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THE LOOK Ecotourism's answer to the Japanese bullet train.

GREEN FACTOR The lustrous concrete-and-glass walls and cantilevered photovoltaic panels lend an air of industrial chic to this 30-room retreat owned by a rail company. Hundred-year-old shipping barrels are used to collect rainwater, and the nature walkways are paved with

old railroad ties. Guests can park their cabooses in one of the outdoor cast-iron hot baths or meditate alongside the aquamarine Shimanto River, one of the purest in Japan.

Shikoku Island, Kochi; 81-8803/31600; doubles from \$220, including meals and spa access.

