

WATER SPORTS MEDIA FACTFILE

Diving and Snorkelling

The waters around Kurumba are home to many species of fish and other marine creatures as well as more than 1000 coral species and other reef invertebrates that create the reef on which they live.

There are six snorkelling sites around the resort where discoveries can range from schools of bannerfish to black tip reef sharks. More unusual sites for some lucky snorkellers include Napoleon fish and the resort's resident turtle. The Majaa recreation team loan snorkeling equipment and lifejackets on a complimentary basis as well as free of charge snorkeling lessons and house reef tours for all. Intermediate and advanced swimmers can explore with the help of a map detailing the various snorkelling sites around the island. For more experienced snorkelers, a special evening safari by torchlight is part of the activities available and guided snorkelling safaris to outer reefs are part of the Excursions program.

Kurumba is ideally located for discovering some of North Malé atoll's best dive sites. 37 dive spots are easily accessible from the resort, with many less than 30 minutes by boat from the resort. Our dive partner, Euro-Divers facilitates dive trips and provides comprehensive training and qualifications for divers of all abilities.

Situated just 10 minutes from Kurumba, Manta Point is one of the best places in the Maldives to see manta rays during the southwest monsoon season. This is a great section of coral reef that both novice and experienced divers can enjoy, and at the right time of year - usually between May and October - there are a large number of mantas here feeding on the plankton.

Water Sports

As an island surrounded by a crystal clear lagoon, Kurumba offers countless options for getting wet! Through water sports partner, Maverick Style, Kurumba offers an unrivalled catalogue of water adventures including jet ski safaris, power boating, parasailing, water skiing, wake and knee boarding, tube and banana rides, catamaran sailing, windsurfing and surfing. Canoes and stand up paddleboards are also available on a complimentary basis for 45 minutes per room per day. For many, a visit to the Maldives is a natural enlightenment. The bright aqua of the ocean, juxtaposed against the powdery white sand beaches is a natural phenomenon. Kurumba offers guests the chance to explore more and get under the surface. Regular eco activities include a tour of the orchid nursery with the resident horticulturalist, coral gardening, marine biology presentations as well as a number of craft activities using indigenous products such as coconuts and palm leaves.



About Kurumba Maldives

Kurumba Maldives is set on a tropical island in the North Male' Atoll, conveniently situated a brief 10 minute speedboat ride from the airport. Dotted with coconut trees that are the island's namesake, Kurumba was the first private island resort in the Maldives. Beautiful gardens, palm fringed white sandy beaches and a vibrant house reef is the hallmarks of this classic Maldivian resort.

The resort offers an array of nine styles of accommodation, ranging from comfortable Superior rooms to the spacious Royal Residence, spread amongst the island's lush tropical gardens with easy access to the beach. With eight different restaurants to choose from Kurumba Maldives will charm you with its unparalleled choice of dining experiences and a wide range of recreation activities and entertainment. All while maintaining idyllic refuges and quiet spaces of relaxation to create the perfect balance for a holiday in paradise, perfect for honeymooners and families alike.

Over the years, Kurumba has played host to a variety of foreign dignitaries and Heads of State, including Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and former US Presidents Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush. It has also been the recipient of numerous accolades and awards, including Maldives Leading Hotel (World Travel Awards) in 2010 and 2011, and Trip Advisor's Travellers' Choice Awards for Best Service and Luxury (2013) as well as the number one All-Inclusive resort in Asia (2014 and 2015), and number one best All-Inclusive resort in the world (2015).

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