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Staying Green

Reconnect with nature at the world's best eco-lodges. BY SUSAN B. BARNES



Nestled in Nature:
Melimoyu Lodge (top),
and Senda Monteverde
Hotel (bottom)

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HOTEL

Travelers increasingly consider their environmental footprint when making travel plans, and with more eco-lodges popping up around the world, that proves easy to do. Here we take a look at a handful of the best eco-lodges around the world, starting in Costa Rica. The Central American country's commitment to become carbon-neutral makes it one of the greenest countries on Earth.

Senda Monteverde Hotel features 24 modern rooms and suites in bungalows dotted throughout the grounds, all with locally sourced amenities and open-air porches. The hotel's proximity to the neighboring Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Preserve and Aguti Wildlife Reserve makes hiking trails, bird-watching and immersing yourself in nature easily accessible.

In Upala, luxurious accommodations blend effortlessly with pristine landscapes at ORIGINS Lodge. Six spacious one-bedroom lodges and the three-bedroom Villa Vertigo feature private hot plunge pools and captivating views. Michelin-starred chef Jean-Luc L'Hourre oversees dining, working alongside Costa Rican chef Manuel Marroquin to create dishes that delight the tastebuds.

Sacha Lodge, set on 5,000 acres in the heart of Ecuador's Amazon Basin, proves ideal for nature enthusiasts, bird-watchers and adventurers alike. Join one of the local guides and discover the native wildlife, including eight species of monkeys, anteaters, three-toed sloths and much more. Back at the lodge, relax in luxurious accommodations and dine on extraordinary cuisine.

When it opened in 1965, Outer Shores Lodge was one of the first eco-lodges on Canada's Pacific Coast. Now the lodge looks forward to welcoming guests again this spring to Vancouver Island and the traditional territory of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. Make yourself at home in the main lodge or in one of two cabins.

In the Aysén Region of Chile you'll find Melimoyu Lodge. Surrounded by temperate rain forests, rivers and lakes, the lodge offers a terrific destination for fly-fishing, hiking, horseback riding and other outdoor activities. Refresh in the comfortable luxury of one of the lodge's four guestrooms and get ready for another day in Patagonian paradise.

Greenough, Montana, 35 miles northeast of Missoula, boasts the green o, a sophisticated adults-only woodland hideaway with just 12 design-forward luxury "Haus" accommodations. The Tree houses, elevated above the forest floor, include rooftop decks in the tree canopy. A range of outdoor pursuits and more than 100 miles of trails await exploration.