

TOP 10 ECO RESORT

Reducing our carbon footprints is becoming a priority for many of us, and where you live plays a large part in this. Luckily, saving the planet doesn't have to mean going back to basics – as these luxurious, state-of-the-art green developments reveal...



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THE ATRIUM

Where Madinat Al Arab – Dubai's premier beachfront community in the prestigious Waterfront precinct.

Property Studios, one-, two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom apartments and penthouses.

Prices From Dh2.4M (£452K)

Eco features The Atrium will produce 1.725m kWh of renewable energy annually from solar hot-water and photovoltaic panels and wind turbines. A 'smart' air-conditioning system will adapt the inside temperature to that outside and use condensation for irrigation. Plus, there's a centralised recycling system, car pooling services and specially designated parking slots for hybrid cars. The Atrium is one of the first developments in the Waterfront to boast the newly formed Gold LEED standard, a certification that recognises the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

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CACAO PEARL

Where On a private island in the northernmost tip of the Palawan Biosphere Reserve in the Philippines.

Property 60 one- and two-bedroom furnished villas.

Prices £135K-£235K, 18-24 month payment plan

Eco features For starters, there is the location.

Cacao Resorts is set in 124 acres of lush rainforest in an eco preservation area within sailing distance of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites and four marine reserves. It operates an ecologically responsible 'greenprint' for operations, using sustainable

construction methods and ethical management practices. All energy is 100 per cent renewable, properties are zero carbon, and for the first time in the hospitality industry, 100 per cent of the resort's net operating profits will be used to support local environmental and social programmes. You can now own a truly chic eco home with a conscience and investment-grade security!

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PERALTA BEACH

Where On Portugal's Silver Coast, 45 minutes from Lisbon.

Property Semis, linked and detached villas, designed by renowned architect Vasco Vieira.

Prices From £679,000

Eco features Properties at Peralta are being built from reclaimed glass and stone with wood sourced from sustainable plantations. They will all have 'green' vegetative roofs and use geothermal energy as the sole heat and cooling source for underfloor heating and air cooling, and hot water for the whole villa and infinity pools. Rainwater will be collected for irrigation and water reduction programmes implemented, all organic waste will be composted and non-biodegradable materials sorted for recycling.

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