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Ritz-Carlton to add electric vehicle charging stations to all properties

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Charging port of a Tesla Model S

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The Ritz Carlton Hotel Company is bolstering a sustainable future with the addition of electric vehicle charging stations at properties across its global portfolio.

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The hospitality brand has currently installed the chargers at the majority of its properties in North America and at select international hotels. Keeping its dedication to service close at hand, the addition of the charging stations will benefit guests who own electric vehicles.

Charge while you stay

Ritz-Carlton's network of charging stations will ensure that guests who drove a distance to stay at its properties will not be inconvenienced by searching for or not having an electric port available.

The hotel has outfitted two charging stations at properties including Washington, San Francisco, Barcelona and Hong Kong. The stations allow drivers to charge their vehicles for the next 150 miles in just over two hours.

So far, Ritz-Carlton has added the charging stations to destinations such as Boston, Dallas, Denver, Montreal, Philadelphia and other properties across North America. The stations have also been added to Ritz-Carlton hotels in Beijing, Chengdu and Shenzhen, with additional properties to be added in the coming months.



Electric vehicle charging station at a Ritz-Carlton property

"Our organization is committed to seek ways to inspire people to live differently," said Ed French, chief sales & marketing officer at Ritz-Carlton, in a statement. "Commitment to the community and environment was part of our original 1983 mission statement.

"Globally, we focus our efforts in three areas, of which one is environmental responsibility," he said. "Our approach is to merge our global strategy with local perspective – allowing us to integrate sustainable initiatives across the broad range of geographic locations in both remote and urban communities where our company has operations."

Back in 2011, Ritz-Carlton's Charlotte, NC property was the first of its hotels to go green.

As with the property-wide effort, the Ritz-Carlton Charlotte strengthened its commitment to environmentally friendly practices and operations by permanently installing a multi-power station for guests who drive electric vehicles ([see story](#)).

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