

# Kurumba

MALDIVES



Marhabaa and a Maldivian welcome to our 21st issue of Postcard From Kurumba.

Over the past three months, we have been busy upgrading Vihamanaa restaurant and its facilities, including work in the heart of house.

Specifically, we have built 24 new staff rooms allowing for lower ratios of team members in each room. We have also upgraded the Kurumba staff restaurant with new hot and cold buffets, drink dispensers and the kitchen. The investment in our heart of house is important as we understand that a happy staff team makes for a much better guest experience. If you do get the chance, we certainly encourage you to take advantage of our heart of house tour next time you are here to take a look around.

Guests who are looking to return to Kurumba in the coming months, are welcome to contact us directly for our latest special offers and return guest benefits. This can be done also through your preferred travel agent. It is always a pleasure to welcome you back and we hope to see you again in the nearest future.

Shukriyya,  
Jason Kruse  
General Manager

## Vihamanaa Upgrade

We are delighted to announce that the Vihamanaa restaurant refurbishment has been completed, offering improvements of the restaurant's dining areas, food stations, guest bathrooms and staff facilities. Additional facilities including the brand new wine cellar will be near completion in the coming month.

Vihamanaa's upgrade includes new gardens, flooring and ceiling fans which will create a more spacious and cooler dining



environment for guests, with increasing air flow and reducing ambient temperatures.

Many Chefs state that you start to eat with your eyes, hence the redesign of the buffet stations, with new separate food stations from refrigerated salad and pastry units, to hot and live cooking stations.

The efficiency of the restaurant has greatly improved for the staff. With the bars moving to the front, quality coffee machines, the wine cellar and more, you will be able to get your brew and evening tipple much quicker.

Overall, we hope the changes will enhance the guest and the Kurumba staff experience of dining at Vihamanaa restaurant.

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## See With Your Own Eyes

We are happy to share with your our latest [YouTube video](#), produced by Superiest ([www.superiest.net](http://www.superiest.net)) showing stunning insights of Kurumba, our people and the colourful local islands. Don't miss out on the gorgeous footage of the Jet Ski Safari and the sandbank, along with other unique experiences happening in Kurumba!

Please give us a thumbs up, comments and subscribe to our YouTube channel, where you will find some other interesting videos and handy tips to plan your Maldivian escape holiday.



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## A Treatment By The Ocean

Veli Spa at Kurumba Maldives is now offering open beachside air outdoor treatments by the ocean with the introduction of "Raalhu Outdoor Treatments" (Raalhu meaning wave in the local language Dhivehi).

An oasis of calm, the new invigorating spa treatments will take place in a dedicated open air gazebo, located in the quiet western side of the island and perfect for enchanting sunsets.

The treatments available at Raalhu include full body massages, scrubs and massages, foot treatments and our destination spa journey *Spa under the Stars*.



The scrubs are particularly unique as after a gentle sand and coconut scrub treatment, guests can take a refreshing dip in the beautiful turquoise sea at Kurumba to rinse.

The coconut oil used at Veli Spa is 100% organic and pure. It is produced from Kurumba's coconut trees, as part of our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme for sustainable tourism.

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### **Maverick By Name, Friendly By Nature. New Watersports Operator**

We are pleased to introduce *Maverick Style* as Kurumba's new watersports operator. *Maverick Style* will bring new and modern equipment to the resort and will be working with our team to provide guests with unforgettable experiences.

Enjoy invigorating bird's eye views of the surrounding islands of the Indian ocean with a recently purchased speedboat, offering safer parasailing experiences as it allows guests to have a controlled take off and landing from the boat itself.

*Maverick Watersports* will be also providing guests with 45-minute complimentary use per day of stand up paddleboards and kayaks to fit with the resort concept of doing more for our guests than resorts further afield.



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### **Fibre Optic Internet**

We are currently in the process of putting in place a fibre optic line with the intention to increase bandwidth for internet use and to improve the quality of television viewing. We realize that in the modern times, it is necessary to keep up to date with all what is happening around the world whilst being thousands of miles away.

Our target is to have this project completed by the end of year.

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## Privacy Required

This year we have undertaken a large project to upgrade our main public areas including the bathrooms, which are now wheelchair accessible.

The bathroom upgrades have included retiling, new fixtures and fittings, creating feature walls and putting in some unique Italian washbasins. In addition, Vihamaana restaurant's bathrooms are equipped with wheelchair accessibility in both male and female toilets.

The Majaa Recreation bathrooms have been expanded and completely rebuilt with showers.



## Up And Coming Events

### Festive Season

This year, we have removed the compulsory Christmas Eve dinner and will be offering guests an option of dining at several restaurants instead. For those who want to celebrate the evening, Kurumba will be hosting a fabulous Christmas themed buffet at the beautiful waterside Thila restaurant.

With this year's theme being Broadway, Kurumba's famous (or infamous depending on how you woke up in the morning!) New Year's evening is planned to be bigger and more spectacular than ever.

Guests can expect to receive VIP tickets and look forward to the resort pulling out the red carpets again for an unforgettable night! Celebrations will begin with welcome cocktails and canapes at Kandu before heading to Thila for dinner, where guests will enjoy a show and an awards ceremony for the best performers and best dressed for the evening. Our buffet spread will be as extensive as ever, with a focus on seafood and live cooking station.

Following on from an incredible dinner, our favorite band Def Note and DJ will be performing till early hours of the morning. One of the best things about New Year's Eve at Kurumba is the breakfast/brunch the next morning that is open for all guests till 2:30pm, which allows you a slow and relaxing start to the New Year!

## Specially For You

If you are looking to return to Kurumba in the near future, we would like to offer an exclusive promotion to our return guests: a credit of US\$50 per adult on us to spend on the Food & Beverage outlets:

US\$ 50 per adult per stay, to be used in any of the Kurumba Food & Beverage outlets (excluding In Villa Dining and dining plans).

Booking period: new reservations to be made before 9th November 2015.

Stay period : until 31st March 2016.

What better way to start your holiday. Simply email [sales@kurumba.com](mailto:sales@kurumba.com) within 7 days of making your booking. This is combinable with your Friends of Kurumba benefits and with any special offers available direct at the resort or with your travel agent. This offer is redeemable for guests staying 4 nights or more.

Please check the latest update on our return guests program: [Friends of Kurumba](#)



### Catching Up With The Jones

One of the things that we are most proud of is the friends whom we have made along the years, our guests and many of you who have been visiting Kurumba for numerous years. It's always a pleasure to catch up every time you come back.

Recently we had the pleasure to meeting up with Alexey, Anastasia and Ivan Fedorenko.

**How many times have you been to Kurumba?**

Seven times so far and many more we hope in the future.

### What motivates you to return to Kurumba?

We love the resort. Great atmosphere, friendly staff. We like the location of the resort, proximity to the airport - it is convenient, great value and always over delivers to our expectations.

### If you could change something about the resort, what would it be?

In general we are happy about the infrastructure. As we have children now, the Kids Club is amazing, it has great facilities and programs for children both fun and educational. We are happy about everything.

### What do you enjoy most at Kurumba?

We like that the island is small, quiet and cozy. We feel at home here. All rooms have direct access to the ocean. This is a must for us. All rooms are well located with direct access to the stunning white beach and ocean, however it is also great as the beach is never overcrowded. We have so many times experienced having the beach to ourselves. We also enjoy Kurumba's first class service. The staff are very friendly and delivers beyond our expectations. They will go out of their way to satisfy our requests and needs.

### When will be see you again?

We are certainly hoping that you will see us again next year.



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