

# Kurumba

MALDIVES



## POSTCARD FROM KURUMBA (Issue 18)

Marhabaa and a Maldivian welcome to our 18th Issue of the Postcard from Kurumba.

To our friends of Kurumba, we truly wish that you have had a delightful festive season and that your plans for the coming year are both enriching and exciting.

We would like to thank you, our friends and supporters of our team your continued support. We are delighted with our continued progress and without you, this would not be possible. We would like to thank all the guests who have posted positive reviews on travel review sites, keep sharing our good news on social media and come back to holiday with us.

In this new years' edition, we are looking forward to giving you a few hints of our plans in the coming year. As you know, we do not want to give away all the surprises for your next visit.

Shukriyya,  
Jason Kruse  
General Manager



### Maldives First Female Boat Captain

Over the past 5 months, we have been training up Rizu, Maldives' first female boat Captain. Whilst she will continue her role as Majaa Recreation Supervisor, these additional skills can be used from time to time when guests are looking for an all-female crew.

We are delighted with the support of our Male Captains who certainly gave her all the necessary help needed for her practical training as well as her theory course. Rizu is still developing her skills and knowledge of the Maldivian oceans, which will take some time.

On behalf of all our team members, we would like to say well done to Rizu for all her efforts. If you would like to pass on your support, you can contact her at [recreation@kurumba.com](mailto:recreation@kurumba.com)

## Kurumba Maldives Staff And Volunteers Rescue Corals & Create Largest Coral Frame In The Maldives

A team of volunteers joined forces with Kurumba staff on 17th December to rescue corals from a land reclamation project and help create the largest coral frames in the Maldives. Thanks to the efforts of the team, two massive 20ft coral frames packed with transplanted coral have been created on the house reef at Kurumba. The two adjacent frames are the largest of their kind in the Maldives and together to form a new 40ft-long coral garden.

The group of Kurumba staff, Maldivians, expats and local NGO *Save the Beach Maldives*, spent the day searching underwater for live coral colonies in a section of water designated for land reclamation.

It is hoped that the recently transplanted coral will adapt well to its new environment and eventually completely engulf the metal frames stretching 40ft across the sea bed, a few meters off the shore at Kurumba Maldives. We hope that you will visit the coral frame on your next visit to Kurumba!



## Veli Spa Refreshment Station

As part of our mission to continue providing the best value for your stay, we have added a refreshment station at the entrance of Veli Spa. A different beverage is provided every day, mainly iced teas to reward your daily walks within the Island. Enjoy these with our compliments!

## Raising The Bar

As I am sure you have already seen, we are actively revitalizing the island with resort upgrades, creating a unique and vibrant guest experience.

Over the past months, we have completed the final works in Thila, changed the bathroom location at Kandu (the main bar) to allow for upgraded bathrooms, better ocean views from the Café and Vihamana, and to allow these outlets as well as Thila to all have views of the live entertainment at night times.

In terms of room developments, DVD players have been added to the Superior and Deluxe Rooms, along with make-up mirrors, high quality hair dryers to all guests rooms and emergency lights.

New loungers for Athiri (previously the Sand Bar) have been ordered and will offer a great option to the turquoise bean bags.

The *Colours of Kurumba* newsletter will be changed to a 7-day version in order to reduce paper and printing. This consolidation will also make easier reading for guests.

By popular demand, we have now included sea kayaks and stand-up paddleboards for guests, which has had a very positive feedback.

In the year ahead, we are intending to upgrade Vihamana restaurant to make a much easier flow for the buffet, setting up a much lighter color scheme, sound absorbing materials and sky lights for more natural light. We will be adding two-esspresso coffee stations which will make getting your coffee faster.

The next item will be some refreshment works for the area surrounding the pool, which will improve the aesthetics in the area.





### Introduction To DeTunes

Kurumba is proud to host the best local talents and our new, vibrant and talented Maldivian five-piece band is no exception to this. DeTunes plays the likes of jazz and blues, rock and roll, Latin and samba, disco and reggae, classical and local Maldivian music with a personal touch. Playing in Kandu every week. Not to be missed!

### Maldives Retreat Package

Looking for a great value short break package. We have created this great value package that includes 4 nights' accommodation, return airport transfers, a Sunset & Dolphin Cruise, Half Board meal plan and a 50-minute massage for 2 persons. This package is only available for a limited time.

Special rates are available to upgrade to our Full Board All-Inclusive or Dine Around All-Inclusive meal plans.

The booking period is from 1st January 2015 - 28th February 2015. Stay period is from 1st May 2015 - 24th July 2015. Kindly contact our Reservations Department for further information: [reservations@kurumba.com](mailto:reservations@kurumba.com) or [click here](#) for full package details and prices.

*\*Please note that this is a very special offer in consideration of the above mentioned improvement plans.*



### 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 who have been visiting Kurumba for numerous years. It's always a pleasure to catch up every time you come back.

Recently we have the pleasure of meeting up the Levchenko family: [Anastasia, Vladimir and their son Ivan](#).

#### How many times have you been to Kurumba?

We have traveled to the Maldives since 2005, so it has been already 10 years. Almost every time we stay in Kurumba. We have stayed here about 10 times. We have traveled to many places like the Seychelles but most of all we like it here.

#### What motivates you to return to Kurumba?

It is the atmosphere of this resort and the friendly staff. Everyone is going above and beyond to meet any requests. The staff tries to make sure we spend time as comfortable as possible. We always feel a warm welcome. Many of the team members we already know very well after many visits.

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

We love fruit. We always want more fruit. The rest is all well done.

#### What do you enjoy most at Kurumba?

The beach, the location of the bungalow. We like that there is a house reef and there is no need to go anywhere on a boat to snorkel. It's convenient. For us Kurumba is the golden mean: peace, tranquility, a nice beach, but at the same time it is a fun place with a convenient amount of restaurants. Evenings are rich, there is a good entertainment program which not all resorts can provide.

#### When will we see you again?

We are planning our next trip in the summer, when our son will have school holidays. These are challenging times in Russia, but we still plan to come.



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