



Sustainable travel has been a fast-growing trend. In the past few years, more and more hotels have committed to different sustainability initiatives, from embracing renewable energy to preserving historic structures. There are 20 sustainable boutique hotels that stood out in particular. Working on notable areas like energy, waste, water, produce, and architecture, they have been actively promoting sustainability while offering top-notch design and comfort.

Fogo Island Inn



[Fogo Island Inn](#) is one of the most unique sustainable boutique hotels you will find. Tucked away on a remote island off the Northeast coast of Newfoundland, it sits quietly inside a striking contemporary architecture. A passion project from Zita Cobb (who grew up on the Island), 100 percent of revenue surpluses are returned to charity [Shorefast](#) for further investment in the local community.

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The facade is made mostly from locally sourced woods, while the interior features hand-crafted furniture and textiles by local artisans. The building also come with a plethora of facilities, including a cinema, a gym, a reading room, an art gallery, saunas, and rooftop hot tubs. As for culinary, the dining room presents a menu revolving around local vegetables and North Atlantic seafood.

Hotel PACAI



Hotel PACAI is a gorgeous sustainable boutique hotel in Lithuania. Situated in the heart of Vilnius Old Town, the 5-star hotel is housed inside a baroque mansion from the 15th century. To promote sustainability, the historic structure and its original details have been lovingly restored using traditional materials.



The 104 rooms and suites showcase a crossover of classic and contemporary design. Some suites feature gorgeous historic frescoes and patina, offset by curated contemporary furniture. They also come with sustainable amenities like water-saving taps and locally-produced linens and towels. In addition, you will have access to a fitness center, a sauna, a hammam, and a spa.



Sussurro is a secluded boutique hotel perched at the shoreline of Southern Mozambique. Celebrating local craftsmanship, the property is constructed completely by African designers, builders, and growers. It comprises just 6 spacious private bungalows, all coming in a traditional vernacular design.



The interior is pared back, featuring an earthy palette with bespoke furniture and artisanal pieces from sub-Saharan Africa. Everything is powered by renewable energy and there are no single-use plastics. At the in-house kitchen, you will find a plant-focused menu inspired by traditional East African flavours. The produces are also sourced carefully from local fishermen and organic farmers.

CERVO Mountain Resort



CERVO Mountain Resort is a tranquil sustainable hotel in Switzerland. Set in the town of Zermatt, the upscale resort is the perfect base camp for exploring the Alpine mountains. Recently updated by German studio Dreimeta, the 54



Make sure you check out the rejuvenating Ārman Mountain Spa, which features a Japanese-inspired onsen, a Bhutanese bath, a sauna, and a gym. Focusing on sustainable energy, 99% of CERVO's energy requirements are covered by geothermal energy and an integrated heat recovery system. It has also partnered with other organizations for different initiatives, which you can learn more [here](#).

1 Hotel Mayfair



1 Hotel Mayfair is a sustainable boutique hotel in London. Just steps away from Green Park, the 5-star urban oasis is transformed from two existing buildings. The facade is now lined with over 500 sqm of living plants, while the interior features furniture crafted from reclaimed stone and timber. Some contemporary artworks on site are also made with plants and recycled materials.



stay, you will also have access to a spa and a 24-hour gym.

Somewhere Lombok



Somewhere Lombok is a sustainable boutique hotel in Lombok, an Indonesian island just east of Bali. Just steps away from the water, the nature hideaway consists of 20 private villas, overlooking Are Guling Bay. They come in a modern-boho aesthetic, all featuring simplistic wooden furnishing, handcrafted objects, and a plunge pool. There is a large communal infinity pool as well.



Sustainability is at the heart of Somewhere Lombok. Some notable initiatives include sustainable construction practices, rainwater harvesting, waste recycling, and using locally sourced materials. Make sure you also check out the nearby beaches, which are perfect for surfing and unwinding.

Banyan Tree AlUla

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Banyan Tree AlUla is an opulent desert hotel in Saudi Arabia. Respecting the natural landscapes, studio AW² designed multiple tents that blend in seamlessly with its surroundings. Echoing the desert backdrop, the overall design revolves around a sandy palette using natural materials like canvas and terracotta. Endemic local plants native to the desert are also implemented across the property.



The tented villas range from one to three bedrooms, all coming in a refined minimalistic design with high ceilings and Nabataean-inspired accents. The crown jewel of the hotel is its infinity rock pool, featuring majestic mountain views of the Ashar Valley. The hotel also uses water-harvesting technology to collect rainwater, which is used to support the plants on-site.

Herdade da Malhadinha Nova



Herdade da Malhadinha Nova is a sustainable rural hotel in Portugal's Alentejo, roughly a two-hour drive from Lisbon. Surrounded by 1500 acres of rolling vineyards and fields, the luxury agriturismo hotel comprises 6 guest

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At the hotel, you will also discover a larger outdoor pool, and a spa with a sensory shower, a sauna, and three treatment rooms. Awarded a green star by Michelin, the in-house restaurant offers refined dishes made from local and home-grown produce. Besides, the hotel is part of the Alentejo Wines Sustainability Program, which focuses on the reduction of water consumption.

Paradero





Paradero is a sustainable architectural gem in Mexico's Todos Santos. Set on the foothills of the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains, it occupies a brutalist concrete structure with a curvaceous facade. Echoing the surrounding landscapes, the interior embraces a rustic charm with sandy hues and exposed walls.

Another highlight of the eco hotel is its rooftop infinity pool with loungers and panoramic views. Tenoch is the hotel's culinary concept, presenting a modern Mexican menu with an international twist. To preserve the local farming community, it has grown its very own organic farm and garden on site. Single-use plastics and non-biodegradable products are also banned from the hotel.

Almyra Hotel



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contemporary design with sleek breezy furnishing.

Wellness is a major priority of the hotel, with 5 outdoor & indoor pools on site. It also features a modern gym, a steam room, a sauna, and a spa. A certified member of the Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative, the hotel has multiple sustainability measures in place. This includes adopting a paperless system, implementing recycling programs, hosting local cultural events, and more.

Cap Karoso





Cap Karoso is a beach resort and farm in Sumba, an Indonesian island east of Bali and Lombok. It sits at the pristine shoreline of a coral reef, surrounded by untouched farmlands. Designed by GFAB Architects, the modern complex is almost completely lined with lush greeneries. Some structures are also constructed in a traditional Sumbanese style, featuring dramatic cone-shaped roofs.

Farming is key to Cap Karoso. The eco hotel has established a three-acre organic farm that supplies produce to its restaurant and hosts training programs for local farmers. At Julang restaurant, star chefs then turns these fresh ingredients into succulent Mediterranean-inspired dishes.

Rastrello



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medieval village in Umbria. Working with local craftsman, the historic structure is restored meticulously using traditional materials and methods.



The 10 guest rooms and suites feature original stone walls and exposed wooden beams, accented by custom furniture, Simmons mattress, and Rivolta Carmignani linens. For meals, Cucina & Giardino is an al-fresco restaurant serving seasonal farm-to-table fare. Some ingredients are harvested fresh from the hotel's own gardens and kitchen wastes are composted or used as fertilizers.

The Slate



The Slate is one of the best sustainable boutique hotels in Phuket, Thailand. Designed by acclaimed designer Bill Bensley, the property showcases an eclectic aesthetic with industrial and traditional Thai influences. The suites and villas all feature lacquered wood floors, industrial lighting, and handcrafted rugs. Plastic water bottles have also been eliminated and replaced by refillable glass bottles.

The highlight of the eco hotel is none other than the three outdoor pools, including a large infinity stone pool. There are also over six dining & drinking concepts on-site, offering everything from southern Thai cuisine to modern grilled dishes. Food residuals from these venues are then digested by the in-house worm farm, which produces rich vermicast that nourishes the garden.

The Bank Hotel Istanbul

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The Bank Hotel Istanbul is a historic boutique hotel in Karakoy. The sustainable 5-star hotel is set inside a Neo-Renaissance bank building, constructed by Italian Architect Antoine Tedeschi in 1867. Echoing its facade, the public spaces stay true to its old-world grandeur with marble columns and patterned tiles. The rooms feel more subtle, featuring a neutral palette and elegant furnishing.

During the restoration, facilities like a white marble Turkish hammam, a fitness center, a sauna, and steam rooms are added to the building. The hotel now also uses solar power, recyclable materials, and glass bottles instead of plastic. On the rooftop, you will discover a lively bar with sweeping city views. For more formal meals, you can check out the Lobby Restaurant or Serica Restaurant.

Rockhouse Hotel



Opened in 1974, Rockhouse Hotel is an iconic hotel in Jamaica. Perched on the volcanic cliffs of Negril, the award-winning boutique hotel is reminiscent of an African village, featuring multiple round thatch-roofed villas. They evoke a coastal Caribbean charm, all crafted with local stone, wooden furniture, and colourful textiles. Plastic bottles have also been removed from all the rooms.

Just steps away from the water, you will have exclusive access to the turquoise cove. There is also a scenic infinity pool surrounded by plush lounge beds. As for culinary, Rockhouse Restaurant and Pushcart Restaurant offer classic Jamaican-inspired fare. To minimize the consumption of resources, the hotel has implemented practices like rainwater harvesting and paper recycling.

Gundari



Gundari is a new sustainable boutique hotel on the Greek island of Folegandros. Wrapped in 80 acres of rocky landscape, it sits on a clifftop on the southern edge. Before the construction, over 600 seedlings were collected, nurtured, and returned to regenerate the land with indigenous plants. The property is also crafted with rock excavated from the site.

The 27 suites and villas are contemporary, all outfitted with marble floors, timber accents, and a private terrace with an infinity pool. You will also have access to a larger communal pool and a spa. For meals, Orizon offers a farm-to-table experience using produce from its own organic garden.

Villa Nai 3.3



Villa Nai 3.3 is a sustainable boutique hotel in Croatia, situated on the Adriatic island of Dugi Otok. The luxury hotel is carved into an ancient olive grove using excavated stone, allowing it to blend in with the landscape and minimize carbon emissions. Overhauled by local architect Nikola Bašić, the interior features a modern touch with Italian designer furniture and floor-to-ceiling windows.

The hotel boasts multiple facilities on-site, including a 23-meter outdoor infinity pool, an indoor pool, a spa, a fitness area, and a tennis court. The gourmet experience is another notable standout. For instance, Grotta 11 000 specializes in grilled Adriatic seafood, while 3.3 offers more sophisticated dining courses. The food wastes are then transformed into fertilizer for the garden.

Le Barthelemy Hotel & Spa

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[Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa](#) is a sustainable luxury hotel in St. Barths, a small [Caribbean](#) island near [Anguilla](#). The 5-star hotel occupies a new build at the front row seat of Grand Cul-de-Sac, featuring unmatched ocean views. With deep respect for the serene island, it is committed to preserving the local ecosystem through coral restoration, plastic reduction, and using ethical materials.

The infinity pool is definitely the crown jewel of the hotel. The sandy beach beside is also decked out in sun beds and umbrellas. At Amis St. Barth, you will find an island-inspired French Mediterranean menu curated by Michelin-starred chef Jérémy Czaplicki. The kitchen also embraces a zero-waste approach, which uses every part of the product and composts what is not reusable.

Cheetah Plains



[Cheetah Plains](#) is a sustainable safari lodge in South Africa. Nestled in the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve, it offers a luxury and immersive safari experience for modern travellers. Completely off-grid, the property is powered completely by clean energy. The private villas are huge and stylish, all equipped with contemporary furnishing, large glass windows, a private pool, and a full kitchen.

Dining is the last thing you will have to worry about. Each villa comes with a dedicated culinary team, so you can decide when and what to eat. Led by in-house safari experts, there are also two game drives, all carried out in electric vehicles to ensure a zero-emission operation.

Cempedak Island

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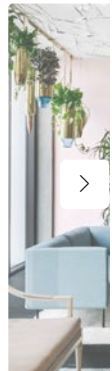
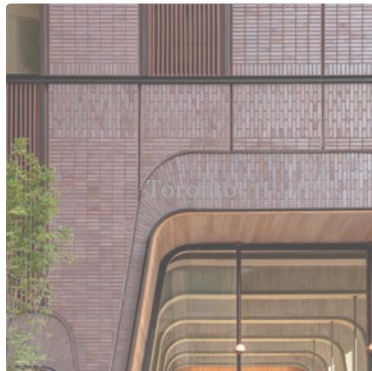
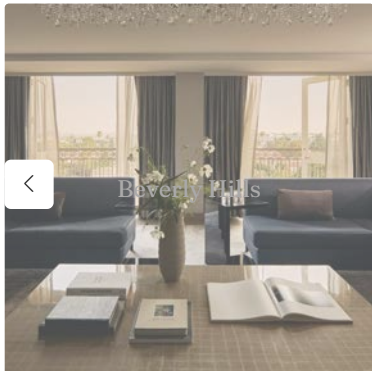


Cempedak Island offers a one-of-a-kind vacation experience. It is not your typical eco hotel, but a 17-hectare private island off the east coast of Indonesia. Home to a rainforest and ample species, wildlife conservation is at the heart of the hotel. Taking cues from traditional Balinese villages, the unique seaside villas are each hand-constructed with bamboo and grass roofs.

The carefully selected design and materials provide the space with great ventilation, which eliminates the need for air-cons. They also come with vernacular furnishing and a private plunge pool. The in-house kitchen offers an ever-changing menu according to seasonality and availability of ingredients. Many vegetables, chickens, and eggs are collected straight from its own farm on Bintan.

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