



LUX* GRAND GAUBE, MAURITIUS

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES



Our belief is that small steps add up to big strides. We have a diverse mix of initiatives covering issues ranging from beekeeping to recycling cooking oil, from repurposing old sheets and towels into beds for animals, to partnering with the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation by facilitating the transport of materials to Round Island via our helipad for their conservation and scientific research programme.



ORGANIC BEEKEEPING

At LUX* Grand Gaube, we have some very special guests buzzing around - our honeybees! Nestled in a serene spot on our resort, our 9 colonies offer a sweet and immersive experience called Hug Me Honey. Delight your taste buds with honey-infused cocktails, pastries, and a honey scrub that will leave your skin glowing. You'll also learn about beekeeping and honey harvesting, gaining a new appreciation for these crucial pollinators. Our honey is a star ingredient in our breakfast and a la carte menus, and guests can even take some home to prolong the experience.



WATER

Nature is at the heart of our property, and we're committed to preserving it. That's why 100% of our garden irrigation water comes from our on-site treatment plant, lightening our water footprint. Our gardens feature drought-resistant plants, carefully chosen for their beauty and positive contribution to the ecosystem. And when it comes to cleaning, we only use eco-friendly cleaning products throughout the property, so you can relax and enjoy your stay without worrying about any negative impact on the environment.



KEEN ON GREEN

Our commitment to sustainability is reflected in the little green icon you'll find on select dishes in each of our restaurants. These plant-based, vegan, vegetarian, and raw options showcase our chefs' creativity in bringing out the flavors of responsibly sourced ingredients with a low carbon footprint and a good conscience. We also prioritize local, seasonal food from sustainable sources, so you can feel good about every bite.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Experience our property in style with our electric buggies, designed to effortlessly transport guests and their luggage, and even drop them off at their favorite restaurant. We're committed to energy efficiency and have trained our team members in every department to minimize energy use. From housekeeping to maintenance and kitchens, we're all on board! We regularly service all electrical appliances, and our low-consumption bulbs keep the property shining bright. Our Energy Management System in every room ensures that you won't waste energy when you step out onto your balcony - it automatically shuts down the air conditioning for you.



CUTTING WASTE SOURCES

Our in-house water bottling station allows us to sanitize and refill our Earth & Dance glass bottles, eliminating plastic waste and carbon emissions. We also opt for FSC-certified paper straws and responsibly sourced paper and cartons, including our Cafe LUX* paper cups. We're committed to minimizing our environmental impact, one small step at a time.



UPCYCLING AT JUNK ART GALLERY

Get crafty and eco-conscious at our Junk Art Gallery! Guests of all ages can create unique treasures using discarded cans, glass, plastic, and even flip-flops. Let your creativity soar and make memories while upcycling materials in a fun and meaningful way.



COOKING OIL RECYCLING

Let's keep nature and waterways oil-free! At LUX* Grand Gaube, we're doing our part by collecting all kitchen oils and recycling them into biofuel.



ZERO WASTE CELEBRATIONS

From our garden to your special day, we're committed to sustainability and giving back. Our gardeners handcraft beautiful arches for small ceremonies using dried twigs and flowers, while all floral bouquets are sourced from local small businesses. And after the event, guests can choose to donate their flowers to a nursing home, spreading joy and love beyond the celebration!



GREEN WASTE TO WOOD CHIPS

We believe in the power of nature's cycle. That's why we transform our garden's green waste into nutrient-rich wood chips, which we use to boost soil health and reduce weed growth. Our goal is to generate 600kg of wood chips this year.



BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

THE MAURITIAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION AND LUX* GRAND GAUBE

We take pride in our partnership with the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation, sharing valuable knowledge and research with our team members. This allows us to promote eco-tours at Ile Aux Aigrettes, where rare and endangered species, like the Round Island Boa, call home. Our collaboration with the foundation has grown stronger over the years, and we've been honored to support their efforts by facilitating material transport to Round Island via our helipad.



BEDS FOR PETS

Give our furry friends the five-star treatment they deserve. We repurpose towels and bed linens to create snugly pet beds, which are then donated to animal shelters and NGOs that advocate for animal rights. Want to contribute to the cause? Drop by our Cashier's Lounge and make a donation in our dedicated box.

NIK COLE, ISLAND RESTORATION MANAGER FOR THE MAURITIAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (MWF) AND DURRELL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST (DWCT):

Round Island has been an important training and research ground for local and international restoration practitioners and scientists. Being one of very few islands in the world to have never been invaded by rats or non-native reptiles, combined with ongoing extensive restoration work and pioneering research on highly threatened and unique animals and plants, the global significance of Round Island is increasing as a leading site for conservation and scientific excellence. We are planning more research work which includes understanding how terrestrial restoration is benefiting the surrounding marine environment and the identification and classification on the island's invertebrate community which includes many unique species limited to RI and/or a couple of the islets



CSR / COMMUNITY

At LUX* Grand Gaube, we believe in investing in our community's future. That's why we've teamed up with our neighbor, the Paille En Queue NGO, to support local youth education. Our support extends beyond financial contributions - we organize end-of-year celebrations, carwash fundraising events, and our gardeners maintain their football pitch. Additionally, we offer internship opportunities to local teenagers, providing them with a path to a career in hospitality. From our kitchens to our housekeeping teams and spa, we welcome them with open arms.



MEDITATING FOR A CAUSE

We're proud to be part of the Grand Gaube community, with 15% of our Team Members calling it home. We've partnered with the Village Council to light up some of the darker areas using solar energy. Our Maintenance team has successfully installed 5 solar lights in the village, bringing more light and safety to the neighborhood. As part of our Guided Energy Alignment & Meditation experience for Guests, we offer an opportunity to donate to our Light up the Darkness project, helping us make a positive impact on the lives of our neighbors.



DONATING AS MUCH AS WE CAN

We believe in the power of giving back. That's why we've introduced TGIF (To give on a Friday), where our Team Members bring in their gently used items to be donated to different NGOs each month. From food and clothes to school materials, we've made donations to organizations like the Grand Gaube Village Council, Caritas de Grand Gaube, and Mille Soleil Association, all with the aim of supporting underprivileged individuals and children in our community.



EARTHCHECK

LUX* Grand Gaube achieved a 5 Earths rating by Earthcheck sustainability assessment since 2021, for its performance in environment, social and good governance areas.

A CLEANER FUTURE FOR ALL

The Lux Collective has responded to the UN's call to action, following the IPCC's (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) alarming report on climate change and its impact on the world. The Lux Collective has joined the global movement via a Business Ambition for 1.5°C Pledge and a Science Based Targets Call-to-Action Commitment Letter ratified by our CEO on 2nd October 2019. The 1.5°C objective will alleviate the Earth of GHG (Greenhouse Gas) effects, by cutting global GHG emissions by 50% by 2030 and achieving netzero emissions by 2050.

Our Group project *Tread Lightly*, has existed since 2011. In 2019 it was aligned with this ambitious 1.5°C goal.

Tread Lightly invites guests to join us on our journey towards zero-emissions. Our resort emissions are measured by the firm Altruistiq and we are together developing our plans to cut CO2 emissions. For a small donation of 1 Euro per night spent with us, our guests can join us in measuring, tracking, and reducing our common footprint.

We support biodiversity conservation projects, contribute towards UN registered projects in Africa and Asia such as afforestation of the virgin forest with 50,000 trees, or protecting the endangered snub-nosed monkey in Yunnan, China. By bottling our own water in reusable glass bottles, we estimate that our group avoids the plastic waste of nearly 1 million bottles per year.

We also invite our guests to tour the destinations and favour trips to the endemic forests and protected areas of Mauritius with our trusted ecologist partners, such as Ile Aux Aigrettes, Ebony Forest and Blue Bay Marine Park nursery, three projects we are very fond of. All our resorts have long-term affiliations with at least one biodiversity conservation NGO.

CSR with Ray of Light

Our Ray of Light umbrella project allows us to deliver on numerous UN Sustainable Development goals for the empowerment of women and girls, people with disabilities or children in need of access to quality education. All our resorts have long-term affiliations with at least one social empowerment NGO.

Altruistiq is a GHG emissions data management platform that enables businesses to make better sustainability decisions. They are on a mission to transform how organisations make data-driven decisions that benefit their business and the planet

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