

Kurumba

MALDIVES



Marhabaa and a Maldivian welcome to our 20th issue of Postcard From Kurumba.

Let's start with some updates about the team. We would like to say that in our heart of house, we are in the middle of building 24 new rooms for the team and doing yet another upgrade in the team restaurant. A new café has been opened where coffee and short eats are available. It also seems that many of our team members are on a health kick with regular cross fit classes, our Fleet Manager Shameem is completing a half marathon, Xubba from the Spa and Nizzy from F&B are off to India in the coming months to complete yoga courses, our football team just completed the inter island competition and won several games (big improvement from last year) and the volleyball team is in training for the big yearly competition. Please feel free to join us in the sports ground next time you are back at your island home.

Rizu, our famous boat captain is now in the Seychelles representing Maldives in sailing in a qualifier for the Olympics. We wish Rizu the very best of luck and are very proud. Secondly, we are very pleased to announce that we have been presented with 2 Spa awards. This is a fantastic achievement as we continue to be the only Dhivehi Beys Maldivian Spa. We have some news on a new Raalhu outdoor treatment options and please see below.

Our next award is a gold certification in Travelife for being a sustainable tourism partner. This is very exciting for us and we can only say thank you very much to our team who has taken our environmental protection and improving the local communities to another level. Great work, team.

We are continuing to work on some new resort videos with a weather video and a general video about our nightly entertainment about to be released. We will certainly let you know when we get the chance.

There is another exciting Festive Season plan in place. You will notice that we are no longer doing the compulsory Christmas Eve banquet and leaving this for open dining and an option for a special buffet dinner in Thila. New Year's Eve will be show time with performances, DJ, bands and prize awards. Again, we look forward to a wonderful night and hope that you see some very famous stars walking the crowd.

Thank you for reading our newsletter and keeping up to date with our latest happenings.

Shukriyya,
Jason Kruse



Up And Coming Events : Festive Season

This year, we have removed the compulsory Christmas Eve dinner, we will open up several restaurants and have a themed buffet in Thila for those who want to celebrate there.

Our famous (or infamous depending on how you woke up in the morning) New Year's Eve is planning to be bigger and better than ever. This new year's plan is Broadway. Expect to receive VIP tickets for a show to remember. We just have to do our red carpet again as we love so much to see so many guests smile and enjoy. This will be followed by welcome cocktails and canapés. We will be having a dinner show and awards throughout the evening for the best performers and best dressed for the evening. Our buffet will be extensive as ever.

We will continue the celebrations with one of our favourite bands: Def Note and our DJ who will play until the early hours.

One of the best things about New Year's Eve at Kurumba is that breakfast/brunch finishes at 2:30pm for a rather relaxing start to the new year!

Travelife Gold Award

Kurumba Maldives is proud to announce we have been presented the Travelife Gold award for Hotels & Accommodations. Travelife - the international sustainability certification scheme - assesses a property's performance in managing their social, environmental and economic impacts.

In order to receive the Travelife Gold certification, a property must meet (or exceed) their 150 sustainability criteria. This includes environmental issues, such as minimizing waste and use of energy, water and chemicals; as well as taking positive action on social issues, such as employee welfare, working with the local community, child protection and human rights. They must also demonstrate how they are helping support local businesses and protect local traditions and wildlife.



Raalhu Outdoor Treatments

We are very pleased to announce the opening of Raalhu outdoor treatments, which is located on the sunset side of the island. Xubba (Spa Manager) and Roz (Spa Consultant) have developed a unique spa menu that features sand scrubs, homemade coconut oil massages and ocean water rinses.

Raalhu outdoor treatments will continue to feature our Signature couples' treatment *Spa under the Stars*, which offers a



gentle soothing massage with cowrie shells and locally made coconut oil, as well as Champagne and chocolate dipped fruits served after the treatment as we leave you together to wonder at the stars.

This is a fantastic location for a manicure and pedicure with a mojito in hand.

Raalhu outdoor treatments are available every day, 8:00am till sunset upon reservation. Don't miss out!

Some Changes

As a resort we are constantly evolving to include more for our guests. We will have a new watersports operator starting from 1st July called Maverick Style. This operator will continue with similar services. Their goal will be to increase the service standards and provide great value for money and will maintain the complimentary sea kayaks and stand up paddle boards for guests.

After a trial period of displaying prices including Taxes and Service Charge, we have decided to revert back to ++ pricing for our guests.

Please note that there is a new Green Tax of USD6 per person per day starting from 1st November.

Due to these announcements, we will be decreasing meal plan prices and not proceed on the intended increases effective immediately. We certainly encourage meal plans to reduce your overall expenditure, which allows you to indulge without worrying about your outgoings. We certainly find that the guests who are on the All Inclusive meal plans tend to enjoy their experience more and are better off from a financial viewpoint.

Please also see the updates to the return guest programme [Friends of Kurumba](#) as part of these changes.



Up And Coming Actions

As you are aware, we have a policy of continual improvement. This allows us to gradually update the resort whilst allowing our guests to get a better quality experience.

To start with, we have purchased a fiber optic internet solution that will upgrade the backbone of the network in the resort, to what we hope will deliver much faster internet and improve the quality of the viewing on the televisions.



If you have been here recently, you will notice that we have been making some substantial upgrades to our bathrooms with beautiful wall features, water features and nice new fittings. We hope you will notice these large improvements in these very important spaces.

In August, we will be doing some works to upgrade Vihamanaa restaurant with new tiles, buffet counters, bathrooms and at the same time increasing ventilation, sound absorbing walls and materials as well as a new screening. A key feature will be that we are placing on the front of house areas two espresso and coffee machines for the early morning starters. We will be temporarily moving the buffet meals into Thila and the Thila menu into Kandu, our main bar. We do not expect any major effect on the guest experience.

Looking into September, we will be doing some works in selected rooms and villas as a part of our continual improvement process.

Please keep your eyes out for our new website which should be launched in August and our new resort videos.

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 of meeting up with the Potyrailo family: Vladyslav, Olga and their children Mariia and Maksym.

How many times have you been to Kurumba?

We have lost count already. If we are not mistaken, this is our 18th visit.

What motivates you to return to Kurumba?

We feel comfortable here, cozy. The staff is very good as well as the management. The most important thing here is that the team listens very well to us and takes into account our requests and preferences. We are pleased to stay here. Nowadays it is easy to build up luxury modern resorts, but staff is the most important thing. We can see that great team members are recruited in Kurumba, they also have good training. The location of the hotel is close to the airport and a big advantage when travelling with children. The beach is safe and suitable for the whole family. A great value for the price. We always know what to expect and this is convenient, especially when travelling with kids.

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

Nothing in general. Maybe we would add more lighting in rooms, more shelves and drawers which are needful if you travel with a family. But these are just details. We would not change anything fundamentally.

What do you enjoy most at Kurumba?

As we said we are very happy with the staff. We like the coziness of the resort, we feel like home here. We always return here like it's our own home.



When will we see you again?

Every time when we leave the resort, we thank God for giving us the opportunity to have such a holiday. That is why if we have an opportunity to come back again, we will be back no later than this winter.



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