

# Top 10 Eco-Friendly Inns

## That Go Beyond Recycling Without Sacrificing Luxury

Historic B&Bs are inherently the ultimate recycling projects, where new life is given to century-old homes. BedandBreakfast.com and Inns Magazine salutes these eco-friendly B&Bs, where guests can enjoy luxuriously green getaways. Each of the choices for Top 10 Eco-Friendly Inns subscribes to a strict eco-friendly environment; take environmental stewardship to the next level with donations to eco-friendly organizations to offset guests' carbon footprint, install solar heating systems and more. At a minimum, each of these inns offers property-wide recycling, optional towel replacement service, water and energy conservation programs, local purchasing and use of non-toxic cleaners. Find your next getaway offering luxury and global peace of mind below.

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### Arroyo Vista Inn, South Pasadena, CA:



Eco-travelers appreciate that all the electricity for the inn is supplied by solar panels. Use of energy-efficient lighting and appliances further alleviates the electrical demand here. A "Green Stay" program, where sheets and towels are washed only upon guests' request, helps the innkeepers conserve water and allows guests to feel they are doing their part to offset their carbon footprint. Additionally, low flow toilets, environmentally friendly room amenities, and active recycling programs, along with little touches like fresh flowers in the rooms, help round out the eco-offerings here.

### Berry Manor Inn, LimeRock Inn and Captain Lindsey House, Rockland, ME:



Working together as a consortium called Historic Inns of Rockland, all three inns have been certified by the State of Maine as Hospitality Environmental Leaders, making them the first known B&B association in New England dedicated to sustainable eco-tourism. Each inn offers a compact fluorescent light bulb to each guest along with a message about how to take the eco-pledge. Their long list of environmentally friendly practices ranges from widespread use of compact fluorescent bulbs and solar lighting to donating and recycling of old towels, clothing, shampoo and soaps to local charities. The group has negotiated a contract for use of bio-fuel for heating oil, and instituted creative recycling programs for inn and guest products, ranging from bottles to office products. In addition, the inns make a donation in every guest's name to eco-friendly local organizations as a means of offsetting their own carbon footprint.



### Big Mill Inn, Williamston, NC:

This inn's owners live up to their license plate which reads 'NVRONUT'. Careful to recycle and reuse, doors the bricks, stones, and even tobacco sticks that were used to cure the tobacco on this former farm, are part of the inn's rustic elegance and décor. Energy-efficient appliances and heating systems are supplemented by sheets and laundry line-dried in warm weather; well water is served instead of bottled water. Low voltage and energy-efficient lighting is used throughout the property, and a solar-heated hot water system is the next project on the list. The Pack House Suite and the Corn Crib are two beautifully appointed suites converted from former 1930s farm buildings on the estate.