



SURROUNDED BY OCEAN You'll find yourself more often in the water than not

WATER WORLD

Maldives

Rest Your Head

FOUR SEASONS KUDA HURAA

Elegance, style and superb service are hallmarks of Four Seasons, but Kuda Huraa is also extremely family-friendly. Services include an excellent kids' club, children's menus, an interactive marine lab, special diving courses and even a dedicated Kuda ("little") Spa. (fourseasons.com)

Top Tables

ANANTARA KIHAVAH VILLAS

At the helm for just 12 months, executive chef Gaspare "Sam" Greco has revolutionised dining at Anantara Kihavah Villas. Sam's signature tuna tartar and Australian lamb with polenta

and oven-dried tomatoes is unsurpassed. (anantara.com)

Bottoms Up

TAVARU TOWER

Rare and vintage liqueurs are among the exciting surprises awaiting guests in the wine cellar at Velaa Private Island's Tavaru Tower. Labels that caught our eye recently include a Blandy's Madeira dating back to 1870 and a Quarles Harris 1977 Vintage Port. (velaaprivateisland.com)

Stop to Shop

DIVE GEAR

One of the main reasons travellers visit the Maldives

is for the spectacular diving opportunities. Dive Gear offers one of the republic's biggest selections of international brands, top-quality equipment, wetsuits, diving books and even underwater cameras. (divegearmaldives.com)

COCOROOTH

Maldives-based designer Coco Ryoko Maruno's label, CocoRooh, offers stylish, fair-trade, bohemian-inspired resort wear exclusively at One & Only Reethi Rah Resort Maldives. A native of Japan, Coco doubles as a Kundalini yoga instructor, which she says inspires her approach to design. (oneandonlyresorts.com)

COUNTRY CODE +960
EXCHANGE RATE
MVR15.3 = US\$1
FREQUENCY
1 flight per day



Top 3 insider travel tips

1_ WHAT WE RECOMMEND

Don't miss the chance to play a round of table tennis at W Retreat & Spa; the table is planted in the shallows of the swimming pool! You haven't played table tennis until you've played it in the water. (whotels.com)

2_ KNOW THE NUMBER

5.1 – the height, in metres above sea level, of the Maldives' tallest "mountain". The mound at Shangri-La's golf course is the nation's highest point (that said, the Maldives has some of the world's tallest undersea mountains).

3_ FOOTRUB

Got sore feet after a day of exploring Male? There's no better way to unwind than with a professional foot massage. Lucky for you, FootRub is part of the city's Sala Boutique Hotel, so you just need to walk (or hobble) a few steps from your room to enjoy a relaxing and restorative reflexology treatment. (salafamilymaldives.com)