

Crystalline Visions

1,Project Aim

The aim of the project is to establish a retreat for sustainable & spiritual living in the beautiful surroundings of the national park of Chapada Diamantina in Bahia Brazil. Ideally it will be ran as an educational and therapeutical place where restoring and preserving nature around comes along with the personal healing and development of every participant and visitor to the centre. Where trying to be as



harmonical/gentle as possible with all technologies - including natural buildings, organic and biodynamic agriculture - are intrinsic. Finally where everyone will be able to experience a transformative spiritual journey, reconnect with nature, rejuvenate the body, discover the cosmic harmony, share wisdom and celebrate life.

The centre will provide both the public and private sectors with a focal point for healing, teaching and learning while at the same time it will be a visitor centre which will provide many opportunities for the local economy. The retreat will be a significant attraction in the area bringing in visitors from Brazil as well as other parts of the world. By engaging with individuals, small businesses, schools and the general public we aim to inform and inspire people to make changes to the way they think and act towards their daily lives. The cumulative effect will be a shift change towards sustainable living, understanding health broadly as complete physical, spiritual, mental and social well-being and finally it will have a positive effect on reducing human impact on the Earth and the environment.

2,Steering group

A steering group of interested experts have joined together to move the project from concept to reality. The group's intention is to use the best aspects of existing models to produce a centre for Brazil. The group is constituted with the following aims;



1. Promote the ideal of sustainable living to all through example and education.
2. Plan and develop edible forest garden and growing areas which will provide the centre with most of the essential materials and products.
3. Create an oasis in which every person can experience a state of unwavering inner peace, happiness and contentment; a centre of excellence for teaching and learning meditation practices, nutrition, yoga and rejuvenating holistic health services.
4. Provide nurturing and friendly environment surrounded by natural beauty where one could relax, learn, increase spirit/mind/body awareness, enjoy healthful food, fresh spring water, herbal medicine and bodywork; enrich or even transform own life.
5. Encourage a sense of community ownership of issues and participation in solutions.
6. Engage with volunteers & local community to help in this and related projects.
7. Identify new technologies and methods to reduce carbon footprints individually and nationally.
8. Work with any school, group or organisation that wishes to be involved.
9. Source a sustainable outlet for products to help fund the work of the group.
10. Promote and support the development of similar projects nationally and internationally.

3,Proposed Centre Features

First stage will incorporate as many features as possible but is dependent on the size of the land and what is appropriate to the location.

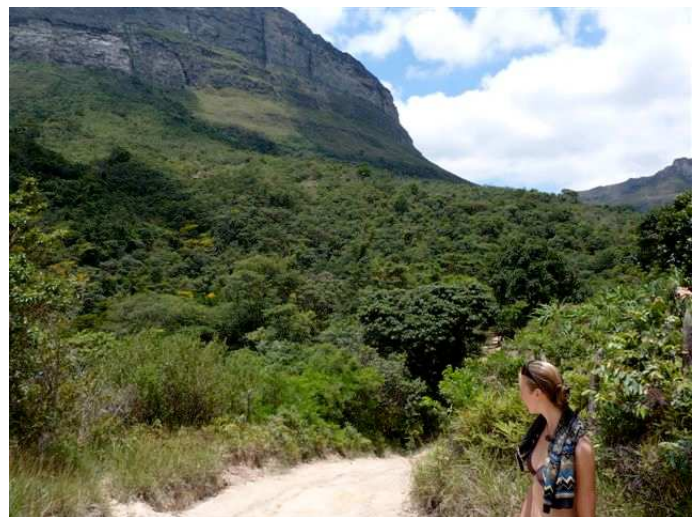
- Reception and shop for the sale of small items and plants where a consultant and sales support would also help with ordering/ purchasing products and services
- Workshop facilities for hands on training and education including alternative therapies
- Edible gardens and growing area incorporating a green gym



- Meditation halls, Activity and art areas, dance grove
- Café with raw organic and local produce
- Residential accommodation
- Working examples of products and processes throughout the site including renewable buildings
- Play areas and attractions for children throughout the site
- Sustainable exhibition programme, training, social events
- Build centre
- Supported activity, especially gardening or alternative therapies

4,Size of physical site

The size of the retreat is considered to be not less than 10 and ideally at least 20 hectares as this will guarantee having enough space to develop the site and also is necessary to protect as much land as possible from any outside disturbance and influence. Once the framework has been established some features have the possibility of incremental growth, e.g. developing more workshop space after one workshop has been built, and e.g. the growing areas can expand and mature once a core area has been created.

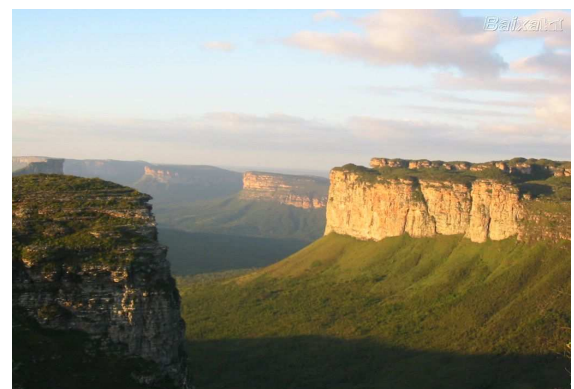


5,1 and national strategies

The project will fulfil both local authority and national strategies for provision of education in relation to sustainability, waste reduction, reduce, reuse and recycling, composting, permaculture, holistic healing, nutrition, eco-tourism, etc. Showcase all types of micro-renewables and methods of sustainable and low carbon buildings and transport.

6,Location

Ideally to be located within the Diamond Highlands (Chapada Diamantina) Region in state of Bahia, Brazil if possible as this is where the concept was perceived and the steering group is located. Alternatively in the north of Brazil close to the Amazon River and within reach of main transport links, where the possibility of involving



one of the indigenous tribes is under deep consideration & highly alluring.

7,Structure and Economic benefits

The Crystalline Visions is presently a non-profit distributing voluntary association and is likely to become a social enterprise. The aim is to employ around 20 full time staff with up to 50 part time staff. In addition this will bring numerous side benefits to the local economy from green tourism related spending.



8,Outcomes

Economic benefits of jobs and increased visitors to the area.

Regeneration of the area, tree planting, local community development.

Education of public on sustainability issues.

Reduction of carbon footprint on an individual and national level.



We are living in transformative time where the society as we know it is being renewed by the good people of the Planet. If you feel touched by what is written here dont hesitate and contact us for further information and cooperation. We are recruiting volunteers, projectors, individuals who would like to participate in this incredible project. An international group of those who thinking of longterm participation in the project will be

assembled at the end of this year. Then we will move to Brazil and start creating Paradise on Earth.

If you like our idea please help us by donating, projecting, or whatever would support the Crystalline Visions project.

“The life is beautiful! Therefore, we came here to make it happen”

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