



## G E N E R A L P R E S S R E L E A S E

### **Maafushivaru – An experience uniquely Maldives**

Set in the picturesque atoll of Ari, reached by a scenic seaplane flying over the breath-taking archipelago of Maldives and its mysterious atoll formations, Maafushivaru is an island that charms you with its dazzling turquoise lagoon, knitted with lush flora and wide sandy beaches. A stone's throw away is Lonubo, its very own desert island, all set to provide you and your beloved with an island just for the two of you, even if only for a night! .

The resort offers a choice of 3 distinct villas. Beach Villas are sited on the postcard perfect beaches with views out to the sea. The chic Water Villas is your pick for those yearning panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. Families or friends travelling together will find the Pool Villas ideal as it comes with two separate villas with a shared private pool. All villas are fine-tuned with hints of modern architecture and design.

Summon the bon vivant inside you, as you dine and wine at our restaurants with its eclectic dining options. The Cuisine Gallery extends a potpourri of delectable fare in a relaxed setting. Feast your way to the secrets of Asia at 135° East, as you experience Japanese culinary combined with a Teppanyaki show. Engage in wine tasting sessions, and immerse yourself in the sphere of new world and old world wines at our Wine Chiller. Awaken your senses to a cup of coffee or herbal tea enjoyed at Library Lounge, where you can also enjoy canapés during high tea in the afternoon. If you wish to dine à la carte, Barbeque offers a selection of our favourite dishes.

Plan a day visit to Lonubo for rewarding snorkelling adventures on its thriving house reef. Pamper your senses to a spa treatment on the beach, with the sounds of the shoreline accentuating the tranquil experience. Experience total isolation with your beloved as you celebrate special occasions whether it's a private picnic, a five course gourmet meal in the evening, combined with an overnight stay to craft unforgettable memories in total seclusion.

Maafushivaru, with its captivating beauty is often deemed a picturesque site for those wishing to renew their vows in the Maldives. Offering unique venues for a bespoke service, lovers may also indulge in a romantic private dining experience, to wine and dine in seclusion under the stars.

Rewind, and ignite your senses at The Spa. Our professional team of masseuses instil the best techniques to give you a sense of peace and wellbeing. Choose from a wide range of treatments from our signature product line Voya; organic marine-based products made from hand-harvested seaweed to nurture your mind, body and soul. An all-natural product range Yonka, further extends choice of skin and body care therapies on offer.



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Come evening, the Water Bar transforms into an exciting venue, hosting a range of diverse entertainment. Sip your favourite cocktail, as you listen to uplifting melodies by the acoustic duo. Dance away to the favourites on vinyl when our resident DJ blasts off groovy tracks. For a more authentic experience, the Maldivian night is one that should not be missed. You can witness exotic, raw culture of the Maldives, with boduberu (local drumming) and other awe-inspiring scenes on display. Laidback guests, have the chance to catch their favourite movie on the beach as well.

This remarkable gem also offers superb diving and snorkelling experiences. The world below Maafushivaru can be best described as utterly sublime, with flourishing and vibrant marine life. It's easy to spot a shark or two, and you might just bump into a gentle giant or a whale shark during one of the snorkelling expeditions organised by the island. Diving is quite spectacular around Maafushivaru as well, with a number of dive sites promising great big fish encounters, colourfully complete with coral gardens, in warm temperate waters that provide excellent visibility. Our Resident Marine Biologist delves into the underwater life, explaining interesting facts you might never have stumbled on before at the Water Bar weekly.

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**Note to Editors:**

Maafushivaru Maldives is a typical island epitomizing all the one dreams of when thinking of the Maldives. With its small island charm, lush vegetation surrounded by the white beaches and a house reef that provides an enchanting snorkelling experience. The island is just over 500 metres in length and even has its own baby island, Lonubo, just 5 minutes away. Lonubo is exclusively for the use of Maafushivaru guests and a holiday on Maafushivaru will not be complete without at least one visit to this beautiful deserted islet.

Refurbished in 2010, the resort is owned and managed by Universal Resorts.

Bookings for Maafushivaru can be made through Maafushivaru website [www.maafushivaru.com](http://www.maafushivaru.com)

**Note to Picture Editors:**

Images of Maafushivaru can be viewed via the website [www.maafushivaru.com](http://www.maafushivaru.com)

High resolution images are available for download at: <http://www.universalimagesonline.com/maafushivaru/index.html>

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