

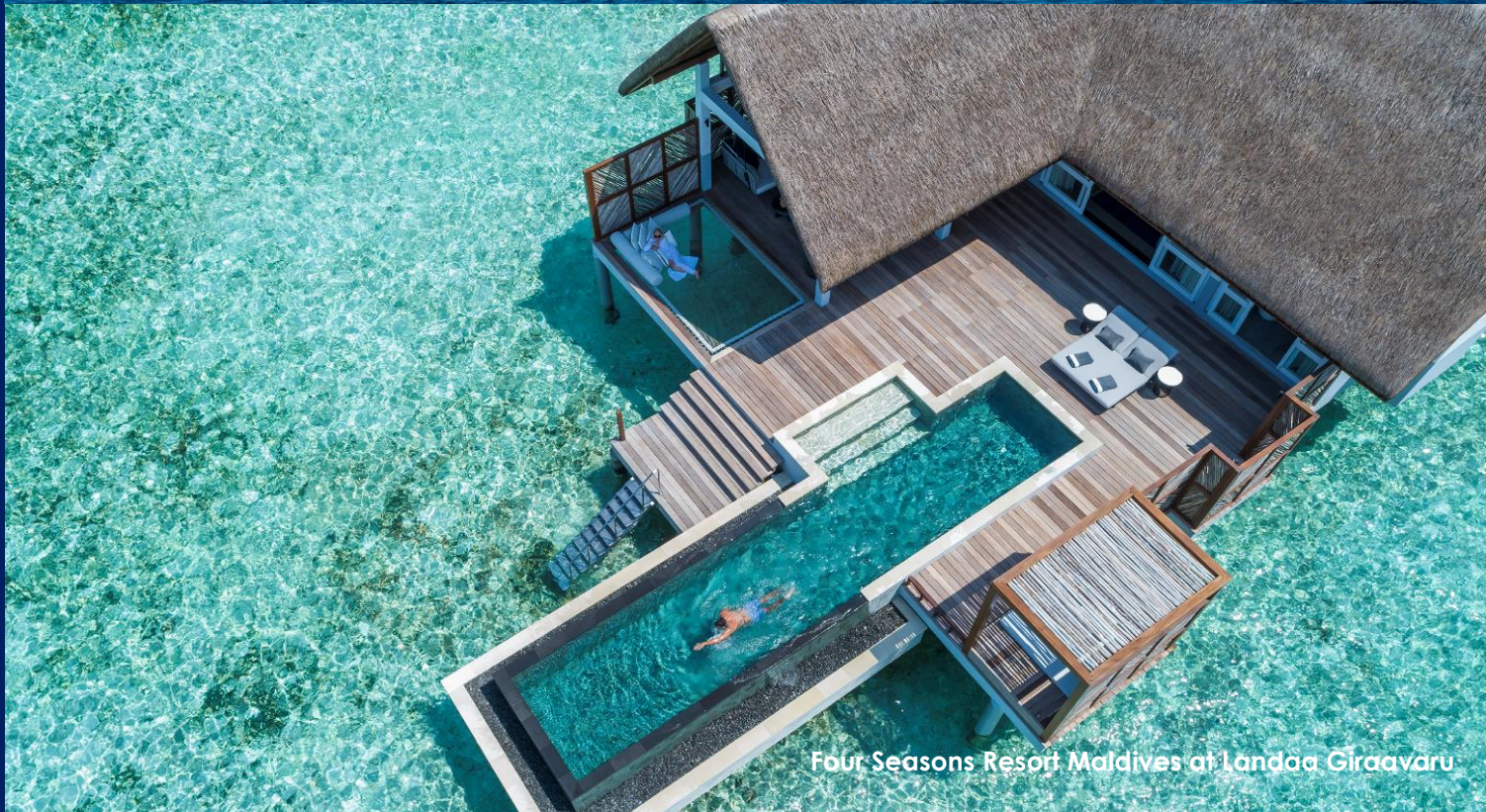
FOUR SEASONS RESORTS MALDIVES



Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa



Four Seasons Explorer



Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru



DESIGN THE ULTIMATE MALDIVIAN ADVENTURE

*The Maldives: 1190 islands, 26 atolls, 3 Four Seasons Resorts
- seamlessly intertwined*

With three distinct 'Resort' experiences – two private islands and a luxury liveaboard – Four Seasons makes it easier for guests to discover more of the Maldives. Start at one of the private islands, then 'swop' paradises via a 30-minute point-to-point seaplane transfer; or embark on a marine and cultural odyssey between the two on Four Seasons Explorer – an 11-cabin, three-deck catamaran that offers the dive cruise of a lifetime. The adventure starts here ...

KUDA HURAA

- A vibrant garden island with the charm and intimacy of a traditional Maldivian village
- 25 minutes via speedboat from Malé
- Homeport of Four Seasons Explorer
- 12 acres (5 hectares) of exotic gardens awash with bougainvillea, frangipani and hibiscus
- All-natural "Healing Waters" menu at The Island Spa – the first Maldivian spa on its own island
- Soul-soothing "Secrets of the Sea" Night Spa Ritual
- Tropicsurf Surf School with courses from age 6 and the ultimate surfing adventure: Seaplane Surfaris
- Over 30 dive sites within a 10 to 45-minute sail
- Island Tennis Court on its own private isle
- Freeform Family Pool and adults-only Serenity Pool
- Interactive Marine Discovery Centre with turtle pools
- 96 beach and over-water accommodations
- Four restaurants (all with healthy-eating recommendations), two bars, in-bungalow and specialty dining

FOUR SEASONS EXPLORER

- A three-deck, 39-m (128-ft.) luxury catamaran.
- A floating Four Seasons 'Resort' cruising between Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru on 3-, 4- & 7-night itineraries
- PADI five-star dive centre (with air and nitrox) offering minimum three dives a day
- Onboard spa therapist and marine biologist
- 10 bright and spacious Staterooms and one Explorer Suite
- Air-conditioned indoor and outdoor restaurant, two bars and beach dining
- Private charters and castaway programmes for non-diving partners

LANDAA GIRAAVARU

- 35 to 40 minutes seaplane from Malé, in the Maldives' only UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve of Baa Atoll
- A remote, natural idyll that invites a real sense of discovery
- 44 acres (18 hectares) of unspoilt jungle wilderness ...
- ... flanked by pristine white beaches and one of the Maldives' largest natural lagoons
- Ayurvedic Immersions, Panchakarma, Yoga Therapy, AntiGravity® Yoga and Chakra Blessings in the 2.5 acre Spa and Ayurvedic Retreat
- Interactive Marine Discovery Centre and pioneering marine conservation projects
- Near to renowned manta ray and whale shark hotspots (June to December)
- 103 vast accommodations on the beach, over the lagoon or hidden down jungle paths
- Four restaurants (all serving Ayurvedic options), four bars, in-villa and speciality dining
- Mid-ocean Wedding Pavilion with glass aisle
- "Fly" underwater in the world-exclusive three-person DeepFlight submarine.





WELCOME TO FOUR SEASONS RESORT MALDIVES AT **KUDA HURAA**

... a colourful garden 'village' bathed by crystal waters just 25 minutes from the airport.

Engage in exhilarating activities from surfing to shark safaris, dolphin-watching to diving. Sail by *dhoni* to The Island Spa – the only spa in the Maldives on its own private isle. Retreat to beach accommodations surrounded by tropical blooms or water bungalows with mesmerising ocean views. As the setting sun paints the endless sky, the Sunset Lounge and Turtle Beach epitomise the Resort's postcard-perfect setting and laid-back vibe.



A village setting that draws on the traditions of generations of craftsmen

The architectural design centres on giving the entire Resort the feeling of a Maldivian village. Traditionally styled accommodations flank the island, either side of a wide garden promenade filled with bright, fragrant flowers. Architectural detailing – including decorative lattice panels, curved roof shapes and carved roof features – is inspired by Maldivian forms and draws on the traditions of generations of craftsmen. A generous use of timber and thatch complements the natural surroundings, with subtly raised floors maximising the sea views throughout the island. All en-suite bathrooms integrate an indoor bath and shower area with a Maldivian open-air shower set in the exotic confines of its own walled garden.





ACCOMMODATIONS

96 traditional land and sea-based accommodations arranged around a central garden promenade

Beach Pavilions with Pool (19 units / interior 45m² / exterior 54m²) have a spacious garden and plunge pool.

Deluxe Beach Pavilions with Pool (5 units / interior 55m² / exterior 54m²) are set in their own garden surround with direct yet private access to the beach, have light and bright interiors, a plunge pool and gazebo.

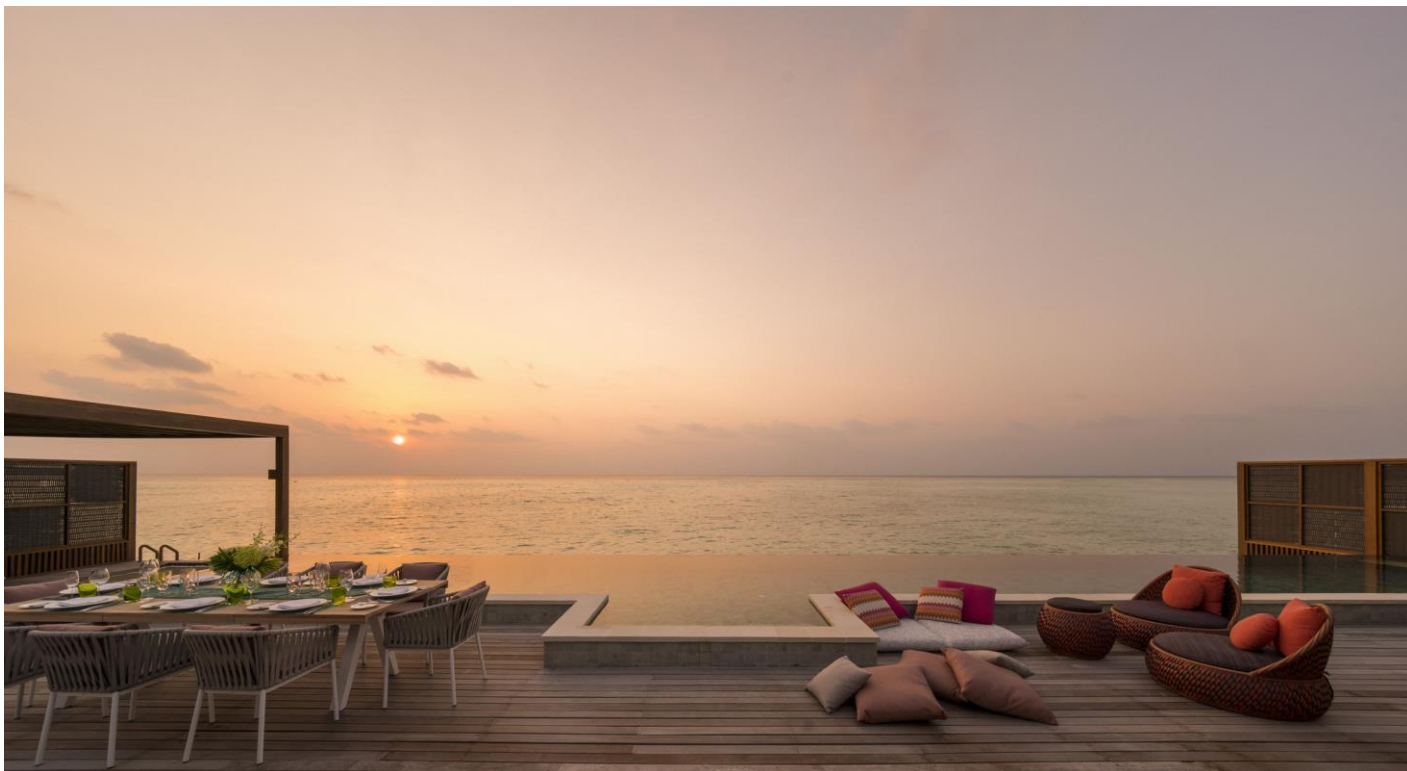
Beach Bungalows with Pool (27 units / interior 63m² / exterior 182m²) are set within lush tropical gardens with a 12m² plunge pool and gazebo.



Water Villas with Pool (32 units / interior 70m² / exterior 113m²) each have a 21m² infinity pool accessible from the bedroom, overwater nets, and water's edge living and dining pavilion with steps down into the shallow lagoon.

Family Beach Bungalows with Pool (5 units / interior 75m² / exterior 82m²) each have an adjoining study room with a single bed with pull-out underbed, desk, wardrobe and TV. With direct access to the dressing area and bathroom, they are ideal for families with younger children.





Family Water Villa with Pool (1 unit / interior 91m² / exterior 55m²) is a one-of-a-kind haven offering space and seclusion at the far end of the water villas jetty. In addition to a 24m² infinity pool, large deck and water's edge living and dining pavilion, the villa has a sunken children's room, located a step down from the lounge with a wall of windows framing the endless turquoise lagoon beyond.

Two-bedroom Royal Beach Villa (1 unit / interior 197m² / exterior 256m²) has its own stretch of beach with sun loungers and a gazebo. It is set within a large, tropical garden that includes a sundeck (149 m²), generous 35m² infinity-edged pool, shaded day-bed, gazebo and *undholi* (traditional wooden swing). Inside, one king-bedded room and one twin-bedded room – both with indoor and outdoor showers – are positioned off a large central living area.



Two-bedroom Beach Pavilion with Pool (1 unit / interior 78m² / exterior 54m²) has two bedrooms and bathrooms ensuring a freedom of space, while a free-form plunge pool, private garden and gazebo invite outdoor lounging and living.

Two-bedroom Water Suites with Pool (3 units / interior 165m² / exterior 199m²) each feature a dramatically extended deck, 27m² pool with sun platform, shaded lounge, al fresco showers and over-water hammocks – and that's just the outside...

Three-bedroom Water Suites with Pool (2 units / interior 240m² / exterior 278m²) are our ultimate ocean-based accommodation. Parallel to the sea, an extra-long 60 m² infinity pool runs the length of the suite – perfect for sundowners in the water garnished with Indian Ocean views.





DINING

- Four restaurants, two bars, in-bungalow and specialty dining

Café Huraa

Café Huraa serves Western, Asian and Maldivian cuisine under two al fresco pavilions adjacent to the swimming pool. A raised floor maximises the views across the pool and ocean. The white stone floor, high thatched roofs and breezy setting enhance the air of beachside relaxation.

Reef Club

Reef Club serves Italian fine dining with an emphasis on seafood, homemade pastas, wood-fired pizzas and grilled meats. The restaurant is tucked away at the southern end of the island, beyond the buzz of the main pool area. Watch the baby black tip reef sharks in the shallow lagoon from tables on the deck or opt for seating under a thatched pavilion or at tables in the sand.



Baraabaru

Open for dinner only, Baraabaru focuses on made-to-order home-style Indian cuisine, with highlights including Jain, Sattvic and organic specialties. Dine beneath imposing timber columns inspired by the architecture of Kerala, at the Tandoor Bar, or on the spectacular deck that extends 25 metres over the sea. Torch-lit at night, the deck leads to a separate private dining pavilion for up to four guests.



Kandu Grill

Located adjacent to the main pool, Kandu Grill is open for dinner, serving fresh catch of the day alongside choice meats, seafood, salads and side dishes from an open kitchen pavilion.

Sunset Lounge

It's Kodak-moments aplenty at the Sunset Lounge, an atmospheric, open-sided pavilion overlooking the main jetty. Picture-perfect views of the sunset beyond The Island Spa are complemented by a billiards table, creative cocktails and access to the Turtle Beach.



Poolside Terrace & Bar

The 'swim-up' poolside bar and adjacent terrace serve cocktails, juices and snacks throughout the day. Gazebos around the pool provide shade by day and romantic dining venues by night

Beach Dining

Special arrangements can be made for dinner under the stars on the yoga platform, romantic beach barbecues, Robinson Crusoe picnics and private parties of any size.

In-Bungalow Dining

Available 24 hours, in-bungalow dining can cater to any request, from a sunrise Champagne breakfast to a romantic starlit dinner.





THE ISLAND SPA SEA SANCTUARY

The Island Spa is the only spa in the Maldives located on its own private isle. It is accessed by tiny dhoni (traditional boat), just a minute's sail across Kuda Huraa's lagoon. The new all-natural "Healing Waters" treatment menu draws on the healing benefits of the ocean, creating a sea sanctuary for guests of all ages.

Lush gardens lead to seven over-water treatment pavilions – each designed for couples – featuring massage tables with sea-viewing portals, separate bathing area and private garden courtyard with open-air shower.

The 'Healing Waters' spa menu offers an innovative three-tier concept that helps guests restore their primal connection to the sea and reconnect with the essence of their true self.

Pioneering marine-based OSEA therapies and rituals draw on the healing properties of the ocean – from sea oxygen and sea salt to wild-harvested seaweed and nutrient-rich sea algae – via three 'depths' of treatment experience to refresh, rebalance and rejuvenate:

Deep: incredibly effective treatments designed to have deep therapeutic impact in the minimum amount of time.

Deeper: exploratory experiences that draw on the essence of the ocean to restore a sense of harmony.

Deepest: immersive journeys to support physical, mental and emotional wellbeing at the deepest level.

Treatments range from unique massages, therapies, wraps and bathing, to rituals, yoga and meditation. Highlights include: 'Tides of Time: Return to Youthfulness' facial; 'Surfer: Return to Balance' massage; 'Kuda Huraa Healing Waters: Return to Tranquility' therapy; and 'The Big Blue: Return to Wellbeing' ritual. Guests can also embark on transformative 5-day spa journeys: Marine Detox, Siren Song and Find Your Flow.

"Secrets of the Sea" Night Spa Ritual

The magical 150-minute 'Secrets of the Sea' Night Spa ritual focuses on the vagus nerve – the body's memory-maker and relaxation centre – for a soul-soothing experience beneath a blanket of stars.



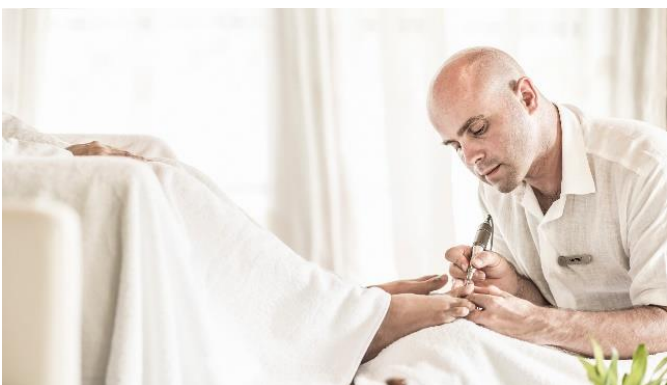


Kuda Spa

The Kuda ('Little') Spa menu offers a progressive approach to children as young as six (when accompanied by an adult). Six natural, island-inspired treatments include interactive sessions that enable children to blend their own essential oils, 'activate' lava shells and enjoy precious family spa time.

Wellness for Feet

A true master of his craft, our Spa Director, Maxime, will combine medical grade dry pedicure techniques - using a variety of specialist tools from sharp blades to diamond drills - with years of therapeutic practice to restore softness to your skin and vitality to your nails. A combination of unique scrubs and wraps regenerate and refresh the skin, and enliven tired toes. The treatment ends with a relaxing massage that eases pains and stiffness for a renewed feeling of wellbeing that spreads through the whole body.



Yoga

The Island Spa includes a rooftop Yoga Pavilion, where the Resort's Yogi guides beginners and experienced followers alike through morning asanas and evening pranayama (breathing exercises) and meditation, as well as awareness talks and private classes.

Don't miss our **SUP Yoga** (Stand-up Paddleboard) classes which combines yoga on a paddleboard building strength, flexibility and focus.



LEISURE AND RECREATION

Surfing

Guests can adopt an entire surf lifestyle at Kuda Huraa. The on-site pros from Tropicsurf, Noosa, Australia, run classes and courses for guests aged six and above. Learn in the pristine lagoon, embark on a series of surf clinics or let loose on six quality breaks within a stone's throw – with many more secret, uncrowded spots just a whisper away. Enjoy easy take offs and long rides in some of the world's most consistent – and warmest – swells, with expert instructors on hand to help maximise every wave. Or charter a private **Seaplane Surfari** for the height of surfing fantasy. Kuda Huraa also hosts the Surfing Champions Trophy, an annual boutique surf contest that pits six world champions across three evolutionary disciplines.



Dive Centre

The Resort operates its own PADI 5-Star IDC Centre with air and nitrox diving. A multilingual team offers courses for all abilities (including 'Bubble Maker' and PADI Seal Team courses for children as young as 8 years old directly in the lagoon) and daily dive trips.

The Resort is within five to 30 minutes of 30 excellent dive sites, accessed via a traditional customised *dhoni*. Highlights include the renowned manta ray cleaning station at Sunlight Point (sightings from May to November) and the exciting 110-metre long cargo freighter wreck, just 45 minutes away.

Kuda Huraa's dive team will also help guests complete the theory part of the PADI Open Water Course online (with PADI e-learning) in the comfort of their home prior to their arrival, enabling them to qualify on site in just two days.

Certified and advanced divers can enjoy daily two-tank morning dives and one-tank afternoon dives, with sunrise, night and other specialty dives available on request. A full range of fun, continuation courses offer the additional benefit of developing impressive new skills in thrilling areas alongside some of the most experienced instructors in the Maldives.

Water Sports Centre

Complimentary activities include kayaking, snorkelling, windsurfing, single sail and catamaran sailing. Lessons in windsurfing and sailing by RYA certified instructors are available at a fee, along with water-skiing, parasailing, banana-boating, fun tube rides and revolutionary X-Jetpacks and Jetblades: the world's most advanced hydro-flight and underfoot technology that enables unbeatable airborne acrobatics and over-water 'flights' of up to 10-metres.

Swimming Pools

A free-form, freshwater infinity pool – that stretches 1269m² from a shallow wading pool to the edge of



the lagoon – lined with black slate and incorporating a swim-up bar. Next to the pool is a separate children's pool and a row of mini thatched pavilions for shade and seating.

Serenity Pool

Located at the island's southern tip adjacent to Reef Club, the sweeping 395 sq. m. freeform pool, ringed by a spacious wooden deck, is an adults-only sanctuary with tranquil loungers and day beds, over-sea whirlpool, and starlit swimming in a secluded beachfront location.

Island Tennis Court

A one-minute boat ride across the lagoon, the exterior all-weather, night-lit court offers private lessons, FITennis Group Sessions for up to six people, Mini Tennis for kids, and complimentary play and equipment with 360 degree Indian Ocean views.

Kuda Mas Kids Club

Offers a complimentary daily programme of sports, crafts and games for 4 to 12 year olds. Activities include junior yoga and spa sessions, snorkelling with a Marine Biologist, cooking classes, kite-making (and flying) and palm-leaf folding.

Lava Lounge

Bright, spacious and air-conditioned, with comfy sofas, plasma TV, three Mac terminals, PS3, Wii, board games, books and magazines in a variety of languages.

Gym

In a large, ground floor flooded with natural light. Features state-of-the-art machinery (with personal TVs/headphones), ocean views across the treetops and separate male/female changing rooms.

Clinic

The Resort's in-house doctor is also a specialist in dive medicine and is on-call 24 hours.

Shark Snorkel Safari

Just 15 minutes in a speedboat from Kuda Huraa, the waters around the island of Bandos are a playground for black tip reef sharks. The Resort's marine biologists take guests aged eight and over on escorted snorkelling trips with these magnificent yet vulnerable creatures.

Snorkel Trail

Kuda Huraa's warm, shallow lagoon is teeming with marine life; visit the Snorkel Trail to see the work of the Reefscapers – one of the most successful reef propagation projects of its kind in the world.

Family Activities

Surf lessons (from age six), lagoon diving courses (from age eight), dedicated junior and family spa experiences, marine talks, coral reefscaping, baby turtle conservation activities, windsurfing, waterskiing (skis for six years and above), fishing, dolphin-watching cruises, shark snorkel safaris, kayaking, cooking classes, table tennis and excursions (see below). Staff will also arrange table tennis and pool games, look after children while parents swim or accompany snorkellers who prefer not to venture out alone.

Excursions

Guided short, half-day and full-day excursions including trips to Malé, island-hopping, dolphin-watching cruises, sunset fishing, champagne cruises, island picnics and private yacht trips onboard the luxurious *High Flyer* or *Landaa Summer*.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Marine Discovery Centre (MDC) – an interactive research and education centre that introduces guests and local school children alike to the role we can each play in conserving the local and global marine ecosystem.

The Centre features audio-visual presentations on specific areas of conservation close to the Kuda Huraa team's heart, including turtles, coral reefs, sharks and dolphins. In addition, it shows daily 3D movie presentations on the underwater world.

www.marinesavers.com - features the history, progress and plans of all of Four Seasons Resorts Maldives marine conservation projects. Interactive components enable guests to keep track of the Resorts' satellite-tagged turtles, follow the progress of coral frames they have sponsored and transplanted, and keep up to date with news of island events from the discovery of turtle nests to outreach projects with local schools.



The Maldivian Sea Turtle Conservation Programme – Comprising a series of projects across Four Seasons Resorts Maldives, our turtle programme works to protect, monitor, relocate, release, and rehabilitate Maldivian sea turtles. Kuda Huraa's MDC has two turtle ponds, where green turtle hatchlings from protected nests are reared for up to 18 months to improve their chance of survival in the wild.





Reefscapers (www.marinesavers.com) – Kuda Huraa has been working with environmental consultancy, Seamarc Pvt. Ltd, to improve coral cover around the Resort since 2001. Known as 'Reefscapers', the regeneration initiative today runs concurrently at Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru, and has grown into one of the most successful projects of its kind in the world. Sponsored by the Resorts and their guests, it involves attaching coral fragments onto specially designed coral frames to boost existing reef habitats and generate new ones. Frames are produced on Fulhadoo – a nearby island of 250 inhabitants – where the only previous source of employment was fishing.

Water-bottling Plant – Kuda Huraa's water bottling plant produces still and sparkling water for its restaurants and guestrooms, saving around 30,400 plastic bottles per month.

Bodu Huraa Community Initiatives – Kuda Huraa has initiated and supports several projects on the neighbouring island of Bodu Huraa. These include: a recycling centre; the provision of a desalination plant and sewage system; the support of the community health centre; purchasing contracts with fishermen and farmers, and the financing and leasing back of private boats and private homes from local owners for staff use. Kuda Huraa also has strong relationships with local painters and woodworkers from Bodu Huraa who visit the Resort weekly to display their art and crafts for guests to buy.

Mosquito Control – Kuda Huraa has been working with Trudy Rilling-Collins, a.k.a. 'The Mosquito Lady', since 2011 to provide environmentally responsible solutions to unwanted monsoon-loving guests. Thanks to Trudy's highly targeted techniques, Four Seasons has been able to completely eliminate the use of fogging across both of its Maldivian resorts, and is now funding the extension of the project to Bodu Huraa, Kuda Huraa's adjacent community island, and across 13 island communities in the Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere.



FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

Weddings

Four Seasons Resorts Maldives offer bridal and honeymoon couples the opportunity to design the ultimate Maldivian adventure, with three wedding and honeymoon options seamlessly intertwined. Exchange vows in any number of picturesque locations at Kuda Huraa: beneath a towering palm tree, under the shade of a thatched pavilion, beside the infinity-edged pool or on a yacht on the ocean...then 'swop' paradises via a 30-minute point-to-point seaplane transfer for a honeymoon on Four Seasons sister island of Landaa Giraavaru or sail away on Four Seasons Explorer for a three-, four- or seven-night marine and cultural odyssey into the outer atolls. The Resort offers a wedding package that includes the ceremonial set-up, honeymoon dinner, spa treatments and yoga sessions.



Meeting Room

The bright and spacious Lave Lounge is arranged as a comfortable 'living-room' with large table, sofas and floor to ceiling glass windows. The Resort's meeting package includes room set-up, tea/coffee breaks and lunch. Activities for participants/their families include spa treatments, yoga, cooking classes, diving, snorkelling, kayaking, surfing and island-hopping.



WELCOME ONBOARD **FOUR SEASONS EXPLORER**

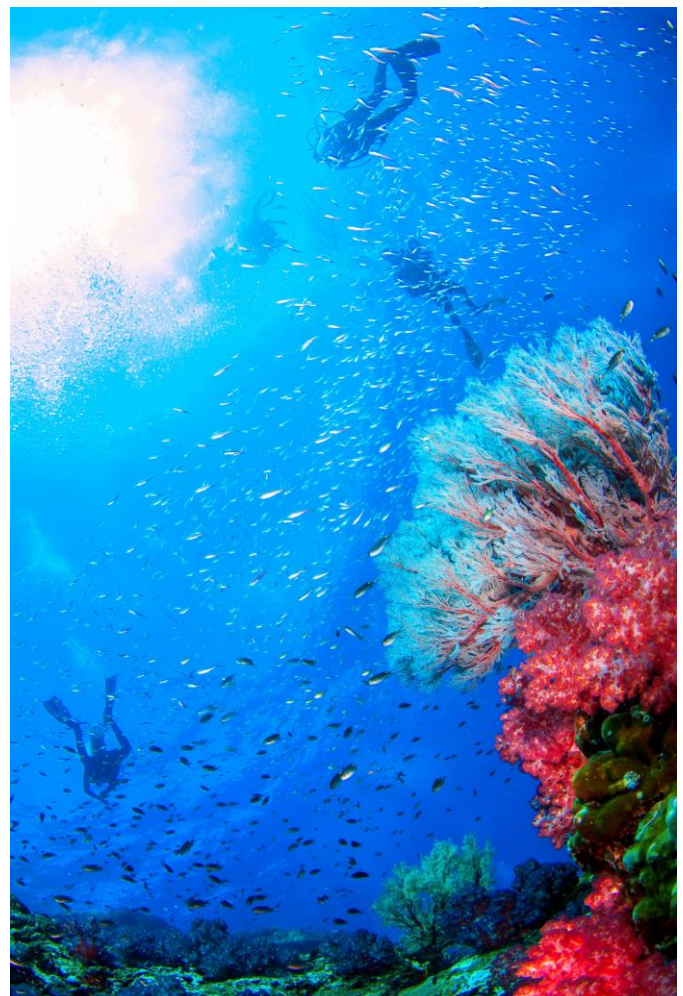
Cruise between Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru on 3-, 4- and 7-night itineraries and private customised charter

Four Seasons Explorer is the world's most intimate Four Seasons resort. Sailing between Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru, and on private, customised charters the 39m/128ft three-deck luxury liveaboard takes a maximum of 22 guests on a marine odyssey into the undiscovered Maldives.

The Explorer Experience

The fastest and most luxurious liveaboard in the Maldives, Four Seasons Explorer offers scuba divers effortless access to a large range of exceptional dive sites. All-inclusive 3-, 4- and 7-night itineraries feature a minimum of three dives a day in some of the Maldives' most sought after locations: untouched reefs, vibrant thilas, exciting channels and wrecks, prime sunrise and night sites plus seasonal manta ray and whale shark hotspots.

But that's not all ... guests can: snorkel, water-ski, fish, kayak and sail in virtually untouched waters; savour gourmet cuisine, spend time with the marine biologist and visit secluded islands for cultural and castaway experiences; discover historic monuments and isolated arts and crafts villages or relax with on-board massages and sandbank barbecues.





DIVING

Effortless access to secluded hotspots in superlative style

As the country's fastest cruising liveaboard, Four Seasons Explorer gives guests effortless access to a larger range of secluded hotspots: exciting channel dives with sharks and rays, vibrant *thilas*, cleaning stations, wrecks, and the myriad coral-lined overhangs between the island chains.

Dive Itineraries

Guests can typically expect two dives in the morning and one in the afternoon, with the option of additional sunrise, night and wreck excursions. From May to November, the currents move large quantities of plankton through the atolls, attracting large pelagics (manta rays and whale sharks) to the eastern side of the country. During December to April the wind reverses, resulting in incredible 30-40m visibility and consistently near-perfect conditions.

Dive itineraries adapt to currents and conditions, seasonal marine visitors and the diving requirements of divers onboard. As such, each cruise aboard Four Seasons Explorer is never the same trip twice. Dive groups involve a maximum ratio of 6:1 divers to dive guide, with experience levels separated as much as possible

Courses

Four Seasons Explorer is geared towards qualified divers. It is the ideal vessel on which to hone dive skills, increase underwater confidence and develop specialty skills in thrilling new areas. Development courses offered on board range from Advanced Open Water Diver to over 12 specialties including Enriched Air Nitrox, Deep, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Drift and Underwater Naturalist.

Dive facilities:

- Multilingual dive staff and experienced crew, including a marine biologist (maximum 6:1 guest to dive guide ratio)
- Separate nitrox and air compressor systems
- Diving conducted from a traditional 16.7-metre (55-foot) support vessel, *Aseykara II*, a custom-designed dive dhoni with full safety and navigation equipment
- Full equipment available for all onboard guests, including SCUBAPRO BCDs and regulators, Suunto computers and Cressi fins
- All divers are equipped with a surface marker buoy and Sea Marshall personal locator radio beacon
- Hot and cold showers available on two sea-level platforms
- Dedicated fresh-water rinse tank for camera equipment
- Coffee- and tea-making facilities and post-dive refreshments
- Underwater photography services available (fees apply)





FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

with service so seamless you'll forget you're at sea ...

An extensive dive deck, two sun decks, restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining, two bars, lounge and library, onboard spa therapist and extensive castaway programme ensure contemporary cruising in comfort and style.

Dining – The air-conditioned indoor and outdoor restaurant serves a wide range of Indian, Maldivian, Asian and European dishes plus Lobster Dinner and theme nights. Meals are all-inclusive – with the exception of alcoholic beverages – and vary between buffet and table service, shared in the company of other passengers.

Spa – Four Seasons Explorer's resident spa therapist offers natural therapies inspired by Asia's ancient healing principles. Retreat to the private treatment area on the upper deck – curtained for privacy yet open to the refreshing sea air – or indulge in a massage at one of the secluded beach locations visited during the cruise.

Lounge – The indoor lounge is a relaxing venue to swap stories, listen to a marine biology briefing, or review the day's videos; it also incorporates a library of books, magazines and board games plus a large CD and DVD collection for use in the lounge or in individual cabins. Drinks and refreshments are available throughout the day.

Castaway activities include:

Snorkelling – Embark on daily snorkelling excursions with the marine biologist or snorkel off the beach at any of the numerous island stop-offs along the way.

Water sports – Take to the waves with water-skiing, wakeboarding, windsurfing, fun tubes and kayaking.

Fishing – Venture out for a spot of bottom line fishing by *dhoni* twice a week or fish off the back of the vessel each night.

Excursions – Savour gourmet cuisine on uninhabited islands. Castaway in isolation on a secluded sandbank. Visit remote villages for cultural experiences and souvenir shopping. Or enjoy a spot of football or rugby on a beach in the middle of nowhere ...





ACCOMMODATIONS

Wake up to a different view every morning ...

Onboard accommodation is spacious, bright and airy with large windows. The 10 **Staterooms** (215ft² / 20m²) have a king-size bed that can be converted into two twin beds.

The Explorer Suite (484ft² / 45m²) has a king-size bed, day bed, indoor dining area and walk-in wardrobe; a 'wall' of windows overlooks the suite's private sundeck with panoramic views over the bow and the ocean beyond.

All rooms are air-conditioned and include en-suite bathroom with bathtub/shower, plus a sofa, writing desk, telephone, mini-bar, safe, LCD flat screen TV and DVD/CD player with MP3 cable and wireless internet access.





PRIVATE CHARTERS

SURFING TOURS

Dedicated seven-day surf safaris

Four Seasons Explorer runs a selection of seven-day 'surfaris' each year under the expert guidance of the pros from Tropicsurf, Noosa, Australia. The Tropicsurf tours lead surfers of all abilities to new frontiers and uncrowded, rarely surfed breaks. The vessel's exemplary facilities combine with consistent year-round swells, passionate instructors and sophisticated web-forecasting equipment for all but guaranteed surfing nirvana.

Surf tour highlights:

- Easy access to excellent uncrowded breaks
- Experienced surf guides and coaches
- Learn to surf programmes
- Surfboards provided for beginners
- Surf photographers and videographers both in-water and filming from tenders
- Access to the latest meteorology information for wind, wave and swell forecasts
- Tenders and crew on stand-by at each surf location
- Tenders to ferry surfers to and from the boat for gourmet lunches

EXCLUSIVE CHARTERS

Design the ultimate Maldivian adventure ...

Charter Four Seasons Explorer for a private cruise of three or more nights ... or combine a few days onboard with a stay at Kuda Huraa and/or Landaa Giraavaru.

Charter guests can customise every aspect of their experience: focusing on diving, surfing or an in-depth cultural tour; pre-ordering a preferred selection of spirits, wines and champagne and tailoring menus for each and every meal. The charter rate includes all food and non-alcoholic beverages, diving gear and escorted dives, water sports, activities and excursions to private islands. Laundry services, personal communications services (internet access, faxes and phone calls) and alcoholic beverages are extra.





THE VESSEL

Four Seasons Explorer is a light boat that cruises fast at 17 knots. Designed for extending cruising without the need to re-fuel or re-supply, the boat is also fitted with the latest navigation and safety features and a Sea State Motion Control System to provide an exceptional sea-faring experience. A draft of 1.9 metres means the boat can access locations that larger vessels cannot reach – adding to the sense of discovery that a Four Seasons Explorer cruise brings.

Specifications:

- Length – 39 metres (128 feet)
- Beam – 12 metres (39 feet)
- Draught – 1.7 metres (5.7 feet)
- Builder – Image Marine Australia
- Year – 2002
- Engines – 2 x 1000hp 12V2000 M70 MTU
- Speed – 17 knots

A TYPICAL DAY...

- 07:00 Optional sunrise dive
- 08:00 Breakfast on board
- 09:00 Morning two tank dive: explore a vibrant *thila* and an overhang full of soft corals
Non-diving explorers: snorkel with the marine biologist or relax onboard
- 12:30 Cruising / lunch on board
- 15:00 Set anchor at a virgin island
Afternoon dive: join the pelagics on a channel dive
Non-diving explorers: waterskiing and fun-tubes in the lagoon plus beach massages
- 18:00 Sunset fishing trip on local *dhoni* boat
- 20:00 Cocktails on upper deck followed by sandbank barbecue dinner
- 22:00 Review daily video highlights with after-dinner drinks in the Lounge



VESSEL FACT SHEET

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SHIP REGISTRATION	Maldives
YACHT BUILDER	Image Marine, Perth, Australia
INTERIOR DESIGNER	Katherine Kng, Singapore
ITINERARIES	Northward Cruise (Kuda Huraa to Landaa Giraavaru: three-night cruise, Monday to Thursday) Southward Cruise (Landaa Giraavaru to Kuda Huraa: four-night cruise, Thursday to Monday) Circuit Cruise (Kuda Huraa to Landaa Giraavaru to Kuda Huraa: seven-night cruise, Monday to Monday)



WELCOME TO FOUR SEASONS RESORT MALDIVES AT **LANDAA GIRAAVARU ...**

... a natural 44-acre wilderness in the secluded Baa Atoll UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, a scenic seaplane ride from Malé. Snorkel with turtles, dolphins, and lemon sharks in the two kilometre lagoon. Immerse in the healing heart of The Spa and Ayurvedic Retreat, complemented by ayurvedic options in all four restaurants. Join pioneering marine research projects or hide away in 103 vast accommodation compounds, on the beach, over the water or hidden down dense jungle paths ...

Revealing the island's raw beauty in tantalising instalments

The Resort's design is a pure expression of function over form, characterised by clean lines and lack of unnecessary elaboration, curves, carvings, or decoration. The pure appearance is complemented by the very deliberate orientation of each building – cut-throughs in the vegetation, 'picture' frames created by cross beams, extremely private gardens, tall ceilings and seemingly endless jungle paths – that each combine to reveal the raw beauty of the island in tantalising instalments.



The Resort was designed by visionary Sri Lankan architect, Murad Ismail, and showcases a simple, contemporary blend of traditional Maldivian and Sri Lankan forms. The airy buildings each adhere to regional styles – from the 45-degree pitch of the high thatched roofs to the use of coral walls. (Four Seasons received approval from the Maldivian Government to recycle the coral used from a redevelopment project and painstakingly revived the ancient Maldivian building techniques on the external walls of the villas.) Entry to each residential domain is via its own turquoise gate with traditional coral walls and lush vegetation providing maximum privacy.



ACCOMMODATIONS

103 vast accommodations on the beach, over the lagoon or hidden down dense jungle paths

Landaa Giraavaru's vast natural wilderness incorporates 103 thatched bungalows and villas of contemporary Maldivian design. Modern conveniences include wireless high-speed internet, 42-inch plasma TV, audio-visual system with DVD player and MP3 cable, and espresso machine.

Oceanfront Bungalows with Pool (27 units / interior 75m² / exterior 91m²) have a spacious garden with plunge pool and *undholi* (traditional Maldivian swing).

Beach Villas with Pool (22 units / interior 137m² / exterior 260m²) have a 12m-lap pool, extensive private garden and outdoor, sand-floor living pavilion with sea-gazing loft accessible via a spiral staircase.



Family Beach Villas with Pool (8 units / interior 164m² / exterior 260m²) have a study room with sofa bed (plus underbed) and shower room.

Water Villas with Pool (32 units / interior 90m² / exterior 182m²) are stilted over the lagoon with endless views from the 12-m lap pool, daybed, swing couch and overwater nets.

Family Water Villas with Pool (4 units / interior 112m² / exterior 183m²) has space for the whole family including a master bedroom and separate children's bedroom.



Two-Bedroom Oceanfront Bungalows with Pool (2 units / interior 182m²/ exterior 182m²) have a twin-bedded room (with separate bathroom / outdoor shower) linked to the master bedroom.



Two-bedroom Water Suites (2 units / interior 154m² / exterior 310m²) have uninterrupted sunrise or sunset views from the end of the jetty.

Three-bedroom Water Suites (2 units / interior 294 m² / exterior 3165 m²) have a 20-metre lap pool, three full bathrooms and separate outdoor showers and an expanse of space for the whole party.

Three-bedroom Land and Ocean Suites (2 units / interior 680m² / exterior 400m²). Land-based, open-plan living/dining pavilion (plus kitchenette and bathroom) links via a huge wooden walkway, 36m² pool, large over-water nets and al fresco dining pavilion to two ocean-based, one bedroom on land, en-suite sleeping pavilions, each with dressing room and outdoor shower.



Two-bedroom Royal Beach Villa (1 unit / interior 310m² / exterior 890m²) has a Master pavilion with indoor/outdoor bathroom, kitchenette, outdoor living/dining pavilion and separate guest pavilion. The large garden has a 20m-lap pool with 'floating' dining table, beachside bale, courtyard with massage beds and stretches of white sand beach.



Three-bedroom Landaa Estate (1 unit / interior 800m² / exterior 2,000m²) Combine the ultimate in beachside escapism with a true home-away-from-home experience at our über-luxe hideaway residence. This three-bedroom, two-storey estate features a private 80-metre (262-foot) beach, two pools, a Stargazing Lounge, a vast al fresco living space, and 24-hour assistance from caring, dedicated staff.





DINING

Four restaurants – all with Ayurvedic options – four bars, in-villa and specialty dining

Blu Beach Club and Blu Bar (Italian)

The new all-day hang-out complete with three dining experiences – expanded al fresco decks, private cabanas and a dining area – breakfast where the sky meets the sea then sip sunset cocktails to laid-back beats. From chilled-chic days to blissed-out nights, there's a spot for every moment.

Treetop dining

A banyan 'Tree House' sets the scene for the elevated lounge experiences to come with a private tree-top table for sky-high dining overlooking unparalleled views of the beach and Indian Ocean.



Café Landaa (Indian, Asian and International)

Serves breakfast, lunch and dinner within three thatched pavilions separated by reflecting ponds. The vast breakfast buffet includes Asian, continental and international selections with ayurvedic-labelling and *dosha*-specific teas and tonics. Lunch and dinner feature Indian and Asian specialties; a separate Teppanyaki counter opens for dinner only.

Fuego Grill

A simple, torch-lit evening venue with teak tables and chairs set in the sand overlooking the sea. Fuego serves fresh catch of the day alongside a selection of prime cuts and salads.



Al Barakat (Lebanese and Moroccan)

Named after North African scholar who made Baq Atoll his home in the 12th century. Perched over the lagoon by the main jetty, it serves Lebanese and Moroccan mezzés, grills and stews for dinner on two rooftop terraces under a canopy of stars. The ground floor Shisha Bar is open to the sea, with curtained sofas and ornate lanterns – an atmospheric setting for pre-dinner drinks or Turkish coffee and Shisha pipes.



Seabar

Standing uncovered in the sea, with steps down into the lagoon, Seabar draws guests nightly from 5 pm till midnight with an easy, breezy vibe and blissfully secluded feel. Watch the lemon sharks and reef fish below, laze on cushions with signature frozen margaritas and snack on tapas-style platters and light bites. Different DJs keep the lounge abuzz from 9pm.

Five Degrees North

Five Degrees North's casual bar setting includes a pool table and bar counter fashioned from a dhoni.

Specialty Dining

Available 24 hours, for any request, from a sunrise champagne breakfast to a candlelit sandbank dinner, beach dinner, 'floating' platform dinner or Robinson Crusoe picnic.





IMMERSE IN THE HEALING HEART OF LANDAA GIRAAVARU

Stretching from the heart of the island to the middle of the lagoon, the Spa and Ayurvedic Retreat pulsates with life and wisdom, purity and health. It was named “Best Holistic Hideaway” in the Condé Nast Traveller Spa Guide 2016, and “Destination Retreat of the Year” in the 2015 AsiaSpa Awards.

With a strong emphasis on natural healing, the 3-acre complex draws its strength from the surrounding landscape, the integrity of ila's ‘beyond organic’ products and the intrinsic spirituality of its therapists, Ayurvedic Physicians and yogis. 10 vast open-air treatment pavilions – including three dedicated to Ayurveda – nestle in their own lush tropical gardens or on stilts over the turquoise lagoon.

Complimentary Ayurvedic consultations are offered to all guests; there is a unique Ayurvedic food labelling system in place on all restaurant menus; and guests can visit the Herbal Centre to learn more about the nutritional, physical and emotional benefits of Ayurveda.

Ayurvedic therapies, Panchakarma programmes, and all-inclusive 7-, 14- and 21-day Ayurvedic Immersions incorporate medicinal plants from the Herbal Garden. Specialty spa therapies include Chakra Blessings, Tantric Traditions, TDA Facials (non-invasive transdermal therapies for radically restored skin) and Verjú Body Contouring, for non-invasive inch-loss. The Spa also has its own Acupuncturist and a rolling Visiting Masters programme, featuring some of the world's most high profile wellbeing gurus.

An extensive yoga programme offers complimentary sessions plus private yoga ‘enhancers’ for specific spa and ayurvedic therapies. In 2014, the Resort became the first in Asia to offer AntiGravity® Yoga – a dynamic, suspended ‘flying’ practice that helps fast-track flexibility and relieve age-related pain, conducted from a dedicated jungle pavilion.

Yoga is big at Landaa. In 2014, the Resort became the first in Asia to offer the dynamic ‘flying’ practice of AntiGravity® Yoga, while 2015 saw the launch of the Yoga Energy Trail – an exploratory journey of self around the island's energy-boosting surrounds. Guests can also experience classic Hatha, powerful Ashtanga and dance-like Vinyasa during private tailored sessions; add “yoga enhancers” to specific spa and Ayurvedic therapies; or share the love with complimentary Sun Salutations, blissful evening Yoga Nidra and supportive Aqua Yoga.



Yoga Therapy

Discover our new Yoga Therapy Courses with movements, techniques and breathing prescribed just for you. From Men's and Women's Health to Stress Management and Spinal Care, let us personalise a Yoga Prescription just for you.

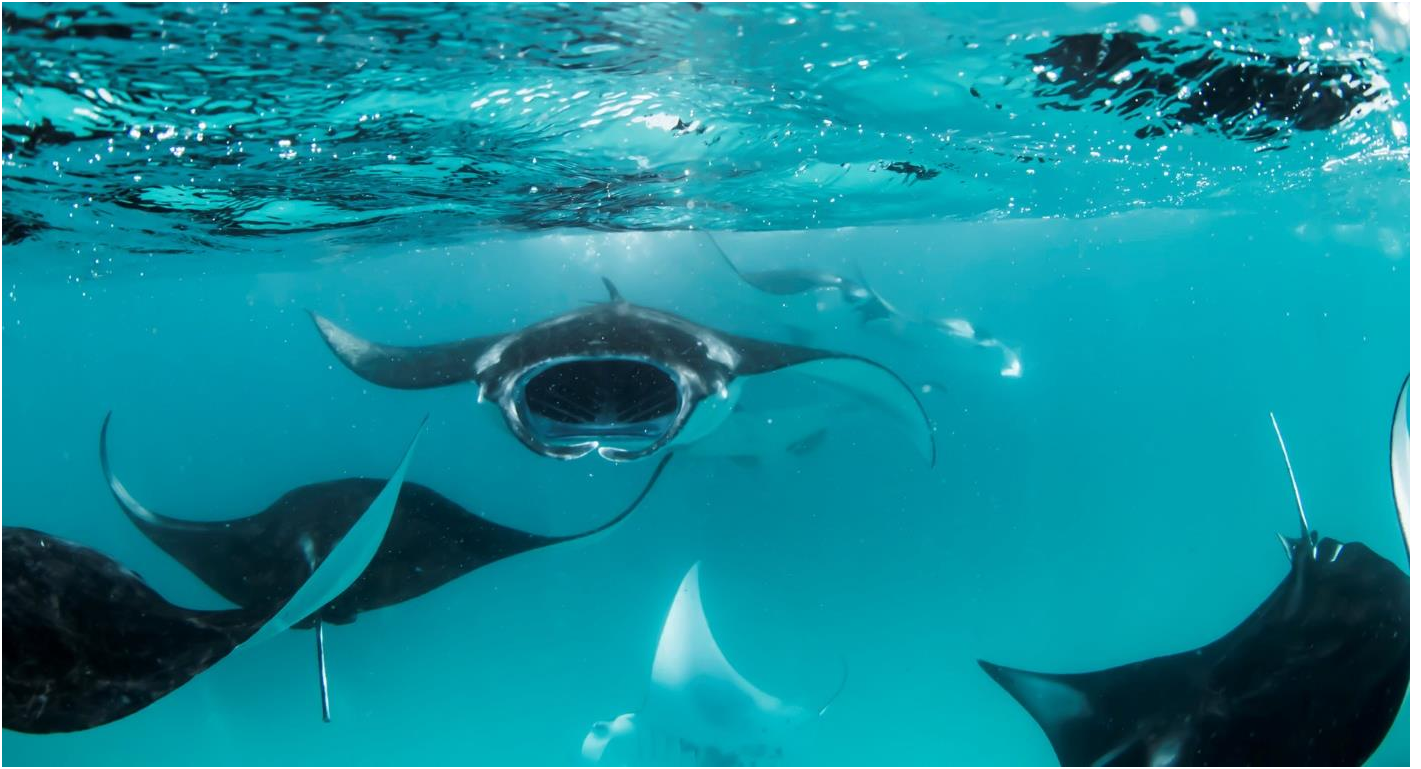
The Night Spa & 'Om Supti' Ritual

Performed in a private jungle clearing in the heart of the island – complete with al fresco stone-carved bath and hanging bed – the 'Om Supti' Night Spa Ritual lulls body and mind into a deeply meditative state, paving the way for improved sleep and peaceful dreaming.



The Salon

Landaa's sea-view salon features a renowned stylist from the Rossano Ferretti headquarters in Parma, Italy, who considers everything from the natural fall of hair to face shape, character and skin tone to create the most flattering, highly personalised results.



A SANCTUARY UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Diving

With *thila* and channel diving, vibrant coral gardens, abundant fish life, great visibility and warm waters year-round, the Maldives is one of the world's top diving destinations. Landaa Giraavaru's isolated location in the remote Baa Atoll UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve places guests in close proximity to many virgin dive sites, including over 30 unspoilt coral gardens. It is also just a short boat ride from renowned manta ray and whale shark hotspots like Hanifaruru Bay, Bathalaa island and Veyofushi Reef (June to Dec).



Beginners will encounter no stress, no heavy equipment to carry, no group classes and no pool dives – just relaxed, private courses run by consummate professionals in safe, shallow lagoons.

Landaa Giraavaru's dive team will also help guests complete the theory part of the PADI Open Water Course online (with PADI e-learning) in the comfort of their home prior to their arrival, enabling them to qualify on site in just two days.



Just steps from the lagoon, the PADI Five-Star IDC Dive Centre offers the full spectrum of PADI courses – from Seal Team AquaMissions (age 8+) through to Master Scuba Diver (the highest non-professional PADI ranking) – as well as daily two-tank morning dives, one-tank afternoon dives, plus private specialty options.



LEISURE AND RECREATION

Pools

50m infinity pool with swim-up bar and sundeck (the only Olympic-sized pool in the Maldives); 20m 'floating' seawater pool; Blu sunset pool and kids pool (at Kids Club). Complimentary pool service includes chilled towels, iced water, Evian spritz and frozen fruit.

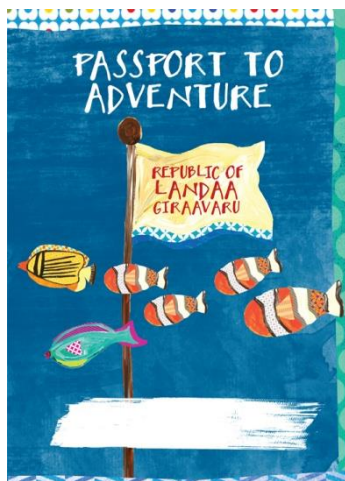
Water Sports Centre

Showcasing the most comprehensive selection of water sports in the country, including X-Jetpacks and Jetblades: the world's most advanced hydro-flight and underfoot technology that enables unbeatable airborne acrobatics and over-water 'flights' of up to 10-metres.

Complimentary non-motorised activities include catamaran sailing, single sails, windsurfing, kayaking and snorkelling; motorised activities such as Seabobs (jet-driven water rockets), waterskiing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, jet-skiing, fun tubes, plus kite surfing, sailing and windsurfing lessons are available at a fee.

Kids Club

The Kuda Velaa ('Little Turtle') Kids Club has its own pool and garden with play equipment and wooden pirate adventure ship. It also runs two age-appropriate adventure programmes: 'Passport



to Adventure', which offers children aged 4-8 up to 8 daily activities from Coral Reef Building to Dasha Discovery, Yogaflex to Lizard Safaris, alongside a 'Passport' of puzzles and challenges; and 'Mission: Landaa Giraavaru', comprising 14 mission levels that challenge 8-12 year olds in everything from creativity and accuracy to report-taking, behind-the-scenes investigation, interviewing and even bed-making.



Teen Centre

Teenagers can play pool or computer games in their own centre, Majaa Maizan, learn to windsurf or sail or enjoy private beach dinners with friends.

Gym

With advanced cardio fitness equipment and surround-sound audio system.



Floodlit Tennis Court

With complimentary rackets and balls; tennis lessons with an on-site pro are available at a fee.

Beaches

One kilometre of white sandy beach can be found on the island's northern and southern shores, ending in long sand-spits on both the eastern and western tips. On the western side, the lagoon extends two kilometres. The beaches are served by the Resort's **Paddleboat Waiters**, who encircle the island equipped with chilled refreshments, ready to deliver to guests as soon as they beckon.

Snorkelling

The Resort's warm, shallow lagoon is teeming with marine life; visit the Coral Garden and Snorkel Trail to see the work of the Reefscapers – one of the most successful reef propagation projects of its kind in the world.

Bicycles

Monogrammed cruiser bikes and junior bikes are available for all guests for the duration of their stay to enable them to explore the island at their leisure.

Excursions

Dolphin cruises, sunset fishing, sandbank picnics, private island escapes and private yacht trips onboard the luxurious *Landaa Summer II*.

Cultural visits

Way off the usual tourist route, excursions to islands like Kudarikilu and Dharavandhoo – the original capital of the Baa Atoll – offer a glimpse into the cultural heart of the Maldives. Visit ancient mosques and handicraft stores selling carvings and figurines crafted using century-old techniques.

Resort Shop

A wide range of fashion and beachwear, accessories, jewellery and gifts that showcase the best of the Indian Ocean; the Resort also has a Dive Retail Shop and Spa Shop.

Orchid Garden

The Resort has its own exotic Orchid Garden – filled with dazzling Dendrobiums, classic Cattleyas, vivid Vandas and the ever-floriferous Rhynchostylis gigantean – open daily from 8.30am to 6.00pm for tours, tips and leisurely exploration.

World-Exclusive DeepFlight Adventures

'Dive' UNESCO waters without getting wet in the world-exclusive three-person DeepFlight Super Falcon 3S: the pinnacle of personal submarine technology. 'Fly' through shoals of tropical fish and cruise alongside creatures like dolphins in a personal pressurised cockpit (with 360-degree viewing dome) that eliminates the need to equalise.

Flying Triggerfish

Marvel in comfort at the pearl-like islands of the Maldives during airport transfers, private charters, island-hopping adventures and seaplane surfaris on the exclusive 'Flying Triggerfish', the first customised DHC-6-300 Twin Otter luxury seaplane by Four Seasons.





ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Marine Discovery Centre (MDC) – an interactive research and education centre designed to guide guests and locals alike through the underwater world of the Maldives and the Resort's efforts to conserve it. The Centre uses multi-language touch screen video kiosks, dramatic photography, exhibition boards, educational talks, life-size models and interaction with marine biologists to educate its visitors. The Centre also has a dedicated children's area with touch tank.

www.marinesavers.com - features the history, progress and plans of all of Four Seasons Resorts Maldives marine conservation projects. Interactive components enable guests to keep track of the Resorts' satellite-tagged turtles, follow the progress of coral frames they have sponsored and transplanted, and keep up to date with news of island events from the discovery of turtle nests to outreach projects with local schools.

Reefscapers – Four Seasons Resorts Maldives coral propagation project is one of the most successful of its kind in the world. Initiated by Maldivian environmental consultancy, Seamarc Pvt. Ltd, and sponsored by the Resorts and their guests, the propagation process involves attaching coral fragments onto specially designed coral frames to boost existing reef habitats and generate new ones. Reefscapers is also investigating ground-breaking clone selection research to help protect reefs against global warming. See www.marinesavers.com

Maldivian Manta Ray Project (MMRP) (part of Manta Trust) – Founded by senior marine biologist Guy Stevens – with the support of Four Seasons and Save Our Seas – the world-renowned MMRP has amassed the largest number of identified manta rays on record anywhere, combining new discoveries with active conservation and education. See www.mantatrust.org Guests visiting the Resort between May and October can become a manta researcher for the day, or sign up for 'Manta on Call': a thrilling speedboat ride to swim with mantas spotted at nearby hotspots.



Solar Panels

Comprising 3,105 solar panels and spanning 5,380m² (58,000 sq. ft.) across the roof surface of the staff village, this is one of the Maldives' largest resort-based solar installations. It is estimated to save over 300,000 litres (66,000 gallons) of diesel which corresponds to 650 - 800 tons of CO₂. This CO₂ reduction equates to the elimination of carbon emissions generated by approximately 544 flights between London to Male.

Landaa's Fish Lab breeds ornamental fish with the aim, in time, of developing an alternative source of income for local communities.



Landaa's Turtle Rehabilitation Centre is part of the Maldivian Sea Turtle Conservation Programme, a series of projects established by Four Seasons Resorts Maldives to protect, monitor, relocate, release, rear and rehabilitate Maldivian sea turtles.



Mosquito Control – Landaa Giraaavru has been working with Trudy Rilling-Collins, a.k.a. 'The Mosquito Lady', since 2011 to provide environmentally responsible solutions to unwanted monsoon-loving guests. Thanks to Trudy's highly targeted techniques, Four Seasons has been able to completely eliminate the use of fogging across both of its Maldivian resorts, and is now funding the extension of the project to Bodu Huraa, Kuda Huraa's adjacent community island, and across 13 island communities in the Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere.

Waste Management Programme – Implemented across three local islands, providing collection bins and fortnightly removal of waste that would otherwise pollute the island and surrounding sea. In addition, the latest partnership with 'Parley for the Oceans' recycles any leftover plastic into clothes, shoes and more.

Water-bottling Plant – producing still and sparkling water for Landaa's restaurants and guestrooms, saving around 30,400 plastic bottles per month.



Support of the Thulhaadhoo lacquer ware artisans – the only remaining lacquer ware craftsmen in the Maldives, of whom Four Seasons is the biggest single customer.

Introducing Kaku ... Kaku (short for 'kakuni' – crab in Dhivehi) is Landaa's resident journalist: a hermit crab that lives in the 3rd Hole on Landaa's Palm Tree Road. As well as penning nightly 'Reef News' articles for tumdown, Kaku 'guides' the MDC's film and language selections. Visit him at Kaku's Reef Blog to find his latest stories!





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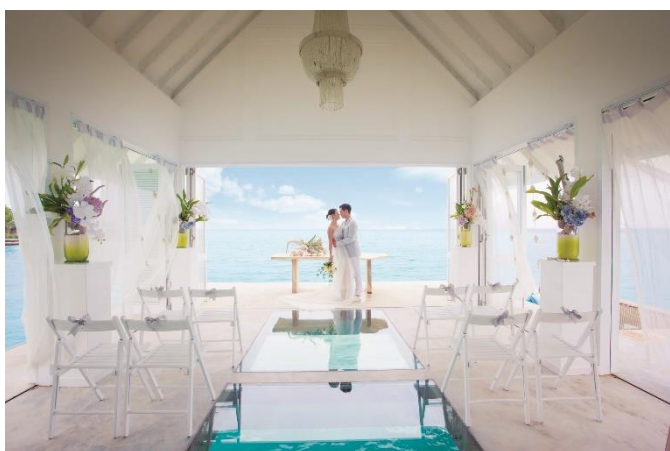
Weddings and Honeymoon

Four Seasons Resorts Maldives offer three wedding and honeymoon options seamlessly intertwined. Exchange vows in any number of picturesque locations from the powder-white sands to Landaa's free-standing over-water wedding pavilion with glass-bottomed aisle...then 'swap' paradises via a 30-minute point-to-point seaplane transfer or sail away on Four Seasons Explorer for a three, four or seven night marine and cultural odyssey into the outer atolls. The Resorts offer a wedding package that includes the ceremonial set-up, a romantic dinner and spa treatments to celebrate your matrimony.



Meeting and Function Rooms

The Resort has two spacious meeting rooms. All the function rooms are styled in traditional Maldivian design and are complemented by modern tropical interiors. A meeting package that includes room set-up, tea/coffee breaks and lunch is available at the Resort, with spouse or family programmes incorporating activities from cooking classes to kayaking.





THE HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

Originally launched at Kuda Huraa in 2001, the Four Seasons Maldives Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme is a vocational training programme for young and dynamic Maldivians (aged 17-20) looking to enter the hospitality industry.

Apprentices are selected by a team of the Resorts' Senior Management from a series of hundreds of one-to-one interviews held across the Maldives each year; they are then trained throughout the course of a year to become solid professionals in areas including Food & Beverage Preparation, Food & Beverage Preparation or Service, Safe Maritime Transport, PADI Dive Master, Water Sports, Housekeeping & Guest Services, Marine Biology, Engineering, Front Office and Retail.

The programme includes a combination of intensive on-the-job training and theoretical classroom sessions, with specialisation courses taught by Senior Management. Most apprentices arrive at the Resorts with little or no working experience, but leave a year later with the talent and ability to secure a position in any of the Maldives' five-star resorts.

In 2010, the Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme was officially recognised by the Maldives' Ministry of Human Resources as a government-accredited curriculum and was awarded the internationally recognized TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) certification; this makes Four Seasons the first hotel group to enter into a partnership with the Maldivian government and the first to offer a TVET-certified hospitality programme to local youngsters.

The programme has grown year on year, with the Class of 2019 comprising 66 first year apprentices plus 6 embarking on second year programmes for the new Class of 2020. To date, the programme has produced a total of 597 graduates, with approximately 75 per cent now full-time employees of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts.



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