



Hotels Making a Difference on World Oceans Day

Explore the innovative way some of the planet's most luxurious hotels and resorts are caring for our oceans.

World Oceans Day began life in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Its aim was to raise awareness about the crucial role the ocean plays in our lives and ensure its future protection. Twenty-nine years on, as ocean levels and temperatures continue to rise, this message couldn't be more important. Especially when it comes to travel. And Hotels and resorts are increasingly starting to recognize the unique position — and responsibility — they hold to make a difference.

Often located in some of the world's most precious landscapes, situated on the edges of UNESCO biospheres or within protected shorelines, a higher number than ever before are prioritizing the environment, with firms like **andBeyond**, **Beyond Green** and Six Senses leading the way. There is still a long way to go but if an **increasing number of travelers continue to stipulate sustainability as a key consideration**, hotels and resorts the world over will be pressured to comply or risk getting left behind.

With this in mind, *Elite Traveler* is championing some of the world's most luxurious hotels and resorts already striving to do their bit to protect the world's oceans in our specially curated World Oceans Day Hotels and Resorts shortlist.

Miavana by Time + Tide, Madagascar – Island Guardians



The resort is surrounded by a pristine reef with incredible snorkeling and diving opportunities as well as turtle, whale and dolphin watching / ©Time + Tide

A dream destination for nature-lovers; wildlife, rainforest, desert trails and golden sandy beaches all come together on Madagascar's shores. Offering a perfect example of this is Miavana by Time + Tide, a private-island resort located on Nosy Ankao, just off Madagascar's northeast coast.

The island itself is surrounded by a pristine reef with incredible snorkeling and diving opportunities as well as turtle, whale and dolphin watching. Time + Tide considers themselves to be guides and guardians of this special landscape and employ a full-time environmental team trained in wildlife monitoring and reforestation who take a hands-on approach to conservation on land as well as at sea. This includes the monitoring of Nosy Ankao's nesting sea turtles, marine and terrestrial biodiversity surveys, seabird ringing and monitoring, not to mention the Crowned Lemur Conservation Program.