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INKATERRA

These Peruvian hotels are big on training up locals, have set up 'corridors' of land that can't be logged and have stylish lodges in awesome locations. Oh, and they protect spectacled bears. That's Paddington. WE KNOW, inkaterra.com

SONEVA

The original Six Senses founder and brainiac behind Soneva, Sonu Shivdasani, isn't resting on his laurels. Yes, the Old Etonian and Oxford graduate owns two of the most sensational and sustainable - resorts in the Maldives. Yes, his resorts eliminate plastic waste, bottle their own water and are carbonneutral (also carbon-offsetting all guests' flights). But now he has a new idea: a zerocarbon, small-footprint lodge that can be dismantled and moved, for example to marine reserves, generating income for isolated areas. First up, the Maldives... soneva.com

1 HOTELS

Top of our wish list for a stylish urban bolthole? Calm, cool rooms, a great restaurant and a rocking rooftop bar with a view. 1 Hotels deliver all of the above, AND they're eco as heck: they use reclaimed materials, electric cars and tap triple-filtered water direct into rooms, so you can go effortlessly plastic-free. How nice. Thotels.com

WILDERNESS SAFARIS

These safari pros have jawdropping lodges in some of Africa's most remote pockets and are fierce about protecting resources - both natural and cultural. They fund all sorts of brilliant programmes, and lodges have a low-carbon footprint (many are 100 per cent solar-powered) wilderness-safaris.com

SIX SENSES

The brand has a history of being all warm and cuddly. Many of their resorts are solar-powered, have reduced plastic and grow most produce on site rather than jet it in. sixsenses.com

ALILA HOTELS

You know this group are good news because most of their hotels are certified by Earth Check (we won't bore you with the details, but they know their stuff), and their properties in Bali have committed to a new zero-waste policy, aiming for no landfill, composting, recycling and reusing everything. Gold star for them, alilahotels, com

The lovely thing about Singita founder Luke Bailes (other than his Robert Redford looks) is his positivity. Do his guests care about sustainability? 'Yes!' Do they want to give back? 'Yes!' The philanthropic side of the business raises several million a year to be pumped

back into education, training and local enterprise, singita.com

WILD FRONTIERS

The wild card of tour operators, hot on the likes of Iran and Central Asia, have hearts of gold. They use local everything, automatically carbon-offset your flights, fund schools and provide clients with nifty LifeStraw bottles that filter water taps, pools, even puddles. wildfrontierstravel.com

STEPPES TRAVEL

For starters, for every booking they donate £5 to a British charity and £10 to an international one. Then there are their campaigns, like the anti-plastic #refusetouse, and strong links to conservationists including Saba Douglas-Hamilton. They make travel about the experience, when you get 'that magical connection between clients and people', as MD Justin Wateridge puts it. steppestravel.com





he ex-Puma-CEO millionaire and owner of Segera, a trailblazing 50,000-acre ranch and lodge between Mount Kenya and the Great Rift Valley, wants to change the world. And he's doing pretty well. Jochen Zeitz founded the Long Run, a set of ultra-ethical properties that operate on a system he calls 'the 4Cs' - conservation, community, culture and commerce. 'Our members learn from each other and inspire others to strive towards excellence in sustainable tourism,' he says. His drive and vision have led to all sorts of projects and developments, from reviving endangered cheetah and wild-dog populations to providing healthcare for tens of thousands and supporting small-scale entrepreneurs. His latest project is the creation of the Zeitz Collection, the largest collection of contemporary African art in the world, in Cape Town's new Zeitz MOCAA museum. zeitzfoundation.org





A game drive

at Segera

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