

Kurumba

MALDIVES



Postcard from Kurumba

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Welcome to our third issue of "Postcard from Kurumba"

Thank you for taking the time to read our *Postcard from Kurumba*. We are very excited to tell you about some of the improvements we have been making here at Kurumba Maldives!

Let's start with the introduction of our newly refurbished spa, now running on a new concept and goes by the name of *Veli Spa*. The treatment rooms in the spa have had a makeover and the overall feel of this new sanctuary will be an experience that your body and mind will want to keep coming back for.

As for other changes, the Kurumba team now proudly don new uniforms, overall giving the staff and the resort a much fresher look. Linen in the guest rooms have been upgraded and we are constantly working on some additional enhancements to these rooms, with step by step progress. Our staff volleyball team competed in the Inter-island Tournament held here in the Maldives and we are very proud of their progress so far in these friendly competition. The next time you are here, you may hear some calls of celebration from some of our fanatical supporters!

Last but not least, if you have the time, do visit our [website](#) and check out the new "Today at Kurumba" section which keeps you informed of what's happening on Kurumba as well as the entertainment schedule which is updated on a daily basis!

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

Jason Kruse - General Manager



Wine & Dine

Over the recent months, Ocean Grill has been getting some work done to upgrade the area. This include some romantic white tents for dining, new cushions, artwork and the new addition of tropical gardens.

In line with this upgrade, our kitchen team has been busily working on a new menu with a number of Asian inspired dishes as well as quality meat and seafood grills.



Vihamana is currently undergoing a refresh and constant changes are being made to upgrade the overall layout of the restaurant, reviewing the buffet settings and improving on the lighting in the restaurant.

In the coming weeks, new additional artwork pieces which will be placed in the restaurant, giving it a splash of colour and making it a more pleasant dining location for our guests.



The New "Veli Spa"

We are very excited to announce the re-launch of our spa, with it's new name, Veli Spa, which means "sand" in Maldivian. The spa concept will focus more on natural treatments, influenced by Asian methods, highlighting our cultural and traditional ways. We have sourced our own line of products and retail items, offering a range of what's best for our guests. Over the past weeks, we have refurbished the treatment rooms thus greatly improving the ambiance of the spa and therefore improving your unwinding experience with us.



Heart Of House

Over the past 6 months, we have been building a new central building for our staff team members. There will be an air-conditioned cinema,



internet cafe and learning centre, gymnasium, kitchen and games area.

Our new training manager, **Mr. Ibrahim Nihad** joins the Kurumba family. He is a specialises in customer service and skills training especially for front-liners, bringing with him than 10 years of experience in the hospitality industry.



Cruising The Maldives On Atoll Explorer

We would like to introduce you to our cruise vessel, Atoll Explorer, which is famous for providing all-inclusive one week cruises throughout the Maldives.

If you fancy a week of cruising, snorkeling, scuba diving and exploring uninhabited beaches and local island whilst meeting new friends, Atoll Explorer could be just the great addition to your Kurumba holiday. There are a range of activities and entertainment with plenty of opportunities for swimming, laying on a beach and taking time to watch the Maldives go by.



Atoll Explorer has also been going through quite a refresh with many new service touches, improved beverage & cocktail list, new food menus and a number of other small surprises.

For more information, please feel free to visit Atoll Explorer's [website](#) or check out their [Facebook](#) page!



Seeking All Sports Fisherman

The Maldives Game Fishing Association will be holding the Maldives Game Fishing Challenge 2011, a sports fishing competition, between 9th to 12th November 2011.

We are seeking some return guests who would be interested in participating in this sports fishing competition. Our team will be focused on tagging and releasing Billfish whilst we can certainly consider keeping other pelagic species.

There will be 4 spots on the boat for each of the four days. We will be taking a maximum of 8 return guests for this so that each fisherman has at least two days on board. This sports fishing event will be complimentary for our first 8 return guests staying in-house during that period.



Our sports fishing team has just completed a two-week training program with Captain Mike Tan who is from the International Game Fishing Association and Blue Sails Sportsfishing.

To participate in this event, please contact **Najmee** on fleet.manager@kurumba.com to confirm your seat on our game fishing boat. Please note that entry is on a first-come-first serve basis, so hurry!

"Catching up with the Jones" - A chat with the Youngs

One of the things we are most proud of is guest loyalty. Some of you have been coming to Kurumba every year (or twice a year) for as long as we can remember. We met up with the Youngs at the Sand Bar to learn about their Kurumba.



What keeps you coming back?

Firstly, the hassle free transfer from the airport to Kurumba - being whisk from the airport in a relaxing way. Secondly, how the staff treat us very well, and as repeaters we are being valued as guests. The staff members are the assets of Kurumba.

How many times have you been to Kurumba?

23rd visit.

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

All the staff - everyone always smiling - they genuinely give great service and is always going the extra mile.

If we could change something, what is your advice?

To keep some favourite dishes fo the old Ocean Grill menu. Also, it would be nice to upgrade the air-conditioning.

(Editor's note : Yes, this is in progress!)

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

The guest room refurbishment and the new landscaping around the island. The extra bottled water in the guest rooms, the improved lighting, and the new cushions are a delight. Also, new team member uniforms are a good addition.

To keep up-to-date and to stay in touch, join us on the Kurumba [Facebook](#) page.

