

Kurumba

MALDIVES IN FULL COLOUR



Postcard From Kurumba : November 2013 (Issue 14)

Welcome to our 14th issue of Post Card from Kurumba. It's always a pleasure to give our loyal and passionate return guests an update on the latest that is happening on our island. While our countdown begins, what more can we say but it's been an exciting year for us with many changes at the resort and on bringing our brand to life.

For the past couple months we have strengthened our Corporate Social Responsibility by injecting a coral propagation activity, our Veli Spa enhances its therapy treatments by introducing *Dhivehi Beys* massages and Al Qasr has an added experience in dining.

Although we are prepping to say farewell to 2013, we can't deny it has been a fabulous year with many blessings and we look forward to welcoming the New Year with bliss!

We invite you to sit back, relax and we hope that you enjoy the read.

Maldivian regards,
The team at Kurumba



Coral Gardening

Kurumba Maldives continues its evolving CSR programme with its objective to conserve, protect and enhance its marine environment. Adding a new activity to its weekly schedule, is the Coral Gardening workshop. It takes place every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm and is just one of the many complimentary activities Kurumba has to offer.

The activity led by its Majaa Recreation team, where patrons will have an introduction into coral biology and re-production before venturing into the Kurumba lagoon to look for broken, but still live coral fragments that face demise on the ocean floor. Guests can now join to assist in completing the coral propagation, which is simply attaching coral fragments onto specially designed frames, located on its house reef to boost existing reef habitats.

What is being used for propagation is broken corals which are ready for replantation, which means no harm is coming into the corals which are in fair shape or not damaged. The coral fragments will be re-attached to man-made coral tables that are manufactured on the island, establishing new living spaces for fish, coral and other invertebrate's while preserving our reef.

Participating guests are awarded with an appreciation certificate and since the progression of the corals take time, the Majaa Recreation team will update guests with its progress every quarterly.



Dhivehi Beys Massages

We are very excited to share and unveil the new *Dhivehi Beys* treatments at our Veli Spa. *Dhivehi Beys* is a traditional Maldivian medicine based on local herbs and ingredients.

The spa selection has been enhanced by adding a new Signature Massage (*Akarakara Theyo Dhemun*). The other new treatments are the *Lansimoo Theyo Dhemun* and the *Tamburu Fai-Foot Massage*.

The benefits and remedies are:

The *Akarakara Theyo Dhemun*, improves blood circulation, strengthens the tissues and muscles and relieves nerve tightness on the scalp that causes migraine and dizziness. This will most benefit those who suffer from arthritis, inflammation of joints and muscle pain.

Lansimoo Theyo Dhemun is a back neck and shoulder massage that uses a hot poultice filled with a blend of Maldivian herbs. These secret herbs are used to release nerve tightness and reduce migraines and muscle spasm.

The *Tamburu Fai-Foot* Massage uses *Akarakara* and *Lansimoo* plus a blend of other local herbs and is used to improve blood circulation, promotes healing and joint pain.

These treatments were inspired by a traditional Maldivian medicine practitioner and are combined with modern techniques. The blends are made on the resort with many of the herbs and ingredients grown on Kurumba.



Outdoor Dining - Al Qasr

Few resorts in the Maldives can match Kurumba for the variety and quality of its cuisine. The specialty restaurants on the island offer a range of fine dining options to suit every palate. Al Qasr is one of the 8 options that Kurumba Maldives offers, it serves Lebanese specialties, charcoaled grilled meat, kebabs and dips.

While dining at Al Qasr, guest now have the choice of whether the setting inside a palatial Lebanese decor or dining al-fresco. A view of a breathtaking garden, set on powdery sand, while enjoying the panoramic view of the resort, completing and complementing its aura, is the cascading waterfall feature.

An exceptional selection in cuisine, superb service, set in an ambiance that is pure sophistication, it is definitely triple the sensation at Kurumba' Al Qasr.



Festive Season

Kurumba Maldives is gearing up for the Festive Season agenda for its guests to celebrate and to welcome 2014. The programme has many interesting events such as Sunset Yoga at the Sand Bar, the Back of the House Tour, Variety Magic shows, Tastings in the lagoon, Cocktail Master classes and chill our sessions at the Beach Bar. For children, treasure hunts and kids movies at the Majaa Recreation, coconut capers, along with other activities will be available.

On Christmas Eve, a sumptuous buffet and live cooking station dinner in Ocean Grill will be served, with of course debatably Maldives best band, will entertain in the evening under the stars. Other to look out for is the yearly entrances where Santa seems to find its way into the resort on Christmas Day.

This year's signature night, is "I'm a Star", a dinner event on New Year's Eve. The evening will start with champagne, Bellinis and oysters at the managers' cocktails by the poolside, followed by an array of entertainment which includes live bands, DJ's and a special show.

But the night does not end there. Late night clubbers will have the option to proceed to the Rendezvous Lounge for more rhythms and beats, to continue on the New Year celebrations in style. Orthodox Christmas will be served in Ocean Grill with focus on fresh seafood and entertainment in the Beach bar by Maldives most popular band, Def Note.

Kurumba Maldives is celebrating the success of 2013 and will be looking forward to welcoming the 2014 with you.



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 have been coming to Kurumba for numerous years and for every year to come, it gives us pleasure to always catch up with you.

Recently, we met up with Ms. Gloria Schmidt.

What motivates you to return to Kurumba?

The feeling of home. I'm in Germany the whole year with something to look forward to, at the end or middle of the year, that is coming back to Kurumba. I love the culture, the people, the island, which is not only a paradise, but also a home for me. I appreciate when some of the team members ask if I am home already. The way you all make me feel, is like I'm part of the family, which is really important to me. For people who normally travel alone, its nice to know that the team member are willing to engage in small talks and check if everything is ok with their guests. My daughter and grandchildren also love to spend their holidays here in the resort. Jason and Judit also makes sure that I am updated with what's happening at the resort.

How many times have you been to Kurumba?

This is my 19th visit to Kurumba. Our first visit was in 1995. I was working with an airline company and since I was a child, I've always dreamt of visiting the Maldives. Once I had the opportunity, I planned my first visit there with my family, which was like a dream come true. During every visit, just before touchdown, I would look outside the aeroplane window to enjoy the view below. Amazing experience. Some of the reasons why we chose Kurumba were because of its house reefs as well as its location, which is just 10 minutes from the airport.

What do you enjoy most about Kurumba?

Everything. I enjoy the whole package. The things that you've done in such a short time, the improvements to the rooms, how the Kids Club are indeed kids friendly and how I have yet to encounter any issues during my stay. I see new things on every visit.

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

I don't have anything in mind that I feel needs to be changed in the resort. It would be lovely if all the team members stay as warm as they are. They are the treasure on this island. I have the feeling that I belong here, a positive feeling.

When will we see you again?

Next year, definitely.

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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