

A 2007 Eco-Efficiency Success Story



Baile Langan Log Cottages Urbania, NS

Modern sustainability the old-fashioned way

Baile Langan Log Cottages are designated as a Bay of Fundy Recommended Experience dedicated to sustainable tourism and quality travel experiences on Canada's phenomenal Bay of Fundy. The Cottages overlook the scenic Shubenacadie River, where you can watch the Bald Eagles soar from the covered front porch or curl up in the glow of a log fire inside. Open year-round, five handcrafted cottages offer guests a taste of old-fashioned Maritime hospitality.

At Baile Langan each cottage was built using the simplest of techniques. Trees, a renewable resource, were manually harvested from their own woodlot greatly reducing transportation costs. Wooden pegs were hand-crafted to hold the logs in position and much of the furniture was hand crafted from left over log ends. The energy input required to produce a log building is a fraction of that of a conventional house built with resource and energy hungry materials such as brick, concrete and steel. In fact logs actually lock away substantial amounts of carbon.

Baile Langan has also reduced energy use by replacing all incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights. Light timers, motion detectors and natural light that shines in through the large windows keep the cottages bright and efficiently illuminated. Low flow toilets, shower heads and faucet aerators keep water use at a minimum. No chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides are used for gardening or lawn care.

When guests arrive at Baile Langan they are greeted with a friendly smile and given a booklet instructing them on recycling, waste separation and water reduction practices at the cottages. They also receive a cookbook with recipes calling for herbs hand-picked from the gardens beside each cottage.

Combining old-fashioned construction techniques with modern technologies Baile Langan Log Cottages has created a business that is both successful and sustainable.

