



*Fairmont*  
LE MONTREUX PALACE

## Fairmont Hotels & Resorts' Green Partnership Program

In 1884, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts was founded on an enduring connection to the land and communities where we do business. In 1990, we proactively launched our industry-leading Green Partnership program, a comprehensive approach to reducing our impact on the environment. This commitment to minimizing our hotels' footprint on the planet is a key component of our operating philosophy, which is formalized in our Environmental Policy.

The Green Partnership allows Fairmont to meet and exceed guest expectations of operational sustainability and responsible tourism, because the environment isn't just something that's "out there"—it's where we live, work and play each day.

Fairmont's Green Partnership focuses on improvements in the areas of energy and water conservation, waste management, and innovative community outreach programs involving local groups and partnerships—please read below for this hotel's initiatives that operate under the Green Partnership program.

### **Leadership Through Innovative Programs**

**Eco-Meet:** Fairmont's Eco-Meet program offers planners the opportunity to minimize the ecological footprint of meetings and events through the reduction of waste and conservation of valuable resources. The program can be tailored to the individual needs of the client through four key components—Eco-Accommodation, Eco-Cuisine, Eco-Service and Eco-Programming.

At Fairmont Le Montreux Palace Switzerland:

- Willow Stream Spa professional instructors organise accompanied and tailored made walking & hiking tours in the heights of Montreux, like the famous « Escaliers de Glion Hike » or the downhill track from « Les Gorges du Chaudron ».
- In winter time the downhill sledge track at "Les Avants" is the challenging and fun eco-friendly activity proposed by the hotel to guests.
- In spring and summer guests can discover the Natural Bird sanctuary of les Grangettes by solar powered boat.
- Guests can use the secured jogging tracks along the shores of Lake Geneva, departing from the front of the hotel.

- Bicycles are available for hotel guests and accompanied cycle or mountain bike tours can be organized by Willow stream Spa instructors.
- Event organizers have the option to purchase carbon free offsets.

**Carbon Management Program:** Fairmont has introduced an Energy and Carbon Management Program in support of our Climate Change Strategy, that allows us to monitor, track, and report on our progress toward achieving significant CO2 reductions at all of our locations worldwide. We also partner with like-minded companies who provide products and services that improve our operational efficiencies. These proactive steps will reduce carbon output and help mitigate the effects of global warming.

**Greening our Greens:** All Fairmont-managed golf courses are enrolled with Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuaries, an organization which sets guidelines for an international system of wildlife and environmental conservation. Through our participation, we have developed an extensive integrated management plan for ongoing improvements to our golf courses called “Greening Our Greens”. The program offers practical ways for our courses to make positive changes, while working toward the larger goal of achieving certification from Audubon International.

At Fairmont Le Montreux Palace Switzerland, grounds naturalization projects include:

- Creation of two on site gardens for growing organic herbs
- Fertilizer is home made (concoction from nettles) and eco-friendly
- Composting units to recycle our “green” waste into compost

**Green Cuisine:** Fairmont is committed to purchasing local, organic, Fair Trade and sustainable food products wherever possible, including utilizing organic or biodynamic wines, local purveyors and on-site herb gardens.

At Fairmont Le Montreux Palace :

- Grow own aromatic herbs for our in-house restaurants as well as for the Summer Terrace “La Terrasse du Petit Palais”.
- A large variety of Swiss Alp grown and sun dried flowers are used as seasoning for organic salads and fish dishes.
- Fresh Swiss organic eggs available at breakfast buffet.
- Homemade organic marmalade & jams
- Organic baked bread
- Fair-trade fruit & vegetables are purchased from official recognized companies like “Max Havelaar”
- Coffee beans are purchased from fair trade companies, like “Mercur café”
- All menu cards a selection of organic wines & beer
- FLMP applies a “Food Miles “policy meaning that all our daily fresh food purchasing comes from suppliers situated in a radius of 20 KM.

## **Waste Management**

Paper, packaging and garbage are a reality of our lives, and of any business. Fairmont has consistently cut these side effects of our operations. While effective waste management comes with challenges, such as operating in communities without recycling facilities, we continue to reduce and divert waste and identify other eco-friendly opportunities.

Initiatives at Fairmont le Montreux Palace ;

- Waste diversion rate of 35 %
- Waste hauler contract with an outside company, which is ISO 14001 certified, and composts all of its waste in an eco-friendly way. It also eliminates the hotels disposable items in an environmentally responsible way.
- Recycle bins for collecting waste being Organic /PET/ batteries and light bulbs.
- Hazardous waste is sorted and disposed in special containers and picked up by waste hauler. The same for butane-gas bottles, paint residues, and other chemicals.
- Kitchen grease goes to a specialized outside recycling company.
- 80 % of the fresh produce is delivered in re-usable boxes instead if styrofoam / carton boxes.

### **Energy and Water Conservation**

To conserve energy and cut greenhouse gas emissions, Fairmont has introduced compact fluorescent light bulbs where possible. Most hotels now have water-efficient showerheads and tap aerators, and we continue to replace all toilets that have a flush capacity over 2 gallons (7.6 liters). Guests can do their part by choosing to participate in the towel and sheet exchange program offered at all Fairmont properties.

At Fairmont le Montreux Palace, energy and water conservation projects include:

- AC system uses water from Lake Geneva and no chemicals or gas components are used to operating the entire hotel AC system. The rejected water is pumped back into Lake Geneva at 5 degree celsius, respecting the fauna & flora of Lake Geneva.
- All rooms are provided with a little Swiss cowbell, which the guest will place on his bed signaling to the room attendant to make his bed with the existing linen.
- Replace in-house and exterior lightning from classic light bulbs to LED lightning.
- Rainwater harvesting, for the needs of the homegrown herb gardens.
- The gardens onsite have a sensor regulated water irrigation system, which sprays only when necessary.
- All new colleagues receive a Fairmont “Green Team” introduction course regarding Green awareness, and partnerships and affiliations.

### **Partnerships and Affiliations**

Our affiliations highlight our commitment to the environment, and also help promote unique Fairmont eco-experiences. The growing number of partners and associations who share our vision include The World Heritage Alliance for Sustainable Tourism, WWF (Climate Savers Program), The International Tourism Partnership, The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (ENERGY STAR® program), The Hotel Association of Canada (Green Key Eco-Rating Program) and the National Geographic Society.

Local projects are tailored to address environmental issues specific to the hotel’s location, and showcase each Fairmont’s unique environmental strengths and connection to their community.

On a local level, Fairmont le Montreux Palace partners and initiatives include:

- Participation in highway clean ups.
- Donation of bread leftovers to a local rabbit farm.
- Apply “Food & Beverage Miles “policy; meaning that purchasing local Food & Beverage products is preferred versus purchasing F&B items from abroad. On an international level, the hotel joins Fairmont Hotels & Resorts’ new sustainable seafood pact.

### **Awards & Accolades**

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts' Green Partnership Program continues to be recognized by a number of international organizations including the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), *Ad Age* and *Strategy* magazines.

At all Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, "Green Teams" continue to strive for improved environmental performance through innovative approaches that engage both colleagues and guests.

In 2008, Fairmont Le Montreux Palace Switzerland was twice awarded Green Team of the Quarter, Seedling Category by Fairmont Hotels & Resorts.

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