

# Sustainable recharge

Looking for a breath of fresh air to rejuvenate? Step with light footprints at these six leading eco-resorts across the world

**A**lways laying claim to sustainable choice, eco-resorts attract great attention in the current climate –and rightly so. Utilising eco-friendly methods and products in every possible moment, along with strong links to local communities, each of these accommodations endeavours to connect with their local environment. Alongside a wide range of amenities that are reliant on native flora and fauna, they present the closest experience of nature's aura possible with the visitor's comfort paramount. The following six resorts are positioned in exotic islands, mountains and forests around the globe, presenting high-end experiences and invigorating adventures.

## Ecuador

Mashpi Lodge leads the way in Ecuadorian eco-tourism.

It features deluxe suites and rooms with exquisite interiors and stunning views, all amid dense forest. Each of the luxurious Yaku suites enjoys 46 square meters, with a broad range of eco-friendly amenities in the private forest reserve. The Lodge's setting elevates the experience of thrilling adventures and treks, including night hikes towards Torrenteer Lagoon, while the 'Path to the Life Centre' unveils an incredibly wide range of wildlife.

Its world-class spa experience won Ecuador's Best Spa Lodge award at the 2020 World Travel Awards, and Mashpi also received a Safe Travels Stamp from the World Tourism Council. [mashpilodge.com](http://mashpilodge.com)

## Bali

In the heart of the Ubud jungle, Bambu Indah anchors itself in a sustainable healthy lifestyle,

with organic meals from its home-grown vegetable garden and an incredible open-air bamboo restaurant serving exquisite Balinese cuisine. Throw in sunset drinks at the majestic Sayan Ridge, lunch across the River Warung and vinyasa classes, Bambu Indah offers a completely absorbing experience.

The accommodation presents an embodiment of Indonesian traditional flair in its antique interior, with various Javanese bridal houses, lush amenities and enchanting artisanal Joglos (roofs) to give each room a peculiar uniqueness. The 'Moon' and 'Copper' are the latest classic rooms to be added. Built only from bamboo, they stand out for their extravagant style and soothing scenic nature view. While the gentle breeze from the Ayung river and rice paddies set the scene for relaxation, rooms are designed to

be exclusively private, attended to by exceptionally humble staff. [bambuindah.com](http://bambuindah.com)

## Bolivia

At an altitude of 3,660 metres, on the world's largest salt flat Salar de Uyuni, Kachi Lodge is the first highly sustainable resort in Bolivia. Six 28 sq-metre opulent domes feature splendidly customised infrastructure made from regional materials, with exceptional paintings by Bolivian artist Gastón Ugalde.

Although Kachi Lodge is a permanent structure, it remains mobile; the whole lodge is secured on a wooden floor, with pillars simply standing on the salt plains. No anchoring or drilling

**Constructed without drilling in to the salt flats, Kachi Lodge dome on the Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia, South America**

was performed and the entire lodge is designed to operate on solar energy, with cutting-edge technology ensuring superior management of energy and water.

Guests can visit ancient Mummies at a cave in the neighbouring village named Coquesa, hike to Tunupa volcano and take in some incredible scenery on mountain bike. In addition to extravagant thrills, the lavish resort's vast windows provide an enchanting view of the blanket of stars which

allows you to gaze across the magical sky – a slice of paradise [kachilodge.com](http://kachilodge.com)

## South Africa

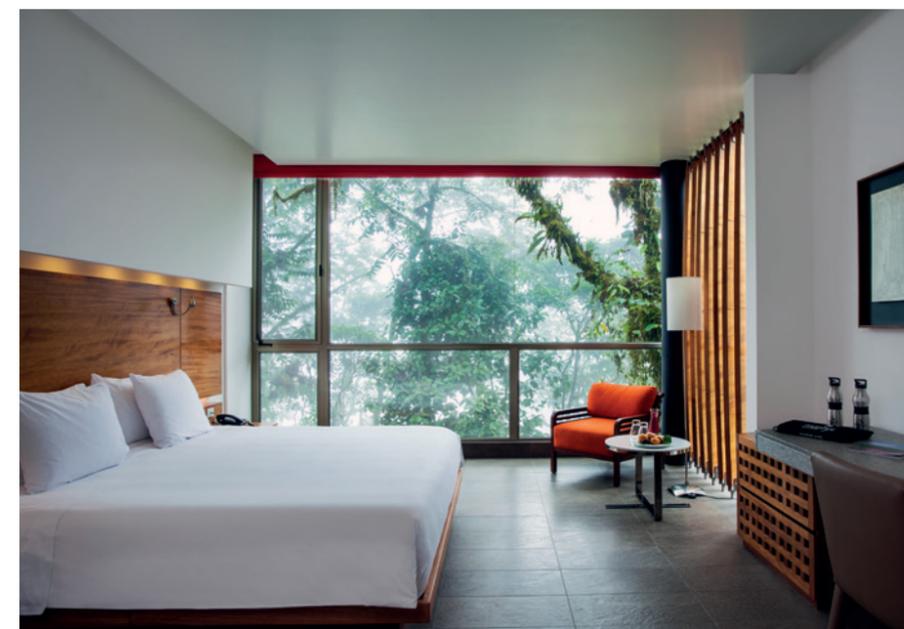
Garonga Safari Co provides a spectacular safari experience, with accommodation to ensure tired bodies can recharge after adventurous days of expedition. Its three private villas 'Little Garonga', which include beautiful exteriors and interiors, are located away from the main safari camp with

private swimming pools, classy outdoor and indoor bush-facing lounges and private staff, these thatched-roof suites are perfect for a romantic honeymoon or a dreamy vacation with a small family or group of friends. Along with delightful food of traditional African fare at various intimate dining spots, the awe-inspiring wildlife and incredible experience make Garonga one of the finest for a sustainable getaway. [garonga.com](http://garonga.com)

**Above: A bedroom at Bambu Indah in Bali's Ubud jungle**  
**Below: Ecuador's Mashpi Lodge**

## Norway

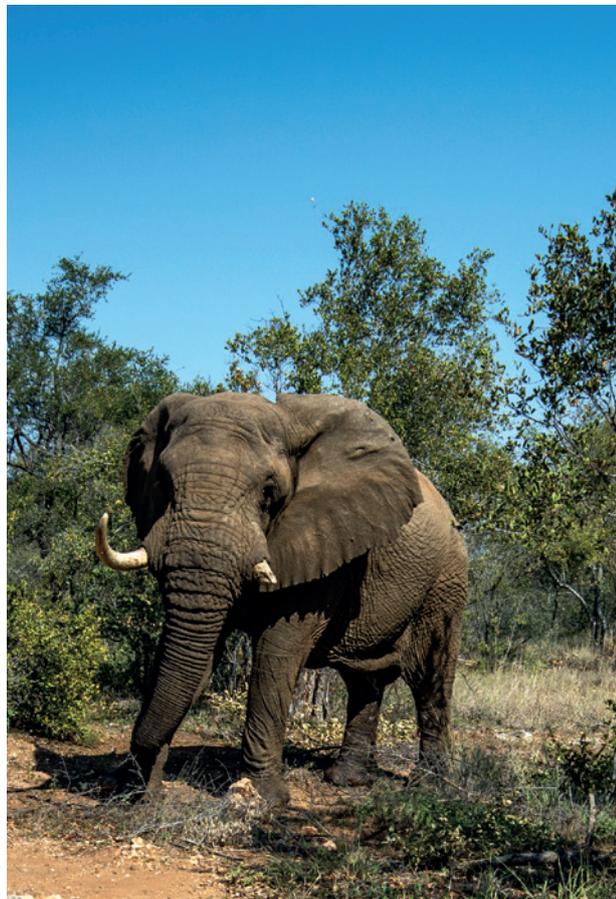
A leading light in sustainable technological innovation, Svart is the world's first 'energy positive' hotel. When finished, the hotel will be cradled within the incredible Helgeland coastline, close to both Bodø and the Nordic gem Lofoten, and just above the Arctic Circle, where summer days last forever and winter is illuminated by the breathtaking Northern Lights. Located within the arctic wilderness of Norway's Meløy municipality, Svart will perch atop the crystal-clear waters of the Holandsfjorden fjord, at the base of the Svartisen Glacier itself. Svart is planned to open in 2022, with an indoor and outdoor spa, sound therapy, cryotherapy, an education centre, design lab, electric boats and 100 breathtaking bedrooms. Luxury rooms are designed with seasonal nuances and ▶



privacy front of mind. The circular-shaped hotel, constructed with local sustainable infrastructure, asks guests to pause and admire nature in the Arctic Circle, and to appreciate modern technological advancements. Wildlife spotting, diving, ice climbing on the glacier, yoga classes in the midday sun and sustainable food grown on premises all add to Svart's magnificent glory.  
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**The Philippines**

The renowned El Nido Resorts is known for its four lively island eco-resorts – Miniloc Island Resort, Apulit Island Resort, Lagen Island Resort, and the luxurious Pangulasian Island Resort –



off Palawan, in the south-west Philippines. Each eco-resort has a flair of elegance, with classically styled rooms holding diverse significance of local landscape in their design. Resort activities such as snorkelling, scuba diving, kayaking, and hiking make El Nido a quite remarkable holiday destination.

For its exceptional service and zeal towards sustainability, local community, tourism, and environment, El Nido received numerous internationally recognised awards. Its dedication

**Above: Svart in Norway Left: South Africa's Garonga Below: Lagen Island in The Philippines**

towards embracing nature and educating its guests about living creatures and the beauty of the island, makes El Nido an unforgettable experience. While lush hotel facilities immerse guests in relaxation, the natural delights, such as the Cathedral and Cudugnon caves, emerald lagoons and impeccable white sand beaches, take your breath away.  
*elnidoresorts.com* ■

