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TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE'S NOVEMBER ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS FAVORITE GREEN HOTELS

New York, NY (October 26, 2007) – To learn what properties around the world are doing to conserve water and energy, eliminate waste, and support their local habitats and communities, *Travel + Leisure* joined forces with Conservation International and developed a comprehensive green-hotel assessment questionnaire. For a complete list of hotels with the highest environmental standards, see page 117 of *Travel + Leisure* magazine's November issue, on newsstands now, or visit www.travelandleisure.com/responsibletravel, where you will also see the survey.

15 GREEN HOTELS

ECO-CHIC ICONS:

+ Spice Island Beach Resort, Grenada

The property's water is solar-heated, the bulbs are energy-saving compact fluorescents, and the pool is treated with salt instead of chlorine.

+ Sonveva Fushi Resort & Six Senses Spa, Maldives

This collection of villas has pledged to cut its greenhouse gas emissions in half by next year and achieve carbon neutrality by 2010.

OFF-THE-GRID OUTPOSTS:

+ Tiamo, Bahamas

This solar-powered 11-bungalow hideaway uses less electricity per month than an average American household. It also has a ban on unsustainably harvested seafood and a program to host visiting biologists.

+ Whitepod, Switzerland

The geodesic domes at Whitepod's camp may be electricity-free, but they keep things cozy with plush organic bedding, sheepskin throws, and fireplaces fueled with sustainable harvested wood.

NATURAL WONDERS:

+ Devil's Thumb Ranch, Colorado

With 16 airy timber cabins and a soon-to-be-open lodge, each of them heated and cooled entirely with fireplaces, only one percent of this 5,000 acre ranch has been developed, leaving the rest free for guests—and elk, moose, bears, and beavers—to roam.

+ Chumbe Island Coral Park, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Designated 13 years ago as Tanzania's first managed marine protected area, the park is one of the region's most diverse reefs. A ranger program educates locals about marine ecology and prevents illegal fishing, while Chumbe's rooftop rainwater-collection system and solar-powered lights keep the resort in harmony with nature.

COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS:

+ Adrere Amellal, Egypt

As part of the Siwa Sustainable Development Initiative, the hotel helps to fund and support numerous community projects, including measures designed to encourage sustainable farming.

+ Campi Ya Kanzi, Kenya

The lodge and its foundation employ 160 tribespeople and make a daily \$40-per-guest donation to support new schools, merit scholarships, and compensation payments to Masai for lost cattle.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL:

+ Hotel Mocking Bird Hill, Jamaica

The hotel relies almost exclusively on local suppliers, such as the women's group that transforms discarded paper into stationery for guests. Water is collected in rain tanks, laundry is dried in the sun, and the resort's ENOUGH program raises money and supplies for island schools.

+ Tenuta Di Spannocchia, Siena, Italy

This 1,100-acre organic estate of managed forests, vegetable gardens, and hiking trails is dedicated to preserving the region's cultural and agricultural legacy.

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