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12 New Green Venues for Meetings and Events in 2019

These new and renovated convention centers, hotels, restaurants, and other event venues are making a commitment to eco-friendly events.

In advance of Earth Day next week, here's a look at new restaurants, corporate event venues, hotels, conference centers, and private rooms across the United States and Canada that factor environmental sustainability into their design or operations. Many of these new and renovated venues have LEED certification from the U.S. Green Buildings Council or another eco-certification group. They can accommodate groups large or small for private and corporate events, conferences, meetings, weddings, business dinners, teambuilding activities, cocktail parties, and more.

Portola Hotel & Spa



The **Portola Hotel & Spa**—the first LEED-certified hotel in Monterey, California—launched a new Reduced Waste Conferences program in January. For meetings as large as 900 attendees, the hotel will partner with planners to discuss ways to implant green practices, such as using environmentally friendly vendors, organic and sustainable catering, post-event composting, biodegradable conference materials, and more. The 379-room hotel has 60,000 square feet of flexible meeting space with the adjacent Monterey Conference Center, and over 60,000 square feet of outdoor space. There is also the **Jacks Monterey** restaurant and a 6,000-square-foot day spa.

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