

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 **LANDAA GIRA VARU ...**

... a natural 44-acre wilderness in the secluded Baa Atoll UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, a scenic seaplane ride from Malé. Snorkel with turtles, dolphins, and lemon sharks in the two kilometre lagoon. Immerse in the healing heart of The Spa and Ayurvedic Retreat, complemented by ayurvedic options in all four restaurants. Join pioneering marine research projects or hide away in 103 vast accommodation compounds, on the beach, over the water or hidden down dense jungle paths ...

Revealing the island's raw beauty in tantalising instalments

The Resort's design is a pure expression of function over form, characterised by clean lines and lack of unnecessary elaboration, curves, carvings, or decoration. The pure appearance is complemented by the very deliberate orientation of each building – cut-throughs in the vegetation, 'picture' frames created by cross beams, extremely private gardens, tall ceilings and seemingly endless jungle paths – that each combine to reveal the raw beauty of the island in tantalising instalments.



The Resort was designed by visionary Sri Lankan architect, Murad Ismail, and showcases a simple, contemporary blend of traditional Maldivian and Sri Lankan forms. The airy buildings each adhere to regional styles – from the 45-degree pitch of the high thatched roofs to the use of coral walls. (Four Seasons received approval from the Maldivian Government to recycle the coral used from a redevelopment project and painstakingly revived the ancient Maldivian building techniques on the external walls of the villas.) Entry to each residential domain is via its own turquoise gate with traditional coral walls and lush vegetation providing maximum privacy.



ACCOMMODATIONS

103 vast accommodations on the beach, over the lagoon or hidden down dense jungle paths

Landaa Giraavaru's vast natural wilderness incorporates 103 thatched bungalows and villas of contemporary Maldivian design. Modern conveniences include wireless high-speed internet, 42-inch plasma TV, audiovisual system with DVD player and MP3 cable, and espresso machine.

Beach Bungalows with Pool (27 units / interior 75m² / exterior 91m²) have a spacious garden with plunge pool and *undholi* (traditional Maldivian swing).

Beach Villas with Pool (26 units / interior 137m² / exterior 260m²) have a 12m-lap pool, extensive private garden and outdoor, sand-floor living pavilion with sea-gazing loft accessible via a spiral staircase.

Family Beach Villas with Pool (4 units / interior 164m² / exterior 260m²) have a study room with sofa bed (plus underbed) and shower room.

Water Villas (28 units / interior 86m² / exterior 53m²) and **Water Villas with Pool** (10 units / interior 86m² / exterior 67m²) are stilted over the lagoon with large decked outdoor living space, lounging nets suspended over the lagoon and sea-gazing loft.



Two-Bedroom Family Beach Bungalows with Pool (2 units / interior 159m²/ exterior 91m²) have a twin-bedded room (with separate bathroom / outdoor shower) linked to the master bedroom.



Two-bedroom Water Suites (2 units / interior 182m² / exterior 200m²) have uninterrupted sunrise or sunset views from the end of the jetty.

Two-bedroom Land and Ocean Suites (2 units / interior 280m² / exterior 400m²). Land-based, open-plan living/dining pavilion (plus library, kitchenette and bathroom) links via a huge wooden walkway, 36m² pool, large over-water nets and al fresco dining pavilion to two ocean-based, en-suite sleeping pavilions, each with dressing room and outdoor shower.



Two-bedroom Royal Beach Villa (1 unit / interior 310m² / exterior 890m²) has a Master pavilion with indoor/outdoor bathroom, kitchenette, outdoor living/dining pavilion and separate guest pavilion. The large garden has a 20m-lap pool with 'floating' dining table, beachside bale, courtyard with massage beds and stretches of white sand beach.



Three-bedroom Landaa Estate (1 unit / interior 800 m² / exterior 2,000 m²) Combine the ultimate in beachside escapism with a true home-away-from-home experience at our über-luxe hideaway residence. This three-bedroom, two-storey estate features a private 80-metre (262-foot) beach, two pools, a Stargazing Lounge, a vast al fresco living space, and 24-hour assistance from caring, dedicated staff.





DINING

Four restaurants – all with Ayurvedic options – four bars, in-villa and specialty dining

Blu Restaurant and Blu Bar (Italian)

On Landaa's western tip, overlooking the lagoon, Blu serves contemporary Italian cuisine for lunch and dinner. White interiors contrast with the blues of the surrounding sky, ocean and lagoon. A 'sunset' swimming pool separates the restaurant and sand-floor bar (open all day).

Al Barakat (Lebanese and Moroccan)

Named after North African scholar who made Baa Atoll his home in the 12th century. Perched over the lagoon by the main jetty, it serves Lebanese and Moroccan mezzés, grills and stews for dinner on two rooftop terraces under a canopy of stars. The ground floor Shisha Bar is open to the sea, with curtained sofas and ornate lanterns – an atmospheric setting for pre-dinner drinks or Turkish coffee and Shisha pipes.



Café Landaa (Indian, Asian and International)

Serves breakfast, lunch and dinner within three thatched pavilions separated by reflecting ponds. The vast breakfast buffet includes Asian, continental and international selections with ayurvedic-labelling and *dosha*-specific teas and tonics. Lunch and dinner feature Indian and Asian specialties; a separate Teppanyaki counter opens for dinner only.



Fuego Grill

A simple, torch-lit evening venue with teak tables and chairs set in the sand overlooking the sea. Fuego serves fresh catch of the day alongside a selection of prime cuts and salads.



Seabar

Standing uncovered in the sea, with steps down into the lagoon, Seabar draws guests nightly from 5 pm till midnight with an easy, breezy vibe and blissfully secluded feel. Watch the lemon sharks and reef fish below, laze on cushions with signature frozen margaritas and snack on tapas-style platters and light bites. Different DJs keep the lounge abuzz from 9pm.

Five Degrees North

Five Degrees North's casual bar setting includes a pool table and bar counter fashioned from a *dhoni*.



In-Villa Dining

Available 24 hours, for any request, from a sunrise champagne breakfast to a candlelit sandbank dinner, beach dinner, 'floating' platform dinner or Robinson Crusoe picnic.



IMMERSE IN THE HEALING HEART OF LANDAA GIRAAVARU



Stretching from the heart of the island to the middle of the lagoon, the Spa and Ayurvedic Retreat pulsates with life and wisdom, purity and health. With a strong emphasis on natural healing, the 2.5 acre complex draws its strength from the

surrounding landscape, the integrity of ila's 'beyond organic' products and the intrinsic spirituality of its therapists, Ayurvedic Physicians and yogi. 10 vast open-air treatment pavilions – including three dedicated to ayurveda – nestle in their own lush tropical gardens or on stilts over the turquoise lagoon.

Ayurvedic therapies, Panchakarma programmes, and all-inclusive 7-, 14- and 21-day Ayurvedic Immersions incorporate medicinal plants from the Herbal Garden such as ark, ginger, mahabala and neem. Specialty spa therapies include Chakra Blessings, Tantric Traditions and Reconnection Rituals for the whole family. The Spa also has its own Acupuncturist.

An extensive yoga programme offers complimentary sessions plus private yoga 'enhancers' for specific spa and ayurvedic therapies.

Complimentary ayurvedic consultations are offered to all Resort guests, with a unique Ayurvedic food-labelling system in place on all restaurant menus. Guests are also invited to visit the Herbal Centre to learn more about the nutritional, physical, and emotional benefits of the ayurvedic process.

The entire Spa team is united by a strong currency of connection. They meet regularly to chant healing sounds and prepare for the energy transferrals of the day ahead; the resultant atmosphere within the Spa and Ayurvedic Retreat is as nurturing as any to be found in the Indian Ocean.





The Salon

Landaa's sea-view salon features a renowned stylist from the Rossano Ferretti headquarters in Parma, Italy, who considers everything from the natural fall of hair to face shape, character and skin tone to create the most flattering, highly personalised results.





A SANCTUARY UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Diving

With *thila* and channel diving, vibrant coral gardens, abundant fish life, great visibility and warm waters year-round, the Maldives is one of the world's top diving destinations. Landaa Giraavaru's isolated location in the remote Baa Atoll UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve places guests in close proximity to many virgin dive sites, including over 30 unspoiled coral gardens. It is also just a short boat ride from renowned manta ray and whale shark hotspots like Hanifaru Bay, Bathalaa island and Veyofushi Reef (June to Dec).



The Resort's PADI Five-Star IDC Dive Centre is located within steps of the warm, fish-filled lagoon. It offers the full spectrum of PADI courses: from the Seal Team programme of AquaMissions for children aged 8 and above, through to Master Scuba Diver, the highest non-professional ranking in the PADI system.



Beginners will encounter no stress, no heavy equipment to carry, no group classes and no pool dives – just relaxed, private courses run by consummate professionals in safe, shallow lagoons.

Landaa Giraavaru'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.



LEISURE AND RECREATION

Pools

50m-infinity pool with swim-up bar and sundeck (the only Olympic-size pool in the Maldives); 20m 'floating' seawater pool; Blu sunset pool and kids pool (at Kids Club). Complimentary pool service includes chilled, towels, iced water, Evian spritz and frozen fruit.

Water Sports Centre

Complimentary non-motorised activities include catamaran sailing, single sails, windsurfing, kayaking and snorkelling; motorised activities such as Seabobs (jet-driven water rockets), waterskiing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, jet-skiing, fun tubes, plus kite surfing, sailing and windsurfing lessons are available at a fee.

Kids Club

The Kuda Velaa ('Little Turtle') Kids Club has its own pool and garden with play equipment and wooden pirate adventure ship. It also runs the 'Passport to Adventure' programme, which offers children aged 4-12 up to eight daily activities alongside a 'Passport' of puzzles and challenges. From Coral Reef Building to Wishing Tree Walks, Snorkel Adventures to Dosha Discovery, Yogaflex to Lizard Safaris, kids can complete challenges to earn



stamps in their Republic of Landaa Giraavaru Passport: 7 or more stamps earns a toy; collecting all 14 earns ice-cream sundaes at Blu.



Teen Centre

Teenagers can play pool or computer games in their own centre, Majaa Maizan, learn to windsurf or sail or enjoy private beach dinners with friends.

Gym

With advanced cardio fitness equipment and surround-sound audio system.



Floodlit Tennis Court

With complimentary rackets and balls; tennis lessons with an on-site pro are available at a fee.

Beaches

One kilometre of white sandy beach can be found on the island's northern and southern shores, ending in long sand-spits on both the eastern and western tips. On the western side, the lagoon extends two kilometres. The beaches are served by the Resort's **Paddleboat Waiters**, who encircle the island equipped with chilled refreshments, ready to deliver to guests as soon as they beckon.

Snorkelling

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

Bicycles

Monogrammed cruiser bikes and junior bikes are available for all guests for the duration of their stay to enable them to explore the island at their leisure.

Excursions

Dolphin cruises, sunset fishing, sandbank picnics, private island escapes and private yacht trips onboard the luxurious *Landaa Summer II*.

Cultural visits

Way off the usual tourist route, excursions to islands like Kudarikilu and Dharavandhoo – the original capital of the Baa Atoll – offer a glimpse into the cultural heart of the Maldives. Visit ancient mosques and handicraft stores selling carvings and figurines crafted using century-old techniques.

Resort Shop

A wide range of fashion and beachwear, accessories, jewellery and gifts that showcase the best of the Indian Ocean; the Resort also has a Dive Retail Shop and Spa Shop.

Orchid Garden

The Resort has its own exotic Orchid Garden – filled with dazzling Dendrobiums, classic Cattleyas, vivid Vandas and the ever-floriferous Rhynchostylis gigantean – open daily from 8.30am to 6.00pm for tours, tips and leisurely exploration.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Marine Discovery Centre (MDC) – an interactive research and education centre designed to guide guests and locals alike through the underwater world of the Maldives and the Resort’s efforts to conserve it. The Centre uses multi-language touch screen video kiosks, dramatic photography, exhibition boards, educational talks, life-size models and interaction with marine biologists to educate its visitors. The Centre also has a dedicated children’s area with touch tank.

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.

Reefscapers – Four Seasons Resorts Maldives coral propagation project is one of the most successful of its kind in the world. Instigated by Maldivian environmental consultancy, Seamarc Pvt. Ltd, and sponsored by the Resorts and their guests, the propagation process involves attaching coral fragments onto specially designed coral frames to boost existing reef habitats and generate new ones. Reefscapers is also investigating ground-breaking clone selection research to help protect reefs against global warming. See www.marinesavers.com

Maldivian Manta Ray Project (MMRP) (part of Manta Trust) – Founded by senior marine biologist Guy Stevens – with the support of Four Seasons and Save Our Seas – the world-renowned MMRP has amassed the largest number of identified manta rays on record

anywhere, combining new discoveries with active conservation and education. See www.mantatrust.org Guests visiting the Resort between May and October can become a manta researcher for the day, or sign up for ‘Manta on Call’: a thrilling speedboat ride to swim with mantas spotted at nearby hotspots.



Landaa’s Fish Lab breeds ornamental fish with the aim, in time, of developing an alternative source of income for local communities.



Landaa's Turtle Rehabilitation Centre is part of the Maldivian Sea Turtle Conservation Programme, a series of projects established by Four Seasons Resorts Maldives to protect, monitor, relocate, release, rear and rehabilitate Maldivian sea turtles.



Mosquito Control – Landaa Giraaavru 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.

The Baa Atoll Youth Project (BAYP) – Dating back to Autumn 2009, BAYP sees the Resort working with local youngsters on conservation issues and projects relevant to their home islands, increasing environmental education and aiding the effective implementation of local conservation measures.

Waste Management Programme – Implemented across three local islands, providing collection bins and fortnightly removal of waste that would otherwise pollute the island and surrounding sea.

Water-bottling Plant – producing still and sparkling water for Landaa’s restaurants and guestrooms, saving around 30,400 plastic bottles per month.

Four Seasons Zuvaanunge Saqaafee Vaadha (Four Seasons Youth Culture Competition) – an annual *bodu beru* competition to promote cultural values and sustainability among local youth.



Support of the Thulhaadhoo lacquer ware artisans – the only remaining lacquer ware craftsmen in the Maldives, of whom Four Seasons is the biggest single customer.

Support of Kihadhoo School – including contributions towards the provision and installation smart TVs in all the classrooms to enhance learning activities.

Introducing Kaku ... Kaku (short for ‘kakuni’ – crab in Dhivehi) is Landaa’s resident journalist: a hermit crab that lives in the 3rd Hole on Landaa’s Palm Tree Road. As well as penning nightly ‘Reef News’ articles for turndown, Kaku ‘guides’ the MDC’s film and language selections. Visit him on Facebook or email



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FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

Weddings and Honeymoon

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 Landaa Giraavaru, from the powder-white sandspit that winds into the two-kilometre lagoon to a vast private villa hidden down dense jungle paths...then 'swap' paradises via a 30 minute point-to-point seaplane transfer for a honeymoon on Four Seasons sister island of Kuda Huraa 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, romantic dinner and spa treatments.



Meeting and Function Rooms

The Resort has three spacious and sun-lit meeting rooms plus the wine cellar – an intimate coral-walled wine-tasting venue inside Café Landaa. All the function rooms are styled in traditional Maldivian design and are complemented by modern tropical interiors. A meeting package that includes room set-up, tea/coffee breaks and lunch is available at the Resort, with spouse or family programmes incorporating activities from cooking classes to kayaking.



THE HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

Originally launched at Kuda Huraa in 2001, the Four Seasons Maldives Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme is a vocational training programme for young and dynamic Maldivians (aged 17-20) looking to enter the hospitality industry.

Apprentices are selected by a team of the Resorts' Senior Management from a series of hundreds of one-to-one interviews held across the Maldives each year; they are then trained throughout the course of a year to become solid professionals in areas including Food & Beverage Preparation, Food & Beverage Service, Safe Maritime Transport, PADI Dive Master, Water Sports, Housekeeping & Guest Services.

The programme includes a combination of intensive on-the-job training and theoretical classroom sessions, with specialisation courses taught by Senior Management. Most apprentices arrive at the Resorts with little or no working experience, but leave a year later with the talent and ability to secure a position in any of the Maldives' five-star resorts.

In 2010, the Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme was officially recognised by the Maldives' Ministry of Human Resources as a government-accredited curriculum and was awarded the internationally recognized TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) certification; this makes Four Seasons the first hotel group to enter into a partnership with the Maldivian government and the first to offer a TVET-certified hospitality programme to local youngsters.

The programme has grown year on year, with 2011 marking a decade of educational excellence. The Class of 2013 (graduation date: April 13th, 2013) comprised 47 students, the largest since the programme began. The Class of 2014 (inauguration date: April 13th, 2013) comprises 650 young apprentices across Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru.

Approximately 75% of the programme's 312 graduates to date are now full-time employees of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts.



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ABOUT FOUR SEASONS

Dedicated to continuous innovation and the highest standards of hospitality, Four Seasons invented luxury for the modern traveller. From elegant surroundings of the finest quality, to caring, highly personalised 24-hour service, Four Seasons embodies a true home away from home for those who know and appreciate the best. The deeply instilled Four Seasons culture is personified in its employees – people who share a single focus and are inspired to offer great service. Founded in 1960, Four Seasons has followed a targeted course of expansion, opening hotels in major city centers and desirable resort destinations around the world. For more information on Four Seasons, visit www.fourseasons.com