

Boca Raton's Hilton Suites Hotel Awarded the Prestigious Green Eco-Leaf Rating



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Hilton Suites Boca Raton has earned a 2 Green Eco-Leaf Rating this week by completing a 70 point comprehensive eco-audit survey administered by iStayGreen.org, the online social network of environmentally friendly travel.

Boca Raton, FL April 1, 2009. Hilton Suites Boca Raton becomes one of the 1st lodging properties in Boca Raton, FL to receive the Green Eco-Leaf Rating. Currently Hilton Suites Boca Raton is the first of the hotels in Boca Raton (<http://iStayGreen.org/getcityus.cfm/city/BocaRaton/st/FL>) to complete the comprehensive environmental audit administered by iStayGreen.org. The property earned 2 Green Eco-Leafs, which is a "Good" rating.

All Green Eco-Leaf Rated properties are committed to environmentally friendly initiatives and meet Florida Green Lodging program standards. The Hilton Suites Boca Raton was awarded a One Palm Certification in 2008. Richard Varner, founder of iStayGreen.org states: "Simple changes helped the Hilton Suites Boca Raton earn their 2 Green Eco-Leaf Rating and become one of the 1st lodging properties rated. It's great to see they're intent on insuring a more sustainable future in travel."

To insure a more sustainable future, some of the eco-initiatives put in-place at the property include: on-site Green Team, low energy lighting initiatives are in-place, energy efficient lighting is installed when replacing old lighting, sheet reuse option for multiple night stays, towel reuse option for multiple night stays, eco-initiatives are actively promoted to the public, water conservation initiatives are in-place, water conservation devices are installed when replacing old fixtures, recycle containers are located inside guestrooms, reusable food & beverage service is used in lieu of disposable service items, recycled paper products (bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, etc) are utilized, environmentally friendly chemicals are used in cleaning, environmentally friendly chemicals are used for carpet cleaning, low VOC material (paint, adhesives, air freshener) are used at the property, plus much more. The complete audit can be viewed at Hilton Suites Boca Raton Environmental Self Audit (<http://www.istaygreen.org/ecoaudit.cfm/hid/10237391>).

The lodging industry recognizes the need to create a sustainable future for travel. While the Hilton Suites Boca Raton is one of the 1st Boca Raton lodging properties to achieve the Green Eco-Leaf Rating, it is anticipated that many other properties in the area that are promoting eco-friendly initiatives also will seek to be rated. This eco-rating allows the public to know the specific environmental initiatives in place at a property, which enables the environmentally conscious traveler to make informed lodging decisions.

For additional information about the Hilton Suites Boca Raton contact John Bailey, GM, at 561.852.4004, or email john.c.bailey@hilton.com.

To find out how a property can earn the Green Eco-Leaf rating, contact Richard Varner at 602.864.5553 or visit www.iStayGreen.org.

About Hilton Suites Boca Raton:

The Hilton Suites Boca Raton is a boutique-style all-suite hotel located on a six acre lakeside complex featuring shopping and dining. Come and enjoy our warm and welcoming tropical inspired ambiance. Whether for work, relaxation, or play, find your personal paradise with us. The hotel offers a complimentary cooked-to-order and buffet style breakfast as well as a complimentary evening cocktail reception.

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About**iStayGreen.org:**

With iStayGreen's rapidly growing searchable directory of 100,000 lodging properties and over 3,000 already Green Eco-Leaf Rated, it's easy for anyone to quickly locate and compare "Green" lodging worldwide. To earn a Green Eco-Leaf Rating, hotels must complete a thorough self-audit, and then are rated based on their eco-initiatives. The site also provides an effective way for hotel owners and operator to promote all of the good "Green" things they are doing. Visitors to the site can create their own profiles, add friends, recommend properties, upload photos, form groups, create and respond to forum threads, make reservations, and add comments and reviews to hotel profiles.

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