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VACATION IDEAS

14 green & gorgeous eco-friendly hotels

Hotels around the US are making efforts to take care of the environment as well as they take care of guests.

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Terranea, a 102-acre resort on the coast of Southern California, diverts 80% of its waste from landfills through a thorough sustainability program that includes a strong emphasis on food waste recycling. That makes it one of the most comprehensive recycling programs in the vast LA area. Speaking of food, seasonal dining menus with local, organic products are the M.O., honey is harvested from the resorts garden, and the chef even harvests his own sea salt from an on-site sea salt conservatory. They're equally attentive to water use, channeling waters from wet ponds and vegetated wetlands to irrigate its vast property. Those wetlands,

moreover, are a habitat for native avian species. In addition to these systemic measures, there's a serious attention to detail, from biodegradable golf tees to employee uniforms made of bamboo or organic materials.

(Courtesy Terranea Resort)