

## FIVE SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES AT MANGO HOUSE SEYCHELLES

- The boutique hotel is committed to maintaining a synergy of sustainable tourism and adventure

Sitting at the top of a meandering leafy driveway overlooking the deep blue of Anse Aux Poules Blues Bay, and with a name inspired by the very tree that still stands proud in the centre of its main house, Mango House Seychelles is irrevocably intertwined with the rugged nature it sits amongst.

An extension of the island itself with Seychellois style, culture and heritage woven into every element, respecting its exceptional surroundings of verdant greenery, glittering seas, magnificent rocky coast, and silk-soft beaches is central to operations at this vibrant 41-room boutique hotel.

In line with Hilton's Travel with Purpose program which has reduced 49% of carbon emissions since 2008, eco-conscious travellers can be reassured that sustainable practices are integrated into an abundance of practices at the hotel such as refillable glass water bottles, locally sourced produce, and innovative recycling programmes, amongst many others.

### 1. COMMITMENT TO PLASTIC-FREE OPERATIONS

Mango House Seychelles is almost entirely plastic free in its F&B operations, with guests receiving water in refillable recycled glass bottles and straws made from stainless steel or bamboo. Once in the room, the efforts continue with organic, handcrafted bath products from local small business, *Belliche*, which are bio-degradable and exclusively plant-based and come wrapped in eco-friendly packaging which is locally processed. Unique ceramic dispensers have been installed in favour of plastic options, and are sourced directly from local production studio, *Seyramics* where founder Zara Albert handcrafts them with the finest Seychelles clay in designs which embody the flora and fauna of the island.

### 2. RECYCLING

Steps to recycle are being taken across hotel operations, with an innovative programme that turns coffee capsules into fragrances proving particularly successful. Eco-friendly body and fragrance company *Belliche*, which is based on the island, collects the capsules, and uses them to create and fragrance their handcrafted products. And coffee is not the only beverage with sustainable credentials – over in the kitchen, lemon peelings are turned into limoncello helping reduce food wastage. In the rooms, guests' slippers are collected, cleaned, and donated to the local community via a charitable partner and all guest disposable items such as completely compostable – which is used in the hotel's expansive gardens. Here, irrigation comes from treated water saving on precious fresh resources, whilst the on-site osmosis plant produces fresh water from the abundance of seawater surrounding the island.

### 3. SOURCING LOCALLY

There is nowhere more local to Mango House Seychelles than its very own organic garden, which promotes local ingredients and engages guests and staff alike on sustainability and the benefits of home-grown food. Along with the freshly grown produce, much of the hotel's abundance of seafood is

also provided by local suppliers which respects local harvesting seasons, and the free-range eggs come from the island itself. Meanwhile, Mango House's bars are stocked aplenty with local rums and gins, 90% of which come from the region supporting local distilleries and reducing import footprints. As well as consumables, much of the beautiful natural materials used throughout the hotel are sourced from Seychelles, including the local granite cladding and the Nalau wood used for structural elements, along with the off-white stucco wall texture finish on the façade and grano wash used for pathways.

#### 4. SUSTAINABLE PRODUCE

As well as sourcing locally, the sustainable and fair-trade practices of **Mango House Seychelles'** chosen suppliers is essential to its commitment to eco-friendly practices. Caviar come a Madagascan-based company which promotes sustainable fishing methods, whilst all Spa products are made local by Seychelles based *Belliche*, and are natural, chemical free, environmentally friendly.

#### 5. OCEAN PRESERVATION

An archipelago of islands nestled in sparkling sea with an abundance of reefs, Seychelles is renowned the world over for its crystal waters. Mango House Seychelles guests take to the turquoise water daily for kayaking, snorkeling, fishing, scuba diving, wake boarding, and banana boat rides, and maintaining this treasured feature is of the utmost importance to the resort. Through a strong collaboration with Marine Conservation Society of Seychelles the hotel's in-house marine biologist educates guests on our marine life, conducts snorkeling tours, and leads reef clean ups.

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