



Savoy Hotel Yangon goes back to its plastic free roots.

Our guests at Savoy Hotel Yangon have the option to enjoy a “zero single use plastic” experience in their rooms throughout their stay on the 1st of August 2019. Savoy remembers the time when plastic pollution was scares and only a minor issue. We believe with our implementation, we go back to where we started, back to our beginnings 24 years ago.

At the Savoy Hotel Yangon, we take our commitment to the environment seriously. We are offering our guests the option to avoid single-use plastic in their room experience, working in harmony together to create a sustainable tourism experience.

The Savoy Hotel Yangon will maintain its premium service levels with initiatives such as our plastic free minibar and in room amenities, such as bespoke handmade biodegradable soaps, as well as a world class boutique breakfast, designed to minimize food waste, whilst maximizing guest satisfaction.

Our “zero single-use plastic” Room Experience includes;

- Providing guests with a complimentary refillable water carafes that can be refilled at one of several water refill stations throughout the hotel.
- We offer free coffee and tea at our Captain’s bar to avoid using coffee and tea sachets.
- Biodegradable bathroom amenities such as reusable bamboo razors and toothbrushes to avoid single-use plastic wastage.
- Our shower caps are made from biodegradable PLA corn starch, as are the waste paper bags in each guest room.

Our razor blade heads and toothbrush bristles are made from 98% recycled plastic and will be offered only on request.

We still offer the guest an option to use plastic water bottles and in-room coffee & tea, however the guest can make their stay completely plastic free if they wish.

Should the guest have plastic items brought with them, we use our partner “Recyglo” to fully recycle their discarded plastics, metals and papers.

Savoy Hotel Yangon will keep pushing to make the whole hotel plastic free, even in the restaurants.

Other Green initiatives Implemented by Savoy Hotel Yangon;

☞ We are a proud partner of Recyglo Myanmar who offer in-depth trainings on waste management to our dedicated team, as well as collecting & recycling 100% of the Savoy Hotel Yangon’s plastics, metals and papers (where applicable) More info at recyglo.com

☞ We partake in both the international [#refillnotlandfill](https://www.refillnotlandfill.com/) project and the local Myanmar “Yay Chan Sin” movement, designed to reduce the use of single use plastic water bottles in the tourism industry.

- #refillnotlandfill was started in Cambodia in 2014 after local business owners became increasingly concerned with the impact of tourism related plastic waste on the local environment. The Savoy hotel was an early adapter of their teachings when they spread to Myanmar & we have benefitted from their expertise in affecting change in the tourism sector.
- "Yay Chan Sin" is the traditional Myanmar custom of offering water to travellers and strangers, and has been practised in Myanmar for generations. By offering water to those in need, it is believed that you "make merit"; a Buddhist practise believed to help you achieve enlightenment.

☞ At Savoy Hotel Yangon we offer guests reusable aluminium bottles (these are complimentary with the Green Room program, or can be purchased for a small fee if guests are on a different room category).

☞ Free water refill stations can be found across the hotel, and we also eliminated the use of plastic water bottles in our guest rooms & restaurants by offering drinking water from refillable glass water bottles and decanters.

☞ No plastic is used for our in-room amenities, at check in each guest can choose from one of our 3 locally produced soaps, which are then cut to order for the guest depending on the length of their stay. We also use refillable vessels for body wash, shampoo and conditioner in all guest rooms, as well as offering our guests reusable, biodegradable bamboo razors and toothbrushes & using PLA corn starch as a plastic replacement wherever possible.

☞ Together with "Diversey", one of the worlds' leading hygiene companies, we sanitise, repack and re-use discarded soap bars as part of our "Soap for Hope" project. This sterilised, repurposed soap is then donated to local causes in order to help combat disease, & to help educate people on the importance of personal hygiene practises.

☞ Whilst it is vital that the linen used in our restaurants and guest rooms are in, we don't simply discard it once it is past its best. After our linen reaches the end of its life-cycle at the Savoy, we don't simply discard it: instead it is carefully washed and repurposed in order to make school uniforms for under privileged children at the "Love Parahitd People's Welfare Center Children Development" at Kyaut Tan, Thanlynn Township.

☞ We have reduced power usage by implementing a standard in-room temperature of 25 degrees. Guests are then able to adjust the temperature of their rooms to their own personal preference upon check in. Simple but effective!

☞ Our culinary team, led by Executive Chef Florian Eberhardt, does not believe in wasteful buffets. Instead, we work hard to offer our guests the variety & flexibility of a buffet with dining experiences such as our Boutique brunch concept, where guests are able to order from a wide selection of dishes, served in bite sized portions in order to allow guests to enjoy multiple dishes for maximum enjoyment. (More info at Sunday Boutique Brunch at Savoy Hotel Facebook page)

☞ Myanmar is a country rich in fertile land and natural resources. We are delighted to be able to work with local artisan producers and suppliers to provide our guests with the best quality local produce, favouring organic wherever possible, from companies such as Haven Honey, Sharky's Myanmar, Fresco & element.

🦆 We follow a traditional Japanese method, adapted from centuries old rice paddy cultivation to keep our gardens bug free, by employing the services of our much-loved in-house ducks! Not only do they reduce the amount of pesticides needed to keep our property bug free, they are a much-loved part of the Savoy Hotel family and guest experience.

🦆 Savoy Hotel Yangon was named the winner of the “2019 Green Award” by Myanmar’s leading event and hospitality publication; “Myanmore” for being more sustainable than any other hospitality business in Myanmar. (text myanmore in the link: <http://tiny.cc/6eye5y>)

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About Savoy Hotel Yangon:

Founded in 1995 and since then in private ownership, the Savoy Hotel Yangon is a boutique hotel promoting the richness of Myanmar heritage through architecture and art. With the capacity of 30 deluxe rooms including six suites decorated with traditional Myanmar antiques and teak furniture, a dedicated team and unique food and beverage concept, the estates aim to revive the charm of the past while surprising its guests with a modern & sustainable bespoke hospitality offer.

The Savoy Hotel Yangon I is located in Kamayut Township on Dhammazed Road, ten minutes away from downtown of Yangon and 45 minute drive from the airport.

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