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10 Green Hotels Promoting Sustainability In Creative Ways

These green hotels around the globe were made for the environmentally-minded and nature-loving traveler.

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Historical sanctuary of Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains, Peru

☰ SUMMARY

- Sustainable travel is on the rise, and there are several green hotels around the world that promote sustainability in unique ways.
- From an ice hotel in Sweden to a coral park in Zanzibar, these green hotels implement eco-friendly practices in their operations and offer a memorable experience for travelers.
- Whether it's through architecture, design, or other means, these hotels prioritize sustainability and appeal to travelers based on their interests, travel style, and budget.

Supporting sustainable tourism can be done in different ways, which often starts with booking environmentally- or eco-minded accommodations. As sustainable travel gains

momentum, so will the demand for hotels or resorts that support the cause. Luckily for [Link copied to clipboard](#) collection of destinations with "green hotels" that practice sustainable practices in their operations.

From ice-sculpted hotels to repurposed rooms from massive wine barrels, travelers should consider these green hotels, which promote sustainability in their way!

Note

This list highlights a few of the many green hotels around the globe promoting sustainability uniquely, whether it's through their architecture, design, or in other ways. We've included hotels well-rated by past guests on Kayak (8.0 and above) and implement eco-friendly practices (or design) throughout its property or area. These top-rated hotel offerings also appeal to travelers based on their interests, travel style, and budget.

10 Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel



Mountain And Old Building Structures In Machu Picchu, Peru

The [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#) is a cozy retreat after exploring the [historic Machu Picchu](#), an architectural wonder of the Inca Empire. Located at a mountainside reserve, the hotel sits across the Machu Picchu Pueblo train station and is 70 miles from Cusco, straddling the highlands and rainforest.

The hotel covers 12 acres of property, of which [214 bird species and 372 orchid species call home!](#) Be their guest in one of 83 rooms at this 5-star stay, huddled within the cloud forest. Delve into treatment from the Unu Spa and sample products derived from local botanical extracts, including mint and eucalyptus. End the day off at the hotel's restaurant, featuring views of the Vilcanota River and a taste of Peruvian cuisine.

- **Accommodation:** [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#)
- **Address:** [Pueblo de Machu Picchu, 084, Machu Picchu 999](#)
- **Amenities:** Spa and wellness center, Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Free Wi-Fi

Note

Eco-minded travelers can feel good about staying here, as it's an Inkaterra property, [a pioneer in ecotourism in Peru since 1975.](#)

9 [Icehotel](#)



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Photo of art in the IceHotel in Jukkasjarvi, Sweden

Travelers can (literally) chill out in style at an ice hotel above the Arctic Circle in Jukkasjärvi, Sweden! From December to April, this hotel—which also doubles as an art exhibit—opens its icy doors to guests, boasting its reputation as the world's first ice hotel built in 1989. Unwind and enjoy one of the hotel's 15 to 20 ice rooms or 12 icy art suites, including hand-carved ice sculptures!

The temperatures in the hotel hover between -5 to -7°C (or 23 to 19.4°F), but there are still plenty of ways to keep warm here! Guests are provided with expedition-style sleeping bags as warm beds while their service building remains heated (and open) 24 hours a day.

- **Accommodation:** Icehotel
- **Address:** Marknadsvägen 63, 981 91 Jukkasjärvi, Norrbottens Lan
- **Amenities:** Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Free Wi-Fi, Free parking

8 Chumbe Island Coral Park



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A sail boat on a body of water in Zanzibar

The [Chumbe Island Coral Park](#) was built in 1991 for the conservation and sustainable management of Chumbe Island off the main island of Zanzibar. [This 5-star hotel](#) offers 7 eco-minded bungalows in a private nature reserve, home to a protected coral reef sanctuary and forest reserve. The property and its lodgings were built with the environment in mind, implementing practices like photovoltaic energy, rainwater catchment, solar water heating, composting toilets, and a gray water filtration system! Chumbe Island also welcomes eco-tourists to enjoy its spoils through snorkeling, forest walks, and touring nearby historical monuments.

- **Accommodation:** [Chumbe Island Coral Park](#)
- **Address:** [Chumbe Island, Zanzibar](#)
- **Amenities:** Private beach, Private beach, Restaurant, Free Wi-Fi

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7 [Sextantio Le Grotte Della Civita](#)

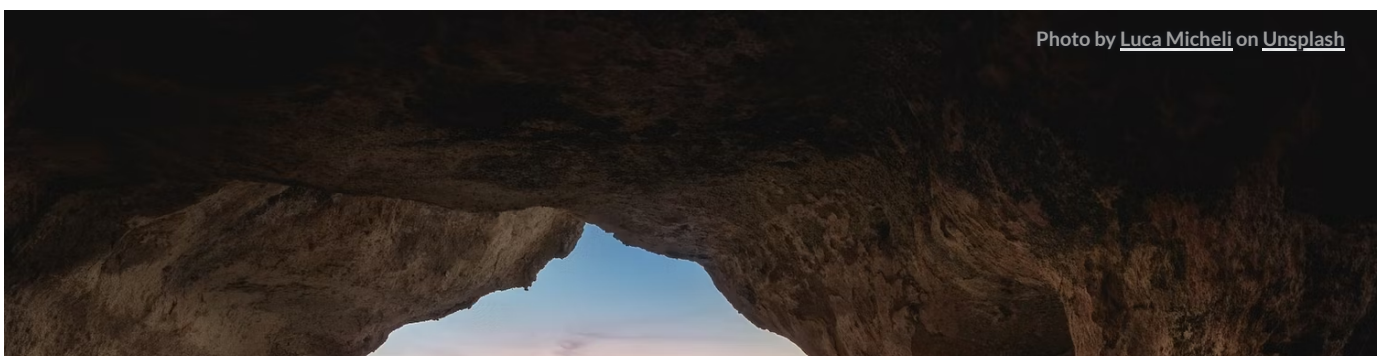


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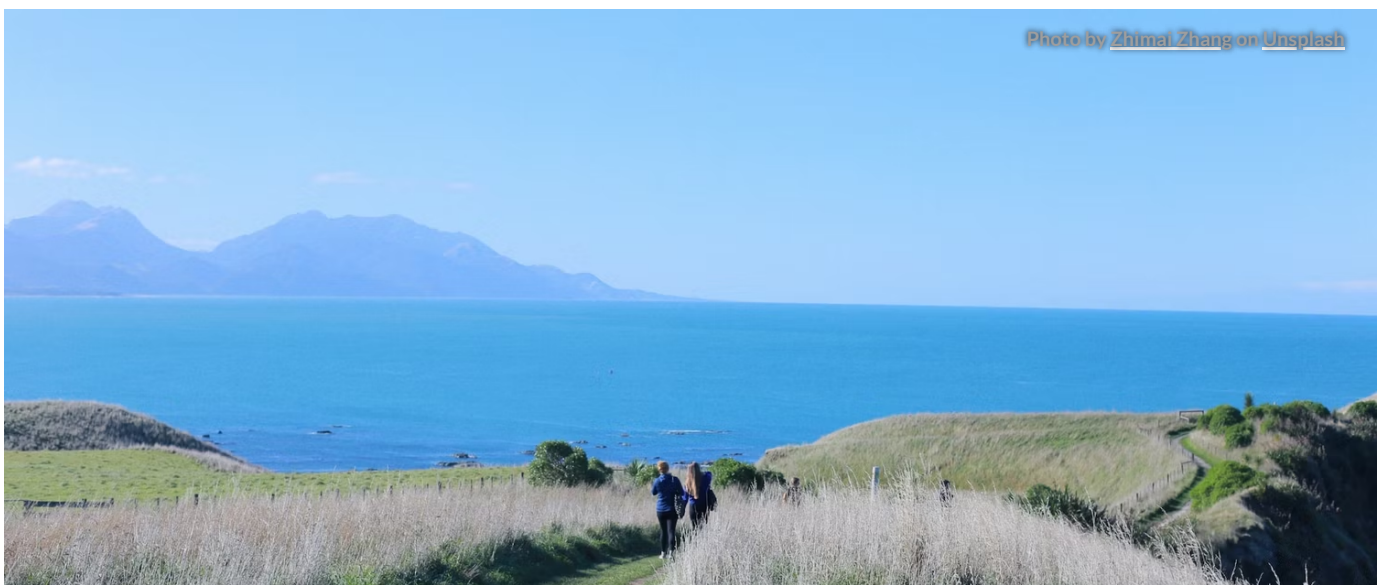


A perspective of the city of Matera in Italy from a cave during the evening.

The Sextantio Le Grotte Della Civita can be found in the historic city of Matera in Southern Italy, world-famous for its network of cave dwellings—or the Sassi of Matera—dating back to the Paleolithic period. This unique hotel features 18 rooms, once clusters of ancient cave dwellings! Travelers can experience the heritage and history of this magnificent UNESCO World Heritage site by staying here, offering guests modern yet minimalistic interiors. Some of the hotel's features were built into the structure to preserve its original form and structure, allowing the cave interior to "express itself." The hotel's furniture was made with recycled materials, from its cupboards to its sturdy desks.

- **Accommodation:** Sextantio Le Grotte Della Civita
- **Address:** Via Civita 28, 75100 Matera, Matera
- **Amenities:** Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Free Wi-Fi, Free parking

6 Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses



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View of a grassy trail with a view of the Kaikoura Peninsula in Kaikoura, New Zealand.

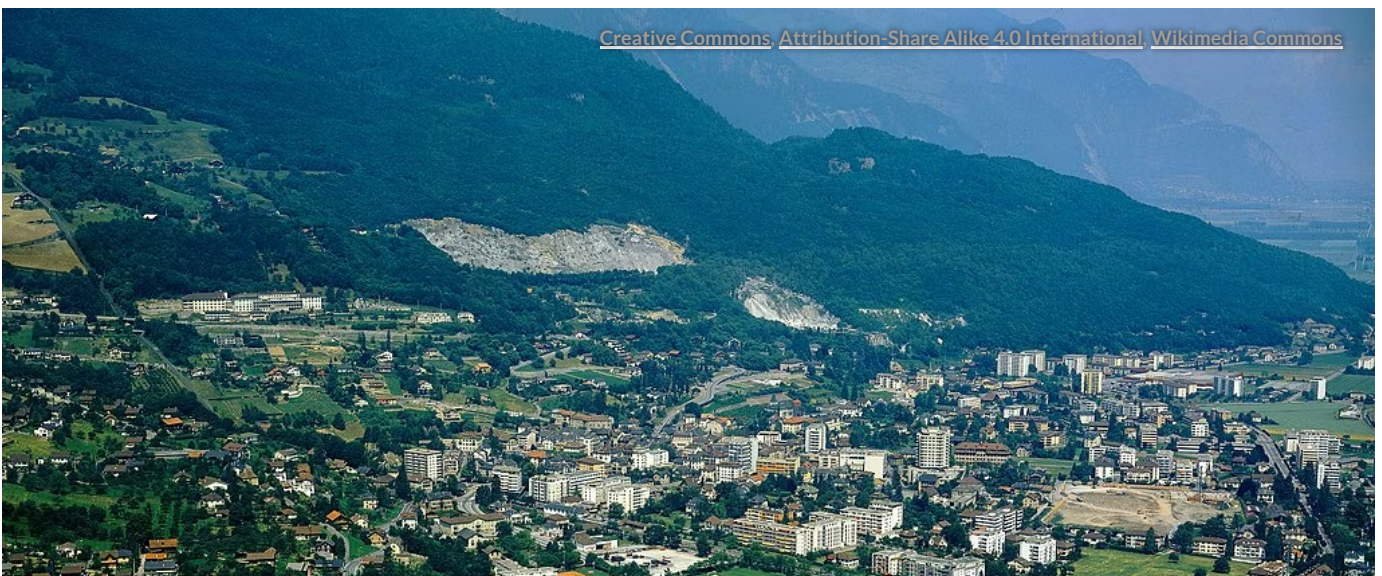
The Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses is a contemporary country hotel on a deer-breeding farm in New Zealand's Southland, north of the eco-minded township, Kaikoura, and at the base of the Kaikoura Seaward Mountain Range. Stay in one of The Lodge's Tree House accommodations, perched 10 meters (or more) above the ground of the Kanuka grove, treating guests with an unbridled view of the Kaikoura's mountain range and the Pacific Ocean. Alternatively, The Lodge includes a collection of suites and the Olive House, which housed the farm's olive press!

- **Accommodation:** Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses
- **Address:** 1 Station Road, Kaikoura
- **Amenities:** Outdoor pool, Spa and wellness center, Restaurant, Free Wi-Fi

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5 Whitepod Original





Monthey, Switzerland

A top-rated and unique place to stay in Switzerland, Whitepod Original is nestled in Switzerland's village of Les Cerniers. An eco-luxury destination, guests will feel like they're on top of the world here—Whitepod Original sits 1,400 m above sea level, featuring pods anchored on a wooden platform! Travelers can wake up inside their cozy pods—which include a pellet stove and an en suite bathroom—to an incredible floor-to-ceiling view of the valley. Year-round, guests can also access miles of signposted trails, a daily buffet breakfast, a soothing sauna, a central chalet, and an on-site bar.

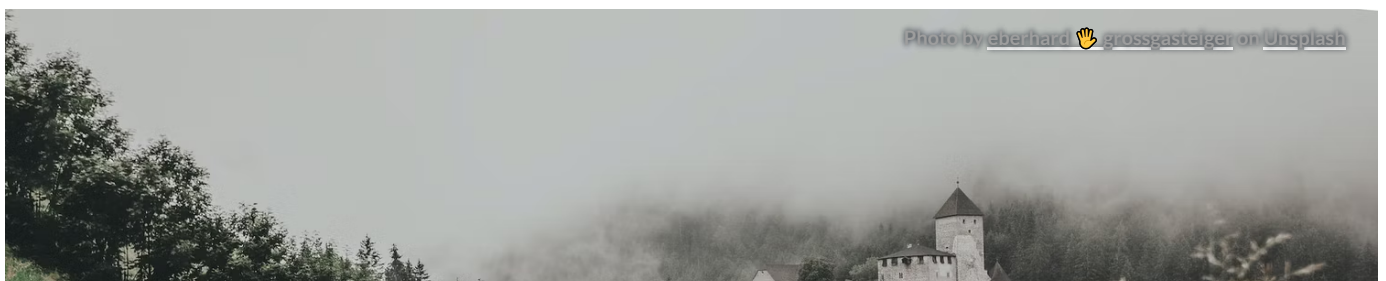
Alternatively, those traveling with a large group or family can stay in one of Whitepod's cabins, which are still nestled in the heart of nature!

Note

There is limited transportation available on the property, meaning that guests must walk from the reception to their pod.

- **Accommodation:** Whitepod Original
- **Address:** Les Cerniers, 1871 Monthey, Valais
- **Amenities:** Spa and wellness center, Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Free Wi-Fi

4 Hotel Bühelwirt



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A view of the Tures Castle over the valley, a South Tyrolean castle above the Tures and Aurina Valleys.

The stylish digs of [Hotel Bühelwirt](#) sit in the Valle Aurina (Ahrntal), a hiker's haven, in Northern Italy's South Tyrol. This boutique stay keeps the environment in mind. Hotel Bühelwirt is climate-neutral and aims to minimize its carbon footprint as much as possible. The hotel even uses [100% green electricity generated from the Alperia hydroelectric power plants](#) in South Tyrol. The hotel was also designed to reflect its region—local materials, [like larch wood and loden cloth](#), were used for the hotel.

- **Accommodation:** [Bühelwirt](#)
- **Address:** [Am Bühel 30, 39030 San Giacomo, Bolzano](#)
- **Amenities:** Spa and wellness center, Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Free Parking

Note

Guests won't find mineral or natural water bottles on the beverage menus at Bühelwirt. Instead, this sustainable hotel offers a water filter system and reusable water bottles.

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2 Hotel De Vrouwe Van Stavoren

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Stavoren, the Netherlands

Guests can watch the world go by Stavoren's old harbor from the comfort of [Hotel de Vrouwe van Stavoren](#) in the Netherlands. Though this accommodation treats travelers to sailing schooners (and a chance to discover the legendary "Lady of Stavoren"), this hotel is known for its rooms. At night, guests can retreat to homely quarters in a wine barrel! The Hotel de Vrouwe van Stavoren repurposed 12 massive wine barrels ([that could hold between 15,000 to 23,000 liters of wine!](#)) into a unique accommodation, including underfloor heating, a spacious living room, a corner bath, and other cozy amenities.

- **Accommodation:** [Hotel De Vrouwe Van Stavoren](#)
- **Address:** [Havenweg 1, 8715 EM Stavoren, Friesland](#)
- **Amenities:** Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Free Wi-Fi, Free parking

2 Natura Cabana Boutique Hotel

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Cabarete, Dominican Republic

Travelers dreaming of tropical winds and soft beach sands should book a stay at Natura Cabana, the Dominican Republic's eco-conscious escape in Cabarete. Escape to the songs of the sea at [this 12-cabana hotel](#), fitted with the Attabeyra Spa, a yoga temple, and two seaside restaurants!

The hotel also implements several environmentally friendly practices in its design. For example, instead of installing air conditioning units in their bungalows, they have ceiling fans and screened windows to invite the fresh ocean breeze. Many of the hotel's handcrafted furniture uses coco palms and bamboo!

- **Accommodation:** [Natura Cabana](#)
- **Address:** [Paseo Del Sol #5, Sosúa 0](#)
- **Amenities:** Private beach, Snorkeling, Outdoor pool, Spa and wellness center

1 [Treehotel](#)



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Room in the Treehotel, Harads, Sweden

Treehotel is a nature lover's escape in Northern Sweden's Norrland forest in the small village of Harads. Treehotel's rooms seamlessly blend into the thicket of the Norrland Forest, especially with their artful tree rooms, from the eye-popping Biosphere stay to the camouflaged Mirrorcube hideout! The tree rooms include an incinerating toilet, underfloor heating, and Wi-Fi.

This uniquely sustainable hotel keeps the environment in mind, featuring structures with minimal environmental impact and supplying their operations using local green hydroelectric power. The hotel also uses environmentally friendly products to clean their rooms.

- **Accommodation:** Treehotel
- **Address:** Edeforsväg 2 A, 960 24 Harads, Norrbottens Lan
- **Amenities:** Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Free Wi-Fi, Tea/coffee maker

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