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A commitment to sustainability doesn't mean sacrificing style and design, as this worldwide collection of hotels and resorts proves

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We all know there's a lot of lip service paid to being 'green', and no more so than in hospitality, when what constitutes sound principles in many establishments will not begin to scratch the surface in others. Some resorts and hotels merely nod to sustainability, while others have a dedicated, ongoing commitment that informs everything from the building materials used to far-reaching energy-saving initiatives; and the provenance of the food to the local community's involvement. In this Design Destinations special, we've rounded up a collection of gems – from near and far – that not only pledge an environmentally focused approach, but are also design-led, beautiful and innovative... ▶

The Premium Beach Villa at the Taj Exotica Resort and Spa in the Maldives offers a private enclave with its own stretch of private beach and direct access to the turquoise lagoon.



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GREEN NOTES An abundance of local salvaged and recycled materials have been used throughout this resort, including wood from old fishing boats, timber from disused buildings, and driftwood from the island beaches. The hotel has created Cambodia's first marine reserve and also provides employment, educational and health care support for the island's 2,500 inhabitants.

STYLE NOTES Locally handmade furniture, Plohim linen and special features – including a glass floor so that the reef fish can be observed darting beneath villas perched on stilts over the sea – create a haven that promises 'luxury with a light touch'.

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The colours, textures and cultural influences of Cambodia have formed the foundation of this luxury resort's design, both inside and out.