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12 Volunteer Vacations That Make an Impact

Go green on your next trip and give back to Mother Nature. These adventures help scientists and conservationists keep popular destinations clean and beautiful for years to come.



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Kayak and Kelp Cleanup

Terranea, a luxury resort outside of LA, attracts tourists and SoCal locals alike for its prime oceanfront in Palos Verdes. The peninsula is home to more than [700 aquatic species](#) and the resort does its part to help preserve the ecosystem, from monitoring rising sea urchin populations to cleaning the kelp forests. Terranea offers discounted kayak trips throughout the year if you agree to fish out trash while you paddle. It's a win for your wallet and the environment. If you go, keep an eye out for grey whales and dolphins.