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The following accommodations are boasting their environmentally friendly commitment. Many, which have extensively undergone thousands of dollars in renovations and upgrades, which in turn help the environment, are encouraging travelers to choose green when selecting their vacation destination.

FACTS... As of February 19, 2010, there are 621 designated Florida Green Lodging properties.

a positive difference!

The [Doubletree Guest Suites](#) in the Walt Disney World Resort recently underwent a multi-phase and multi-million-

dollar enhancement project. In addition to the significant style and service upgrade, the resort now boasts its official designation as a member of the Florida Green Lodging Program from the State of Florida.

"By thinking globally and acting locally, the Doubletree Guest Suites looks forward to presenting a great all-suite hotel experience, while making a positive difference to



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make our world a better place in the process," said Glen Winsor, hotel general manager.

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conserving natural resources

One Ocean Resort Hotel & Spa, located in Atlantic Beach and 25 miles from Jacksonville International Airport, is committed to finding imaginative and innovative methods for conserving natural resources. The oceanic-inspired resort features a full service spa, and award-winning culinary offerings at Azura, its oceanfront restaurant. Unique is the resort's offering of Docents, a new take on individualized concierge service.

As part of the Florida Green Lodging Program, the boutique resort met green practice benchmarks in six sustainable operation areas including waste reduction, water conservation, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, transportation and implementation of communication and education.

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respect for the earth

The Cambean Hospitality boutique hotel collection has introduced a new definition of hip to South Beach.

From the sleek Art Deco lines of **Carlton South Beach**, the ultra plush and intimacy of the **Nash South Beach**, the eco-friendly and newly-renovated **Clifton South Beach**, or the oceanfront views that dominate the **Majestic South Beach**, visitors of all genres can't help but feel indulged the moment they are greeted at each property.

Situated in South Beach's hottest neighborhoods, hotel guests will experience charm, inviting decor and sophisticated amenities, all characteristic of a Cambean Hospitality

property. French spa products, Egyptian cotton down comforters, Hi Speed Wireless Internet and LCD Flat Screen Televisions are only the beginning of the luxuries these properties provide their guests.

Combining cutting-edge technology services, and respect for the earth, Cambean Hospitality has become a leader in environmentally friendly lodging practices. Recently, the Miami Beach based hospitality group entered into a partnership with the Everglades Foundation, whose mission is to protect and restore America's Everglades. "It's an honor to partner with the Everglades Foundation to help educate the public about this vital ecosystem's restoration," stated Brian Scheinblum, President of Cambean Hospitality.

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clean the world

Westgate Resorts has partnered with Clean the World to recycle all the partially used amenities from their Central Florida hotel rooms. Clean the World sanitizes the soap and shampoo that would have been discarded, ending up in landfills, and distributes these amenities to needy people around the world.

"By joining our Hospitality Recycling Program, Westgate Resorts will help provide even more supplies for those in desperate need," said Shawn Seipler, co-founder and executive director of Clean the World. Through the Clean the World Hospitality Recycling Program hotels donate a tax-deductible fee in exchange for the collection, recycling and redistribution of partially used amenities to those suffering due to a lack of available hygiene products.

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"We were looking for a way to recycle these products," said Mark Waltrip, chief operating officer of Westgate Resorts. "When we realized we could also save lives, it became a simple decision to participate in the program."

The Westgate Resorts participating properties include: Westgate Blue Tree, Lake Buena Vista; Westgate Lakes Resort & Spa, Orlando; Westgate Leisure Resort, Orlando; Westgate Palace, Orlando; Westgate Towers, Kissimmee; and Westgate Vacation Villas, Kissimmee. www.westgateresorts.com

'best practices' standard

The [Key Largo Resorts Marina](#) was awarded Clean Marina Certification from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and The Clean Boating Partnership in recognition of their efforts in adopting environmentally friendly practices beyond standard regulatory requirements. The marine improvements and newly implemented programs help protect the waters, natural wildlife and clean facilities at Key Largo Resorts Marina. Some of Key Largo Resorts Marina's initiatives include the use of oil absorbers in bilges, utilization of recycling centers, and the installation of multiple trash receptacles.

"We have developed a 'best practices' standard which all of our vendors follow," said Candi MacDuff, Key Largo Resorts Marina dock master. "This certification not only applies to the marina, but to our entire facility team."

The voluntary, non-regulatory Florida Clean Marina Program works with the marine industry to reduce pollutants and adopt safeguards that protect the cleanliness of Florida's waterways. To receive the Clean Marina designation, marinas must comply with stringent environmental regulations and meet all Clean Marina Criteria. Clean Marinas adopt safeguards that help keep solvents, sewage and fuel out of the water while protecting manatees and other marine life that make the waterways their habitat.

"We are honored to receive this certification," said Doug Dale, general manager of the Marina del Mar Key Largo. "The recognition demonstrates our commitment to protecting our local environment, and ensuring exceptional experiences for our overnight guests."

Located at Mile Marker 100, Oceanside in Key Largo, Fla., the family of Key Largo Resorts includes three island-style properties—the Marina del Mar Key Largo, Ramada Limited Key Largo, and the Holiday Inn Key Largo.

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