

Galley Bay Resort & Spa

Green Practices





Our Promise

Galley Bay Resort & Spa management understands the impact of sustainable tourism on the guests, staff and our local community. As a result we have made it our mission to identify, monitor and continually improve all aspects of environmental sustainability in our resort. Our goal is to increase our guest and staff awareness, and expand on local programs and community organizations in an effort to further the preservation of the Caribbean

Galley Bay Resort & Spa is fiercely committed to sustainability and eco-friendly practices in every capacity, from the design of the resort which lives in harmony with our naturally made lagoon to our environmentally-friendly practices throughout, we are dedicated to sustainability in every way we can be, and without compromising on luxury.

We care for the environment so you can spend your time enjoying the natural beauty of Antigua, partaking in watersports or succumbing to the Indulge Spa's deep relaxation treatments. It is our mission to preserve our slice of paradise, so that you can continue to come home year after year to a beautiful Galley Bay Resort.



Our Drinking Water

Our resort has a state-of-the-art reverse osmosis water plant, which takes salt water from the sea through a purification process to produce 40,000 gallons of fresh water daily. From the reverse osmosis plant, water is passed through a lime filter to neutralize the water hardness. A small amount of chlorine is then injected to kill any bacteria still left in the water. The final product is water that is 50% better than what is required by U.S. standards the United States, and therefore perfectly safe to drink straight from the tap.

In each room, we provide reusable water bottles and have refill stations strategically placed around the property to help guests stay hydrated while reducing single plastic use of bottled water.



Sustainability

Galley Bay Resort, renowned for its commitment to sustainability, showcases its dedication to environmental stewardship through its innovative glass recycling initiative. The resort employs a cutting-edge glass crushing machine to repurpose discarded glass into reusable materials. By collecting glass bottles and items used within the premises and transforming them into small, manageable shards, Galley Bay Resort minimizes waste accumulation and reduces its ecological footprint. These shards undergo meticulous cleaning to ensure quality, before being repurposed in collaboration with a local business specializing in eco-friendly products. From soap dishes to various commerce items, the crushed glass finds new life, contributing to the circular economy and supporting local enterprises. Some of these items can even be found in the Gift Shop on property. This initiative not only diverts glass from landfills but also exemplifies the resort's overarching commitment to sustainability and responsible tourism.



Eliminating Our Carbon Footprint

At Galley Bay Resort & Spa, we recognize the importance of sustainable tourism for our guests, staff, and community. We collaborate with local organizations to enhance sustainability efforts. Our goal is to continuously improve environmental practices, including purchasing local products, reducing energy and water consumption, and implementing awareness programs for guests and staff. Our environmental initiatives include a number of reduce, reuse and recycle practices.



Reduce

- Soda is provided by soda fountain machines, and our beer, where possible is draught served from kegs, in our bars and restaurants
- The Housekeeping department uses Chemical Universe products to reduce the amount of harmful chemicals used in cleaning
- Housekeeping uses bags made from old tablecloths/linens to reduce the use of plastic bags
- All of our watersports provided are non-motorized
- Only Reef Friendly Sunblock is sold in our gift shop.

Reuse

- We use reusable cups in our staff canteen to reduce plastic and styrofoam waste
- Garbage and laundry bins have been constructed with reclaimed wood
- We irrigate the grounds and landscaping with gray water
- Waste food is separated and given to a local pig farmer, while vegetable and fruit waste is composted
- Kitchen oil is given to a supplier who recycles it and converts it to engine oil

Recycle

- Only recycled paper is used in our offices
- Paper is shredded and recycled within our offices
- In-room recycling bins are provided for ease of separation of recycled items
- Old resort bed sheets are given to a local businessman for his decorating company
- We use paper straws as plastic is harmful to marine life



Behind the Seeds

From Farm to Table

Every morning our Chef takes a break from his busy kitchen operations to walk out to the source of much of his culinary inspiration: Galley Bay Resort & Spa's very own organic garden that harvests tomatoes, beets, carrots, potatoes and much more delicious fresh produce.

Some of the day's harvest will make its way from the garden onto our guests' plates in one of our restaurant's signature dishes. The garden is an initiative Galley Bay Resort & Spa has committed to, in order to ensure that not only the freshest ingredients are incorporated in our dishes, but to reduce our carbon footprint caused by energy-intensive methods of produce shipments from foreign farms.

We invite our guests once a week to come and experience our "Behind the Seeds" garden tour, to learn about the processes behind the food we serve.





Hydroponic Innovation

From Farm to Table

Nestled alongside our flourishing organic garden lies Galley Bay Resort & Spa's Hydroponic Greenhouse. The Hydroponic Greenhouse represents our innovative approach to harnessing nature's bounty while minimizing our ecological footprint. We optimise water usage which is collected by the structure from rainfall, thus fostering an environment where plants thrive in nutrient-rich solutions.

Guided by expert consultants, our dedicated staff receives comprehensive training in maintaining the optimal health of our greenhouse crops. From monitoring nutrient levels to controlling environmental conditions, every aspect is meticulously attended to ensure the highest quality produce for our discerning guests.



Sharing Our Space

Galley Bay Resort & Spa is a rustic paradise with three unique ecosystems: marine, wetland and land. The natural lagoon and its surrounding areas are home to a variety of flora and fauna including over 45 species of birds. Nature lovers enjoy taking an early walk around the lagoon to catch the birds at early light.

The resort also houses a tortoise sanctuary, providing a unique opportunity for guests to interact with and feed these majestic creatures. With half of all turtle and tortoise species facing extinction due to habitat loss and poaching, our sanctuary plays a crucial role in their conservation efforts. Join us in the important mission of protecting and preserving one of the world's most endangered species for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.



Antiguan Wildlife

Our passion for sustainability extends not only to our guests but to the island's first inhabitants, sea turtles. These gentle creatures have made Antigua's beaches a popular nesting site for many years now. In an effort to do our part to help these majestic animals, we have partnered up with the AB Sea Turtle Awareness, an organisation that ensures the recovery and sustainable management of depleted sea turtle populations. In the months of May through September guests at Galley Bay Resort & Spa, can sometimes enjoy the wondrous experience of observing sea turtles hatch from their shells and make their way to the sea. In the remaining months, there is a chance of seeing the mother turtles come up to lay on the beach right here at Galley Bay. Here in Antigua you can find the Green, Hawksbill and Leatherback, our nesting turtles, as well as Loggerheads who sometimes visit. This yearly event allows for magical memories and encourages our guests to spread the word about sea turtle conservation. We strongly encourage all our guests to respect the vulnerability of these beautiful, endangered creatures and please list your names at GUEST SERVICES if you wish to be informed at night of a turtle sighting.



Giving Back

Galley Bay Resort & Spa has a strong presence within the Antiguan community, for many years our property has proudly supported the following organizations:

AB Sea Turtle Awareness

Environmental Awareness Group

Five Island Primary Green Team

Hands Across the Sea

Humane Society

PAAWS dog & cat shelter

Wishing Well Inc.



IT STARTS WITH US!

