel cargo containers, with renewable energy and other energy efficient fixtures and equipment. The facilities enjoy a privileged hilltop location of majestic views and serene surroundings while only a 10 minute drive to some of the best beaches in the Caribbean. Lejos is a site of natural wonder, a tropical escape where one can connect, disconnect and recharge.

Lejos is the brainchild of Puerto Rico native Patricia Diez Gradín and Philip Sandbo, who inspired by their extensive travels in Europe and South East Asia decided to start a new chapter in their lives that would focus on what the couple enjoys the most: travel, travelers, the art of hospitality, and an appreciation and respect for nature, the environment and the people that form our communities. They set their sights on Vieques, a place that holds special meaning for them, and in December of 2017, while the Puerto Rican archipelago was still reeling from the aftermath of Hurricane María, they arrived on the island ready to embark on their biggest adventure yet: ***“Everything that was going on the island around that time strengthen my belief that there’s no one more resilient than the people of Puerto Rico. That’s been documented through our history and once again the island was facing the reality that without responsibility there’s no sustainability”***, recalls Diez Gradín. ***“But in the midst of all the uncertainty we felt inspired and energized. We just wanted to be on the island to do something good, something that we both can be proud of and something that the community would be proud of as well. We talked endlessly about how cool it’d be to share the way we feel about this place with our future guests, with the world.”***

Opening this fall, Lejos will also offer amenities such as an infinity pool, a gift-shop, a small gastro-pub featuring a simple yet unique approach to the long traditions of Puerto Rican and Spanish cookery, and camping grounds. The facilities will be available for private events such as weddings and seasonal yoga retreats, among others.

Lejos’ mission of statement is to offer a world-class and memorable hospitality experience guided by the principles of responsible tourism and a commitment to executing good ethical work, always respecting the environment and the community.

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