



Postcard from Kurumba

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Welcome to our seventh issue of "Postcard from Kurumba"

We are pleased to introduce the latest addition to our room categories, the new Beachfront Deluxe Bungalows which guarantees guests a waterfront accommodation. If you can picture yourself on your next holiday waking up with a nice cup of coffee, then taking a few steps from your room and then strolling into the warm turquoise waters, then this room category could be for you.

The continual upgrade of the Veli Spa is receiving positive feedback from our guests with its new facilities and exciting new treatments. The Superior Room upgrades are currently in progress and the new open bathrooms, new features should make for a positive impact for these rooms. Kurumba Cafe', the Beach Bar, the Reception and main complex public areas will see new furnishing and decorations to keep the resort up to date with the current trends, whilst maintaining our Maldivian feel. This we expect to see completed in the next three months. This will include new sun loungers and day beds around the pool and a few planned surprises that we hope that you enjoy. Please check out the [Kurumba Update](#) for more details of these upgrades.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our 40th Anniversary Facebook Photo Competition. The winner was Graham and Kate Morphette with their photo of the [Sound of The Sea gazebo](#).

if you have the time, please check out our [website](#) and have a look through our "[Kurumba Today](#)" page to keep you updated and informed of our daily activities and events. That's enough from me; however let's see what else is happening in Kurumba.

Sunny regards, The team at Kurumba Maldives.



New Room Type

Beachfront Deluxe Bungalows are popular and guests appreciate the guarantee of a beachside room. These rooms are located, just a few short steps from the beach, offering panoramic ocean views. They are similarly appointed to the Deluxe Bungalows and offer a large balcony for quiet afternoons while you lounge on the daybed of the terrace patio and enjoy the sea breeze. New touches will be a plunger coffee and I-home stations. The high-ceiling bedroom is airy and offers a warm feel to it. The spacious bathroom comes complete with two washbasins, a glass-walled shower, a free-standing bathtub and an open-air sand and stone-floor shower garden.



Guests staying in the Beachfront Deluxe Bungalow have the option of having Premium Breakfast in Ocean Grill where they can enjoy an a la carte hot breakfast with free flow of champagne, high tea service of continental meats, fruits, pastries, Lavazza coffee and fresh juices.



In-Room New Amenities

A coffee plunger with freshly ground Lavazza is the latest addition to the Deluxe Bungalows and above, room categories. New beach slippers, which are a revision of the original versions have been added too all guest rooms. The minibars now have a new "Make Your Own Cocktail" menu with a set of shakers, muddlers and garnishes. No need just to make a G&T for sunset drinks as now you can make a nice Bellini or Mojito. Here are a few of the in-room "Make Your Own Cocktail" menu items to whet your appetite.



Passionfruit Mojito - Muddle 1/2 lime and mint, add 1 passion fruit, 2 shots of rum and ice, top up with sprite. Stir and enjoy.

Chocolate & Coffee Martini - Finely chop up 4 pieces of Toblerone and place into the shaker, add hot Lavazza coffee and shake until this combines. Add ice and 2 shots of vodka into the shaker. Shake with a smile, strain and serve. Pair with the remainder of your Toblerone.



Social Responsibility

On 10th May 2012, we hosted underprivileged children from the Maafushi Island Orphanage to enjoy a day with us on the island. This is in conjunction with the human rights commission to celebrate

International Children's Day.



Our waste management facility is near completion and we have managed to greatly increase the recycling out of our refuse. A glass crusher, plastic bottle shredder, green waste mulcher and compactor have been installed with that greatly reducing the amount of landfill. The glass can be used in cement, the plastic, tins and paper for recycling and green waste for garden mulch.

Our energy reduction initiatives are seeing good results with a reduced consumption of 20,000 litres of diesel in April 2012. The energy saving initiatives include investing in LED lighting in team areas, heat exchange from our generators to use the of hot water in the laundry and kitchen, upgrading the desalination plant so to be able to use reduced wattage pumps, purchasing of a new steam iron, replacement of air conditioners to more environmentally friendly models.



Party With A Purpose

The "Party With A Purpose" Music Festival was held in Kurumba on 1st June 2012. This festival was a fundraiser to raise money for the Kudhakudhinge Hiyaa Orphanage located at Villigili.

On the day, Kurumba hosted 8 music bands, offering music throughout the day and DJ's in the evenings with silent auctions and food & wine stalls. All proceeds for the event will be used to purchase urgently needed equipment to help the orphanage.

The event was a great success with local expatriates and in-house guests enjoying the diverse entertainment that was held at the watersports and the beach bar areas. Kurumba hopes to make this a yearly affair.



Heart Of House

The Heart of House revitalization is continuing to improve the team facilities. Early this year, the "Kurumba Has Talent" event was organised, with the team enjoying a fun and creative evening. Please click here to view the Managers' Performance on [YouTube](#).

The sports area has been increased in size to allow more space for cricket, football and volleyball, which allows all the games to be played at once. Just recently, our volleyball team competed in the Inter-Island Competition. Whilst we did not win the tournament, there was a great team spirit and a very supportive cheer squad.

The Team Restaurant refurbishment is completed with the installation of a new kitchen and al fresco dining area.. The Human Resource & Training Offices have been rebuilt to allow more space for the office plus a new staff meeting and training room. Currently, Russian, Chinese and English classes are being conducted with our team.



"Catching up with the Jones" - a chat with Mr & Mrs Elliot-Smith

One of the things we are most proud of is guest loyalty. Some have been coming to Kurumba every year (or twice a year) for as long as we can remember. We met up with the Elliot-Smith's at room 272 learn about their Kurumba.



How many times have you been to Kurumba?

Valerie : I have been to Kurumba about twenty-one times.

Robin : I have been here with Valerie probably sixteen times, maybe more.

What keeps you coming back?

Valerie : It is very much the people, particularly the Maldivians but also very much the international community that helps build up tourism.

Robin : It is all of that friendliness of this resort. We have been to other resorts in the Maldives but Kurumba is very special and is the first resort that started off the Maldivian tourism, forty years ago.

What is Kurumba for you?

Valerie : It is very much my favourite holiday destination, with whatever changes that may happen, and it's always one of the best holidays that I can have, that provides me with everything that I want.

Robin : It is a place where I feel like I have got a second family here, the staff we see when we come back to Kurumba have been here year after year. They are always friendly and welcoming.

If you have to name on thing that is your favourite, what would it be?

Valerie : That's a difficult one. I think probably food. The variety and standard of restaurants are also very brilliant.

Robin : For me it's food as well. It is one of the few resorts where in a course of one week, you can actually enjoy food of different international cuisine with nothing repeating itself. The other thing that we both love is the quality of what is served in the restaurants as well as the restaurant managers and staff.

What is the one thing that is new that you appreciate?

Robin : The gardens and greenery are even better kept.

Valerie : Big beach house!

And lastly, would you like to give a message to Kurumba Resort for it's 40th Anniversary?

We look forward to its next 40 years!

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