





KURUMBA - SUNSET & DOLPHIN



# Kurumba

The multifaceted resort

Now let's take a look at one of the country's (oldest - first resort to open in the Maldives) grandest resort, Kurumba.

It is also the closest resorts from Malé, just 10-minutes by speedboat from the airport, so it's an ideal choice for a short stay. Like Kandolhu this resort offers the most modern comfort and amenities and half or full-board (breakfast and dinner) packages as well, so you don't have to worry about anything and enjoy the moment. We loved our beachfront deluxe bungalows which offers private terraces and daybeds perfect for dozing in the late afternoon sun.

The outside enclosed shower even further enhanced the tropical rainforest feel of the resort.

With one eight top restaurants, including Arabian, Chinese, Indian, Italian, and a Japanese counter, Kurumba Maldives is a classic resort that sets the standard for the rest of the archipelago.

One of the top five must do's on Kurumba is the Sunset dolphin cruise.

After a beautiful 20-minute breathtaking boat ride, you can see many dolphins swimming alongside the boat and some others flipping in the air! It's truly an amazing sight.

Spotting them is one thing-capturing them on camera is another! The trick is to keep your camera focussed and ready for the shot. And yes, it is so gratifying once you manage to catch a good shot of a dolphin jumping above the water!

One of the resort's mission is to introduce Maldivian culture to its guests through a myriad of activities, cooking class being one of them.



KURUMBA - COOKING DEMONSTRATION AT HAMAKAZE

Imagine an over-water open kitchen bar with panoramic views of the Indian ocean, few baby sharks swimming around in the background and the in-house chef teaching you how to prepare a 'rihaakuru'—a tuna-based thick brown paste—an essential item in Maldivian cuisine. It was an incredible experience!

Note that lessons for children can also be arranged upon request

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as Kurumba is very family friendly destination and offers a wide range of activities for kids and grown ups alike. Kids' clubs are relatively rare in Maldives, especially among luxury resorts, so it is worth mentioning the resort offers great kids amenities with Majaa Kids Club, which offers a playground and supervised activities like face painting, crab racing, treasure hunts for 4-12 years and parents will be free to enjoy some time alone too!

"On earth there is no heaven, but there are pieces of it", The Maldives perfectly illustrates this beautiful statement by French author Jules Renard. However, the archipelago nowadays attracts over a million visitors each year and with its second international airport now open, Gan in Addu Atoll and a few new properties in the pipelines, things may not remain quite so idyllic and quiet for much longer. So go soon if you want to keep ahead of the crush.

## BEST TIME TO VISIT

EVEN THOUGH WEATHER IS WARM YEAR AROUND, THE BEST WEATHER IS BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND APRIL. JANUARY TO MARCH ARE THE DRIEST MONTHS, WITH LITTLE RAIN AND LOW HUMIDITY, MAKING THIS PEAK SEASON AT THE RESORTS (HIGHER RATES).

HOWEVER IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THE WEATHER PATTERN HAS BEEN MUCH HARDER TO PREDICT SO EXPERTS NOW ADVISE THAT IT MAY BE WORTH TAKING YOUR CHANCES IN THE WET SEASON OR DURING THE TRANSITIONAL MONTHS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SEASONALLY LOWER HOTEL RATES. FOR SURF AFICIONADOS THE SEASON IS FROM MARCH TO OCTOBER, WHICH IS CONVENIENT AS RESORTS WILL BE AT THEIR CHEAPEST FROM MAY AND LESS CROWDED!

