



Sustainable Farming, Living and Tourism Practices

Damali Farm is a sustainable agritourism business that fulfills economic, environmental and socio-cultural obligations while generating income, contributing to employment, maintaining cultural integrity, and preserving essential, ecological processes and biological diversity. We aim to enhance the quality and sustainability of natural and cultural heritage-based experiences by generating economic benefits for our community through the promotion of agritourism, making positive contributions to the preservation of our natural and cultural assets, delivering a meaningful experience and a high degree of customer satisfaction to our guests

Farming

- Crops are planted using natural practices for weed control and maximum growth
- Lavender is planted through breathable landscape fabric and covered with sand to hold in heat & moisture eliminating the need for watering and to reduce weeds
- Sterile lavender bio mass from distillation system is used to mulch vegetable gardens
- Lavender stems and trimmings are chipped and composted
- Soil biology is corrected through the use of organic 'tea'
- 'Tea' is also sprayed on vineyard foliage to produce maximum vigor
- Feed bags and cardboard are used to line garden beds under mulch to reduce weeds
- Registered WWOOF host (Willing Workers On Organic Farms) – a symbiotic relationship between farms such as ours with the need for farm workers and travelers interested in farm stay opportunities providing financial sustainability for farms while providing a unique farm stay experience to wwoofers
- Employs two of the farm partners and occasional income to farm workers

Living

- Raise all our own food on the farm except dairy and some dry goods
- Farm produce is dried, preserved and frozen for year round use
- Greenhouse helps to provide year round produce
- Most meals come from within 100 meters
- Meals are communal with 2 farm families & wwoofers reducing electrical requirements as well as creating a diverse social experience for everyone
- 2 families share farm expenses and year round work
- All organic household waste is either composted or fed to the animals
- All non organics are recycled, reused or returned
- We make and use our own, health & body care products and household cleaning products in our homes and in the B&B
- B&B has heat pump and thick curtains to keep heat in in winter and out in summer, no AC

Tourism

- A unique look into the lifestyle on a working lavender farm & vineyard thereby educating people about sustainable practices
- A diverse cultural experience for the partners, the wwoofers and guests
- A new attraction to bring people to our region and support our community's economy
- Trials on growing new products are showing success providing an opportunity for further recognition of the areas agricultural potential
- Introduces people to and educates people about a creative, sensitive and responsible lifestyle choice

