

Nurturing Nature: Eden Rock — St Barths Supports Local BioRock © Coral Reef Restoration Initiative

Eden Rock – St Barths, beloved Caribbean home-away-from-home rated one of the '50 Best Hotels in the World', is delighted to announce its ongoing 'Eden Reef' coral restoration project this winter season. In partnership with local environmental organisations, Island Nature Experiences (INE) and the Territorial Environment Agency (ATE), Eden Rock has actively supported efforts to breathe new life into the island's coral reefs since 2019, using the innovative BioRock© technique.

Process and Promising Results

The BioRock© technique involves a 3-step process to revitalize existing coral and promote its propagation. The coral frags are first attached to copper reinforcements before an energy source is applied. Then, the restoration team boosts mineralization of the coral and monitors its progress, adjusting where needed to ensure the coral reef continues to thrive and grow.

The results have been very promising, with around 200 coral fragments experiencing significant growth. As a bonus, the restoration project has welcomed back a vibrant variety of fish, including a growing population of juveniles of different species, serving as awe-inspiring proof of successful revitalisation of the local marine ecosystem.

Open Invitation to Guests

Eden Rock – St Barths extends an open invitation to guests and ocean enthusiasts to observe this inspiring project during their stay. Complimentary masks and snorkels are provided to those eager to explore the Eden Reef and discover the coral growth with their own eyes. Visitors are encouraged to keep tabs on the project's progress during future visits to Eden Rock, contributing their personal experience to this collaborative environmental initiative.

Nikki Beach Saint Barth, a renowned hotspot in the St Barths hospitality industry, has also joined forces with Eden Rock to further enhance the Eden Reef. The beach club, with Eden Rock – St Barths are in the process of installing a 310 square meter BioRock© reef around the rock, expanding the scope and impact of this vital conservation effort.

Guests can participate in the restoration efforts by snorkeling around the rock to discover the Eden Reef, collaborating with Island Nature Experiences (INE) in coral planting initiatives, making donations to local conservation efforts, or even adopting a coral to contribute directly to the cause.

To further support the protection of the reef ecosystem, Eden Rock – St Barths recommends choosing environmentally-friendly sunscreens like Soleil Toujours that are safe for marine life.

This winter season, Eden Rock – St Barths is celebrating progress in coral reef restoration, inviting everyone to be part of this meaningful journey.

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