

green notes



Eco Africa

Cheli Peacock in Kenya had environmental awareness as a priority long before ecotourism became a buzz word. Besides using solar panels for water heating and power at their safari lodges and camps, they also employ and train staff from the local area. Local schools and communities are supported at the camps and contributions are made to the African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF) which is committed to improving health and health-care in Africa.

www.chelipeacock.com



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Beautiful by nature

The Dolomites decorate the distance at **Vigilius Mountain Resort** in Italy, where principles of organic architecture prevail in the form of a grass-covered roof and natural larch wood used throughout the tree shaped resort. A handful of prizes for sustainable tourism includes five green stars from Eco Hotels of the World. Nature enters the spa in the form of fir cone reflexology and massage treatments using pine cone particles. www.vigilius.it

Kush Clean in Green

Kush's Hong Kong serviced apartments are leading the way for other properties to clean up their act when it comes to minimising environmental impact of their guests by providing 100 percent natural soap, shampoo and conditioner. Sourced from a small environmentally conscious company in South India called Vedaway, these sweet smelling products based on Ayurvedic science, contain no mineral oil, are bio-degradable, contain renewable vegetable sources such as aloe and ginger and are manufactured with harmless, non-animal derivatives.

www.kushliving.com



Laucala's Eden

The integral philosophy of luxurious **Laucala Island** in the Fijian pacific archipelago encompasses the whole island - from growing vegetables and rearing livestock to hand-crafting all guest products using the island's natural resources. Seasonality is in focus in the spa where the herbs, spices and fruit ingredients grown on the island and used in their hand made products change with the seasons. www.laucala.com