

Kurumba

MALDIVES IN FULL COLOUR



Postcard From Kurumba : April 2013 (Issue 12)

Welcome to our 12th issue of "Postcard From Kurumba". This is our way of keeping you up-to-date on the happenings in our corner of paradise, until you are able to return to the sunny Maldives. If you have been following our Facebook page, you will notice that we have been busy little bees, upgrading the villas and many of the public areas. We have also added more unique touches and Maldivian themed enhancements within our guest experience.

Please check out our new website which was launched recently in conjunction with the new Maldives in Full Colour branding, as well as the new resort video, highlighting these fresh offerings.

Our team would be excited to welcome you back to Kurumba again soon. Please make sure that you take advantage of our repeat guests' loyalty programme, Friends Of Kurumba.

Maldivian regards,
Jason and the team from Kurumba



World Travel Awards

We are delighted to have been nominated for 3 categories in the World Travel Awards 2013. These awards are won by the nominee with the highest votes by guests. We would appreciate your assistance and support in order for our team to be recognized as the best. The categories are as follows:

- Indian Ocean's Leading Conference Resort
- Maldives' Leading Family Resort
- Maldives' Leading Resort



The official online voting poll for Indian Ocean is now open and will conclude on 11th April 2013. If you would like to assist in furthering our success, then [click here](#) and vote for Kurumba Maldives!

Thank you in anticipation for recognizing our team!



Summer Holiday Offers

Best Available Rates (valid 7th April to 31st October 2013)
Up to 20% discount on best available rates.

Discounted Meal Plans (valid 7th April to 31st October 2013)
10% discount on published rates on Full Board All Inclusive and Dine Around All Inclusive Meal Plans, when staying more than 4 nights.



Free Nights (valid 7th April to 30th June 2013)
Book 7 nights and pay 6.

A minimum of 4 nights stay is required, subject to availability & other conditions apply. For more details, please submit a **Reservation Request** or email reservations@kurumba.com.



In A Nutshell

We would like to share the many enhancements that we have achieved in the last year. It starts with the welcoming ambiance at Reception, redesigned with new furniture and fittings and moves into the resort, the poolside and the veranda, all upgraded areas with fresh furnishings. The eye-catching refurbished open air Kurumba Cafe and the Beach Bar with its new loungers and daybeds, make for a harder choice as to where to relax with your sundowner.



For options and preferences in dining, our guests on Half Board, Full Board and All Inclusive meal plans now enjoy a 50% discount on food when dining in the specialty restaurants. The main restaurant, Vihamana now offers Full Board guests an alternate lunch plan between barbeque, hot grills and buffets in order to excite your senses with even more variety.

Talking about adding value to your next experience, the Dine Around All Inclusive meal plan now comes with complimentary laundry services for your convenience, as well as discounts on selected excursions.



Be enchanted with the Veli Spa's transformation and complete refurbishment. This includes the reception area, seating lounge, over-pond entry and treatment rooms. Indulge in the experience of our new treatment package "Spa Under The Stars", a couple's retreat located on a sala adjacent to the ocean.

The Veli Spa now also offers something for the Kokko (meaning, "younger" in the local Dhivehi language). Crafted for children between the age of 4 and 12 years, the concept is to offer the Kokko a shorter spa experience that introduces concepts of wellbeing at a young age. Kokko Spa is available in the mornings. For a calming experience, enriching the mind, body and soul we have Veli yoga. Veli yoga has been very popular with guests at Kurumba.



If you are wanting fun and frolic, the Majaa Recreation has new games that include a pool table, air hockey and futsal as well as re-launched Guided Snorkelling sessions and Green & Back of House Tours. Along with these new additions, a Sunset Tai Chi session is now available at the Sand Bar.

Other new activities include being in touch with artistry and canvas painting sessions with a Maldivian artist and weekly Maldivian Cooking lessons. Our Tuesday night guest cocktails has been revamped with a Maldivian theme. Last but not least, a friendly Volleyball game is organised from time to time between the Kurumba team and guests.



Listening To You

Your opinion is valuable to us. This is why we have implemented a new guest survey system called Market Matrix. The results are linked to our team's benefits and are the cornerstone of our improvement process. Below are some of our latest guest service developments:

- Increased number of sun loungers as well as an indication of room numbers on loungers.
- Increased the Maldivian experiences.
- Addition of sports activities.
- Additional treatments at the Veli Spa.
- Developed a new cocktail list with even more long and refreshing cocktails.
- Increased the variety of wine choices for All Inclusive guests and the option of higher quality wines at discounted rates.
- Created six snorkelling channels to reduce coral damage.
- A presentation of how to preserve our sensitive marine environment has been added to our in-house TV channel.
- Employment of local artists and allowing them to directly sell their art to guests.
- A new Waste Management facility called Kurect, to increase recycling projects.
- Many initiatives to reduce energy consumption.





Catching Up With The Jones

One of the things that we are most proud of is the friends we have made throughout the years, our guests, whose loyalty we cherish. Many of you have been coming to Kurumba for many years and, it gives us great pleasure to always welcome you back and catch up with you.

Recently, we met up with Mr and Mrs Lindstrom to learn about their Kurumba experiences.

What keeps you coming back?

With a busy lifestyle, we're always on the go. We come here for its calmness and we enjoy the atmosphere which allows us to relax our minds.

How many times have you been to Kurumba?

This is our 23rd time and we intend to keep coming back. For this visit we will be here for three weeks. Our son will soon be coming to join us. We feel the environment here is very conducive for a family vacation.

If you had to name one thing that is your favourite, what would it be?

We love reading and this place makes us feel comfortable. We also have a couple of favourite excursions, for example the Sunset Dolphin Cruise and the snorkelling.

If we could change something, what is your advice?

We see changes in each of our visits. We are happy to see that Kurumba prioritizes guests' needs so they can enjoy their experience. Our best advice for Kurumba is to never change how friendly and accommodating they are to their guests.

When will we see you again?

Usually we will come to Kurumba at the end of February or the beginning of Spring.



New Faces : Interview with Xubba (Spa Manager)

We are happy to introduce to you a new member of our Kurumba family, a Maldivian Spa Manager named Aishath Zulfishan, or fondly known as Xubba. Xubba joined us a few months ago and has already injected new developments into the Veli Spa, such as the Kokko Veli project and a new special welcome drink, refreshing the senses.

A vivacious young lady who is well experienced in the spa industry, Xubba's knowledge has been accumulated through her travels in South East Asia. Her input has not only strengthened the spa but indeed a welcoming addition to us.

When asked about her experience at Kurumba so far, she says, "I feel elated to be part of the Kurumba family." Xubba is looking forward to welcoming you to your next visit at the Spa.



Eyes On Kurumba

From 5th August 2013, for one month, we will have Eyes On Asia's founders, Felix and Jamie Boyd in residence.

The Maldives has tremendous scenic beauties to offer, whether for amateur or intermediate photographers. Therefore we are pleased to offer you the treat of having a photographer in residence that will extend special workshops and sessions for guests. There will be 5 available workshops per week with Felix and Jamie. The resort workshops will be at our goodwill and special photography outings to Male' or a local island will be priced at the same as our normal excursions.

Both Felix and Jamie have extensive experience in their industry and we are very fortunate to be working with them on this special project.

Felix has won Best Image Awards in the following competitions:

- The Asian Geographic Grand Prize, Singapore
- The International Photography Awards, USA
- American Photo, Image of the Year, USA
- Travel Photographer Of The Year, GB
- The New York Photography Awards, USA

We are looking forward to some key small projects this year, such as our over water teppanyaki starting mid April and due to popular demand, opening up the area outside Al Qasr and Kurumba Mahal as another outdoor dining option. Small yet exciting little upgrades.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read our newsletter. We do hope to see you in Kurumba again very soon! If you have any comments or feedback of your visit with us, please feel free to drop us a line!

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