



SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

InterContinental Berlin: A Commitment to Sustainability

InterContinental Berlin is dedicated to providing guests with a luxurious and comfortable experience while minimizing our environmental impact. We believe in responsible travel and strive to be a leader in sustainable hospitality practices throughout Berlin.

Peace of Mind with Sustainability

Choosing InterContinental Berlin means choosing a hotel that prioritizes environmental responsibility. We implement numerous initiatives and programs to ensure a positive impact on the environment and the local community.

Green Key Certification

InterContinental Berlin proudly holds a Green Key certification, an internationally recognized eco-label awarded to establishments that meet rigorous environmental standards. This certification reflects our commitment to sustainable operations, minimizing waste, and conserving resources.



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IHG Green Engage Program

We actively participate in IHG Green Engage, a comprehensive environmental management system designed to optimize hotel operations for sustainability. Through IHG Green Engage, we continuously evaluate and improve our energy and water consumption, waste reduction, and overall environmental footprint.

LEED Gold Certified Building

Our commitment goes beyond policies. The building itself is LEED Gold certified, a globally recognized symbol of excellence in green building practices. This certification highlights our efforts to:

- ✔ Utilize 100% green electricity from renewable sources
- ✔ Implement LED lighting throughout 95% of the building
- ✔ Invest in modern, energy-efficient technology
- ✔ Reduce energy consumption through hot water system upgrades
- ✔ Utilize BioCat systems for salt and energy reduction
- ✔ Implement roof greening and extensive renovations for improved insulation
- ✔ Generate on-site electricity with a hotel CHP unit
- ✔ Employ motion detectors for energy savings

Sustainable Practices in Your Room

Your in-room experience incorporates sustainable practices without compromising comfort.

- ✔ We adhere to the IHG Way of Clean program, promoting responsible cleaning practices.
- ✔ Luxurious bathroom amenities are provided in refillable pump dispensers, minimizing single-use plastics.
- ✔ Linen changes are optimized, offering a fresh experience while minimizing water usage.
- ✔ Digital guest folders and paperless billing reduce paper consumption.

Employee Education for Sustainable Practices

Our dedicated team is essential to our sustainability efforts. All employees undergo training on responsible resource management, ensuring efficient practices throughout the hotel.

Food & Beverage with Sustainability in Mind

Sustainable practices extend to our culinary offerings. We prioritize:

- ✔ Reusable deposit systems for takeaway containers
- ✔ Drinks served in reusable packaging
- ✔ Elimination of individually packaged products
- ✔ Offering healthy options like a chocolate nut machine and honey dispenser
- ✔ A dedicated vegan buffet, utilizing plant-based ingredients
- ✔ Sourcing free-range eggs and Fairtrade products
- ✔ Utilizing local, regionally produced food
- ✔ Selecting MSC certified fish (sustainable seafood practices)
- ✔ Minimizing food waste by using vegetable scraps and meat trimmings for broths
- ✔ Offering corn starch straws and reusable coasters

Waste Management with a Purpose

InterContinental Berlin prioritizes responsible waste management.

- 🌱 We have a comprehensive waste separation system throughout the hotel, including floors, offices, and kitchens.
- 🌱 On-site recycling ensures proper waste disposal.
- 🌱 We partner with ReFood, an organization that uses organic waste materials to generate sustainable electricity, heat, biomethane, organic fertilizer, and biodiesel.
- 🌱 Used oils and fats are cleaned and processed further into sustainable biodiesel.

Engaging with Our Community

We believe in creating a positive impact beyond the hotel walls. Here are some ways we contribute to the social fabric of Berlin:

- 🌱 Inclusion: We are a member of the Inclusive Business Network (Inklusives Unternehmensnetzwerk e.V.) and actively promote the inclusion of people with disabilities within our workforce. To support this goal, we work together with the following partner companies: Berliner Werkstätten für Menschen mit Behinderung GmbH, BIS | Netzwerk für betriebliche Integration u. Sozialforschung e.V.
- 🌱 Donations: Discarded furniture is donated to charitable organizations in need.
- 🌱 World Clean Up Day Berlin: Our team actively participates in this initiative to keep Berlin clean.
- 🌱 InterContinental Berlin: swimming once a month for children with cancer. This monthly event demonstrates our commitment to supporting the local community.

Journey to Tomorrow

InterContinental Berlin is committed to a long-term vision of sustainability. We have implemented a 10-year Responsible Business Plan aligned with the UN Sustainability Goals, outlining actions to achieve a positive environmental and social impact by 2030.