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Private Pavilion, Saffire Freycinet, Australia

All the resorts featured in our Top Eco Suites have serious environmental credentials. Tasmania's Saffire Freycinet (above) has planted 30,000 native plants to stop erosion and heal the once-cleared site *Page 106*

Destination guides From the nostalgic escape offered by Charleston, South Carolina, to sun, sea and sand in Belize and Fiji, these guides have you covered. **Hot list** Find elusive spirits with The Last Drop or bid on works from David and Peggy Rockefeller's art collection at Christie's. **Flight of fancy: Lobster lassoing in Nevis** Join a Four Seasons chef and Nevisian dive master on a journey to catch spiny lobster the way locals do — using a lasso!



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Top Eco Suites

With an emphasis on seamless service and pampering, the high-end hospitality industry is generally not thought of as particularly eco-friendly. But for resorts whose draw is a magical wilderness environment, sustainability is an absolute must. We've put together a list of some of the top ecologically responsible suites in the world where a commitment to luxury and a strong conservation ethos go hand in hand. Though each is unique in its approach, all of these properties have a minimal impact on their surroundings and actively give back to the local community, even as they provide an unforgettable vacation experience.

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Wolgan Villa

EMIRATES ONE&ONLY WOLGAN VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

Sheltered within the raw natural beauty of the Gardens of Stone and Wollemi national parks, Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley was the first hotel in the world to achieve carbon-neutral certification by CarbonZero, a status it has maintained for the past eight years. Located on former cattle-grazing land, the resort is also involved in ongoing revegetation efforts and the survey of endemic wildlife. In a remote corner of the 70-acre property lies the Wolgan Villa, which offers exceptional views of the Wolgan Valley and the Greater Blue Mountains, a double-sided fireplace, 23ft-long private pool, and terrace that's ideal for long evenings under the stars. During the day, join the resort's wildlife safaris and horseback-riding adventures.

Special amenities Private butler, gourmet kitchen, private staff quarters, mountain bikes to explore the valley

Size 4,413 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Three

Nightly rate from \$7,800

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Two-Bedroom Ocean Beach Villa

SIX SENSES LAAMU, THE MALDIVES

Just five degrees north of the equator, in the Laamu Atoll, sit the 96 villas that comprise Six Senses Laamu. The resort was built with a noninterference approach, uses renewable energy wherever possible and focuses on waste reduction. The staff includes a resident horticulturist, a full-time sustainability officer and a resident marine biologist, who not only ensure the resort is sustainable but are also on hand to educate guests on the sensitive ecosystem. In 2016 the resort hosted Laamu's inaugural Save the Sea Turtles Festival and also implemented a code of conduct for dolphin watching. The Two-Bedroom Ocean Beach Villa has a 33ft-long private pool and private access to the beach. Head to the treetop deck to enjoy a spectacular equatorial sunset and dine with the best views over the island's lagoon.

Special amenities Private garden with daybeds, Bose entertainment system

Size 7,860 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Two

Nightly rate from \$4,770

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Tambopata Suite

INKATERRA RESERVA AMAZONICA, PERU

Positioned next to the verdant Tambopata National Reserve on the banks of the Madre de Dios river, Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica is the creation of conservationist, filmmaker and entrepreneur José Koechlin. Since its inception in 1978, the resort has been instrumental in advancing scientific research, conducting studies and cataloging endemic flora, fauna and wildlife, and the proudly carbon neutral property sits lightly on 25,000 acres of virgin rain forest, thereby protecting the land from deforestation. Tour the 100ft-high Inkaterra Canopy Walkway, a system of hanging bridges built by the Inkaterra Asociación to observe Amazonian wildlife. Following a day exploring with one of the local guides, seek sanctuary under the fishtail-palm roof of the private terrace in the Tambopata Suite, where you'll find a plunge pool and an expansive chill-out area. Relax in a hammock in the siesta lounge, listening to the meditative sounds of the jungle.

Size 840 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Three

Nightly rate from \$1,146 for minimum of two nights

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