

FOUR SEASONS RESORTS MALDIVES

THE MALDIVES ISSUE



Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru



Four Seasons Explorer



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WELCOME TO FOUR SEASONS RESORT MALDIVES AT **KUDA HURAA**

... a colourful garden 'village' bathed by crystal waters just 25 minutes from the airport.

Engage in exhilarating activities from surfing to shark safaris, dolphin-watching to diving. Sail by dhoni to The Island Spa – the only spa in the Maldives on its own private isle. Retreat to beach accommodations surrounded by tropical blooms or water bungalows with mesmerising ocean views. As the setting sun paints the endless sky, the Sunset Lounge and Turtle Beach epitomise the Resort's postcard-perfect setting and laid-back vibe.



A village setting that draws on the traditions of generations of craftsmen

The architectural design centres on giving the entire Resort the feeling of a Maldivian village. Traditionally styled accommodations flank the island, either side of a wide garden promenade filled with bright, fragrant flowers. Architectural detailing – including decorative lattice panels, curved roof shapes and carved roof features – is inspired by Maldivian forms and draws on the traditions of generations of craftsmen. A generous use of timber and thatch complements the natural surroundings, with subtly raised floors maximising the sea views throughout the island. All en-suite bathrooms integrate an indoor bath and shower area with a Maldivian open-air shower set in the exotic confines of its own walled garden.





ACCOMMODATIONS

96 traditional land and sea-based accommodations arranged around a central garden promenade

Beach Pavilions with Pool (25 units / interior 45m² / exterior 62m²) have a spacious garden and plunge pool.

Beach Bungalows with Pool (27 units / interior 63m² / exterior 82m²) are set within lush tropical gardens with a 12m² plunge pool and gazebo.

Water Bungalows (24 units / Interior 61m² / exterior 39m²) are stilted over the lagoon with dressing room and private outside deck with steps leading to the lagoon. Bathrooms – accessible from both bedroom and deck – include a large bath overlooking the lagoon and courtyard with open-air shower.



Water Bungalows with Pool (8 units / Interior 61m² / exterior 39m²) Positioned directly over the water with wide-reaching lagoon views, these upgraded accommodations integrate a private, glass-sided pool, accessible from bedroom and deck, for easy, open-plan lagoon living.



Family Beach Bungalows with Pool (5 units / interior 75m² / exterior 82m²) each have an adjoining study room with a single bed with pull-out underbed, desk, wardrobe and TV. With direct access to the dressing area and bathroom, they are ideal for families with younger children.



One-bedroom Water Suites (4 units / interior 91m² / exterior 55m²) have wrap-around sea views, main bedroom and bathroom (with open-air shower courtyard) plus a separate living room with sofa bed and adjoining shower room.

Two-bedroom Water Suites (2 units / interior 173m² / exterior 99m²) have a king and a twin-bedded room, each with dressing area, bathroom and outdoor shower. A shared living and dining area overlooks a large private sundeck. Steps lead to the lagoon and the adjacent snorkelling opportunities of the small Reef Island.



Two-bedroom Royal Beach Villa (1 unit / interior 197m² / exterior 256m²) has its own stretch of beach with sun loungers and a gazebo. It is set within a large, tropical garden that includes a sundeck (149 m²), generous 35m² infinity-edged pool, shaded day-bed, gazebo and *undholi* (traditional wooden swing). Inside, one king-bedded room and one twin-bedded room – both with indoor and outdoor showers – are positioned off a large central living area.





DINING

- Four restaurants, two bars, in-bungalow and specialty dining

Café Huraa

Café Huraa serves Western, Asian and Maldivian cuisine under two al fresco pavilions adjacent to the swimming pool. A raised floor maximises the views across the pool and ocean. The white stone floor, high thatched roofs and breezy setting enhance the air of beachside relaxation.

Reef Club

Reef Club serves Italian fine dining with an emphasis on seafood, homemade pastas, wood-fired pizzas and grilled meats. The restaurant is tucked away at the southern end of the island, beyond the buzz of the main pool area. Watch the baby black tip reef sharks in the shallow lagoon from tables on the deck or opt for seating under a thatched pavilion or at tables in the sand.



Baraabar

Open for dinner only, Baraabar focuses on made-to-order home-style Indian cuisine, with highlights including Jain, Sattvic and organic specialties. Dine beneath imposing timber columns inspired by the architecture of Kerala, at the Tandoor Bar, or on the spectacular deck that extends 25 metres over the sea. Torch-lit at night, the deck leads to a separate private dining pavilion for up to four guests.





Kandu Grill

Located adjacent to the main pool, Kandu Grill is open for dinner, serving fresh catch of the day alongside choice meats, seafood, salads and side dishes from an open kitchen pavilion.

Sunset Lounge

It's Kodak-moments aplenty at the Sunset Lounge, an atmospheric, open-sided pavilion overlooking the main jetty. Picture-perfect views of the sunset beyond The Island Spa are complemented by a billiards table, creative cocktails and access to the Turtle Beach.



Poolside Terrace & Bar

The 'swim-up' poolside bar and adjacent terrace serve cocktails, juices and snacks throughout the day. Gazebos around the pool provide shade by day and romantic dining venues by night.

Beach Dining

Special arrangements can be made for dinner under the stars on the yoga platform, romantic beach barbecues, Robinson Crusoe picnics and private parties of any size.



In-Bungalow Dining

Available 24 hours, in-bungalow dining can cater to any request, from a sunrise Champagne breakfast to a romantic starlit dinner.





THE ISLAND SPA

- A haven of innovative treatments inspired by nature's purest ingredients

The Island Spa – the only spa in the Maldives located on its own private isle – is just a minute's sail by *dhooni* across Kuda Huraa's lagoon.

Lush gardens lead to seven over-water treatment pavilions – each designed for couples – featuring massage tables with sea-viewing portals, separate bathing area and private garden courtyard with open-air shower.

The Island Spa's menu melds Sodashi's all-natural goodness with time-honoured Asian traditions to offer a range of innovative approaches for men, women and children.

Menu highlights include: multi-day spa programmes that focus on detoxification, rejuvenation and romantic pampering; artfully tailored rituals to rejuvenate and restore; five specialty facials; intuitive, healing massages – such as the Maldivian Hathareh Massage – that draw on ancient techniques plus dedicated men's treatments. The Spa also offers in-room Bath Rituals: 13 exclusive aromatherapy baths prepared in the comfort of one's guestroom or suite.

The Night Spa

The Island Spa dramatically transforms into The Night Spa from 10 pm daily, offering open-air lunar rituals under the tropical night sky.





Kuda Spa

The Kuda ('Little') Spa menu offers a progressive approach to children as young as six (when accompanied by an adult). Seven natural, island-inspired treatments include interactive sessions that enable children to blend their own essential oils, 'activate' lava shells and make massage poultices.



Yoga

The Island Spa includes an ornately carved sea-facing Yoga pavilion, where the Resort's Yogi guides beginners and experienced followers alike through early morning 'Sun Salutations', evening 'Sunset Meditations', awareness talks and private tuition.



LEISURE AND RECREATION

Surf School

Guests can adopt an entire ocean lifestyle at the Resort's Surf School, with courses for ages six years old and above. Run by the pros from Tropicsurf, Noosa, Australia, the school caters for all abilities: learn to master the board in the pristine lagoon, embark on a series of surf clinics or let loose on six quality breaks within a stone's throw – with many more secret, uncrowded spots just a whisper away. Enjoy easy take-offs and long rides in some of the world's most consistent – and warmest – swells, with expert instructors on hand to help maximise every wave. Kuda Huraa also hosts the Surfing Champions Trophy, an annual boutique surf contest that pits six ex-world champions across three evolutionary disciplines.



Dive Centre

The Resort operates its own PADI 5-Star IDC Centre with air and nitrox diving. A multilingual team offers courses for all abilities (including 'Bubble Maker' and PADI Seal Team courses for children) and daily dive

trips. The Resort is within five to 30 minutes of 30 excellent dive sites, accessed via a traditional customised *dhoni*. Highlights include the renowned manta ray cleaning station at Sunlight Point (sightings from May to November) and the exciting 110-metre long cargo freighter wreck, just 45 minutes away.

Kuda Huraa's dive team will also help guests complete the theory part of the PADI Open Water Course online (with PADI e-learning) in the comfort of their home prior to their arrival, enabling them to qualify on site in just two days.

Certified and advanced divers can enjoy daily two-tank morning dives and one-tank afternoon dives, with sunrise, night and other specialty dives available on request. A full range of fun, continuation courses offer the additional benefit of developing impressive new skills in thrilling areas alongside some of the most experienced instructors in the Maldives.

Water Sports Centre

Complimentary activities include kayaking, snorkelling, windsurfing, single sail and catamaran sailing. Lessons in windsurfing and sailing by RYA certified instructors are available at a fee, along with water-skiing, parasailing, banana-boating and fun tube rides.

Swimming Pool

A free-form, freshwater infinity pool – that stretches 1269m² from a shallow wading pool to the edge of the lagoon – lined with black slate and incorporating a swim-up bar. Next to the pool is a separate children's



pool and a row of mini thatched pavilions for shade and seating.

Serenity Pool

Located at the island's southern tip adjacent to Reef Club, the sweeping 395 sq. m. freeform pool, ringed by a spacious wooden deck, is an adults-only sanctuary with tranquil loungers and day beds, over-sea whirlpool, and starlit swimming in a secluded beachfront location.

Island Tennis Court

A one-minute boat ride across the lagoon, the exterior all-weather, night-lit court offers private lessons, FITennis Group Sessions for up to six people, Mini Tennis for kids, and complimentary play and equipment with 360 degree Indian Ocean views.

Kuda Mas Kids Club

Offers a complimentary daily programme of sports, crafts and games for 4 to 12 year olds. Activities include junior yoga and spa sessions, snorkelling with a Marine Biologist, cooking classes, kite-making (and flying) and palm-leaf folding.

Lava Lounge

Bright, spacious and air-conditioned, with comfy sofas, plasma TV, three Mac terminals, PS3, Wii, board games, books and magazines in a variety of languages.

Gym

In a large, ground floor flooded with natural light. Features state-of-the-art machinery (with personal TVs/headphones), ocean views across the treetops and separate male/female changing rooms.

Clinic

The Resort's in-house doctor is also a specialist in dive medicine and is on-call 24 hours.

Shark Safari

Just 15 minutes in a speedboat from Kuda Huraa, the waters around the island of Bandos are a playground for black tip reef sharks. The Resort's marine biologists take guests aged eight and over on escorted snorkelling trips with these magnificent yet vulnerable creatures.

Snorkel Trail

Kuda Huraa's warm, shallow lagoon is teeming with marine life; visit the Snorkel Trail to see the work of the Reefscapers – one of the most successful reef propagation projects of its kind in the world.

Family Activities

Nature walks, marine lectures, windsurfing, waterskiing (skis for six years and above), fishing, guided reef snorkelling, kayaking, cooking classes, table tennis and excursions (see below). Staff will also arrange table tennis and pool games, look after children while parents swim or accompany snorkellers who prefer not to venture out alone.

Excursions

Guided short, half-day and full-day excursions including trips to Malé, island-hopping, dolphin-watching cruises, sunset fishing, champagne cruises, island picnics and private yacht trips onboard the luxurious *High Flyer* or *Landaa Summer*.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Marine Discovery Centre (MDC) – an interactive research and education centre that introduces guests and local school children alike to the role we can each play in conserving the local and global marine ecosystem.

The Centre features audio-visual presentations on specific areas of conservation close to the Kuda Huraa team’s heart, including turtles, coral reefs, sharks and dolphins. In addition, it shows daily 3D movie presentations on the underwater world.

www.marinesavers.com - features the history, progress and plans of all of Four Seasons Resorts Maldives marine conservation projects. Interactive components enable guests to keep track of the Resorts’ satellite-tagged turtles, follow the progress of coral frames they have sponsored and transplanted, and keep up to date with news of island events from the discovery of turtle nests to outreach projects with local schools.

The Maldivian Sea Turtle Conservation Programme – Comprising a series of projects across Four Seasons Resorts Maldives, our turtle programme works to protect, monitor, relocate, release, rear and rehabilitate Maldivian sea turtles. Kuda Huraa’s MDC has two turtle ponds, where green turtle hatchlings from protected nests are reared for up to 18 months to improve their chance of survival in the wild.





Reefscapers (www.marinesavers.com) – Kuda Huraa has been working with environmental consultancy, Seamarc Pvt. Ltd, to improve coral cover around the Resort since 2001. Known as ‘Reefscapers’, the regeneration initiative today runs concurrently at Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru, and has grown into one of the most successful projects of its kind in the world. Sponsored by the Resorts and their guests, it involves attaching coral fragments onto specially designed coral frames to boost existing reef habitats and generate new ones. Frames are produced on Fulhadoo – a nearby island of 250 inhabitants – where the only previous source of employment was fishing.

Water-bottling Plant – Kuda Huraa’s water bottling plant produces still and sparkling water for its restaurants and guestrooms, saving around 30,400 plastic bottles per month.

Bodu Huraa Community Initiatives – Kuda Huraa has initiated and supports several projects on the neighbouring island of Bodu Huraa. These include: a recycling centre; the provision of a desalination plant and sewage system; the support of the community health centre; purchasing contracts with fishermen and farmers, and the financing and leasing back of private boats and private homes from local owners for staff use. Kuda Huraa also has strong relationships with local painters and woodworkers from Bodu Huraa who visit the Resort weekly to display their art and crafts for guests to buy.

Mosquito Control – Kuda Huraa has been working with Trudy Rilling-Collins, a.k.a. ‘The Mosquito Lady’, since 2011 to provide environmentally responsible solutions to unwanted monsoon-loving guests. Thanks to Trudy’s highly targeted techniques, Four Seasons has been able to completely eliminate the use of fogging across both of its Maldivian resorts, and is now funding the extension of the project to Bodu Huraa, Kuda Huraa’s adjacent community island, and across 13 island communities in the Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere.



FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

Weddings

Four Seasons Resorts Maldives offer bridal and honeymoon couples the opportunity to design the ultimate Maldivian adventure, with three wedding and honeymoon options seamlessly intertwined. Exchange vows in any number of picturesque locations at Kuda Huraa: beneath a towering palm tree, under the shade of a thatched pavilion, beside the infinity-edged pool or on a yacht on the ocean...then 'swop' paradises via a 30-minute point-to-point seaplane transfer for a honeymoon on Four Seasons sister island of Landaa Giraavaru or sail away on Four Seasons Explorer for a three-, four- or seven-night marine and cultural odyssey into the outer atolls. The Resort offers a wedding package that includes the ceremonial set-up, honeymoon dinner, spa treatments and yoga sessions.



Meeting Room

The bright and spacious Library is arranged as a comfortable 'living-room' with large table, sofas and floor to ceiling glass windows. The Resort's meeting package includes room set-up, tea/coffee breaks and lunch. Activities for participants/their families include spa treatments, yoga, cooking classes, diving, snorkelling, kayaking, surfing and island-hopping.