

VELASSARU MOMENTS

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Welcome to our August issue of Velassaru Moments 2017

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

Velassaru New Website

We are delighted to officially announce the recent launch of our website late last year. The redesigned site reflects Velassaru Maldives' brand identity with its fresh and modern look. Enhanced to provides users with seamless mobile or desktop access, the new responsive website will be completely up to date with modern web design trends while also offering a simpler, more intuitive navigation.

Tennis Court Makeover

Anyone for tennis? Game, set and match! Our all-weather floodlit tennis court received a complete make over which surpasses the World-class standard.

Velassaru Living Gallery

Velassaru Maldives is proud to present the re-opening of the boutique gallery - Velassaru Living. The boutique and gallery, displays works from resident artist, Achchu, products made by Maldivian Artisans and launches the new exclusive collection for Velassaru Living, Tide of Azure. Some selected exotic fashion brands are also available, namely Island Apothecary, Frankitas, thirtyfour.bespoke and Sheriff & Cherry.

Velassaru Living interior design was inspired by Velassaru's magnificent lagoon. Imagine swimming underwater with the sky above, the brilliant white sand around, while immerse in warm crystal clear water. The major focal feature is inspired by one of the lagoons coral outcrops. We are certain that you will see the link between the interior design and Velassaru Living's exclusive collection - Tide of Azure.

Velassaru Living Gallery is open daily from 8:30 am. to 9:00 p.m.

Inclusion in The Small Luxury Hotels of the world "The Small Luxury Cookbook"

We are proud to announce our inclusion in the Small Luxury Cookbook Volume 2 - a collection of first course recipes from over 150 of its hotels around the world. The variety and originality of the recipes in this cookbook reflect and demonstrates the independently-minded approach that helps Small Luxury Hotels to stand out from the crowd. Small Luxury Hotels of the World has chosen one of our Turquoise menu recipes to be included within its pages - the Coconut and Drumstick Leaf Crusted Seared Maldivian Tuna.

"Our dish was inspired not only by the Maldives but by Velassaru and its wonderful surround. The dish encapsulates the essence and flavours of Maldives." - Carlos Exprua.

We hope this book will be both an inspiration to cook and to travel. The Small Luxury Cookbook is available for purchase at Velassaru Living or on the SLH Cookbook website www.slhcookbook.com

WINE & DINE

Enhanced Romantic Dinner Menu

An intimate dinner by the beach with your loved one under the canvas of a million stars. Executive Chef Carlos Exprua, reveals that this Velassaru Romantic Dinner Menu is a one-of-a-kind romantic dining experience served by a personal butler. Guest can enjoy this exclusive four-course epicurean menu in the most exclusive of setting only USD 290 per couple.

Mixology 101

Smoky Old Fashioned - One of the simplest cocktails to make, yet one of the hardest to perfect! Old fashioned is one of the go-to cocktails for people who love whiskey. Not only does it taste fantastic but also it is easy to make requiring only a few ingredients.

Ingredients:

50 ml of Whiskey or Bourbon
1 cube of sugar (demerara works best)
2-3 dashes of angostura bitters
1 twist of orange peel to garnish

Method

You need one smoke glass with oak chips. In a chilled rocks glass, place the sugar and bitters, a splash of water and muddle together until mixed. Add whiskey and ice cubes and stir. Garnish with a twist of orange peel. Enjoy your old fashioned!

TIME TO SPA

New Spa Menu Unveiled at the Spa at Velassaru Maldives

Keeping the same standard of combining the benefits of various Pevonia face and body treatments, The Spa at Velassaru Maldives is proud to announce the launch of an all-new Spa menu. The addition of signature treatments as well as carefully chosen daily specials created to heighten your holistic spa experience. Body treatments include:

Jet Lag Massage

A treat to start your well-deserved holiday. Experience a soothing treatment with a 30- minute massage to relieve stress and muscular tension in the back, neck and shoulders.

Couple's Delight

A relaxing three-hour treatment. The treatment begins with a lush detoxifying scrub followed by our signature massage using virgin coconut oil and finishes with a reviving facial.

Couple's Indulgence

An effective body ritual in a romantic setting that begins with an invigorating body scrub, followed by a full body, deeply relaxing massage. The ritual ends with a nourishing bespoke facial.

Complimentary Sunset Group Yoga by the Beach

We are delighted to introduce a complimentary group Sunset Yoga class three times a week. The yoga session is perfectly located on a sunset facing beach from 1730hrs to 1830hrs three days a week.

For full listing of spa signature treatments and services, visit: www.velassaru.com/the-spa

ACCOMMODATION

Water Suite, Water Villa and Water Villa with Pool New Chic Furniture

Our exclusive water suite with expansive pool deck has an outstanding fresh new look. Inspired by the vibrancy of underwater pallet, the fresh new outdoor furniture reflects brand perfectly - with modern dynamism and fashion-forward personality. The new deck's furniture is modern and contemporary while keeping in with Velassaru's chilled-out ambience.

The Water Villa and the Water Villa with Pool offers an expansive 112 square metres of luxury overlooking the vast seascape. Each Water Villa has a contemporary design with local Maldivian touches including hardwood flooring and a coconut thatch roof. The private sun deck offers views of the Indian Ocean and easy access to the gentle waters of the lagoon.

Deluxe Villa - A New Room Category

As part of our continued commitment to enhance our property and service, Velassaru Maldives is very excited to introduce a new room category, Deluxe Villa.

The Deluxe Villa is a 75sqm spacious, light, modern accommodation with minimalist interiors, colourful accents and features an expansive split-level bedroom and living room. The bathroom features a twin vanity, indoor rainfall shower, WC and outdoor courtyard shower. It is located within its own private tropical garden just steps from the beach. Enjoy a carefully laid out gardens and landscape to maximize both privacy while cleverly allowing remarkable views of the ocean beyond.

DIVE & DISCOVER

Diving in one of the world's most beautiful diving sites, in a tropical warm water and crystal clear visibility makes Maldives one of the most enchanting destination you can possibly find. Immersion Dive Centre Baseleader, Matteo Lingua, shares with us the two of his favourite diving sites...

Lankan Beyru (Manta Point)

Lankan Manta Point is located in the southeast of North Male Atoll, divers come to see its beautiful reef and gentle underwater slopes. This dive site features "a cleaning stations" for numerous huge manta. Other large species around Lankan Manta Point include Whitetip Sharks, Hawksbill turtles, Barracudas, Humphead Wras and Moray Eels.

Lankan Manta point is one of the most exciting dive sites in the Maldives! Control your buoyancy, maintain a good distance and enjoy the show!

The Alia Wreck

The Alia Wreck, one of the most iconic wrecks in South Male Atoll. Located near the island of Bolfushi, this wreck is an easily accessible with very high regard due to its all year good diving conditions. Here divers can see big groupers, schools of Baffish, profuse puffer fish, boxfish, schooling fusiliers as well resting nurse sharks.

TASTE FOR LIFE EVENTS

Take A Sneak Peak At Whats Coming Up

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

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| 01 | Eid Al Adha in Vela
Feast away the Eid Al Adha with an enhanced buffet in Vela restaurant. |
| 06-09 | Tequila Sunrise
Delight your taste buds. Indulge in curated Tequila creations by our mixologist and Fen Bar team |
| 06 | Moonlight Vibes
Join us for a spectacular night of music and a range of full moon inspired cocktails on the Main Beach |
| 11-15 | Velassaru Living Square Azure Promotion
Enjoy an exclusive 10% discount to all the products by Island Bazaar, Tide of Azure collection and other exotic fashion brands! Visit Velassaru Living for details. |
| 24 | Surf and Turf BBQ
Experience the sizzle of Surf & Turf buffet offering of fresh seafood, our signature meats, delicious sides and themed desserts in Sand. |

VELASSARU TEAM

Resort Manager - Nasrulla Ali

Velassaru Maldives is excited to introduce to you our newly appointed Resort Manager, Nasrulla Ali.

With more than 20 years of international luxury hospitality expertise having worked at several top properties around the world, including in the Maldives, the United States, Thailand, Qatar, Malaysia and the UAE. Prior to joining Velassaru Maldives, Nasru held the position of Resident Manager at Coco Palm Dhunikelhi, a Coco Collection Resort.

Known for his focus on quality and guest satisfaction, Nasru, a native Maldivian, has a proven record of accomplishment as part of senior management teams of renowned hospitality brands such as Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, One & Only Resorts, Velaa Private Island, Anantara Hotels, Resorts and Spas, Coco Collection, and Radisson Hotels.

Director of Food & Beverage - Francois Briel

We are delighted to welcome, Francois Briel our new Director of Food & Beverage at Velassaru!

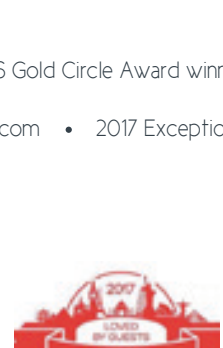
Francois, who hails from South Africa, dedicated the last 17 years of his career to the hospitality industry specializing in Food & Beverage. Prior to joining Velassaru, Francois has worked at various world class properties such as InterContinental Johannesburg Sandton Towers, Table Bay Hotel, The Vineyard Hotel, Sante Winelands Hotel and Wellness Centre, Fairmont Zimbabwe Lodge and Resort, Boschendel Wine Estate and Truth Coffee (voted the World's Finest Coffee Shop).

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Awards and Recognition

Our award-winning resort has received accolades from around the globe, and has garnered praise from travellers and industry bodies alike. Our world-class service earns us awards from Trip Advisor year after year.

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Booking Elite Award by Booking.com • 2017 Exceptional Award by Hotels.com/Expedia

