



Mas de l'Oulivié

Les Baux-de-Provence

Our environmental approach



We place great importance on sustainable development in the management of the hotel. This commitment led to us being awarded the 'Valeurs parc naturel régional des Alpilles' label in 2013, which recognises hoteliers who promote the natural and cultural heritage of their regional nature park, as well as local products and expertise. It is in line with this approach that we are gradually making improvements to the hotel to minimise its environmental impact as much as possible.

Since 2024:

- we have been calculating our carbon footprint using the Clorofil tool, which employs ADEME's certified Bilan Carbone® method (measuring energy consumption, purchases, waste and transport). Our aim is to reduce our impact on natural resources and to carry out an assessment to help us set priorities.
- We are part of the Peace & Work programme within our Teritoria voluntary chain, which focuses on the wellbeing of our staff. We therefore ensure the health and safety of our staff in the workplace and organise training on these topics.

Here are some examples of the measures we have already put in place:

Use of more environmentally friendly products:

- ✓ All our cleaning products are eco-friendly or Eco-label certified, which improves air quality and reduces health risks,
- ✓ Our toilet paper is recycled and Ecolabel-certified, made from recycled cellulose fibres from food cartons,
- ✓ To reduce plastic use in general, we provide a self-service water dispenser and sell insulated bottles,
- ✓ We provide a mobile app called 'Lounge Up', which showcases all the hotel's concierge services as well as nearby tourist and leisure activities,
- ✓ A selection of magazines and newspapers is available via the digital newsstand on this mobile app,
- ✓ We serve regional and local produce at breakfast and lunch, some of which comes directly from local producers,
- ✓ We have introduced a 'gourmet cycle tour' package to promote eco-mobility and our local produce.
- ✓ Our garden is maintained without the use of pesticides

Water conservation and energy management:



- ✓ We have opted for 100% renewable energy with the electricity supplier Elmy,
- ✓ We are gradually fitting our rooms with card-operated switches that automatically switch off the heating or air conditioning when guests leave their rooms and remove the card from the device,
- ✓ We have fitted water-saving devices to the taps and showers in the bathrooms, and the majority of our toilets are dual-flush toilets to ensure we do not deplete this scarce resource in the Alpilles,
- ✓ Signs have been put up in the bathrooms and in your room to encourage guests to reduce the amount of laundry, thereby cutting down on water and energy consumption and the amount of detergent used,
- ✓ Our car park is equipped with a slow-charge station with two sockets for electric vehicles,
- ✓ Most of our garden and the restaurant terrace are fitted with solar-powered lights linked to motion sensors to save energy.
- ✓ Our staff are trained in eco-friendly practices,
- ✓ Our swimming pool is heated solely by the sun, which is in line with our eco-friendly values.

Waste management and recycling:

- ✓ We have set up a system of waste sorting and composting to recycle our waste. Across all departments, we sort paper and newspapers, and collect batteries, light bulbs, ink cartridges, glass and cardboard. Some of the food waste from the kitchen is composted on site, and the compost is spread around the bases of our olive trees in the spring. All our waste is weighed so that we can commit to reducing it year on year.
- ✓ At reception, we prioritise digital documents and offer to send your invoice by email instead of printing a paper copy.
- ✓ To reduce transport-related pollution and avoid throwing away glass, the restaurant offers 'zero-waste' water! We sell microfiltered water (still or sparkling) served in glass carafes that can be reused indefinitely,
- ✓ We serve breakfast at the table rather than as a buffet, in line with our 'zero-waste' approach,
- ✓ All our bathrooms are equipped with shampoo, shower gel and body lotion dispensers to minimise individual packaging and thus our waste,
- ✓ No soap is thrown away; instead, it is recycled by people with disabilities and distributed to families in need through the Sapocycle Association.
- ✓ No used bath towels or linen are thrown away; everything is donated to the Société Protectrice des Animaux des Baux-de-Provence.



Other measures:

- ✓ We are committed to sustainable employment through the retention of our seasonal staff and the recruitment of an exclusively local workforce,
- ✓ We offer our guests a wide range of environmentally friendly activities: exploring the garden's biodiversity, hiking, cycling, horse riding, donkey treks, rock climbing, geological and botanical excursions, and outings with the nature guides' office to spot birds in the Alpilles...
- ✓ We encourage sustainable transport and offer a 'Low-Carbon Stay' package, which includes a 10 per cent discount on your room rate if you arrive at the hotel by bike or on foot.
- ✓ All the contractors we use for work on the hotel are based within 15 km of the hotel to minimise our carbon footprint.

We invite you to play your part in our initiative through simple, hassle-free actions:

- ✓ Switch off the heating or air conditioning if you open a window, and when you leave your room if it is not yet fitted with a card-operated switch,
- ✓ Use water sparingly in the bathroom,
- ✓ Leave only those towels on the floor that need washing,
- ✓ Let us know on which day you would like your bed linen to be washed,
- ✓ Please place your used batteries in the box provided at reception,
- ✓ Please use the recycling bins in your room and in the hotel's communal areas

Every year, we strive to improve our approach even further – please do share your ideas with us! And if you have any feedback regarding the practices we've put in place, our staff will be happy to listen.

Thank you for joining us in helping to protect the environment

