

AUGUST 2018 ISSUE

VELASSARU M O M E N T S

WELCOME TO OUR AUGUST ISSUE OF
VELASSARU MOMENTS 2018

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AROUND THE ISLAND



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[Velassaru Maldives Giving Back to the Community & Environment](#)

Velassaru Maldives is environmentally conscious and deeply committed to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). We have introduced the following environmentally friendly initiatives:

Comprehensive Recycling Facility

We have introduced a Recycling Facility on the island that includes a Shredding machine for plastic bottles and a Glass Grinder for all non-returnable glass. In addition, our new Botanical Waste Chipper and Mulcher produces material that can either be converted into compost or used as mulch for our gardens. We also process the Kitchen Bio-Waste in our Bio-Composting Machine to supplement the on island compost initiative, which makes its way onto our Gardens.

Greywater Reuse

Greywater makes up the largest portion of wastewater on the resort. As part of our Green initiative, all greywater on the island is processed through our Pro-Biotic Aeration Plant and reutilised to irrigate our gardens.

Velassaru Water Bottling Plant

Premium quality filtration of still and sparkling water in reusable glass bottles in our purpose built Water Filtration and Bottling Facility is to be commissioned at Velassaru during the second half of 2018. This will replace the plastic bottled still water for guests and staff members. This initiative will remove a minimum of 200,000 plastic bottles per year, a million plastic bottles every 5 years that would need either to be recycled or disposed of with massive negative impact to our environment.

[Velassaru Brand Video](#)

We are delighted to announce the recent launch of VELASSARU MALDIVES' new brand video! The new video reflects Velassaru Maldives' brand perfectly – the youthful, laid-back, unpretentious atmosphere and the resort's contemporary style of luxury. Visit our YouTube channel to watch the full video – www.youtube.com/VelassaruM

[Inclusion in The Small Luxury Hotels of the World "2018 SLH Cookbook"](#)

We are proud to announce our inclusion in the 2018 SLH Cookbook – created to honour The Small Luxury Hotels of the World™ collective love of good, local food. Over 150 hotels have participated in this year's cookbook, which has a focus on MAIN dishes. The variety and originality of the recipes in this cookbook reflect and demonstrates how serious SLH hotels focus on food; ensuring luxury travelers to have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of delectable dishes. In this year's entry, Velassaru Executive Chef, Carlos Exprua, have chosen an outstanding Seared Maldivian Tuna with Tropical Fruit Salsa recipe to be included within the cookbook's pages Travellers will be spoilt for choice, whether at home or away. The 2018 SLH Cookbook is available for purchase on the SLH Cookbook website www.slhcookbook.com

[Special Offer](#)

Enjoy early booking discounts and accommodation packages available from Velassaru Maldives until April 2019. With remarkable special offers available, look forward to escaping to a chic and contemporary retreat at Velassaru Maldives to suit every occasion. Please check our Special Offer page link for more details – www.velassaru.com/special-offers

Chinese Golden Week Getaway at Velassaru

Enjoy great savings and complimentary Sunset Fishing for two when you book 3-night consecutive stay

Winter Escape at Velassaru

Book ahead and save up to 40% discount on published room rates

Enjoy complimentary Sunset Cruise for two

WINE & DINE

Turquoise Restaurant Interior Upgrade

Turquoise Restaurant has re-opened following a two-week refurbishment! We are excited to share the newly revamped all-day-dining restaurant fresh new look, created by the Olive Garden Interior Design- the same team behind the VELA buffet restaurant and FEN Bar. Choosing materials that still resonate the resorts brand identity, TURQUOISE is now transformed into a vibrant and modern dining all-day-dining venue with a warm and airy atmosphere that feels like you have stepped into a chic garden. While the accent shiplap walls and the copper and resin lamps around the restaurant allow the design to blend in with both outlets, Interior Design Specialist, Mei Kheng Leong, designed Turquoise interior by bringing the outdoor and natural elements in.

The revamped restaurant has kept its laid-back vibe and diners can still enjoy the uninterrupted views of the infinity pool from the expansive outdoor deck.

View the menu on this link – www.velassaru.com/turquoise-restaurant

New Infinity Pool Bar

Nothing beats a dip in the pool followed by a refreshing cocktail. We are very excited to announce our brand new Infinity facility and Pool Bar menu. We have introduced fantastic gourmet milkshakes, slushies and soft serve ice cream. Carefully curated with artisanal premium quality ingredients, the new menu drew inspiration from our youthful, exciting and unpretentious identity.

Francois Briel, F&B Director, shares his top picks from the new menu:

- Love Ferrero Shake
- Golden Goose Berry Shake
- Peanut Butter & Banana Shake

For the full cocktail menu, please visit www.velassaru.com/fen-bar

New Etesian Menu

We are excited to introduce a completely new Etesian menu featuring sophisticated international dishes, which draws inspiration from the finest quality ingredients available. Visit our menu page on this link – <http://www.velassaru.com/etesian>.

Pressed Juices in Vela Restaurant

For those in favour of healthy refreshments, you will enjoy the cold-pressed juices in VELA breakfast buffet. Start the day off with wide range of regional and local fresh fruits and vegetables to help you relieve the stress of everyday life.

Mixology 101

Smoky Negroni Cocktail

A twist on the classic Negroni. If you enjoy the original Negroni, and have an adventurous palate, this cocktail will delight your taste buds.

- 3-liter Oak Barrel (For a large batch of cocktail)
- 750ml Gin Bombay Sapphire
- 750ml Sweet Vermouth
- 750ml Campari
- Ice Ball
- Ice Cubes
- Orange Twist for serving

Method for Barrel -aging Cocktail

Using a funnel, fill the barrel with all of the liquid ingredients and let the cocktail age for about a month. Taste a sample once a week, until the cocktail has taken on a rounded but not overly oaky flavour. Method for the Smoky Negroni Cocktail Burn oak plank to smoke then place glass over burned area and catch smoke in glass. Set aside. Pour 30ml Negroni into a small carafe with ice cubes and stir for 15 – 20 seconds to bring the alcohol down to a good temperature. Turn smoked glass upright. Pour the Negroni cocktail followed by the ice ball into smoked glass. Garnish with a twist of orange peel and serve.

DIVE & DISCOVER



Maldives has some of the most beautiful diving sites in the world; the warm water and clear visibility make it a pleasure to dive. Immersion Dive Centre Baseleader, Carmen Dressler, shares with us her favourite diving site...

[Embudhu Canyon](#)

Emboodhu Canyon is one of the most popular and exciting dive sites in the Maldives due to the abundance of aquatic life and healthy corals. A series of large overhangs at various levels are adorned with colourful hard and soft coral and fans. Schools of tropical reef fish, Tuna, reef Sharks and Moray eels can be discovered lurking in the canyon while Turtles can often be seen feeding in the shallow reef areas above.

[Mantas in Season](#)

Experience an incredible journey of Manta Discovery during the summer months of July to November. IMMERSION DIVE CENTRE will take you to an exhilarating speedboat trip to hotspots where you can snorkel with manta rays. Manta rays are among the most charismatic creatures that inhabit our oceans. They move through the water with such grace, gently soaring through the turquoise lagoons, over reefs bursting with life. Swimming with these gentle giants is a remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime experience that snorkelers should not miss!

TASTE FOR LIFE EVENTS

Take a sneak peek at what is coming up
download the EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

www.velassaru.com/downloads

Upcoming Events in August to October 2018

AUGUST

01 – 05 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!

13 – 17 Tropical Cocktail Week

Beat the summer heat with our selection of delicious tropical cocktails

21 Eid Al Adha

Eid Al Adha inspired buffet in VELA

27 – 30 Champagne and Oyster Promotion in Fen

Treat yourself with an exquisite combination of champagne and premium oysters served in FEN

SEPTEMBER

06 Lagoon Wine Tasting at Sunset

Experience new wines under the expert guidance from our Sommelier in the turquoise waters of our lagoon as the sun sets

11 – 13 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!

16 Surf and Turf BBQ

Indulge in a carefully curated Surf and Turf buffet offering of fresh seafood, our signature meats, delicious sides and themed desserts in SAND

24 Moonlight Vibes

Join us for a spectacular night of music and a range of full moon inspired cocktails on the Main Beach

26 – 30 'G & Tea' in Fen Bar

Explore a selection of Tea infused Gin cocktails inspired by flavours from around the world

OCTOBER

01 Oktoberfest

We bring you a taste of Germany with a Velassaru twist on the Main Beach

Beer Cocktails

For a tasty twist on your favorite brew, we rounded up a list of delightful beer cocktails in FEN

09 – 11 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!

24 Purely White Party

A spectacular evening of music on the Beach. Dress code – White

VELASSARU TEAM



General Manager – Bill Ignatiadis

Universal Resorts extends its warm welcome to Bill Ignatiadis as the new resort General Manager for Velassaru Maldives. Bill's previous experience includes working for several world-renowned brands back in his home country of Australia, including LVMH, One & Only as well as ACCOR properties. More recently in the Maldives, Bill had numerous senior management posts across three properties with Atmosphere Hotels and Resorts. His most recent being Cluster General Manager.

Bringing years of global hospitality experience, Bill comes with a strong F&B background and prides himself on building not only strong service culture but ensuring his teams have a Can-Do attitude towards creating everlasting guest experiences.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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

[TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence Hall of Fame](#)



We are proud to share that Velassaru Maldives has been recognized as a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence Hall of Fame winner. The Certificate of Excellence award celebrates excellence in hospitality and is given only to establishments that consistently achieve great traveler reviews on TripAdvisor.

The 'Hall of Fame' was created to honour those businesses that have earned a Certificate of Excellence for five consecutive years.

[Booking.com Elite Platinum Award 2018](#)

We are delighted to receive the Booking.com Guest Review Award 2018!

[HolidayCheck Awards 2018](#)

Velassaru Maldives has been recommended on HolidayCheck with a 94% or 5.6 out of 6 rating! HolidayCheck is the largest German-speaking hotel review and travel website with more than 18 million visits per month.

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