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Thank you for taking the time to read "Postcard From Kurumba".

Bidding our farewell to 2012 with fond memories, as it was an exciting year filled with many improvements and new additions to the resort. We can't help but look into the New Year filled with much anticipation and eagerness to accommodate our friends, both old and new. For the New Year, we will be coming out with more innovative new concepts and shades to better serve and suit you. You can almost say that we'd be bringing you the Maldives in full colour.

We do appreciate your ongoing support of Kurumba and do hope to welcome you back soon. When you do, please take advantage of the refreshed "Friends of Kurumba" loyalty programme with a number of value add-on and discounts to help make your next stay with even more enjoyable.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year!

Sunny regards,
Jason and the team from Kurumba.



Revitalization Update

2012 was ode to our 40th Anniversary, therefore we spoiled ourselves in making us "better", to make you happier. We have had numerous refurbishments, which included opening up of the outdoor showers in the Superior Rooms, extended room sizes and/or addition of a pool and replacement of furniture in a general modernization programme in the Garden Pool, Deluxe Pool and the Presidential Pool Villas.



Kurumba Cafe, the Beach Bar and our Reception Area has had a facelift, not just with its furnishing, artwork and decorations but it's overall feel, giving more of an al-fresco ambience. Kurumba has made incredible changes over the past year, continuing our commitment to improve the facilities, guest service concept and also just as important, our heart of house.

We have been very careful in trying to maintain the original Kurumba ambience and be true to our history and we hope that you feel the same. Keep your eye out for our new images and website planned for March 2013 to give you an insight to just how busy the team has been.

Be ready for more pleasant surprises in 2013 as we continue with our evolving and exciting journey.



Cocktail Recipe - Lychee & Lemongrass Mojito

Want to try a little bit of tropical magic at home to remind you of your Kurumba holiday? Try this simple but elegant cocktail.

Ingredients:

Lemongrass and lychee infused vodka (add 4 x lemongrass and 10 x lychees into a bottle)

4 springs fresh mint leaves

3 pieces of lime wedges

4 lychees

2 teaspoons of brown sugar

Method:

- 1) Add mint, 2 lychees and brown sugar to the glass.
- 2) Muddle to allow mint flavours to infuse with the sugar.
- 3) Squeeze the juice of 2-3 lime pieces (about 1/4 of a lime) into the glass and drop the remainder into the glass.
- 4) Pour vodka.
- 5) Add 2 scoops of strained ice and stir contents until cold.
- 6) Top up with soda water.
- 7) Add some lychee juice if you prefer it a little sweeter.



Presidential Pool Villa's

Planning your next visit to Kurumba and wondering which room type to secure, to best suit you? Then, let us share with you one of the nine options to choose from.



The Presidential Pool Villas are tastefully appointed to ensure your privacy and comfort throughout your stay. There is a master bedroom on the upper level with a king sized bed overlooking the beach and ocean. This level also features a walk-in dressing room, bathroom with separate glass-walled shower, central marble sided bathtub and outdoor shower. The downstairs space offers a large lounge room with private bar, television and sound system facilities. The ground floor veranda leads out to the beach and lagoon. In the rear, there is a large private swimming pool in an enclosed courtyard with a dining table, sun loungers and/or daybed. This room can be suitable for families or romantic couples seeking privacy, space and a touch of class.

Guests booked in the Presidential Pool Villa also enjoy these additional services and benefits:

- Premium Breakfast between 1am - 11am daily at Ocean Grill.
- Free flow of cocktails & canapes between 5pm - 7pm daily at the Beach Bar.
- A personal butler.



Learn How To Scuba Dive

Peering out your window as you fly into the Maldives, the country is definitely made for scuba diving. It has pristine reefs and a wide range of aquatic animals that come in all colours, shapes and sizes. Learning how to scuba in the beginning may be daunting without the know how's, but at Kurumba, there is a dive school at the resort, with an international standard of teaching that will be able to assist for all those inquiring minds. Not as difficult as people may think, simple guidelines are as follows:



- 1) A buddy system where in this case, will be your diving instructor.
- 2) Entry and exit point.
- 3) Agreeing on the maximum time and depth limit.
- 4) Review communication procedures, entails hand signals.
- 5) Establish an agreed-upon air pressure for returning to the surface.
- 6) You will need to consider as to when you will stay together and separate
- 7) What to do in case an emergency arises.

After suiting up, equipment check is required:

- 1) The BCD (Buoyancy Control Device) must be snugly adjusted.
- 2) The weight belt should have a right-hand release secured.
- 3) Secure all check releases specifically for your buddy's equipment.
- 4) Check air supply.

Following these simple guidelines and completing 1-4<, we can say, you are now ready for your first diving experience!



Spa Under The Stars

The team at Veli Spa is committed to innovating better spa treatments for guests and they have recently announced a new spa treatment for couples called *Spa Under The Stars*.

Key elements of the Maldives have been used in developing this inspired treatment. A unique bathing ritual with a local Maldivian Sarong called a *Feyli* is used while you watch the sun set over the Indian Ocean followed by a unique cowrie shell massage using local hand-pressed coconut oil. The treatment ends with the modern touches of champagne and chocolate dipped fruits, served to compliment the journey while you enjoy the stars on your own giant bean bag on the beach.

With that said, it's a definite must, to experience during your next visit to Kurumba.



Waste Management

Kurumba Maldives continues progress to achieve its corporate social responsibility goals and the reduction of environmental impact. This year, Kurumba has taken this challenge head on, by creating and evolving, arguably one of the Maldives most comprehensive waste systems within the resort.

Our first goal was to reduce the end quantity of refuse being received by the island. This has been achieved by ordering in bulk, commencing sea freight orders rather than air freight, which requires much less packaging and changing the offerings to guests, to reduce plastics and other consumables.



For example, in rooms, soaps are package free, bath gels and shampoos are offered in either glass or ceramic containers and bins used in the rooms do not require plastic bags. Refuse from rooms and outlets are then returned to the waste management facility for sorting and processing.



Our recent purchases to this end include a "super" composter with aerated bacteria that processes kitchen and green waste into garden suitable compost within 3 hours, a plastic shredder used for shredding plastic back into small pieces for recycling. These are then consolidated and sold to a recycling merchant in the Maldives who then sends it to India for reuse. Lastly a special machine that grinds glass down to fine sand to be reused in cement for construction works. These onsite waste management innovations have reduced the amount of waste being removed.

To conclude, we definitely feel we are off on the right start for the year, where our passion continues as an island with concern for our environment and our ongoing efforts for our social responsibility programme.

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