

DECEMBER 2018 ISSUE

VELASSARU
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WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER ISSUE OF
VELASSARU MOMENTS 2018

There is always something new happening at Velassaru Maldives and this issue brings you lots of exciting news from the island. We are constantly striving to see how we can improve your stay with us and we would like to take this opportunity of highlighting some key implementations that happened during the last quarter.

AROUND THE ISLAND

Special Offer 2018-2019

Enjoy early booking discounts and accommodation packages available from Velassaru Maldives until April 2019. Check our Corporate Sales & Marketing Team at email sales@universalresorts.com for further details.

Weekly Affinity Cocktail Event

As a gesture of gratitude for always making Velassaru Maldives a destination of choice, we have launched the first weekly Repeater Cocktails event exclusive only for Velassaru Affinity members.

As a member, returning guests will continue to enjoy the range of exclusive benefits and privileges. Membership is free and any returning guest can become a member by emailing us at sales@velassaru.com

Velassaru Edible Drinking Straws

Plastic straws have a large environmental impact to marine life and oceans. In our continued effort towards protecting our environment and to help guests "reimagine the cocktail consumption experience", we are now offering Edible Flavoured Drinking Straws!

These straws can withstand up to half an hour submerged in liquids giving you plenty of time to enjoy and finish your drink. Made from sugar and corn starch, these straws are gluten free with a range of flavours to choose from – chocolate, strawberry & neutral.

Parley Maldives Collaboration

We are proud to be associated with Parley Maldives – an environmental organization that addresses environmental threats and the ocean plastic pollution in the country. Early this year, we introduced initiatives on environmentally friendly operations practices: A Comprehensive Recycling Facility, no-plastic-straw policy and switching from small multiple plastic containers to liquid dispensers in all bathrooms and showers, the first of many steps the resort will take towards sustainability and plastic minimization.

Immersion & Glide Aware Week

On September 15 to 23, 2018, Immersion Dive Centre collaborated with PADI and PROJECT AWARE to celebrate the ocean. AWARE Week marked the perfect time to focus on the ocean. Our Marine Biologist showcased conservation-focused presentations to increase the number of ocean stewards.

Immersion Dive Centre Revamp

Velassaru unveiled its newly renovated IMMERSION Dive Centre! The new design provides a welcoming vibe bringing an airy and relaxed atmosphere to the space. Operated by Silver Sands, the dive centre offers a selection of internationally recognized PADI dive courses, extensive island activities both under and over the water.

New Photography Lounge Location

Capture your best moments on the island with the help of our professional photographers. After a bespoke photography session, guests will now be invited to view an array of their photos in the comfort and privacy of the newly renovated Photography Lounge at its new location right beside FEN Bar.

All in-house guests are also offered 30 minutes complimentary portrait session as well as a complimentary 6 x 8 inches photo.

Festive Celebrations at Velassaru

We are pleased to present this year's VELASSARU MALDIVES program of events, activities, and culinary experiences. This year, Santa and his elves will arrive in style with gifts. The resort will spoil the guests with abundance of colourful and delicious delicacies throughout the festive season. Celebrate the end of 2018 with indulgent spread and live entertainment by local musicians and bring in the 2019 in style!

[Download our Festive Brochure here](#)

TIME TO SPA



Post Beach Holiday DIY Facial Treatments

Our skin gets dull, dehydrated and sun damaged after a long holiday at the beach. It is advised to do a mini facial at least once a week to restore and allow your skin to breathe. With these simple tips from Marissa Junio, Director of Spa at Velassaru, you can create your own facial products using items inside your kitchen or fridge.

Cleanser – Lactic acid in milk will help reduce pigmentation, hydrate dry skin and relieve sunburn. Just dab a cotton ball on fresh milk and apply all over your face.

Toner – Carrot juice is a good source of Vitamin A and beta carotene which your skin needs. Spread on your face using a small amount on a cotton.

Scrub – Sugar with honey exfoliates your skin and is a good moisturizer that promotes healing without clogging your pores. Mix sugar and honey until you get your preferred consistency.

Mask – Oatmeal with honey helps to retain moisture on your skin which is good if you have dry or dehydrated skin. Once mixed, put all over the face and leave it on for 15 minutes then rinse with warm water.

The Spa at Velassaru Maldives has 10 overwater treatment rooms, where signature treatments range from body scrubs to yoga. For full listing of spa signature treatments and services, visit: velassaru.com/the-spa

ACCOMMODATION



Water Suite

To ensure that Velassaru offers all luxury in modern comforts in today's guest expectation, we are proud to share the anticipated renovation complete of the Water Suite. The room was designed with the sole purpose of heightening the guest experience. With new contemporary furnishing and bright interiors, the reimagined suite raises the bar for luxury accommodation and still reflect the youthful, exciting and unpretentious identity of Velassaru Maldives.

WINE & DINE



[Additional Dishes in Sand Menu](#)

We are delighted to share the newly created dishes in SAND that both look and taste exquisite. New favourites include Coconut Marinated Reef Fish, Tuna Tartar, Duck Foie Gras, Soft Shell Crab and Tasmanian Salmon. Experience the perfect night of Pan Indian Ocean cuisine and spectacular beachfront settings under the stars – a dining experience like no other! Visit our menu page here – <http://www.velassaru.com/sand>

[Enhanced Turquoise Menu](#)

We are pleased to have launched our new Turquoise Restaurant menu. Along with the old favourites, we've added some awesome new burgers and other things for guests to get excited over.

For the list of new burgers & revised dessert options, please click on this menu link <http://www.velassaru.com/turquoise-restaurant>

[Mixology 101](#)

Piña Colada

An easy recipe for a refreshing and tasty cocktail – with this rum, pineapple and coconut cream cocktail in your hand, all you'll be missing is the sand between your toes.

40ml Pineapple juice

40ml Coconut cream

30ml White Rum

1 cup of ice

To garnish: Pineapple slice

Method

Put the ice, juice, coconut cream, and the white and dark rum into a blender. Blend until smooth and frosty. Pour the drink into a chilled glass. add garnish with pineapple slice and serve



TASTE FOR LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

20 – 31

[Festive Season Celebrations](#)

(Please see our Festive Calendar for further details)

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[Christmas Eve Gala Dinner](#)

Celebrate the Festive Season at our extensive epicurean gala dinner

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[Velassaru Living Square Azure Promotion](#)

Enjoy an exclusive 10% discount to all the products by Island Bazaar, Tide of Azure collection and exotic fashion brands!

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[Meet Santa at FEN Garden](#)

Get ready for Santa's arrival! Kids enjoy a delicious buffet full of surprise prepared by Santa's elves

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[Garden Burger BBQ](#)

A delightful BBQ lunch buffet in TURQUOISE Garden

[Vibes of Summer](#)

A day of sun, sea, sand and chill out music at the Pool and garden area

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[New Year's Eve Gala Dinner](#)

Celebrate the past whilst saluting in the new at our expansive epicurean gala dinner brimming with surprise and delight

[Velassaru Misty White New Year's Eve Celebration](#)

Join us in counting down to the New Year

VELASSARU TEAM



Velassaru Stalwart – Murathala Saeed, Transport Manager

Originally from Addu, the last Southern atoll in Maldives, Mura first arrived in Velassaru Island on July 1997 as an assistant Transport Manager. At the time, the resort has been opened for a couple of years as Laguna Beach Resort. Over his long tenure, he has seen many changes and improvements. From the complete re-launch of Velassaru in 2009 to more large-scale of accommodation renovations. One of the longest serving team members – Mura witnessed Velassaru's growth as it became one of the top tourist destinations of choice here in the Maldives.

He has risen through the ranks and now leads the Transport & Security departments. With an outstanding 21 years of service, leadership skills & hospitality experience, Mura is indeed a stalwart and great asset to Velassaru!

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Our award-winning resort has received accolades from around the globe, and has garnered praise from travellers and industry bodies alike.

[Agoda Gold Circle Award 2018](#)



We are proud to share that Velassaru Maldives has been awarded the Agoda Gold Circle Award 2018! The Gold Circle Awards, now in its 10th Year, recognizes elite service, high scoring peer-to-peer customer reviews from the 22 million reviews on Agoda, as well as excellence in pricing and availability. Velassaru Maldives Resort is among the only 7 hotels in the Maldives to receive the prestigious award this year!

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