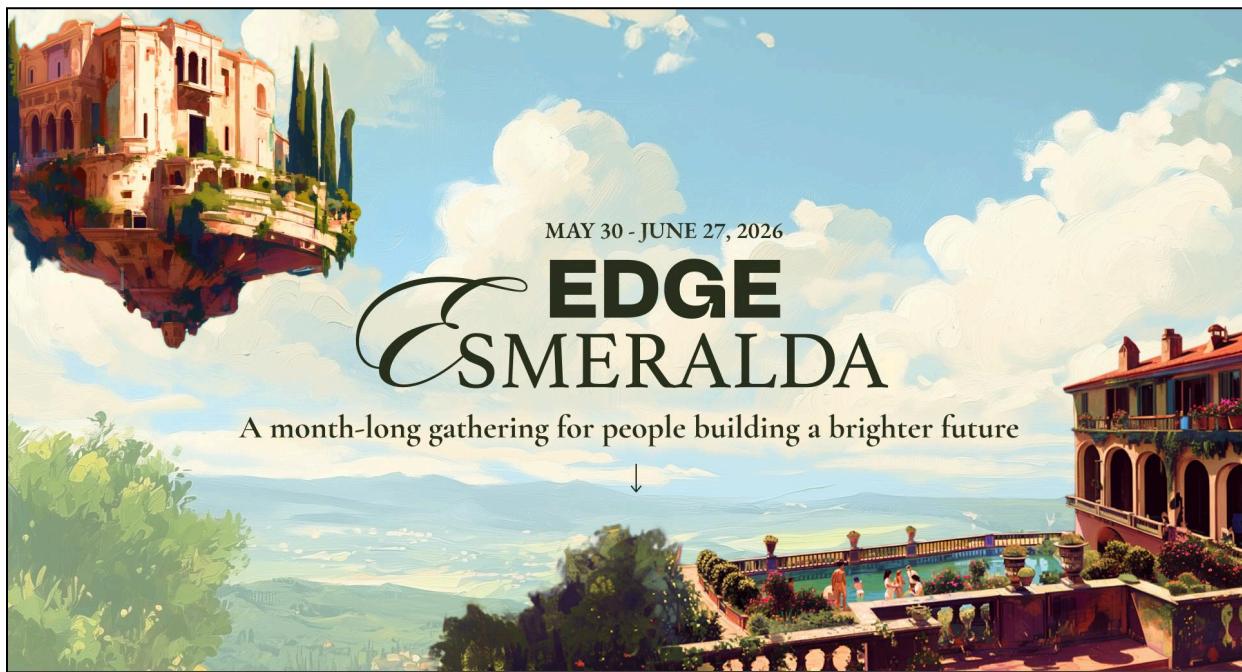


# Residency Overview - Edge Esmeralda 2026

[\*\*Edge Esmeralda 2026\*\*](#) is a **month-long popup village** bringing together 1,000+ builders, researchers, and innovators in Healdsburg, California. This immersive experience creates space for deep collaboration while pushing frontier fields forward, with approximately 350 people present at any given time.

It's not a centrally programmed conference. Instead, leading organisations **run their own residencies**, and **Edge builds the connective tissue** - from co-working and wellness to cross-pollination and community rituals.

*The Long Journey Residency demonstrated that with the right environment, even one month can produce fundable ideas, technical breakthroughs, and lasting founder relationships. Sponsoring a residency at future Edge Cities is one of the highest-ROI pathways for funds seeking differentiated dealflow at the earliest stage.*



## How It Works: Two Parts

### Part 1: Your Residency Home

Choose your residency venue and manage your own lodging. Options include:

- **Book one of our recommended venues** (see options below)
- **Find your own accommodation** via Airbnb or local contacts
- **Request Edge City support or full management** (see management options below)

## Part 2: Edge City Access Pass

**Every attendee needs an Edge City Access Pass** for village-wide access to shared infrastructure, programming, and support.

## Part 3: Choose Sponsorship Tier (Optional)

See sponsor packages below

**Note:** Both parts 1 & 2 can be self-funded, covered by sponsors or passed on to participants. Some combination of all three is generally recommended.



## Edge City Support & Management Options

**Edge is happy to help!** We can support you at whatever level makes sense for your residency. Here are your options:

## **Option 1: Self-Managed (Edge-Supported)**

### **What you do:**

- Coordinate your accommodation
- Design and organize your residency programming
- Source your participants and talent
- Secure your own sponsors (if needed)
- Buy Edge City tickets for your attendees (can be covered by sponsor or attendees)

### **What Edge provides (included):**

- Access to our venue recommendations and contacts
- Introductions to potential sponsors
- Help sourcing and connecting you with talent
- Advice on programming and logistics
- Facilitation and integration support into the broader village
- Access to all shared village infrastructure and programming

**Cost:** Included in your Edge City tickets

**Note:** Level of support and priority are based on the number of tickets purchased and size/length of your residency.

**Best for:** Teams who want to maintain control but appreciate guidance, connections, and integration support

### **Optional Add-On: Dedicated Residency Coordinator**

- Edge helps you hire a dedicated residency lead/coordinator for your team (suggested 6-9 weeks depending on residency length and size)
- Coordinator can handle lodging coordination, logistics, operations, & programming support
- You manage the coordinator and maintain strategic oversight
- **Additional cost:** \$5-10K depending on scope, length, and size
- **Best for:** Self-managed residencies that need extra operational capacity

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## **Option 2: End-to-End Management by Edge City**

### **Your vision, we execute everything:**

- Complete venue sourcing and landlord coordination

- Full programming design and execution
- Talent curation and participant selection
- Sponsor outreach (if applicable)
- All logistics, operations, and staffing
- Deep integration into village narrative

### What you do:

- Provide strategic direction, vision, and goals
- Approve key decisions
- Show up and focus on your work

**Cost:** Custom pricing based on residency size, length, and scope

**Best for:** Organizations that want a turnkey experience or lack bandwidth for residency design & operations

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### Flexible Residency Lengths

We encourage month-long residencies for the deepest collaboration and community integration. However, we understand cost and scheduling constraints, so we also support shorter residencies. We generally recommend at least one week for the best results.



### 💰 Pricing Breakdown

#### Total Estimated Cost Per Person

**Per Month: ~\$6k per person**

- Lodging:
  - A. Lower End: \$2k per month
  - B. Upper End: \$5k per month
- Edge Ticket (Monthly):
  - A. Early Bird: \$2,000
  - B. Final Price: \$3,000

**Per Week: ~\$2k per person**

- Lodging:
  - A. Lower End: \$500 per week
  - B. Upper End: \$1.5k per week
- Edge Ticket (Weekly):
  - A. Early Bird: \$850
  - B. Final Price: \$1,350

**Not Included (Optional):**

- Transportation: Flights & transportation to Healdsburg, CA
- Most Meals (several weekly meals & F&B discounts included in Edge ticket)
- Branding/Village-Level Sponsorship: See slide 18 for add'l. sponsorship opportunities
- Dedicated Opps Support: Additional \$5-10k for a residency lead hire & extra resources



## Housing Venue Options

[See full housing spreadsheet here](#)

### Featured Residency Venues

#### 1. Hotel Trio (Shared Overflow Hub)

- **Capacity:** 100 guests (60 rooms with king beds & sofa beds, kitchenettes)
- **Cost:** \$4,000/person/month | \$1,495/person/week | \$250/night
- **Features:** Major village hub with sauna, daily breakfast included
- **Status:** Available for individual bookings and residency groups



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## **2. 6BR House with River Views**

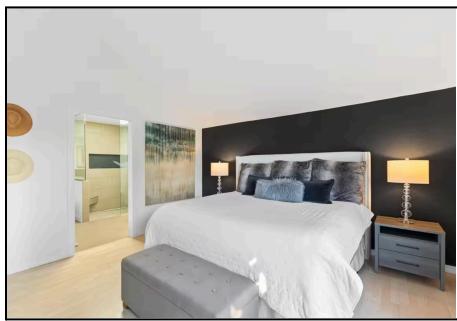
- **Capacity:** 13 guests (6 bedrooms, 13 beds, 2.5 baths)
- **Total Cost:** \$28,500/month
- **Cost:** ~\$2,200/person/month | \$550/person/week | \$80/night
- **Features:** Hot tub, ping-pong, AC, river views
- **Status:** Currently booked by Edge, available for rental



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### **3. Modern Family Home in Town**

- **Capacity:** 5 guests (3 bedrooms, 5 beds, 2.5 baths)
- **Total Cost:** \$11,500/month
- **Cost:** ~\$2,300/person/month | \$575/person/week | \$82/night
- **Features:** 10-minute bike ride to/from plaza
- **Status:** Available for booking (48-hour cancellation policy)



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#### **4. Pezzi King Winery Estate Farmstay**

- **Capacity:** 10 guests (6 rooms)
- **Total Cost:** \$24,700/month
- **Cost:** ~\$2,500/person/month | \$620/person/week | \$90/night
- **Features:** Full estate home, 5-minute drive from town
- **Status:** Available for booking



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## 5. Heron House

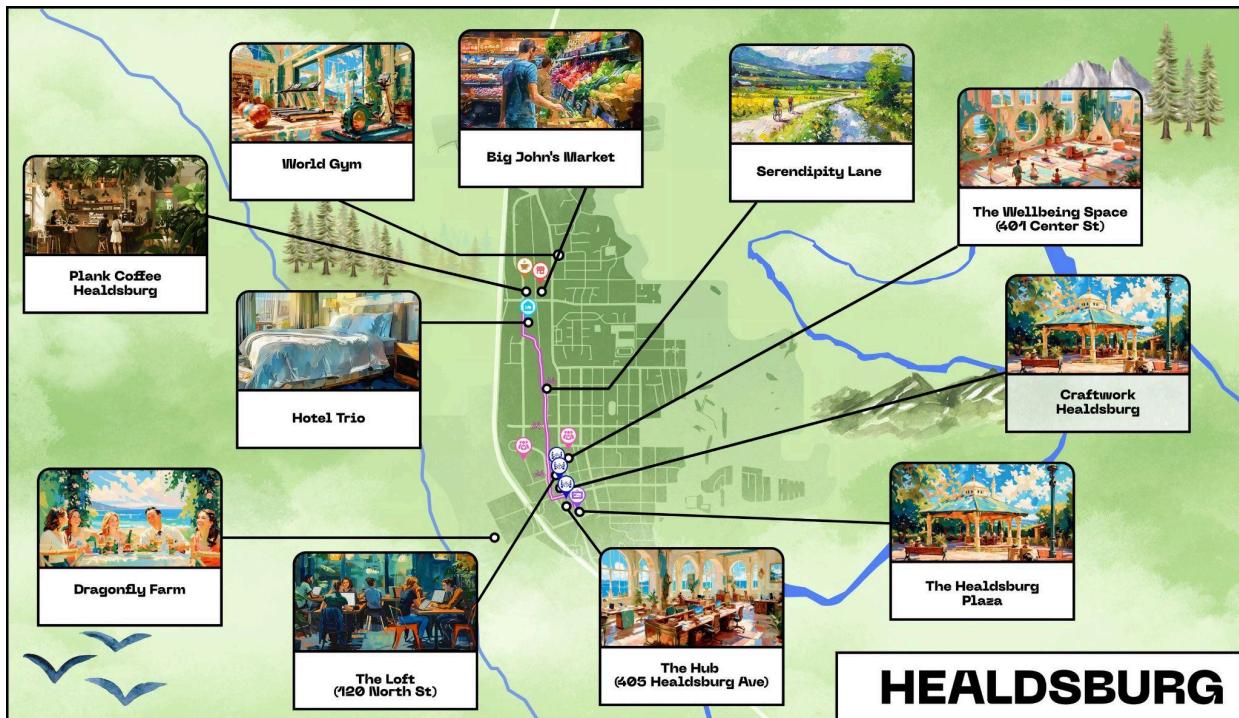
- **Capacity:** 6 guests (3 rooms, 2 baths)
- **Total Cost:** \$15,660/month
- **Cost:** ~\$2,600/person/month | \$660/person/week | \$95/night
- **Features:** Part of WC Lodging property cluster
- **Status:** Available for booking



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## WC Lodging Properties Cluster

The WC Lodging properties (River View Lodge, Redwood River House, Riverbend Retreat, Heron House) are all located on the same road and can be booked together for ~\$53K total, providing 10 bedrooms. Combined with the 6BR house nearby, you could secure 16 rooms total for ~\$81K.



## What's Included in Your Edge City Access Pass

### Infrastructure

- **Central Hub & Key Program venues** – Co-working space & key programming spaces as the physical heart of the village
- **Family-Friendly Support** – Multi-generational participation with kids' spaces, daycare, and education
- **EdgeOS** – Our open-source network society tech stack:
  -  **Citizen Portal**: registration, housing, logistics, identity, scheduling
  -  **Community Calendar**: core programming with weekly themes + community-led events
  -  **Matching & Networking Tools**: smart intros, peer discovery, local guides
  -  **Experimental Tech**: payment systems, health trackers, governance tools

### Ecosystem Support

-  **Wellness Programming**: movement, cold plunges, sauna, breathwork, yoga, team sports
-  **Local Integration**: direct access to California innovation ecosystem and builder communities

-  **Operational Support:** housing sourcing, vendor connections, cross-residency event coordination

## Social Programming & Culture

- **Weekly community dinners** and F&B discounts
-  **Demo Day showcases** with prizes and exposure opportunities
-  **Weekend adventures:** wine country exploration, hiking, local activities
-  **Cultural rituals:** fireside salons, dance nights, art, music, and surprise experiences



Last year's recap: [Edge Esmeralda 2025: Month in Review](#)

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## Sponsorship Options

**Sponsorship of the event is separate from residency tickets.** There are two ways sponsors can support your residency:

1. **Residency-Specific Sponsor:** You find a personalized sponsor that supports just your residency. Their sponsorship can cover tickets and any other costs for your residency.
2. **Edge Village-Wide Sponsor:** Either you or Edge City brings in a combined sponsor for the whole event. If their focus aligns with your residency, their sponsorship

package can focus on supporting your residency and cover tickets rather than just general event costs.

## Sponsor Packages



**Presence:** ~1,000 builders & high-signal individuals across month (300+ people at any given time)

**Monthly Ticket Value:** \$3,000 pp (final price) - use for team, subsidise talent or support a residency

**Exposure:** 30K+ direct reach, plus 3M+ participant amplification (X, Newsletter, and more)

<b>SHAPER   \$100K</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 15x monthly tickets</li><li>* 8x nominate scholar</li><li>* 30% comm. discount</li><li>* Unlimited talk oppty</li><li>* Dedicated liaison</li></ul> <p>Either: A. Full residency mgmt. B. Custom village infra. integration (eg. tech)</p>	<b>MOVER   \$50K</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 7x monthly tickets</li><li>* 4x nominate scholar</li><li>* 20% comm. discount</li><li>* Weekly talk oppty</li></ul> <p>Either: A. Themed week track B. Month experiment C. Curated team retreat</p>	<b>IMPACT   \$25K</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 3x monthly tickets</li><li>* 2x nominate scholar</li><li>* 15% comm. discount</li></ul> <p>Either: A. 3x programming slots B. 1-2 day summit C. Week experiment</p>	<b>COMMUNITY   \$10K</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 1x monthly ticket</li><li>* 10% comm. discount</li></ul> <p>Either: A. 1x featured talk B. Cover 1x talented individuals to attend</p>
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**Proportional promotion** via socials, newsletter, website, art, digital messaging & IRL endorsements for all

## Cross-Pollination Across Fields

Your residency will connect with other groups working in:

- **Crypto & Web3** – Decentralized systems, blockchain infrastructure
- **AI & ML** – Frontier models, alignment, applications
- **Longevity & Biotech** – Health span extension, biohacking
- **Hard Science** – Physics, materials, energy
- **Public Policy** – Governance innovation, regulatory frameworks
- **Arts & Culture** – Creative expression, cultural experimentation

Preliminary Confirmed Residencies:

1. **Long Journey Founder Residency** (Month-long)
2. **Uniswap Crypto Academic Camp** (1-2 weeks)
3. **Quantum Residency** (Length TBD)
4. **Actual Ventures Founder Residency** (Month-long)
5. **Actual Ventures x Zeaprime Deep Tech Residency** (Length TBD)
6. **Agartha Artist Residency** (Month-long)

The magic happens at the intersections of disciplines, cultures and generations. This is amplified via social engineering of gathering curated crowds in a dense environment for a long enough time.

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## Planning Your Residency Budget

### Recommended Budget Formula:

(Participants × Per-Person Cost) + Operational Support + Sponsorship Tier

### Example: 10-person, full-coverage monthly residency

- Participant coverage:  $10 \times \$6,000 = \$60,000$
- Operational support: \$10,000
- Sponsorship tier (Mover): \$50,000
- **Total Investment: \$120,000**

### This includes:

- Full coverage for 10 residents (tickets, lodging, meals, travel)
- End-to-end residency management
- 7 additional monthly tickets for your team, investors, mentors or more talent (\$21K value)
- Ability to nominate 4 scholars
- 20% discount for community members
- Custom programming (themed week track, month experiment, or team retreat)
- Full brand amplification across the village over the entire month

## Key Considerations

- **Early bird pricing:** Book early to secure lower ticket rates (saves \$1,000/person)
  - **Shared accommodations:** Significant savings with shared rooms (saves \$3,000/person)
  - **Meal flexibility:** Edge tickets include several meals; full coverage is optional
  - **Duration options:** Weekly attendance significantly reduces per-person costs
  - **Partial support:** Cover just tickets + lodging and let residents handle meals/travel
  - **Scholar nominations:** Higher sponsorship tiers include the ability to nominate talented individuals for an Edge fellowship, scholarships, grants or aligned residencies
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## Ready to Organize Your Residency?

Whether you're bringing 5 people or 50, we're here to help you create an unforgettable month of building, learning, and connecting.

**Get in touch:**

- **Email:** [telamon@edgecity.live](mailto:telamon@edgecity.live)
- **Telegram:** @telamonardavanis

We're excited to co-create Edge Esmeralda 2026 with you!

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## Appendix:

- [5min talk: What is Edge City?](#)
- [Edge City about page](#)
- [Our Network City Vision & Roadmap](#)
- [Edge Esmeralda 2025 Month in Review](#)
- [Recent Patagonia event snippet](#)

## What our past co-creators have to say

"Edge City did an excellent job integrating diverse participants from all kinds of backgrounds: technical and non-technical, crypto, biotech and culture, young & old.

**I learned a lot from my time there"** - [Vitalik Buterin](#), Ethereum Founder



"Edge Esmeralda's ability to bring people together in temporary **spaces that yield lifelong relationships - as well as life changing conversations and discoveries** - makes me excited to see how that same energy imbues the permanent village Esmeralda is building." - [Moxie Marlinspike](#), Signal Founder



"We could not have done this Longevity workshop with top researchers without Edge City. **This is going to be one of those moments that people talk about in the future where so many impactful things were conceptualized.**"

- [Laura Deming](#), Cradle Founder & CEO



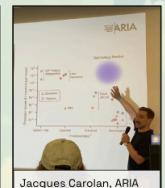
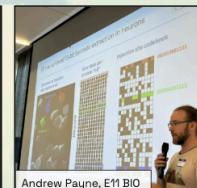
**"Edge City is unparalleled in its ability to cultivate multi-disciplinary ecosystems** that accelerate progress in frontier industries like Cryptography, Neurotech & Longevity." - [Juan Benet](#), Protocol Labs Founder



## Neurotech

"The neurotech workshop I attended was extremely high signal and talent dense. I could not have had that discussion anywhere else."

[Adam Marblestone](#), Convergent Research



"It helped me meet a more diverse array of high-quality people working in neurotech than do in my usual meeting/conference circuit.

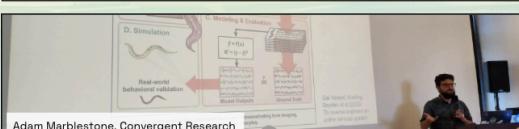
And I think the longer-term nature of the event helped cultivate deeper thinking and new ideas."

[Milan Cvetkovic](#), Integral Neuro



"Edge was the perfect environment for people to come together, think outside the box and entertain unconventional ideas. It was where I first heard about acousto-optic imaging (something we're continuing work on) and met people like Max and Andy (who did research with us on the acousto-electric project). Plus, it was a joy to work with you guys!"

[Marley Xiong](#), Harvard Research Fellow (FPGAs, ultrafast electronics, fluorescent microscopes)



Adam Marblestone, Convergent Research



Juan Benet, Protocol Labs

## Crypto Quotes & Highlights:

"Special shoutout to the @joinedgecity team who provided the perfect environment to boost the based social layer. From my end the outcomes of [Edge City Lanna] sequencing week were excellent."

[Justin Drake,](#)  
Ethereum Researcher

"[Edge City Lanna] Was a fantastic place to build & collaborate. Excited about where it can go from here. [...] Definitely planning to see you at Edge Esmeralda!"

[Dan Findley,](#)  
MetaMask, Founder

"I was so inspired by the caliber of people, different projects and ambitious concept. It shifted my perspective of crypto and reminded me of how important this industry is in helping make a positive change in the world."

[Xochi Cazador,](#)  
COS Optimism Foundation

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[Vitalik Buterin,](#)  
Ethereum Founder

"Edge City was a great place to have meaningful conversations with key allies in the Ethereum ecosystem and help move forward the interop roadmap. It's a place I can enjoy being my extraverbal self."

[Alex Gluchowski](#),  
ZKsync Founder

"I never realized the possibility of social innovation until being part of the Edge community. There is no way that the way we organize our communities today is the best that civilization has to offer. We can dramatically improve our communities and quality of life through some space for experimentation and first principles thinking"

[Mark Tyneway,](#) OP Labs Co-Founder



## Hard Tech

"The Hard Tech Weekend at Edge Esmeralda was perhaps the single best hard tech conference I have ever attended. The event drew a mix of world-class thinkers and entrepreneurs working on novel battery chemistries, new supersonic engine paradigms, cargo airships, radioastronomy breakthroughs, robotic construction, and much more."

The event was not just inspiring, it was generative. I continue to hear of people leveraging connections they made there."

[Eli Dourado,](#) Abundance Institute



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## Case Studies:

1. Avery is building Constellation, a foundation-model platform trained directly on neural, physiological, and behavioural streams — with

applications for curing mental illness and powering brain-computer interfaces. At Edge, Avery secured donated equipment, enrolled participants, and recorded data daily, while also signing a lead investor and making an early hire. By the end of the month, Constellation held one of the largest multimodal datasets of its kind, setting the stage for a foundation model of brain state. The residency gave Avery the conviction that clarity of mission, not massive resources, is what attracts support.

2. Keoni's project lowers the cost of biotech by automating wet-lab experiments. At Edge, he rediscovered the joy of tinkering while also hitting major technical and financial milestones: completing a Pichia plasmid that both lowered his own costs and opened a new product line, uncovering key lessons in DNA cloning, and raising \$250k to extend the runway. Living alongside other founders made the difference — constant exchange and casual feedback reminded him that biology can be playful and powerful at once.
3. The residency gave LJV the opportunity to get to know Sunir better - at Edge, he *built a real-time container tracker from scratch, hosted a hackathon, and turned a visa emergency into a win with top-tier recs.* *This resulted in two investments after Edge Esmeralda 2025.*