



## Hotel Shangri-La in Santa Monica Will Reopen in January With New "Green" Elements

The Hotel Shangri-La in Santa Monica, which has recently undergone a \$30 million refurbishment, will not only reopen in January 2009 with a sleek new look, but also with many new green amenities and practices.

The Hotel Shangri-La, which is overlooking the Pacific Ocean on Ocean Ave, is dedicating itself to being environmentally conscious. The newly redesigned hotel, which will display a mix of nostalgic Art Deco elements with a contemporary twist, will be adding a restaurant, an elevated pool with cabanas, and a rooftop bar named Suite 700. Other changes include many eco-friendly elements and amenities which allow guests to enjoy a sustainable escape with good conscience. Hotelier Tehmina Adaya says, "Hotels are notoriously one of the biggest offenders to the environment, and we wanted to challenge this idea by incorporating easy elements to eliminate excessive and unnecessary waste."

Included in the list of eco-friendly elements are:

- Bath amenities from Natura Green. Packaging is made recycled paper and bottles are bio-degradable (made from a cornstarch based product), and all products are non-animal tested.
- \$5.00 off Overnight Valet Parking for guests driving a hybrid vehicle.
- Bottled Water provided from Natura Waters. All carbonization and filtration will be



done on-site and glass bottles are sanitized and re-used.

- Non-toxic, organic cleaning products will be used for housekeeping.
- An Electric Cart will be available for hotel staff to use for running local errands.
- All paper products and stationary will be printed on recycled paper.
- Rooms will be furnished with Dual Flush low flow toilets.
- Men's restrooms will have waterless urinals, sanitized by natural products versus water.
- Hotel Shangri-La has partnered with a recycling agency to pick up all bottles and cardboard (recycling bins are not a standard city service in Santa Monica).
- A bedside card noting that the sheets will not be changed daily unless requested will be displayed, saving thousands of gallons of water annually.
- Hotel Shangri-La has partnered with Midway Car Rental agency, which offers the largest selection of hybrid cars and is located blocks from hotel. Their fleet includes the Toyota Prius, Lexus RX400, Lexus LS600, Chevy Tahoe and Toyota Camry's - over 75 Hybrids in total.



- Newspapers will be delivered to guest rooms upon request, not as a standard, to save thousands of copies that are never read.

- The restaurant will be supplied by local vendors and purveyors.
- The wine list will feature primarily American wines to help lower carbon impact.
- The hotel has double layered the windows to prevent loss of heat and air conditioning.
- A gray water filtration/settling station has been installed that will take all impurities out of the run off water before releasing it.
- Compact fluorescent lighting used throughout the hotel.
- Pool will be solar heated

**Hotel Shangri-La** is an architectural gem and historic landmark on the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica, California. Originally built in 1939, it is a beacon of Art Deco beauty, Hollywood allure, and Los Angeles history, with expansive ocean views from nearly every room. The ideal balance of past, present, and future, Hotel Shangri-La is the idyllic destination for the discerning traveler looking for something inviting, luxurious, experiential and also sustainable.

To learn more about the Hotel Shangri-La, please visit: <http://www.shangrila-hotel.com>.

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