



# Kurumba

MALDIVES



We welcome you to our 33rd issue of Kurumba's Newsletter





Dear Friends,

As I am writing this, it's a beautiful sunny day, with temperatures around 36-38 degrees celcius... a perfect day in the Maldives!

Since our latest issue, a lot has happened here at Kurumba. Despite the overall continued challenges in the worldwide travel industry, the Maldives has truly been a success story. Here at Kurumba, we have far exceeded our expectations with the rebound in travelers, and we've been able to share and create many fond memories with a lot of old friends and repeaters, as well as a lot of new guests. With the 1 island 1 resort bubble concept, the resort is perfectly made for our current environment.

As friends of Kurumba, you will all know that it's the team here that makes the island special. We are very happy to let you know that as of this week, we have completed administering the first vaccine dose to our team members. By end of April, early May, we will have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, so this will be a great step forward for us. We continue to take steps to ensure that you as our guests will feel safe when you travel and spend time with us.

One of the most common messages I receive from all of our arriving guests is that for many, it is the first time they have travelled since over a year. For many, it is the first chance they get to spend quality time with their family and friends. We at Kurumba are humble and honoured that you chose us for these special occasions, and we stand by to assist and make your stays as safe, secure and memorable as possible.

I look forward to seeing you all here at Kurumba and please do reach out if there is ever anything we can be of help with.

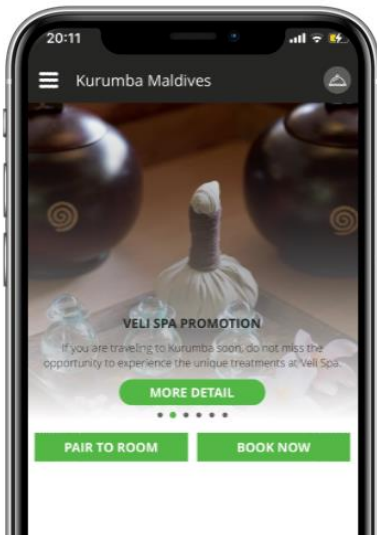
Warm regards,

Andrew Jansson  
General Manager

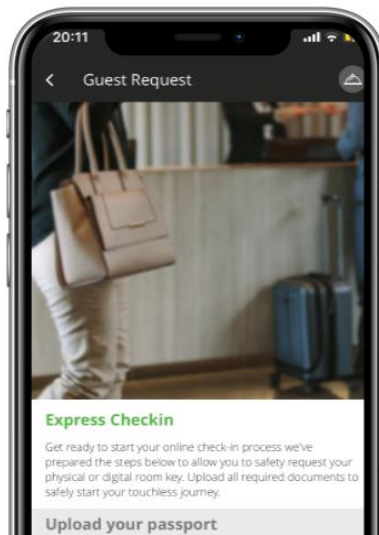


Meet our new  
**KURUMBA Application**

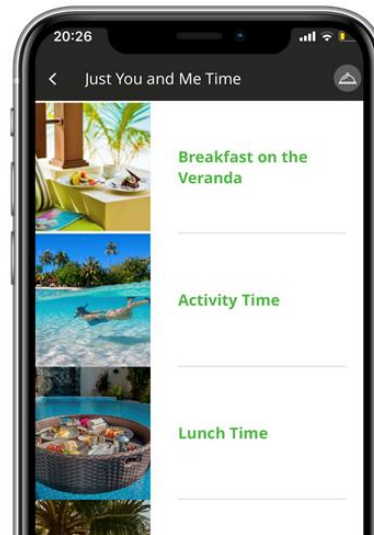
*We are delighted  
to officially announce  
the launch of  
Kurumba's Application  
designed with ultimate care  
to provide our guests  
the better service  
and to plan the most flawless stay*



Do not want to miss out on our Early Booking specials while planning your next stay with us? Or would you keen to get our Veli Spa best offers while in Kurumba? Stay tuned for all our promotions, discounts, and bonuses with the latest updates on the Kurumba App.



As our guest, you already get an advantage of the speedy and smoothest arrival experience. With Express Check-In it is even faster! Spend a couple of minutes on pre-arrival registration, collect your key upon arrival and start your vacation straight away!



Woke up in a socially distanced mood? Treat yourselves with the full day "Just You and Me Time" program ordering our in-villa service or enjoying the private options of in-house activities

✓ Stay connected with our team for any requests prior, during and post stay with Live Chat

✓ Choose leisurely your favorite excursion / restaurant / spa treatment while sipping a cocktail next to the pool and book it just in a few clicks!

✓ Having vacations with discerning family members? Does it take a little longer to choose a restaurant which will please everyone? Our all-restaurants' digital menus are at your fingertips!



Our young, dynamic and talented Executive Pastry Chef Shahid studied culinary art at Segi College in Malaysia. There, Shahid discovered a passion that would eventually lead him to a whole new career path, the art of all things sweet! Soon after completing his studies, Shahid joined the pastry teams of several hotel brands such as Six Seasons, Le Meridien, J.W. Marriot and Ritz Carlton. His talent and exposure to top leading hotel brands gave him the privilege to serve high profile personalities and numerous heads of state. Before leading the pastry team here at Kurumba, he worked in Thanos Group Hotels Annabelle and Almyra in Cyprus, and has become a mini celebrity back home in Dhaka, where he has also published many recipes in newspapers & magazines, and conducted more than 30 cooking shows.



## Sweeten Life Up

*with our Pastry Chef Shahid*

Let's turn our attention today to something decadent sweet, and the perfect way to finish off any meal in any of our restaurants.

Our coconut crème brûlée.

This version comes in a baby coconut shell, which of course adds to the authentic look and feel of the dish, but any old ceramic bowl will do just as well at home. The quantities below will give you 15 portions.

### Ingredients:

Egg whole – 3 large eggs

Egg yolk – 10

Sugar – 1 cup

Coconut milk – 1000 gms or 4.2 cups

Coconut cream – 400 gms or 1 ½ cups

Baby coconut cut in half – 15 pcs to use as a bowl (optional)

### Preparation:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 150c.

2. In a bowl add egg, egg yolk and sugar, whisk well.

3. In a pot, add coconut milk and coconut cream, slowly make warm.

4. Combine egg mix and coconut mix together, use a hand blender and blend well until all the sugar dissolves, then strain.

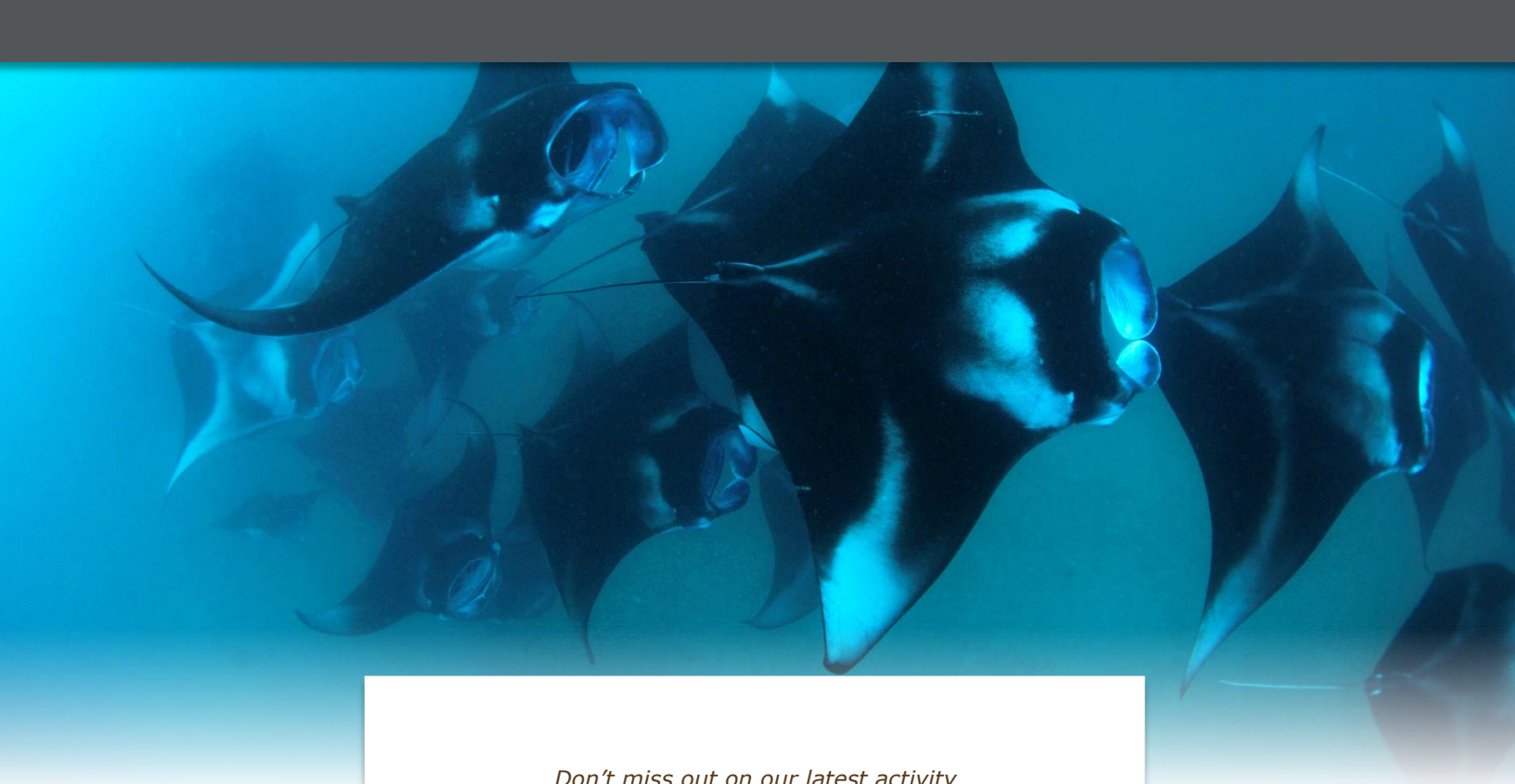
5. In a long deep baking tray, pour in a little water as a base, and position the shells or ceramic bowls. Pour in the mix and bake for 30 to 35 minutes.

6. After baking, remove from the baking tray and let them cool down. Store in a refrigerator.

7. Before serving, sprinkle sugar on the top and caramelize with a blow torch until crisp and golden brown in color.

Enjoy!





*Don't miss out on our latest activity*

## Manta Ray Safari

*Not the Manta-Ray season? No need to worry, there is a range of snorkeling excursions that you can choose from.*



**Turtle Safari:** Though you may have the chance to meet these sweet underwater dwellers while swimming in the Kurumba's lagoon, a short trip away takes you to one of the most popular snorkeling spots around, teaming with our little friends.

We are just thrilled to offer our guests the recently launched excursion - Snorkeling with Manta Rays. Just 45 minutes away from Kurumba's shores in a comfortable boat, find yourself part of a spectacular underwater performance of one of the ocean's most graceful creatures.

Maldivian manta rays migrate across the atolls year-round, generating genuine excitement amongst guests, and the opportunity to swim alongside these peaceful and gentle giants is must for anyone's bucket list.

Reach out our Majaa Team to find out the right times for this amazing adventure.



**Stingray Safari:** Meet the smaller cousins of the manta rays. Contrary to their kin, these stingrays are year-round residents and thrive in these waters.



**Shark Safari:** Are you brave enough to face the sharks and dispel the myth about them as the most dangerous ocean creatures? Put your mask on and discover the Maldives' full-year residents in their natural habitat.

*\*We kindly request our guests to have completed a snorkel lesson or a snorkeling safety check prior to above excursions.*



## Your feedback counts!

Sharing all the positive (and sometimes a few negative) reviews is an important part of our day. Hearing what you have to say, and the praise that we receive, especially when certain team member's names are mentioned, is the greatest source of motivation for the team here. We appreciate the time that our guests spend on sharing their comments, and we welcome it with open arms.



Delight us with your freshest memories of your recent holidays at Kurumba!



**AppletreeGirl** Jan 3, 2021



### Absolute bliss!

"We were so lucky to be able to get away for Christmas and spend it at Kurumba. This was our 5th visit here and it was as wonderful as ever. Kurumba is always immaculately clean and tidy, but they have gone even further to ensure the resort is safe during these virus worrying times. We truly relaxed for the first time in months.

If you want unrivalled levels of service, great food with a choice of restaurants, the best house reef with such a variety of beautiful fish, turtles, shark, rays all a few steps away from your sun bed (you'll see it all snorkelling or diving), and a chance to switch off, forget Covid and chill out then go to Kurumba!

The staff are the jewel in Kurumba's crown, you will receive a warm smile from every single one, every time."



**dorine0611** Mar 15, 2021



### Foodie's heaven

"This was our second time staying at Kurumba. The appeal of this place, aside from its proximity to the airport, resides mostly, in my opinion, in the friendliness of the staff.

One of the reason we loved our first stay so much is the excellence of service we received from Chef Nanda. He is actually, without exaggeration, the reason we decided to come back to Kurumba. As a vegan myself, finding a resort that can accommodate me is very important, as I am a huge foodie. In that case, the word «accommodate» is an understatement.

If you are, like myself, a traveller who puts food as one of your priority during your travels, I highly recommend Kurumba. Know that you will be well taken care of, whatever your dietary requirements are."



**devyanisrao** Feb 22, 2021



### Fantastic Family Fun at Kurumba!

"Kurumba was absolutely spectacular. They made the whole trip so easy especially during Covid time. The resort is a 5-10 min boat ride from the airport thus is very convenient. Especially for families with young kid like us, you get to start your vacation ASAP.

We stayed at the beachfront villa & it was lovely. It had ample space & I have to compliment the open shower in the washroom as it was a lovely addition. You have direct access to a clean beach & crystal clear water. They have separate beach chairs for each room to ensure safety during current times. The whole resort has gorgeous landscaping & picturesque spots. There are a lot of activities for everyone. The kids club was great for the little one & the splash hour was our sons fav. I do recommend trying the Veli Spa - we tried the Massage besides the sea and it was a fabulous experience.

A big thank you to the whole team at Kurumba for the amazing hospitality that you extended to our family. It was truly a memorable trip!"



**karo14051978** Jan 30, 2021



### The Best!

"We visited multiple Maldives islands, but not even hotels like these created such a good atmosphere like Kurumba did. To kurumba we returned already twice and they didn't fail to fulfill our expectations. The employers were kind to every customer and always helped us out if needed. The food was very good and we had many options since kurumba offered Japanese, Indian, Thailand and Italian restaurants. The sea was very clean and there were lots of stingrays, (baby)sharks and even turtles. Everyday the staff would clean up the beaches to make sure they were clean. At night we were entertained at the bar with the DJ and a live band ( @2sensemv and @Bokitos goooo). The rooms were clean and remarkably big compared to other hotels we visited. They also offered a outside shower with a bathtub and another shower ( we had the deluxe bungalow). To say the least we were very satisfied with kurumba and are definitely planning on returning 😊"

## We've been nominated!

World Travel Awards was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all key sectors of the travel, tourism and hospitality industries. Today, the World Travel Awards brand is recognized globally as the ultimate hallmark of industry excellence. We delighted to announce that Kurumba has been selected as a nominee in the 28th annual World Travel Awards:

- Indian Ocean's Leading Family Resort 2021
- Maldives' Leading Beach Resort 2021
- Maldives' Leading Family Resort 2021

The international voting window is now open!

Support Kurumba to win the ultimate travel industry accolade!





## Memorable Moments that last

It was a great start of the year with bright festivities full of fun and memories to cherish. Remembering those moments will always bring you back to Kurumba in your thoughts. We are happy to share with you the brightest flashes of the previous months.



As the most anticipated time of a year for kids, we filled up Christmas week with the exciting activities for our little guests: the Master Class of Ginger Bread Tree Decoration, Kids' Fashion Show, and, of course, Santa Claus' great entrance. This time he brought goodies riding jet ski.

Last Christmas Eve our Chefs' Team went above and beyond to spoil our guests with an exquisite selection of festive delights.

We grooved into the mood while waiting for the spectacular countdown to a New Year along with outstanding live band performance.



We rang in the Year of the Ox with a sumptuous Chinese buffet served in Vihamanaa, shared our tender vibes in the romantic settings on Valentine's Day, and celebrated Easter with traditional Egg Hunt moved to the fairy-tale Alisa's Wondeland!







## Join us for upcoming Events

- **22nd April - Earth Day** - when events are held worldwide to increase awareness and appreciation of the Earth's natural environment. Join our team for a number of eco-friendly activities.
- **9th May - Mother's Day** - a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.
- **12th May - Eid-Al-Fitr** - Enjoy a celebratory Eid-al-Fitr feast (buffet) at Vihamanaa restaurant, to mark the end of fasting period of the Islamic month of Ramadan.
- **8th June - World Ocean Day** - "On World Ocean Day, people around the world celebrate the ocean, which connects us all. Join us as we protect our shared ocean today!"
- **12th June - Global Wellness Day** in Kurumba brings together exercise, healthy eating and fun activities and dedicated to raise awareness of "good living".



Plan an amazing escape ahead to receive exclusive savings!

### Last Minute Offers

Valid for stay: 1st April – 30th June, 2021

Benefits & inclusions:

- Your choice of accommodation
- Wireless internet access
- Early check-in subject to availability on arrival
- 30mins photography services with one printed photo.

[BOOK NOW](#)

### Early Booking Specials at Kurumba

Valid for stay: 1st July – 31st October, 2021

Benefits & inclusions:

- Your choice of accommodation
- Wireless internet access
- Early check-in subject to availability on arrival
- 30mins photography services with one printed photo.

[BOOK NOW](#)