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PLACES TO STAY

From forest hideaways to solar-powered stays, these hotels are at the forefront of sustainability

These properties zero in on progressive thinking – and nail it

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Oasyhotel, Italy

Eco focus: not-for-profit rewilding

La caccia – the hunting of red stag, roe deer and wild boar – is as woven into Tuscan culture as truffle-snuffling pigs. But amid the old hunting ground of the Pistoia Apennines, a small miracle has taken root. Oasyhotel is a 16-lodge concept for the WWF-affiliated Dynamo Oasis, a 1,000-hectare parcel of the San Marcello Piteglio nature reserve. Sustainable wood was repurposed to create handsome, minimalist retreats with large verandas and picture-book windows with views of chestnut, beech and fir forests. The hotel is part of a wider project that rolls in eco-sound agriculture, breeding programmes and scientific research. Wolves, deer and wild boar have returned, woodpeckers sing and golden eagles swoop. Days are spent exploring peaks, meadows, lakes and rivers, with activities including hiking and biking, wolf tracking and foraging, lake swimming and kayaking. Yoga, guided meditation and saunas are laid on by the lakeside. The bounty of the reserve’s farm can be tasted at Le Felci farmhouse restaurant or alfresco Casa Luigi, where guests gather to salute the Tuscany of the future over organic wines. *Lydia Bell*

Hotel address: Via Privata San Vito, 1, 51020 San Marcello Piteglio PT, Italy
Price: lodges from about £470