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SUSTAINABLE HOTELS

As properties strive to meet Turkey's new eco target, Yolanda Zappaterra picks some top stays



ARGOS IN CAPPADOCIA

A 20-year restoration project has transformed a 2,000-year-old historical network of ancient ruins, caves and tunnels into this luxury hotel, which features local materials, furnishings and craftsmanship across its 51 unique rooms and suites. A raft of eco initiatives bagged it a 'Best Sustainable Hotel for Europe' accolade, while a community programme helps local people develop skills to enhance long-term employment prospects.

Book it: Scott Dunn offers four nights at Argos in Cappadocia from £1,300 per person based on a couple sharing on a B&B basis, including flights from Heathrow or Gatwick and private transfers. scottdunn.com

THE ELYSIUM TAKSIM, ISTANBUL

Part of easyJet holidays' 'eco-certified' collection of hotels recognised by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council, this stylish, contemporary five-star property puts clients in the heart of this most mesmerising of cities. Just a six-minute walk from Taksim Square, the location is ideal for a busy day of sightseeing, and the spa, with its Turkish bath and indoor pool, is perfect for when clients return.

Book it: EasyJet holidays offers a four-night break from £643 per person, based on two sharing on a room-only basis, including flights from Manchester on September 1 and 23kg of baggage. easyjet.com



SIX SENSES KAPLANKAYA

This Aegean-facing eco-luxe resort focuses on fresh, sustainable produce supplied by its organic farm, programmes supporting local communities, and targets for reducing energy and water consumption. Kids can get in on the act by taking part in 'Climate Warrior' activities.

Book it: Inspiring Travel offers seven nights from £2,059 per person based on two adults sharing a Superior Sea View room, including flights from Gatwick on September 26 and private transfers. inspiringtravel.co.uk

THE STAY WAREHOUSE, ALACATI

Turkey's first independent carbon-neutral hotel group The Stay Hotels operates a range of properties with a focus on sustainability, including this design-led, adult-only resort, a beautiful hideaway set in olive-tree lined gardens overlooking the Aegean on the Çeşme peninsula. Construction is of reclaimed and recycled materials, including wood and bricks from ancient Anatolian houses, and the resort is pursuing a range of sustainability initiatives to achieve its stated aim of zero waste.

Book it: From £450 per room per night on a bed-and-breakfast basis. thestay.com.tr



COMMODORE ELITE SUITES & SPA

This expansive adult-only beachfront resort in Antalya – complete with three pools and several bars including a beach bar and a disco – has been making strides on its sustainability and social responsibility paths in the past year, investing in solar energy and reducing plastics, as well as engaging in local sustainability programmes and planning better use of natural resources.

Book it: Jet2holidays offers seven nights' all-inclusive from £1,599 per person based on two adults sharing, plus flights from Stansted on August 19, 22kg of baggage and transfers. jet2holidays.com

