

The Most Luxurious Eco-Friendly Hotels

Sustainable tourism doesn't mean sacrificing comfort, and these luxurious hotels are here to prove it.

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Amid an ongoing environmental crisis, travel has become more than just an enjoyable experience for vacationers. Now tourists must choose their destination carefully and ensure that the hotels and resorts they frequent are committed to eco-friendly operations.

Unfortunately, terms such as "sustainable" have become buzzwords thrown around without much thought, resulting in destinations that look the part but aren't as eco-friendly as they appear. Be it environmental awards, innovative initiatives (with meaningful results) or conscious partnerships, the hotels below have the credentials to *prove* that they are operating in a way that protects the natural world, not just hopping on a trend.

From caring for the immediate surrounding landscape and its wildlife to operating at a fully carbon-neutral level, our top picks of the world's most luxurious prove that hotels can be eco-friendly without needing to sacrifice the impeccable levels of service and comfort that discerning travelers are accustomed to.

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Kokomo Private Island, Fiji



As an island resort, ocean preservation is naturally paramount in Kokomo's bid for complete sustainability. ©Kokomo

Having recently joined eco-friendly luxury hotel group, **Regenerative Travel**, Fiji's **Kokomo Private Island** is leading by example when it comes to conscious travel. The resort has made it its mission to invest in its idyllic island home as well as the community and environment that surround it via a series of green initiatives and strategies.

As it is an island resort, ocean preservation is naturally paramount in Kokomo's bid for complete sustainability. The resort's dedicated team of marine biologists leads a variety of ocean restoration projects that focus on protecting marine life as well as the environment in which it inhabits. This includes the Coral Restoration Project, the Kokoma Manta Conservation Project and the Dock-to-Dish fishing initiative, among many others. The commitments continue on land, with the resort's 5.5-acre farm providing every ingredient used on the hotel's ever-changing food menu, as well as an in-house recycling plant.

Guests staying in one of Kokomo Island's 21 villas or five residences can also immerse themselves in the resort's conscious philosophy and celebration of the natural world via a series of activities. Travelers are invited to leave a meaningful mark on the area by planting coral in the thriving reef, collect and grow mangrove seeds in a nursery and "adopt" one of the endangered manta rays that swim in Fijian waters.

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