

**ARIZONA'S OLDEST GUEST RANCH, SINCE 1926**



# Circle Z Fencelines

## New this Fall!

The sound of hammers and tractors echo throughout our ranch during the summer months. We took full advantage of our "off season" to freshen up and improve our cottages and common areas. This summer proved to be one of our most productive, and we are excited to show off our improvements for our 89<sup>th</sup> season!

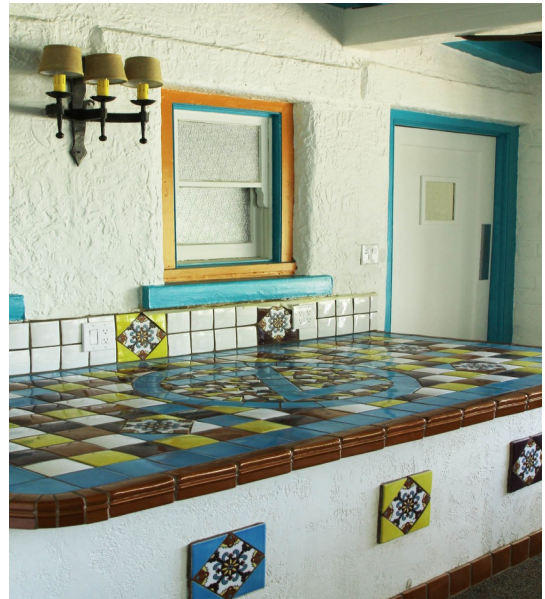
As historic renovations often go, Cottage 5 provided a few surprises. What began as a remodel of the bathrooms soon morphed into a full cottage restoration as we uncovered some of the idiosyncrasies of this 90 year old building. Fortunately, our very capable carpenters were up to the job! Now completed, the bathrooms are stunning and spacious and the walls are insulated for sound and temperature control. With fresh paint, carpeting and upgraded heating and a/c units, this cottage will surely be a favorite for families and groups of friends traveling together.

Previously unused space in Cottage 4 was converted into our Aztec Suite, new for guests this season. A spacious suite, it has a king sized bedroom, comfortable sitting room looking out onto the oval, a large handicapped accessible bathroom, and two private entrances. With ample room for three guests, the Aztec Suite is our premier guest accommodation.

Our Dining Room underwent a facelift as well, enhancing its charm and beauty. We are so excited for you to see the results! The ceiling was stripped down to the original material, revealing beautiful tongue and groove craftsmanship. There is new in-lay tile on the buffet, new carpeting...and wait till you see our new dinner-ware, custom made just for our Ranch!

Those of you visiting the Ranch last season were greeted with a new lounge area in the Cantina and our wonderful new Game Room. We continued the Cantina overhaul into the other half, restoring the ceiling, adding a larger refrigerator and improving guest storage space for drinks. Our Wi-Fi services were upgraded as well, adding faster service and better coverage.

Come and see why we are Arizona's Premier Guest Ranch!



## New Guest Laundry

Convenience for our guests is always front and center for us. We want you all to feel at home, from the welcoming you receive when you arrive at our doorstep, to making sure you have everything you need to make your vacation worry free.

This summer, we looked at ways to make our home feel more like home to you. By building a new housekeeping facility, we opened up a spacious area in the back of Casa Rosa for our new guest laundry area!

Not only will you find a brand new washer and dryer, this space will also house our spare boots and hats. And as always, use of our laundry room, with detergents, is complimentary to our guests. You will also find extra amenities stored here if you find yourself in need.

The laundry space will be open for guest use from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

# From the Nash's

Last season was one of our best ever, and we look forward this season to improving on our guest experiences, while keeping the traditions of "who we are" intact. And who we are has not really changed in our 41 years of ownership. Sometimes we are tempted to make changes, and we always look at the impact these will have on our ranch and it's traditions. And we always come back to the realization that the ranch is great, just the way it is, offering an unbeaten guest ranch experience with an ambience that is low key and welcoming. Other than updating cottages and improving on what we have, there will be no surprises in who we are. And this is a phenomenal feeling for us as owners to be able, in this day and age, to keep our ranch true to its roots.



## Welcome to our Staff

**Thanks to you, our  
wonderful guests, we have  
received the 2015  
Trip Advisor  
Certificate of Excellence**

You will see many familiar faces this season when you return to the ranch. Yesenia and Meg will be keeping our office organized. Gail will be our lead cook, with Linda and William joining our cooking staff. Maria will continue creating her Mexican fare on Fridays. Kayla will be back to greet you in the dining room, plus we have three new waitress-

es will join us; Thelma, Michelle and Jenna. We are happy to also have Daniel returning this fall to help out in the kitchen. Patti and Maria are returning to housekeeping, with Heather joining them in keeping your rooms immaculate. Jose moves from dishwashing duties into maintenance. At the corrals, we are

thrilled to have Miko, Kelly, Tavo, and Alice as wranglers. We will have two new wranglers, Johnny and Val (who is returning after taking a couple of years off). Everyone will be working hard in the next month to get the ranch ready, and are looking forward to providing the high level of hospitality that we are known for!



## Dreams Come True

Our horseback riding program is one of a kind, in large part because of the vast spaces where we ride. For many years, our adventures have taken us to Box Canyon, the Petroglyphs, and more recently to Castle Butte. What many of you may not know is that these trails traverse property owned by our neighbors, the Gatlin family, who have so generously allowed us to ride here.

Now this property is ours, with the purchase finalized by the Nash family this summer!!

The Gatlin family's granddad homesteaded on this 1100 acre parcel in the 1890's. During that time, he worked for the 97 Ranch, the name of Circle Z property back when it was a sheepherding ranch. In the recent years, the family moved on to other ventures, yet still cherished the property of their grandparents. We are pleased to be the new stewards, and will continue doing with this property what we already know well....preserving spaces.

Known as the Bar Z, this property is rich in archaeological history, stunning rock formations, and open rangeland.

We are excited for the possibilities of enriching the Circle Z experience for you, our guests. Stay tuned as we open new trails and add to our already fantastic riding program!



**View of Box Canyon**





## From the Lorta's

We were thrilled to have shared an amazing season and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with old friends and building new relationships. We are very grateful to be part of such a wonderful establishment that embraces us and its' guests as family and truly understands the value of hospitality.

Throughout the summer, we have dedicated our time to making sure Circle Z Ranch is pristine and welcoming to all our visitors. Even the monsoons have come together to ensure this season will be decorated with gorgeous wild flora and glamorous birds. Miko, Kelly, and Tavo have been hard at work at Los Corrales. From colt "boot camp", to shoeing, and taking day rides out to visit our herd, the wranglers have their hands full getting ready for a very busy season. Even the garden is getting refreshed! Many more of our meals will be featuring organic Circle Z produce, which are sure to please your palate. Overall, this upcoming season we will be highlighting a friendly staff, happy horses, and delicious meals. We can't wait for you to be a part of it!



## 2016: Our 90th Anniversary!!

Almost 90 years ago, in 1926, the Zinsmeister brothers, along with their wives, opened the Circle Z Ranch in Patagonia Arizona. Why did they pick this area? They were searching for a property where guests could ride ranch bred horses in all directions from a central loca-

tion. When they discovered the 97 Ranch, they knew they found their spot.

In 2016, we will celebrate 90 years as Arizona's oldest continually operating Guest Ranch. As amazing as this is, there is another caveat: the Nash and Lorta families have been over-

seeing this amazing place for 41 years. Next year, just a few months away, we will kick off our big year, and we will be planning ways to celebrate! We would love for you, our guests, to share your memories with us. If you have old, or recent, photos, and stories of your visits, send them along to [diana@circlez.com](mailto:diana@circlez.com) or bring them with you when visiting the ranch.

Circle Z Ranch hosted the TV show Best of America By Horseback

Last season. If you missed this, you can stream it on their website

[www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com/c-episodes.html](http://www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com/c-episodes.html)

## Join us for a Traditional Christmas Vacation

Sometimes the holidays can be stressful, but not here at the ranch! Let us make your holiday what it is meant to be: magical, stress-free, and celebratory!

Let us cover all the details: a delicious, traditional Christmas dinner; family entertainment; and we take care of all the decorating.

**Give us a call, and say you saw this in our newsletter. We will give you a 5% discount on your stay, plus we will offer a flexible check in day to accommodate your travel plans.**

Space is limited, but the fun is not!!





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