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10 Luxury Hotels That Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

Do good while living the good life at these ultra-green properties.

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With constant news of a climate in peril, some of the world's most luxurious properties are joining the green revolution with a variety of inventive techniques. Many hotels are making a start with simple methods such as switching plastic straws for the paper variety, and providing guests with drinking water from reusable glass bottles, however, we've found a few resorts around the globe that don't think that's nearly enough.

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From anti-poaching initiatives in South Africa and coral-reef restoration projects in Mexico, to solar panels in the [Maldives](#) that help offset the equivalent of hundreds of flights per year, these 10 resorts are going above and beyond in an effort to make every day Earth Day.

Thanda Safari, South Africa

Set 160 miles north of the South African city of Durban, [Thanda](#) safari lodge sits on a 34,600-acre Big Five private game reserve with a luxury tented camp, bush suites, and a massive private villa complete with a helipad. The lodge takes its name from the language of the local Zulu people—*thanda* means “love,” and that’s just what the property is showing South Africa’s population of rhinos. In collaboration with Project Rhino KZN, an organization dedicated to anti-poaching and conservation programs, Thanda lets guests participate in the Thanda Safaris Ulwazi Research & Volunteer Program, which tracks and darts rhinos for identification purposes before releasing them back into their habitat. Since its launch, the program has been successful in saving dozens of rhinos from poaching.



Tracking and darting rhinos with Thanda Safaris.

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