

Green Key

Unlocking sustainability in the hospitality industry

The Green Key certification is the leading standard for excellence in the field of environmental responsibility and sustainable operation within the tourism industry. Green Key is for hotels, hostels, small accommodations, campsites, holiday parks, conference centres, restaurants and attractions.



The prestigious certification scheme represents a commitment by establishments that their businesses will adhere to the strict Green Key criteria set by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). Green Key is certified for one year at a time following a standardised procedure with application, audits and third-party verification of the certificate.

Green Key originated in Denmark in 1994, and in 2002 it became a programme managed by FEE and its national member organisations.

Our Partners







































Green Key establishments



For the complete list of all Green Key certified establishments, please check the following link https://www.greenkey global/green-key-sites





Green Key Criteria

Each Green Key applicant has to demonstrate compliance with our programme criteria which is subsequently third party verified.

Application The applicant has to complete the application form and provide various documentation as proof of compliance with the criteria.

Audit An on-site audit is conducted in years one and two and thereafter every third year. The on-site audits consists of document verification and visual inspection. In alternate years, off-sites audits (documents verification) are done.

Decision making The decision is always done by a third party entity, either an independent auditor or by a Jury.

Certificate Successful applicants receive our Green Key Plaque and Certificate.

Renewal The Green Key Certification is valid for one year and has to be renewed annually thereafter.

















Foundation for Environmental Education

FEE

With members in around 80 countries, we are the world's largest environmental education organisation. We believe in the power of change and that the best gift we can give to future generations, the most valuable legacy we can leave behind us, is a world full of educated and environmentally conscious people equipped to live a more sustainable life. info@fee.global - https://www.fee.global/





Green Key in India, operated by Centre for Environment Education

CEE

FEE's member organisation in India is the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), a national institution engaged in developing programmes and materials to increase awareness, action about the environment and sustainable development. CEE was established in 1984 as a centre of excellence in environment education, then supported by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF) in India. If you are interested in knowing more about the Green Key programme, please do not hesitate to contact us at Green Key India. https://www.ceeindia.org/

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Why Join Green Key?

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High quality eco-label

High standards regarding transparency, on-site audits and third- party verification



Global, widespread eco-label

With the participation of national experts



A relatively low-cost eco-label

Due to its non-profit nature



Multi-stakeholder programme Developed by the hospitality industry and managed by

Developed by the hospitality industry and managed by independent NGOs



A dialogue-based programme

Personal support from application and award and with access to a best practice database.



International recognition

By UN organisations and other international entities



"Atithi devo bhava' - the guest is highly honoured in the Indian tradition. We hope to continue and enrich this tradition by supporting and recognizing responsible hospitality and a caring environment with the Green Key program."

Kartikeya V. Sarabhai Director, Centre for Environment Education



Green Key will add an environmental value to hotels and hospitality services in India, keeping in mind the local context. With Green Key, hotel staff and tourists have the opportunity of positive contributions for sustainability.

Jagat Mangaraj National Operator, Green Key India