

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO GO GREEN WITH TRAVEL

Be Smart from the Start

HOTELS:

Discover Element Hotels, natural light, open spaces, healthy options. Element Hotels are built green from the ground up, incorporating sustainable design and eco-friendly practices and programs in everything they do. They are proud to be the first major hotel brand to mandate that all hotels pursue the U.S. Green Building council's (USGBC) LEED certification, giving guests a cleaner, better environment.



Fairmont Hotels around the world are popular not only for their luxury and comfort but for their business-wide dedication to the local environments of each property. Fairmont literally wrote the book on environmental responsibility in hotels back in 1990, creating a “Green Guide” to environmental partnerships that is available free to other businesses.

Intercontinental San Francisco backs up its green talk. The hotel has integrated many green measures, such as double-paned windows to reduce temperature fluctuation, energy-efficient light bulbs, motion and automatic sensors, and wholesale power.

The Palazza in Las Vegas opened in late 2007 with LEED Silver certification, making the \$1.9 billion resort one of the largest green buildings in the world.

Mauna Lani has been fervently green for more than a decade, garnering awards and accolades for being a luxury, earth-friendly beach resort.

CRUISE SHIPS:

Harbors are being converted to allow ships to use local electric grids rather than burning fuel while in port.

Celebrity Solstice, the industry's first ship to use solar energy, has 216 solar panels that provide enough energy to power all the ship's guests elevators or more than 7,000 LED lights.

Crystal Cruises' Crystal Symphony was awarded the Environmental Buoy diploma in March from The Ports of Stockholm for its efforts.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises partners with environmentalist, oceanographer and educator Jean Michel Cousteau and his colleagues from the Ocean Futures Society for enrichment programs, videos, lectures and shore excursions.

Costa's ships have been awarded a voluntary "Green Star" rating by RINA, the Italian shipping classification and certification agency.

Oceania Cruises' new Oceania-class vessels will be "green-ships" employing the most advanced environmental systems and technology.

RESORTS:

Sandals Negril Beach Resort & Spa, Jamaica, of Sandals Resorts International is currently the only resort in the world to achieve 10 years of certification under the Green Globe Company Standard.

The Verandah Resort & Spa an eco-friendly luxury retreat on Antigua's northeast coast was one of the most recent properties to receive green certification.

Barbados is far ahead with more legit green hotels than any other Caribbean Island, **Divi Southwinds Beach Resort**, **Coral Mist Beach Hotel** and **Blue Orchids Beach Hotel**, and the best of the best, **Southern Palms Beach Club**.

This is only a few of the many hotels, cruise lines and resorts that are environmentally friendly.



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