

International Mountain Day

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December 11th has been declared [International Mountain Day](#) by the United Nations. Mountains make up 22% of the earth's surface and play an important role in sustainable economic growth. Green Pearls wants to honor this day by sharing five of our best sustainable mountain views with you.



Hotel Bachgut, Austria

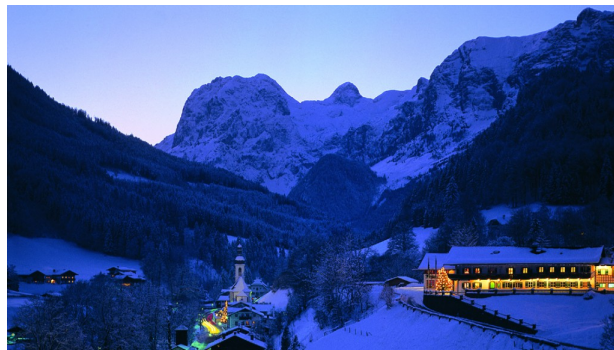
The [Bachgut Resort](#) in Saalbach-Hinterglemm is a sustainable gem in the truest sense: built to the highest ecological standards using environmentally friendly materials, the Bachgut Resort further contributes to sustainable economic growth by generating its energy needs with its own biomass power plant and photovoltaic cells, which allows the hotel to generate 100% of its energy from renewable sources.



Inkaterra Machu Picchu

Pueblo Hotel, Peru

Discover the magic of [Machu Picchu](#) and the Andean cloud forest by staying in this eco-friendly luxury hotel. It's built like a sprawling Andean style village with 81 casitas featuring a beautiful spa and a top restaurant. Inkaterra has long been recognized far beyond the Peruvian borders for its commitment to sustainable development. Not only are Inkaterra hotels eco-friendly in every aspect, the [Inkaterra Association](#) spearheads many initiatives to protect the local flora and fauna.



Berghotel Rehlegg, Germany

The [Berghotel Rehlegg](#) is right at the bottom of the mighty Watzmann, an icon in the German alpine world. The view of this mountain alone is worth a visit. You are encouraged to take in the views through a wide array of outdoor activities like skiing, hiking, or biking. Not only is this hotel carbon neutral among many other sustainable initiatives, they even employ a “herb fairy”! She collects herbs from the pastures around the hotel that are used in the kitchen and the spa, for treatments and home made natural products.



Hotel Leitlhof, Italy

The [Leitlhof](#) in the Italian South Tyrol is a pioneer when it comes to running a sustainable business in the mountains. The word “wholehearted” comes to mind, as the committed Mühlmann family has approached its sustainable operation from every angle: a carbon neutral hotel that produces its own energy, the food is sourced locally (some of it from their family owned and operated farm) with a strong focus on [sustainable mobility](#). Not least, the Leitlhof boasts some of the most stunning views of the Dolomites.





Gradonna ****s Mountain Chalets & Resorts, Austria

It is not only the mountains that provide a stunning view here, but the [Gradonna Resort](#) itself. The breathtaking timber construction is more appropriately called an alpine lifestyle resort. Each room has its own SPA area, the outdoor swimming lake is heated by solar power, the mountain pine wood consciously selected as a building material for the bedrooms as it is scientifically proven to improve sleep and relaxation. Oh, and it's car free!

Happy International Mountain Day!