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LIFE FROM EVERY ANGLE

AS GREEN AS IT GETS

SIX RESORTS WHERE YOUR CONSCIENCE CAN REST AS EASILY AS THE REST OF YOU. BY AMY SWIFT

eco-chic, and not so much blue as it is green. Tedd Saunders, author of the forthcoming *Greener Lodging Directory*, and a co-owner of the Saunders Hotel Group, to which the Lenox belongs, explains, "The reality is that people want and deserve comfort, service, quality, and convenience when they travel, so we've taken steps to make sure that those things are done well while being environmentally responsible about it." The Lenox boasts a four-diamond rating (awarded by AAA), and was the only urban hotel in the world to win the *Condé Nast Traveller* Green Hotel award. Here, taking a break from watching the Head of the Charles means retreating to a room with a four-poster bed, Italian marble bathrooms, and dangerously cozy customized furnishings, some with fireplaces. It can only help that the air is scented with essential oils rather than toxic chemical sprays, and that the 220-thread-count sheets are washed in a chlorine-free, special ionizing system. It would take a small book to illuminate every green initiative this forward-thinking team has launched, but we especially love that the dedicated TV channel normally used as a hotel advertisement for conference rooms and gym facilities is actually 24-hour conservation programming. The Eco Chic weekend package also gets big points, weighing in at an affordable \$309 per night for a room, and includes breakfast, an eco map of Boston, and *Ranger Rick* magazine for those under 12. ○

The Lenox, Boston

The Lenox epitomizes Boston's historical charm and modern influence. Materially, the hotel is stately European, blue-blooded New England. Philosophically, it's the picture of

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