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STAR Island Bahamas World's first-of-its-kind, off-grid sustainable island destination announces its grand opening.

Eleuthera, Bahamas. STAR (Sustainable Terrain And Resources) Island, a 35-acre cay located off the northern coast of Eleuthera, is proving travelers can enjoy sustainability without sacrifice. The island's integrated off-grid technology runs on solar power, produces pure drinking water and organically grown food while showcasing innovative green architecture to its guests.

Against incredible odds and with limited resources, STAR Island Bahamas set out on a mission to be the world's first sustainable island destination, with guilt-free comfort to demonstrate that a desirable carbon-neutral lifestyle is both possible and realistic. Now this dream project is finally becoming a reality.

According to the project's founder and CEO David Sklar, a Bluffton, South Carolina 'eco-tect' recognized for his innovative design solutions, "Our development priorities will include showcasing the latest clean technologies, sustainable products and green building, all with an eye to being able to scale and replicate the project. We envision the island as a blueprint for the future, reducing the learning curve for others in the fight against pollution of the planet and climate change."

The first phase of the project featuring The Beach Bar & Grill, beach cabanas and Organic Island Garden opened to the public this spring. Visitors now can enjoy lunch by the beach featuring organic Island grown produce and fresh local catches. Activities such as bone fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling, birdwatching and spotting sea turtles are also available. Guests can also book the island for private events to create the perfect wedding, party or secluded escape in a natural and exclusive setting.

STAR Island will open its first overnight stay unit called "The Nest", offering guests an opportunity to take a sustainable lifestyle for a test drive. The Nest is a 650-sq. ft. suite located only a few steps from the beach, our Organic Garden and the Beach Bar & Grill. It features a modern Caribbean design with private balconies offering amazing views our crystal turquoise waters. It's a perfect getaway for couples looking for a relaxing retreat. The Nest will be open for reservations starting in May 2017.



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On phase 2 of the project, beachfront bungalows will be built as well as expansion of the power and water systems and the construction of a hydroponic greenhouse and aquaculture program.

The island is conceived as an ongoing project, where guests will always have the opportunity to get involved and experience something new and interactive: whether helping harvest produce, plant a tree or creating an artificial reef, it's sure to be a visit to remember.

The project's team is currently building collaborative partnerships with sustainably-oriented companies. STAR Island's most recent alliance is with <u>Tropic Ocean Air (TOA)</u>, the ultimate in ecofriendly way to air travel.

STAR Island has been recognized and acclaimed by the Bahamian government as a pioneer in a new era of sustainable development and tourism. The island's Grand Opening will take place on Earth Day, April 22nd, 2017 in a ceremony for VIPs, media and government officials.

For more information on visiting STAR and updates on the project, visit www.starislandbahamas.net.

About STAR Island Bahamas

STAR Island Bahamas - Established in 2006 by a small group of individuals with a mission: providing the world's first sustainable island destination, where desirable experiences and environmental care intersect. The project showcases innovative solutions to produce clean power, pure water and fresh food on-site while offering a unique hands-on travel experience to visitors. STAR Island Bahamas has been recognized and acclaimed by the Bahamian government as a pioneer in a new era of sustainable development and tourism. For more information, please visit www.starislandbahamas.net.