

GREEN AT MONCHIQUE RESORT & SPA FACT SHEET

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At the Monchique Resort & Spa, we take the matter of sustainability very seriously. Integrated on DHM brand and its sustainability policies, the Monchique Resort & Spa has been developing several projects that allows the hotel to reduce its environmental footprint and become greener. With help of our Green Keeper, the local responsible for the green project at the hotel and member of our staff, we guarantee the implementation of all green brand standards and policies as well as keeping a green conscience alive among our hotel staff and our guests.



2019 was a special year for Furnas Boutique as the first year where the hotel truly gave its first steps towards a more sustainable place. Monchique Resort & Spa is proud to have earned the 1st of 5 levels of certification given by DHM, the Root certificate. DHM certifies its hotels with the Green Tree parts, beginning with the Root certificate and evolving to a full tree with Fruits certificate. Each part of the tree represents a certain number of projects to be developed (see back page).

What we have done:

1. 100% LED long-life efficient light bulbs
2. Recycling - Paper, Plastics, Batteries, electronics
3. We address kitchen oils for recycling centers
4. We have changed litter bags from plastic to paper in all rooms and public areas
5. We use textile laundry bags instead of plastic
6. Reusable amenities - Dispenser bottles instead of single use
7. We have banned plastic straws
8. In-room green card - Towel changing program

Our local projects:

1. Promotion and participation in walks to clean the Serra de Monchique
2. Reforestation of local fruit Medronho in Serra de Monchique
3. Use of solar panels for water heating system
4. Investment of 120 thousand euros in energy consumption reduction measures

What's next?

Monchique Resort & Spa is now working to achieve the next level certificate from DHM - TRUNK - And as a consequence, the hotel is now working on the following projects

1. Light sensors in all back of the house areas
2. Electric car chargers available to our guests and staff
3. Free premium parking for electric vehicles
4. In-room recycling
5. Substitute plastic pens for Eco pencils
6. In-room charity box to offer guest leftover goods to a local institution
7. Plastic free turndown
8. Completely eliminate PET bottles
9. Daily registration of utilities consumption - Water, Gas, Electricity & other



DHM Green certification and main projects



Root certificate:

1. 100% LED long-life efficient light bulbs
2. Recycling - Paper, Plastics, Batteries, electronics
3. Correctly address kitchen oils for recycling centers
4. Paper bags for room and public areas litters
5. Textile laundry bags
6. In-room notebooks made of recycled paper
7. Ban of single use amenities such as Shampoo bottles and others
8. Ban of plastic straws
9. Local project



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10. Local project



Branch certificate:

1. Recycled paper in-room Directories
2. Linnen and towel reuse program for guests
3. Water saving program - Water flow reducers in all taps
4. In-room green message to interact with guests
5. Printer toners recycling
6. In-house lemongrass plantation for tea and homemade straws
7. Paperless check-out
8. Local project



Leaves certificate:

1. Donate hotel food leftovers to local institution
2. Daily weighing of recyclables
3. Daily weighing of organic waste
4. Program in place to reduce waste
5. Program in place to buy local and increase local suppliers ratio
6. Kitchen waste recycling
7. Meeting Rooms recycling program
8. Local project



Fruits certificate:

1. Meeting Rooms - Pencils with seed to plant a tree
2. Meetings - Plastic Free coffee breaks
3. Meeting Rooms - Recycled notebooks
4. Housekeeping - Change to eco-friendly cleaning products
5. Housekeeping - Daily weighing of towels and linnen
6. Maintenance - To have in place a preventive maintenance system
7. Local partnership - Hotel to sponsor a local/regional sustainable initiative
8. Organic waste compost to apply on local vegetable garden
9. Eliminate 100% of single use plastics
10. Local project

