

## THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION OF THE CARIBBEAN HOTEL ASSOCIATION

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# "TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES, LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS, KILL NOTHING BUT TIME"

## Travelers Can Choose Low-Impact Accommodations in the Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (January 17, 2006) – "Take only pictures, leave only footprints, kill only time." This adage is well-know to hikers, and it is starting to catch on with other travelers. While recycling and no-littering are becoming habits at home, thanks to widespread information campaigns, environmentally-conscious visitors can still have a hard time finding options that are environmentally and socially responsible when traveling. To help consumers, the Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism (CAST) has published a webpage that lists properties in the region, responsible performers that have walked the talk and obtained the demanding Green Globe 21 certification. The "Green Globe page" is available from CAST's website at <a href="https://www.cha-cast.com">www.cha-cast.com</a>.

The GREEN GLOBE 21 Company Standard is a benchmarking and certification standard designed for businesses in 25 different sectors of the travel and tourism industry e.g. accommodations, administrative offices, airlines, airports, attractions, cruise vessels, golf courses, restaurants, vehicle rentals, tour operators etc.

The Standard requires an operation to first establish a baseline level of performance or Benchmark for environmental and socially responsible performance. To be considered environmentally and socially responsible, businesses must meet all of the requirements of the GG21 Standard and be audited before becoming Certified and earning the right to display the GREEN GLOBE logo with the tick.

The Caribbean leads the world with more than 50% of all properties globally, certified to GG21. CAST is the Alliance Partner for the Green Globe 21 program in the Caribbean.

The following establishments are Green Globe 21 certified:

## Antigua

- 1. Sandals Antigua Resort <u>www.sandals.com</u>
- 2. Curtain Bluff Resort <a href="http://www.curtainbluff.com/">http://www.curtainbluff.com/</a>
- 3. Long Bay Hotel www.longbayhotel.com



#### Aruba

- 1. Amsterdam Manor Beach <u>www.amsterdammanor.com</u>
- 2. Bucuti Beach Resort Aruba <u>www.bucuti.com</u>
- 3. Machebo Beach Resort <u>www.manchebo.com</u>
- 4. La Cabana All Suites Resort www.lacabana.com
- 5. Costa Linda Beach Resort <u>www.costalinda-aruba.com</u>

#### **Bahamas**

1. Sandals Royal Bahamian – www.sandals.com

## **Barbados**

- 1. Allamanda Beach Hotel <u>www.allamandabeach.com</u>
- 2. Almond Beach Club & Spa www.almondresorts.com
- 3. Almond Beach Village- <u>www.almondresorts.com</u>
- 4. Bougainvillea Beach Resort <a href="https://www.bougainvillearesort.com">www.bougainvillearesort.com</a>
- 5. Hotel Pom Marine <u>www.pommarine.com</u>

#### Dominica

- 1. 3 Rivers Eco-Resort <u>www.3riversdominica.com/</u>
- 2. Fort Young Hotel <u>www.fortyounghotel.com</u>
- 3. Tamarind Tree Hotel and Restaurant <u>www.tamarindtreedominica.com</u>

## **Dominican Republic**

- 1. Canoa Coral by Hilton <u>www.coralbyhilton.com</u>
- 2. Viva Dominicus Beach www.vivaresorts.com
- 3. Viva Dominicus Palace <u>www.vivaresorts.com</u>
- 4. Sunscape Casa del Mar <a href="www.sunscaperesorts.com/casadelmar/index.html">www.sunscaperesorts.com/casadelmar/index.html</a>

#### Grenada

1. Spice Island Beach Resort - www.spicebeachresort.com

## Jamaica

- 1. Beaches Boscobel Resort <u>www.beaches.com</u>
- 2. Beaches Negril <u>www.beaches.com</u>
- 3. Beaches Sandy Bay <u>www.beaches.com</u>
- 4. Breezes Runaway Bay <u>www.superclubs.com</u>
- 5. Chukka Caribbean Adventures www.chukkacaribbean.com/jamaica/index.html
- 6. Couples Negril <u>www.couples.com</u>
- 7. Couples Ocho Rios Limited <u>www.couples.com</u>
- 8. Couples Swept Away Negril <u>www.couples.com</u>
- 9. Hedonism III <u>www.superclubs.com</u>
- 10. Jamaica Inn <u>www.jamaicainn.com</u>
- 11. Negril Gardens Resort <a href="https://www.all-inclusive-travel.com/NegrilGardens">www.all-inclusive-travel.com/NegrilGardens</a>
- 12. Round Hill Hotel & Villas <u>www.roundhilljamaica.com</u>
- 13. Royal Plantation Spa & Golf Resort <a href="www.royalplantation.com">www.royalplantation.com</a>
- 14. Runaway Bay Heart Hotel <u>www.runawayheart.com.jm</u>
- 15. Sandals Dunn's River Golf <u>www.sandals.com</u>
- 16. Sandals Inn <u>www.sandals.com</u>
- 17. Sandals Montego Bay www.sandals.com
- 18. Sandals Negril Beach Resort <a href="www.sandals.com">www.sandals.com</a>
- 19. Sandals Ocho Rios Resort <u>www.sandals.com</u>
- 20. Sandals Royal Caribbean www.sandals.com

## Riviera Maya - Mexican Caribbean

1. Viva Wyndham Azteca Resort – <u>www.vivaresorts.com</u>

## **Netherlands Antilles**

1. Lions Dive & Beach Resort – www.lionsdive.com

#### St Kitts & Nevis

1. Ocean Terrace Inn - <a href="http://www.oceanterraceinn.com/">http://www.oceanterraceinn.com/</a>

## St Lucia

1. Bay Gardens Hotel – <u>www.baygardenshotel.com</u>



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- 2. Sandals Halcyon St Lucia www.sandals.com
- 3. Sandals St Lucia Golf www.sandals.com
- 4. Sandals Grande www.sandals.com

### **Turks & Caicos**

Beaches Turks & Caicos – www.beaches.com

For more information about Green Globe certification, please contact Jennifer Dohrmann-Alpert at 787-725-9139, jdohrmann@caribbeanhotels.org.

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## About the Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism - www.cha-cast.com

CAST, a subsidiary of the Caribbean Hotel Association (CHA), was chartered in 1997 to undertake collaborative environmental efforts within the hotel industry, enhance the practices of the region's hotel and tourism operators by providing high quality education and training related to sustainable tourism; promoting the industry's efforts and successes to the traveling public and other stakeholders; and serving as a vital link to all stakeholders with sustainable tourism interests in the Caribbean region.

## About Green Glob Asia Pacific - www.greenglobe21.com

Green Globe Asia Pacific is a joint venture between GREEN GLOBE Limited and the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Tourism (CRC) based in Queensland, Australia. The Australian Government established the CRC programme to boost collaborative links between industry, research organizations, educational institutions and relevant government agencies. The CRC for Sustainable Tourism has 15 universities, the two major industry associations and all state and territory tourism departments and over 20 private industry partners. The CRC for Sustainable Tourism is a not-for-profit organization. It is a 50% owner of Green Globe Asia Pacific

## About the Caribbean Hotel Association - www.caribbeanhotels.org

The Caribbean Hotel Association is dedicated to excellence in hospitality, leadership in marketing, and sustainable growth in tourism, to the benefit of its membership and that of the wider Caribbean community. It aims to be a regional forum that will advance the Caribbean hotel and tourism industry. The members of CHA represent the entire spectrum of hospitality industry's private sector, from 835 member hotels representing some 127,000 hotel rooms in 36 national hotel associations, to 520 allied members including airline executives, tour operators, travel agents, trade and consumer press, hotel and restaurant suppliers, and others.



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