

Kurumba

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Postcard from Kurumba

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Welcome to our sixth issue of "Postcard from Kurumba"

Happy New Year, Gong Xi Fa Cai, S Sovim Godom and welcome to 2012. We hope that you have had a wonderful festive season wherever you may have celebrated this. Kurumba was blessed with wonderful weather this year and there were many delightful guests to celebrate at our Sparkles and Diamonds Party.

Here at Kurumba, we are looking forward to a dynamic year in 2012. This year we celebrate our 40th Anniversary, which will be a momentous occasion. We are busily planning our celebrations that will include 40 key activities and events. Do read on, for details.

The revitalization of our resort continues with the opening of Majaa Kids, new menus in Ocean Grill and La Cucina and a makeover to the beaches in front of many guest rooms with new gardens, more extensive sand areas and increased ocean views. The watersports area has also had a makeover with a new beach area and a refurbished watersports centre. The operator of the watersports has also added all new equipment to the centre.

That's enough from me; however let's see what else is happening in Kurumba.

Jason Kruse - General Manager



Castaway Picnic # NEW

This is our new key excursion for 2012 and is set on Aoajaadi Finolhu which is an uninhabited and isolated sand cay with white sandy beaches and high quality reef. Only 45 minutes from Kurumba, this sand cay boasts a beautiful lagoon for swimming and a vibrant reef for snorkelers.

While snorkelling the fringing reefs, a deluxe chilled picnic lunch will be prepared and served with selected beverages. During the course of the day, guests are free to laze, wander and swim at their leisure. A wonderful opportunity to reconnect with paradise and your loved ones. This is truly a memorable experience.

This excursion operates on Mondays and Thursdays, departs the island at 10:30 hours and returns at 17:30 hours.



Better Service For Our Younger Guests

Kurumba Maldives has announced the opening of Majaa Kids, for its guests between the ages of 4 to 12 years old. Majaa is the Maldivian word for fun and the concept behind this Kids Club is to offer enjoyable and enriching experiences with a Maldivian twist.

Majaa Kids Club is designed to keep our youngest guests entertained during their stay. Exciting games, cultural craft-making, educational activities and beach fun will keep the little ones occupied for hours. We strive to have balance of outdoor and indoor fun with learning experiences based around the unique Maldivian culture.

Majaa Kids is open for children from the ages of 4 to 12 years, between 08:00 hours and 18:00 hours daily.



Can We Have A Maldivian Twist With Ours?

In keeping with Kurumba's long history within the Maldives, we have added some new activities to Majaa Recreation that highlight traditional Maldivian culture.

The first is lessons on Bodu Beru, the traditional Maldivian drums and dance. In this hour long activity, you will be shared some history of the drums with a demonstration of how it is used. This will then be followed by a dance performance. Top off the activity later in the evening by watching



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Second is an activity called Coconut Capers. Here we celebrate the mighty, yet unassuming coconut. Our highly skilled coconut de-nutters will demonstrate how they scale the heights to collect coconuts for you to taste. This is then followed by some lessons in the local language, Dhivehi, and some local games based around the coconut. In addition, we will teach you about the uses of the coconut tree, of which there are many.



40 Activities To Celebrate Our 40 Years

The team at Kurumba is delighted to announce that we will be turning 40 years on 3rd October 2012, and to celebrate this, we are hosting 40 activities and events to mark this special occasion. Kurumba is proud of its long and rich history and for being the original resort in the Maldives, and for playing an important part in creating wonderful holidays for guests over these times.

These activities will align with the Corporate Social Responsibility projects as well as celebrating past guests, previous challenges and successes. A formal black tie dinner will be hosted on 3rd October 2012 with a number of celebrities, media, key past guests, owners, personalities and staff attending. During the evening, there will be presentations and evening entertainment.

For more details, please [click here](#).



Would You Like A Free 7-Night Stay On All-Inclusive Dine Around At Kurumba Maldives?

In recognition of our landmark, Kurumba Maldives will also be running a photo competition. The main prize is a 7-night stay for two persons in a Pool Villa on an All-Inclusive Dine Around package with daily Champagne breakfast, return airport transfers, a sunset cruise and two signature Veli Spa treatments.

Submit your absolute favourite / best photo you've ever taken at Kurumba since its inception in 1972, for a chance to win this wonderful prize. If you receive this newsletter, we know you love Kurumba, so this prize will be much appreciated for your next vacation. Please read contest guidelines and timelines before submission.

In addition to the competition, we would encourage images of Kurumba Maldives in the bygone days. The best of these will have a chance to be enshrined in history in the limited edition 40-Year Coffee Table Book, which is being published this year in time for the festivities.

[Click here](#) to participate in this competition.

NOTE:

Unfortunately, due to legal requirements, entrants must be from the United Kingdom, Russia, Germany, United States and D.C., Maldives, Australia, New Zealand or Canada. We will try to find a way to do something more global next time round.

"Catching up with the Jones"

We met up with Edward and Stephanie at the Beach Bar to learn more about their Kurumba.



Why have you chosen Kurumba as your holiday destination?

We went through Trip Advisor and found some positive review about Kurumba. That helped us make the decision to book with Kurumba Maldives. Now, we're having the best week yet.

If we could change something, what would your advice be?

Edward : That's tough. Honestly, I feel my expectations were met or even exceeded. There are small touches that we appreciate during our stay.

Stephanie : Just walking on the beach, fresh coconuts were served while were were there. Somebody made us a palm tree bird and it was incredible. I don't have any recommendations that I can think of, at the top of my head besides to continue what you're doing.

We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year. Do you have a message for us?

Stephanie : I hope Kurumba would stay for another 40 years.

Edward : The fact that it's your 40th Anniversary, we can tell you that you have been doing this for a very long time and that you are very good at what you are doing. I can't think of anything else to say except, Good Job!

We have introduced a new excursion, the Cast Away Picnic. How was your experience during the trip?

Stephanie : We were happy to be one of the first guests to ever go on the Cast Away picnic. On the island was a large sand bar that was big enough for everyone. Some of the guests stayed in one area under a nice umbrella while we were up on one area to have our privacy. We really felt that we were alone. The lunch we had was delicious; it was fantastic.

Edward: We went for a snorkel, and a few hours on a deserted island was totally great. It was awesome.

Do you have any plans on coming back to Kurumba?

Absolutely. We've already talked about it. We would definitely come back.

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