

# FOUR SEASONS RESORTS MALDIVES

THE MALDIVES ISSUE



Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa



Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru



Four Seasons Explorer



## 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 speedboat from Malé
- Homeport of Four Seasons Explorer
- 12 acres (5 hectares) of exotic gardens awash with bougainvillea, frangipani and hibiscus
- Innovative natural therapies in The Island Spa – the only Maldivian spa on its own island.
- Tropicsurf Surf School with classes from age 6
- Over 30 dive sites within a 10-45-minute sail
- Interactive Marine Discovery Centre
- 96 traditional 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 wilderness 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
- All-inclusive Ayurvedic Immersions 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)
- 102 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





## 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 Secret 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** (25 units / interior 45m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 62m<sup>2</sup>) have a spacious garden and plunge pool.

**Beach Bungalows with Pool** (27 units / interior 63m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 82m<sup>2</sup>) are set within lush tropical gardens with a 12m<sup>2</sup> plunge pool and gazebo.

**Water Bungalows** (24 units / Interior 61m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 39m<sup>2</sup>) are stilted over the lagoon with dressing room and private outside deck with steps leading to the lagoon. Bathrooms – accessible from both bedroom and deck – include a large bath overlooking the lagoon and courtyard with open-air shower.



**Water Bungalows with Pool** (8 units / Interior 61m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 39m<sup>2</sup>) Positioned directly over the water with wide-reaching lagoon views, these upgraded accommodations integrate a private, glass-sided pool, accessible from bedroom and deck, for easy, open-plan lagoon living.



**Family Beach Bungalows with Pool** (5 units / interior 75m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 82m<sup>2</sup>) 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.





**One-bedroom Water Suites** (4 units / interior 91m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 55m<sup>2</sup>) have wrap-around sea views, main bedroom and bathroom (with open-air shower courtyard) plus a separate living room with sofa bed and adjoining shower room.

**Two-bedroom Water Suites** (2 units / interior 173m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 99m<sup>2</sup>) have a king and a twin-bedded room, each with dressing area, bathroom and outdoor shower. A shared living and dining area overlooks a large private sundeck. Steps lead to the lagoon and the adjacent snorkelling opportunities of the small Reef Island.

**Two-bedroom Royal Beach Villa** (1 unit / interior 197m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 256m<sup>2</sup>) 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 m<sup>2</sup>), generous 35m<sup>2</sup> 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.





## 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.



### Baraabar

Open for dinner only, Baraabar serves fine Indian cuisine including specialties from the tandoor and dum-steamed biryani. 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 sun setting beyond The Island Spa are complemented by a billiards table, creative cocktails and special access to 'Secret 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

*- A haven of innovative treatments inspired by nature's purest ingredients*

The Island Spa – the only spa in the Maldives located on its own private isle – is just a minute's sail by *dhoni* across Kuda Huraa's lagoon.

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.

Launched in December 2011, The Island Spa's menu melds Sodashi's all-natural goodness with time-honoured Asian traditions to offer a range of innovative approaches for men, women and children.

Menu highlights include: multi-day spa programmes that focus on detoxification, rejuvenation and romantic pampering; artfully tailored rituals to rejuvenate and restore; five specialty facials; intuitive, healing massages – such as the Maldivian Hathareh Massage – that draw on ancient techniques plus dedicated men's treatments. The Spa also offers in-room Bath Rituals: 13 exclusive aromatherapy baths prepared in the comfort of one's guestroom or suite.

### The Night Spa

The Island Spa dramatically transforms into The Night Spa from 10 pm daily, offering open-air lunar rituals under the tropical night sky.







### Kuda Spa

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



### Yoga

The Island Spa includes an ornately carved sea-facing Yoga pavilion, where the Resort's Yogi guides beginners and experienced followers alike through early morning 'Sun Salutations', evening 'Sunset Meditations', awareness talks and private tuition.



## LEISURE AND RECREATION

### Surf School

Guests can adopt an entire ocean lifestyle at the Resort's Surf School, with courses from six years old and above. Run by the pros from Tropicsurf, Noosa, Australia, the school caters for all abilities: learn to master the board 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.

### 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) 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 and fun tube rides.

### Swimming Pool

A free-form, freshwater infinity pool – that stretches 1269m<sup>2</sup> 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.





### 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 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

Nature walks, marine lectures, windsurfing, waterskiing (skis for six years and above), fishing, guided reef snorkelling, 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.



**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, rear 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.







**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: 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.

**Reefscapers ([www.reefscapers.com](http://www.reefscapers.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.



# 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 Library 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*

Four Seasons Explorer is the world's most intimate Four Seasons resort. Sailing between Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru, 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 waterskiing, 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 (215ft<sup>2</sup> / 20m<sup>2</sup>) have a king-size bed that can be converted into two twin beds.

The Explorer Suite (484ft<sup>2</sup> / 45m<sup>2</sup>) 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 'surfis' each year under the expert guidance of the pros from Tropic Surf, Noosa, Australia. The Tropic Surf 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 – 1.9 metres (6.2 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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LAUNCH DATE	December 2002
MANAGEMENT	Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
INVESTORS	Hotel Properties Limited, Singapore
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 102 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

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

Landaa Giraavaru's vast natural wilderness incorporates 102 thatched bungalows and villas of contemporary Maldivian design. Modern conveniences include wireless high-speed internet, 42-inch plasma TV, audiovisual system with DVD player and MP3 cable, and espresso machine.

**Beach Bungalows with Pool** (27 units / interior 75m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 91m<sup>2</sup>) have a spacious garden with plunge pool and *undholi* (traditional Maldivian swing).

**Beach Villas with Pool** (26 units / interior 137m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 260m<sup>2</sup>) 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** (4 units / interior 164m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 260m<sup>2</sup>) have a study room with sofa bed (plus underbed) and shower room.

**Water Villas** (28 units / interior 86m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 53m<sup>2</sup>) and **Water Villas with Pool** (10 units / interior 86m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 67m<sup>2</sup>) are stilted over the lagoon with decked outdoor living space and sea-gazing loft.



**Two-Bedroom Family Beach Bungalows with Pool** (2 units / interior 159m<sup>2</sup>/ exterior 91m<sup>2</sup>) have a twin-bedded room (with separate bathroom / outdoor shower) linked to the master bedroom.



**Two-bedroom Royal Beach Villa** (1 unit / interior 310m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 890m<sup>2</sup>) 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.



**Two-bedroom Water Suites** (2 units / interior 182m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 200m<sup>2</sup>) have uninterrupted sunrise or sunset views from the end of the jetty.

**Two-bedroom Land and Ocean Suites** (2 units / interior 280m<sup>2</sup> / exterior 400m<sup>2</sup>). Land-based, open-plan living/dining pavilion (plus library, kitchenette and bathroom) links via a wooden walkway, 36m<sup>2</sup> pool and al fresco dining pavilion to two ocean-based, en-suite sleeping pavilions, each with dressing room and outdoor shower.







## DINING

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

### **Blu Restaurant and Blu Bar (Italian)**

On Landaa's western tip, overlooking the lagoon, Blu serves contemporary Italian cuisine for lunch and dinner. White interiors contrast with the blues of the surrounding sky, ocean and lagoon. A 'sunset' swimming pool separates the restaurant and sand-floor bar (open all day).

### **Al Barakat (Lebanese and Moroccan)**

Named after North African scholar who made Baa Atoll his home in the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **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.



### 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*.



### In-Villa 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. With a strong emphasis on natural healing, the 2.5 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 yogi. 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.

Ayurvedic therapies, programmes, and all-inclusive 7-, 14- and 21-day Ayurvedic Immersions incorporate medicinal plants from the Herbal Garden such as ark, ginger, mahabala and neem. Specialty spa therapies include Chakra Blessings, Tantric Traditions and Reconnection Rituals for the whole family.

An extensive yoga programme offers complimentary sessions plus private yoga 'enhancers' for specific spa and ayurvedic therapies.

Complimentary ayurvedic consultations are offered to all Resort guests, with a unique Ayurvedic food-labelling system in place on all restaurant menus. Guests are also invited to visit the Herbal Centre to learn more about the nutritional, physical, and emotional benefits of the ayurvedic process.

The entire Spa team is united by a strong currency of connection. They meet regularly to chant healing sounds and prepare for the energy transferrals of the day ahead; the resultant atmosphere within the Spa and Ayurvedic Retreat is as nurturing as any to be found in the Indian Ocean.





### **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 unspoiled coral gardens. It is also just a short boat ride from renowned manta ray and whale shark hotspots like Hanifaru Bay, Bathalaa island and Veyofushi Reef (June to Dec).



The Resort's PADI Five-Star IDC Dive Centre is located within steps of the warm, fish-filled lagoon. It offers the full spectrum of PADI courses: from the Seal Team programme of AquaMissions for children aged 8 and above, through to Master Scuba Diver, the highest non-professional ranking in the PADI system.



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.

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.



## LEISURE AND RECREATION

### Pools

50m-infinity pool with swim-up bar and sundeck (the only Olympic-size 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

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 the 'Passport to Adventure' programme, which offers children aged 4-12 up to eight daily activities alongside a 'Passport' of puzzles and challenges. From Coral Reef Building to Wishing Tree Walks, Snorkel Adventures to Dosha Discovery, Yogaflex to Lizard Safaris, kids can complete challenges to earn



stamps in their Republic of Landaa Giraavaru Passport: 7 or more stamps earns a toy; collecting all 14 earns ice-cream sundaes at Blu.

### 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.

### 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.





### 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.



## 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.

**Reefscapers** – Four Seasons Resorts Maldives coral propagation project is one of the most successful of its kind in the world. Instigated 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.reefscapers.com](http://www.reefscapers.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](http://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.



**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.



**The Baa Atoll Youth Project (BAYP)** – Dating back to Autumn 2009, BAYP sees the Resort working with local youngsters on conservation issues and projects relevant to their home islands, increasing environmental education and aiding the effective implementation of local conservation measures.

**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.

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

**Four Seasons Zuvaanunge Saqaafee Vaadha (Four Seasons Youth Culture Competition)** – an annual *boduberu* competition to promote cultural values and sustainability among local youth.



**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 turndown, Kaku 'guides'

the MDC's film and language selections. Visit him on Facebook or email [kaku.maldives@fourseasons.com](mailto:kaku.maldives@fourseasons.com)



# FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

## Weddings and Honeymoon

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 Landaa Giraavaru, from the powder-white sandspit that winds into the two-kilometre lagoon to a vast private villa hidden down dense jungle paths...then ‘swap’ paradises via a 30 minute point-to-point seaplane transfer for a honeymoon on Four Seasons sister island of Kuda Huraa 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, romantic dinner and spa treatments.



## Meeting and Function Rooms

The Resort has three spacious and sun-lit meeting rooms plus the wine cellar – an intimate coral-walled wine-tasting venue inside Café Landaa. 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 Service, Safe Maritime Transport, PADI Dive Master, Water Sports, Housekeeping & Guest Services.

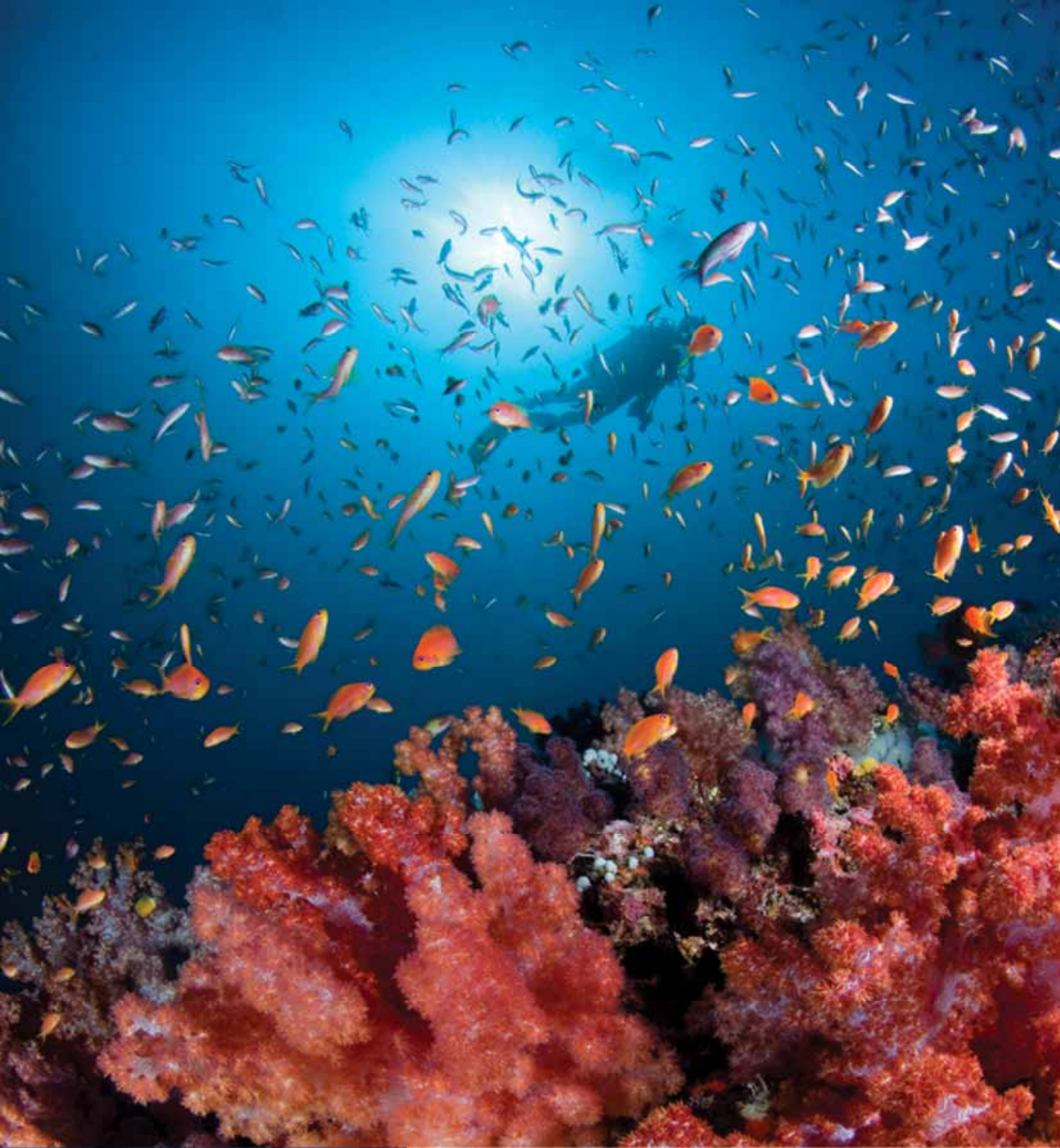
The programme includes a combination of intensive on-the-job training and theoretical classroom sessions, with specialisation courses taught by Senior Management. Most apprentices arrive at the Resorts with little or no working experience, but leave a year later with the talent and ability to secure 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 2011 marking a decade of educational excellence. The Class of 2012 (graduation date: April 14th, 2012) comprised 34 students, the largest since the programme began. The Class of 2013 (inauguration date: April 14th, 2012) comprises 60 young apprentices across Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru.

Approximately 75% of the programme's 265 graduates to date are now full-time employees of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts.





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