

# Kurumba

MALDIVES IN FULL COLOUR

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Marhabaa and welcome to our 22nd issue of Postcard from Kurumba.

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### When the nap attacked and won...

We have just received and placed brand new sun loungers around the island. Modern and comfortable, with a thick cushion for those hours of relaxing on the beach. Perfect for a good power nap on the beach, to expand your creativity.

### Amping up our internet

We have almost completed the fiber optic internet solution that upgrades the network within the resort. This should provide better internet and viewing quality of the televisions.

### Why worry about the bills?

We have recently decreased our meal plan prices. Looking at our guest surveys, we can see that guests tend to be happier on the All-Inclusive meal plans. At the same time, we can see that guests are financially better off (but let's not tell the accountants).

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### Special Offers - Stay Longer, Enjoy More

Holiday with us and save 10% off your room rates.

Stay 4 nights and receive 15% discount off your room rates.

Stay for 5 nights or more and receive 20% discount off your room rates and complimentary shared speedboat transfers. Valid until 31st December 2016.

If you are a Classic, Silver or Gold member of our Friends of Kurumba program, please email us at [reservations@kurumba.com](mailto:reservations@kurumba.com) for a special promotions code exclusively for return guests. Limited availability only and conditions apply.



### CSR

Kurumba Maldives continues its Corporate Ambassadorship with the non-governmental organization ARC (Advocating Rights for the Children) for the following programmes:

- "Early Childhood Play and Development" programme for Kudakudhinge Hiya orphanage.
- GRACE campaign (in partnership with UNICEF) - launched in March, with the aim of empowering girls. Awareness sessions organized for students and parents throughout the Maldives, with inspirational videos of successful women in non-traditional careers.



### We would love your help again?

We have been nominated for the below accolades and it is one of these awards which requires support from our guests. Our team would greatly appreciate if you could support us by casting your vote! If you can help, we will buy you a cocktail on Tuesday next time you are here. (Yes, this is a bad joke).

[World Travel Awards](#) (voting ends 29th February)

Maldives Leading Resort

Maldives Leading Family Resort

Indian Ocean's Leading MICE Hotel

[World Luxury Spa Awards](#) (voting ends 28th March)

Best Luxury Wellness Spa

### Up and coming Events

For further details, please check Kurumba's [Event Calendar](#) or email us at [sales@kurumba.com](mailto:sales@kurumba.com)

Keep your eyes open as we have more events to announce!



### 25th - 27th March

#### Easter

Easter celebrations will keep the whole family active and entertained. Kids will be spoiled for choice with fun activities such as the Treasure Hunt, pizza making and more.



### 21st April

#### Party With A Purpose

For the 5th consecutive year, we will be hosting the Maldives' best entertainment event, with live music from local bands, as well as a Silent Auction and catering. All proceedings are destined for charity as part of our CSR programme.



### 16th - 23rd May

#### Master Yogi Vijetha In Residence

Join Master Yogi Vijetha at Kurumba Maldives and participate in one of the complimentary yoga classes. Sessions will be organised according to the different experience levels of guests.



### 10th June - 10th July

#### Euro Cup - Football

Games will be screened in Kalhu Bar for those guests who are football enthusiasts.



### 13th - 16th August

#### Celebrity Chef - 2 Michelin Star Chef André

Renowned Chef André Chiang from Restaurant André in Singapore will be visiting Kurumba Maldives and offering a special menu over 3 days in Thila. You can meet with Chef



### **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 had the pleasure of meeting up with Josef and Monika Naray, from Austria.

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

This is our 8th visit. We started coming in 2008, it was a one week stay and we enjoyed it very much. For certain we will celebrate here our 50th wedding anniversary in 2 years' time.

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

After staying in another resort, we first heard about Kurumba in 2007. We decided to choose a place close to the airport for convenient transfers. We like it here now, we know a lot of team members, who have been on the island for some time. Sometimes we meet with other return guests as well, or other fellow Austrian guests. For us, Kurumba is a little piece of paradise.

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

We wouldn't change anything, we like it as it is. This is why we like to come here. There is a very good cuisine and we like to relax, rooms are nice and very clean. People are so sweet, friendly and kind. It's like a family. We understand that there should be changes sometimes. We were impressed with Thila restaurant when we first saw it. It's very nice, modern, a different style.

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

We always enjoy all of it. Talking to the team. We love our bungalow and beach, we always try to stay at our favourite corner. Our first motivations to coming to the Maldives were diving (Josef) and relaxing (Monika) so the destination was perfect for both. We have been to a few resorts before, but then we found Kurumba. I stopped diving two years ago because of health issues, but I still enjoy coming back. Also we enjoy the spa, which is very good.

### **When will we see you again?**

The plan is to come back in two years anyway. Next year - we have still not decided. But in two years we will definitely be here as we want to celebrate our 50th anniversary in Kurumba, particularly in Thila restaurant - that is for sure!

### **The passing of one of our dear family members**

It is with much sadness that we communicate the passing of one of our most friendly team members, Ali. You may have known him from the little coconut leaf birds he made for guests on the beach, the beautiful smile and warm heart. Unfortunately Ali was diagnosed with liver cancer and passed away soon afterwards. Ali was a true friend of our guests and team members alike. He was loved by all and taught us that with a smile, truly caring about others and small gestures can positively touch so many peoples' lives in such a positive way. Ali leaves his wife, three sons and three daughters who he had raised to be well educated. Ali was also a great husband and dad.

Here is a small story about Ali and this is a traditional that we will learn from and continue. Read <http://heydipyourtoesin.com/maldives-a-bird-in-hand-is-worth-celebrating>

## Editor's Note

Thanks very much for reading our latest news. Please keep your eyes peeled for our new website, the new booking engine where you will be able to compare prices, the latest reviews, special return guests' exclusive offers which should be launched in March and our new resort videos! We also have some exciting news coming up soon about a new cinema and a teen's area. We will be completing some remodeling works in the main pool area which will be finished by mid-May. We will do our best to reduce impact on the guest experience and the end result will be an easier access in the pool for guests, a new and separate area for the children's pool, away from the main adults' pool and some new features in the area. We had so many more updates we wanted to tell you about, however decided to keep this edition short and sweet. Hopefully you will get to come and see these nice surprises when you are here. Thank you again and we do greatly appreciate our loyal guests.

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