

The Sullivan Estate & SPA Retreat : Green in Hawaii

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Nestled on the north shore of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands, the [Sullivan Estate & SPA Retreat](#) is quite literally an oasis in a vast and chaotic ocean. Thanks to its reliance on solar power, it's also among Luxist's best green spa nominees.

Though the [Sullivan Estate](#) traces its beginnings to 1962, it has only been in its current incarnation for a few years. In 2005, German-Australian doctor Juergen Klein bought the estate after selling his skin care company, Jurlique. He and his wife Karin, a veteran in the hospitality industry, combined their expertise to create the spa.

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The estate is powered almost entirely by the energy soaked up by solar panels that adorn the roofs of nearly every structure on the property. The photovoltaic tiles on top of the main building produce more than 50 kilowatts of electricity every day – so much that the estate often has enough surplus to sell energy back to customers on Oahu's main power grid.

The [OlaLoa spa](#) is billed as a retreat for the "seven senses," specializing in solutions for those under unusual amounts of stress. All therapies are drug-free and focus on balancing all states of mind and body, including massages, yoga, Thai Chi and Quigong. OlaLoa also focuses on longevity, emphasizing the value of dietary supplements to go along with a robust exercise regimen.

Treatments include "Synergized," a 3.5-hour program built to enhance circulation and relax muscle that starts with an herbal steam sauna and ends with an aromatherapy body massage. If that's not enough for you, try "Longevity," a 4.5-hour program that begins with yoga or Thai Chi and ends with a Swedish massage. Either way, you can take comfort in the fact that you're relaxing in the most sustainable manner possible.