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# These luxury resorts want to save the Maldives

Hotels in the lowest-lying country are going green.

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AS THE WORLD'S lowest-lying country, a majority of the Maldives' 1,200 islands may be underwater within decades, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In light of this prediction that is out of their control, a handful of the country's luxury resorts still feel it's important to do their part and hope to inspire more action globally. Then a ticket to these high-end resorts won't just be a vacation of a lifetime, but a conscious effort to travel in a more eco-friendly, sustainable way.

Other groups like [Crown & Champa](#) are also seeking more sustainability with the recent opening of [Kudadoo Maldives Private Island](#), the Maldives' first resort powered entirely by solar panels. Marine biologists, including Davies, often send injured turtles to the rehab center at the [Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru](#). These emerging eco-friendly practices are often a collaborative effort among the resorts and those travelers looking to make a difference. Jackson of Soneva draws insight and ideas from experts who visit the island paradise and non-profits dealing with similar waste issues. He says, "If we can find the model and the solution that works here in the Maldives, it will be applicable to so many small communities around the world." 