

Travel round-up: four great reasons to go places

Eco-friendly luxury

Bahia Beach – Puerto Rico is home to the first certified Gold Audubon Signature Sanctuary in the Caribbean. The recently opened St. Regis Bahia Beach, a 483-acre resort on a coconut plantation near the El Yunque rain forest, earned the designation because of its environmentally sound development practices. Among its many eco-friendly initiatives is a Natural Resource Management Plan and an on-site “green team” composed of an ecologist, two agronomists and a landscape architect. An expansive nursery has generated more than 80 per cent of the resort’s planted species, while also supplying fresh produce to Fern, the resort restaurant developed by celebrity chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten. www.stregis.com