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## ECO-LUXURY: 8 HOTELS THAT PERFECTLY COMBINE COMFORT AND SUSTAINABILITY



The Private Reserve © Gili Lankanfushi

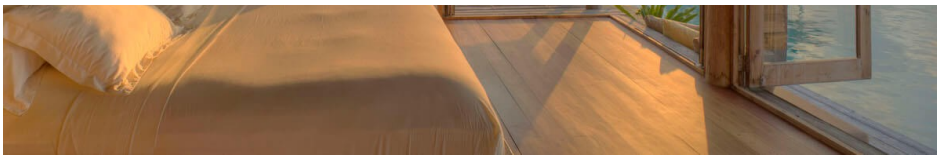
Do you like to treat yourself to something very special on vacation? Even though many believe that sustainability and [luxury](#) are mutually exclusive, these eight hotels prove the opposite!

### GILI LANKANFUSHI: THE DEFINITION OF LUXURY

If you think that luxury and sustainability are not compatible, then you haven't been to Gili Lankanfushi on the Maldives! Here you experience pure luxury: Your own Mr. Friday is available to you 24 hours a day during your stay and ensures that you spend a relaxed and perfectly happy holiday. The overwater villas offer a lot of privacy and it even gets more luxurious in the private reserve, the largest overwater villa in the world. 1,700 m2 just for you, several bedrooms, roof and sun terraces, your own [infinity pool](#), spa area, cinema and so on. From the sun terrace, you can directly jump into the water and visit the [coral garden](#). A unique and luxurious experience! You can find out more about what the hotel does in terms of sustainability here on [greenpearls.com](https://www.greenpearls.com).

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Sleeping room with a view in the Private Reserve at Gili Lankanfushi on the Maldives © Gili Lankanfushi

## NATURHOTEL WALDKLAUSE: CLOSE-TO-NATURE ARCHITECTURE AND SPA LUXURY

The “first designer nature and wood hotel in Austria” is located in the Oetz valley in Tyrol and not only impresses us with its wooden architecture that blends perfectly with the environment. The [Naturhotel Waldklaus](#) also convinces with its intrinsic values: materials such as glass, stone, and wood dominate the spa area and the rooms and suites. Speaking of suites: from double rooms to spa suites, it is becoming a bit more luxurious, but the most impressive one is the Panorama Pool Suite with two rooms on 180 m2. Here you can relax on the large roof terrace with infinity pool, Finnish panoramic sauna, winter garden and more.



Swimming pool at eco-luxury © Naturhotel Waldklaus

## TONGSAI BAY: A BATH WITH A VIEW

Koh Samui is one of the most popular islands in Thailand and well known among travelers. However, eco-luxury resort [Tongsai Bay](#) is secluded from all the hustle and bustle in an extensive natural area. In harmony with nature, surrounded by [twittering birds](#) and with its own private bay, you enjoy a deeply relaxing vacation here. All villas and cottages are furnished to a very high standard, but if you love even more luxury, book the Akorn Villa: 264 m2 just for you, half of which is a large terrace with pool – sea view included! Incidentally, the villa is named after the founder of Tongsai Bay Khun Akorn, who put great emphasis on being considerate of nature during the building process.







Relaxing in your private villa with pool and view over the bay at the eco-luxury resort Tongsai Bay on Koh Samui © Tongsai Bay

## INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA: BEING ACTIVE OR BROWSING WITH A VIEW?

As soon as we entered the lobby of the [Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba](#) in the [Peruvian Urubamba Valley](#), we could hardly escape our amazement. Built in hacienda style, furnished with local and typical Peruvian fabrics and furniture. The huge window front, which opens up to an impressive view over the valley and the mountains, makes us wish we could spend all day here reading in one of the comfy armchairs. Of course, that's not all and not later than when entering your cabaña, you will want to extend your vacation forever – there's definitely enough to experience here. From excursions with Inkaterra guides to the delicious Earth-to-Table kitchen to the Mayu Spa, where you can harvest the herbs for your massage yourself – you won't get bored here.

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Wouldn't you want to sit and relax in one of those comfy chairs admiring the view all day? © Inkaterra



Waking up to this view – one of the many things that make the Cabañas at Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba so special! © Inkaterra

## SCHLOSS WARTEGG: ROMANTIC, HISTORICAL, DELICIOUS!

Spending the night in a fairytale castle, surrounded by a spacious park and Lake Constance in front of the door: [Schloss Wartegg](#) exudes a very special, luxurious and historic charm. In the romantic room, you have your own fireplace and enjoy a very special view of the castle park. An absolute highlight at Schloss Wartegg is the cuisine, which is also repeatedly recognized by Gault Millau preparing typical and modern dishes with

fresh organic ingredients, some even from the own organic hotel garden – you have to try it! We have one last tip: you can book the historic turquoise bath including sauna exclusively and enjoy the romantic atmosphere!

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The Historic Bath at Schloss Wartegg: romantic and with historical charm © Schloss Wartegg

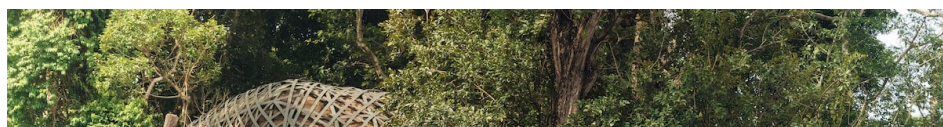


Sleep like in a fairytale at © Schloss Wartegg

## KEEMALA: HOLISTIC TIME OUT SURROUNDED BY THE RAINFOREST

Maybe you 've seen the photos of the Thai villa wonderland before: it's quite extraordinary how [Keemala](#) has integrated its differently styled villas into the forest on Phuket. We can hardly say which of the villas we like best, they are all luxurious and special. The Clay Pool Cottages, for example, all have a private pool from which you can overlook the Keemala or look directly into the rainforest. You can even see the sea from some of the Bird's Nest Pool Villas. On top, we love the holistic treatments at the Mala Spa and the healthy and fresh cuisine in the Mala Restaurant.

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Perfectly integrated into nature: The Bird's Nest Pool Villa at Keemala © Alex Teuscher

## LA SUBIDA: A CULINARY DELIGHT

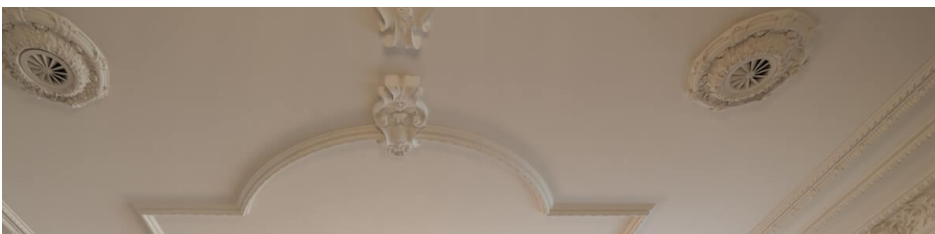
La Subida is located in the Italian province Friuli on the border to Slovenia. The various apartments are scattered across the site and each provides a different but always luxurious charm. 'Kozovci', for example, is based on the typical Slovenian country houses while 'Grandma's' combines modern furnishings with authentic style elements from days long past. In addition to the beautiful apartments, the two restaurants are also worth mentioning: The Trattoria Al Cacciatore, for example, has even been awarded a Michelin star!



Natural materials and a comfy atmosphere at the eco-luxury hotel La Subida © Loredana Bensa

## STRANDHOTEL KURHAUS JUIST: DINE IN THE HISTORIC DINING ROOM

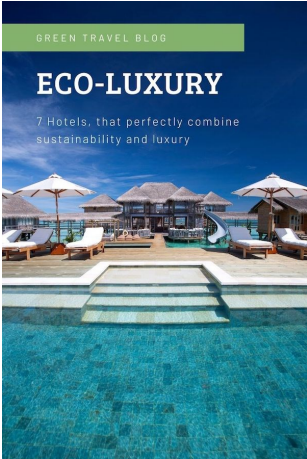
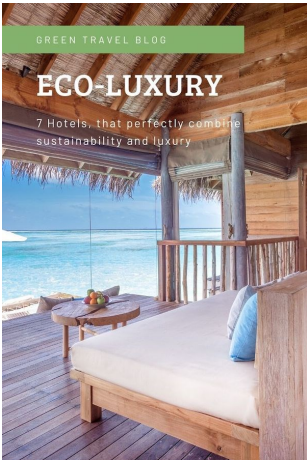
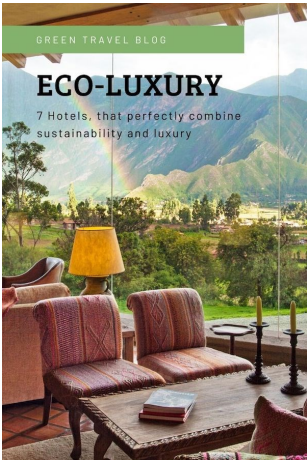
You can already see the White Castle on the beach of the North Sea island of Juist from the ferry: The Strandhotel Kurhotel Juist has a turbulent history but has long been considered a symbol of the island. Completed in 1898 as a three-story luxury spa house, it had to be partially closed just a few years later after a flood because it was obviously unable to cope with the harsh North Sea climate. Fortunately, today it shines again in old splendor and pampers you with luxurious and historical charm – whether in the spa or in the glass dome, from which you can overlook the entire island, or in the stately-looking white hall, in which you can relax and feel transported back into the old days!





Dining with historical flair: The White Hall at © Strandhotel Kurhaus Juist

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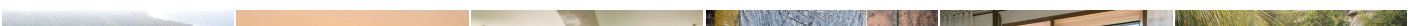
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