



## Consciously different - 12 green destinations for the off-season

**Darmstadt, 11th February 2016.** Ayurveda instead of jet-ski, treetops instead of skylines and healthy cuisine instead of an average buffet - more and more people want to do something good for their soul during vacation. But those who want to travel consciously, stand in front of a vast offer of allegedly sustainable peaceful oasis, who not rarely conduct "green wash".

How great is it that Green Pearls members are put to the test and each guest protects natural resources, supports social projects and receives complete relaxation on top - just with his booking.

That is still not enough? Then we will do some more! Let us visit regions and places at times, where quietness normally sets in. This way, we not only cater for more stable financial planning security through tourism, but also get to know the country and people much more intense.

Green Pearls, the collection of handpicked, sustainable and unique places worldwide, introduces a fitting destination for green vacations in the off-season for each month of the year.

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**March: Fresh Spring at Strandhaus Spreewald**



A boat trip is fun! In March, "Early Birds" have the biosphere reserve Spreewald almost all to themselves: during a boat ride, they can experience how nature awakens from the winter sleep. At [Strandhaus Spreewald](#), which was established with mostly natural building materials in 2011, the host couple Karl serves typical regional dishes to their guests and are committed to the preservation of local traditions. Surrounded by the branches of the Spree river, one spends a wonderful fresh spring weekend at the gates of the German capital.

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## **April: Ayurvedic Balance in Sri Lanka**



In April, monsoon season begins in Sri Lanka. While others object, Ayurveda enthusiasts shout "hurray!". Because they know that in this season, the healing herbs for their cures are harvested. The rain cleanses blossoms and leaves, the moisture opens the pores of the skin and therefore prepares them at best for the intake of healing herbs. While the Ayurveda center at [Hunas Falls by Amaya](#) lures with individually designed cures, the [Amaya Beach Resort & Spa](#) optionally detoxifying, harmonizing or rejuvenating treatments.

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## **May: Beach Boys on Koh Samui**





Some like it hot! Bathing beauties, windsurfer and shade dozers, who only start blossoming at 30 degrees, will love Koh Samui in May. In the hot season at [The Tongsai Bay](#) the beach boys stand by with cold drinks and tropical fruits and on top offer surf or snorkeling courses. Motorized water vehicles are forbidden here - thus one closes the eyes and listens to the rushing of the waves from the hammock in the own cottage.

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## **June: Water Magic on the Maldives**



When the rain season starts in June on the Maldives, all of a sudden the vacation on the dream island in the Indian Ocean is affordable. Especially water rats get excited for inexpensive offers and best diving conditions. At [Reethi Beach Resort](#) the normally fully-booked water villas are often available and are the perfect retreat for short-term rain with their views and rain showers . Divers come as close as possible to whale sharks and mantas - because in June, plankton is in high-season.

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## July: Indulging Times in India





Travelers looking for an authentic taste explosion will not be disappointed at [CGH Earth Spice Village](#). All ingredients on the plate come from a maximum 50 mile distance. This does not only support the local community, but also reduces the carbon-dioxide emissions for transport. Thereby, guests enjoy the traditional Kerala cuisine, like the sweet-spicy flavorful Okra stew with vegetables from their own organic garden. According to Ayurveda principles, the combination of okra and spices aids recovery. With this well-being cuisine, the occasional recurring rain showers in July do not disturb anymore.

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## August: Alp Vacation in Winter's Paradise



In high summer, the casual ski area Saalbach Hinterglemm in Leogang takes off its snow jacket and instead gets out the bright green grass pants. Alpinists try themselves on the 24 kilometer long "7-summits-tour", nature fans take a walk through the wildflower fields on the alps, families long for the cooling bathing fun in the mountain lakes and mountain bikers practice new tricks in the bike circus. [Bachgut](#) offers its alp cottages, chalets and suites for a fraction of the winter prices, the fresh water from the four own mountain springs is free.

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## September: Indonesia in Private



After the [Misool Eco Resort](#) went on holiday itself in July and August, it makes an effort for its guests again starting September. In the off-season, travelers have the scenery for a private version of "The Return to the Blue Lagoon" all to themselves. The resort on Raja Ampat, a small private island in Indonesia, shows how luxury and sustainability fit together: the 17 high-quality designed cottages were recycled with driftwood. Before the high-season starts full-force again, accommodations and diving offers are discounted by 15%. This makes laying in a hammock right over the water especially great!

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## October: Liguria for Gourmets





Aromatic ciabatta with home-made olive paste, linguine with freshly picked edible boletus or rather a steaming red-wine risotto? Especially for gourmets, a trip to Liguria in the fall is a festival of the senses. Even though most of the bathing tourists have headed home already, the sun warms the ocean of Riviera di Fiori reliably. In the backcountry, hikers take a walk through the colorful worlds of fall forests, while host Elena already sets up the tea water at [Relais del Maro](#) . In the Albergo Diffuso, which spreads over several restored city houses within the village Borgomaro, the afternoon tea is served with homemade cake. The best part: in October, there is a 20% discount for all stays starting four nights.

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## **November: Mysticism in the Harz**





Feel like some mysticism around Halloween? How about an accommodation that lays at the incline of the dead Auerberg Volcano? Amidst a landscape full of spiritual places like the fairy ring, the devil's wall or the Rosstrappe - in the Harz, Goethe already inspired himself for his "Faust". So into the outdoor clothing and off to the nature looking for fascinating stories! Afterwards, at [Naturresort Schindelbruch](#) in Stolberg, a warming fire in the fireplace, delicious regional meals and a spa oasis with swing loungers, waterbeds and a sauna village wait for the hobby explorer.

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## **December: Christmas in the Inca Country**



Here, alpacas stand at the Christmas crib, the fireworks are fired right after Christmas mass and cookies are dipped into delicious hot chocolate: Christmas in Peru is, por supuesto, worth a trip. The Inkaterra Hotels make it easy for world travelers to experience authentic cultural aspects of the country up close and personal. The hotel group keeps the fitting in readiness: a four day "romantic adventure" at [Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica](#) including excursions, feast day dinner, massages and a blossom bath.

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## January: Honeymoon for the Savvy





Honeymoons in paradise can get expensive. But not, if they are booked in the shoulder season. When newlyweds research on weather conditions in Bali, they only read: "Rain season: November to March" and decide on a different month. But it actually only rains shortly during the monsoon, the sun always comes out again, temperatures around 30 degrees warm the soul, the nature blooms and flourishes. Clever romantics simply extend their Christmas vacation and book the sustainable certified [Sol Beach House](#) in Nusa Dua at a special price, which leaves nothing left to be desired with a private beach, comfortable suites and spectacular sunsets.

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## February: L'amore at L'Adagio



When the heavy oak doors at rustic [Agriturismo L'Adagio](#) in Liguria open again after the winter break, the new season in the olive valley "Valle Argentina" begins. A portion of family spirit, lovingly arranged rooms and a luxurious spa are the best premises for a love trip around Valentine's Day or fun family weekends. Bambini marvel especially at the greedy donkeys that are consciously well-implemented by hosts Rosella and Franco to make the olive groves fertile.

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