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## Sustainable Travel: The Luxury Resorts Leading The Way

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While jet-setting isn't inherently eco-friendly, there are some things travellers can do to lessen their environmental impact. We all know how important travel is, so we're not talking about ditching your international plans – but opting for planet-friendly destinations instead.

And thankfully, with sustainability hitting the headlines, a host of eco-luxe resorts have sprung up across the globe offering a much-needed solution. Whether it's in the form of recycling waste materials, conserving resources or operating through renewable energy, there's much that's being done to make the world a little greener.

If you need inspiration for your next guilt-free trip, we've rounded up the luxury resorts and hotels that are setting standards with their impressive eco initiatives.

### Joali



A tiny dot in the Indian Ocean, luxury Maldivian resort Joali shines a spotlight on sustainability. At Joali, the emphasis is on eco glamour, promising guests a far-flung getaway where sustainability and luxury go hand in hand. In fact, even before guests have arrived, this private resort has offset the carbon emissions from their stay by working with local communities to re-plant trees.

As with many new properties, the design construction involved a conscious effort to preserve the nature of the island – in this case, 1,000 original palm trees, which remain throughout the resort today. But at Joali, the owners went a step further and bought some of the neighbouring islands to keep them untouched from further hotel developments.

Inside the resort, care is taken every day to minimise environmental impact. Necessary steps have been taken to ban single-use plastic, while vegan and chemical-free products are supplied in all bathrooms to protect corals and sea life – a vital step for reef restoration.