

## **Energy Consumption**

Energy consumption and air pollution are limited using a wide range of tactics, including the implementation of passive strategies and options, free of mechanical or electrical systems that require the combustion of fossil fuels. The strategic placement of operable windows to allow fresh air in every guest room maximizes natural ventilation and lighting. By creating a serene "walking environment" with interconnecting scenic pathways, the master plan encourages walking, further improving air quality and reducing noise.

Because water has become a precious commodity in central Texas, we employ multiple conservation techniques for property maintenance. Xeriscaping utilizes native drought and pest-resistant plants. All water sources on the property—faucets, showers and lavatories—are outfitted with low-flow fixtures. Travaasa is devoted to other eco-friendly techniques throughout its daily operation, including waste minimization; reuse and recycling of all possible materials; composting, local and organic food sourcing; recycled paper product usage; and sustainability education.

Travaasa is a proud winner of Treehugger's 2010 "Best of Green" award for best resort and has also been awarded an American Society of Landscaper Architecture Merit Award.