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# Explore Tropical Delights this World Coconut Day: From Jamaica to Maldives

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This World Coconut Day, embark on a journey that leads you from the untouched shores of the **Maldives** to the vibrant landscapes of Jamaica.

Let your inner explorer run wild as you celebrate the splendour of coconuts. Set your calendars for the 2nd of September, and gather your coconut-inspired essentials as you prepare to whisk yourself away to the enchanting allure of palm-fringed beaches. Get ready to tantalize your taste buds with coconut-infused cuisine and quench your thirst with heavenly coconut cocktails.

Jamaica, the jewel of the Caribbean, boasts a bountiful supply of coconuts that paint its landscape with tropical allure. From roadside vendors selling fresh coconut water to rich and creamy curries and exotic cocktails, coconuts are an integral part of the island's culinary fabric.

## The Quintessential Caribbean Coconut Rum Punch



A symphony of tropical flavours, the **Caribbean Coconut Rum Punch** is a testament to coconut's glory. Balancing sweetness with the essence of summer, this delectable drink blends coconut, orange, lime, and pineapple to create a refreshing and delightful experience. The choice of **authentic J Wray and Nephew white overproof rum from Jamaica** adds an extra layer of authenticity and a hint of kick to the concoction. A trip to Jamaica isn't complete without sipping on this exquisite drink, which embodies the island's cultural richness and flavours.

### Ingredients:

- 45ml of white overproof rum
- 45ml of pineapple juice
- 45ml of orange juice
- 50ml of coconut milk
- 15ml of lime juice
- 15ml of grenadine
- 115g of ice cubes
- Pineapple wedge, for garnish
- Maraschino cherries, for garnish

### How to Prepare:

1. Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker or mason jar.
2. Shake vigorously for at least 30 seconds.
3. Pour into a stylish glass with fresh ice and garnish with pineapple wedge or cherries.
4. Relish the essence of Jamaica in every sip!

Indulge in this splendid cocktail amidst the golden hues of a Jamaican sunset, as palm trees sway to the ocean's gentle rhythm and the air carries the aroma of freshly blended tropical concoctions.

## Creamy Jamaican Coconut Curry: A Culinary Journey





Immerse yourself in the luxurious embrace of Jamaican cuisine with the Creamy Jamaican Coconut Curry. A hearty and rich dish, this curry boasts a symphony of vibrant spices and a velvety coconut sauce that's perfect for both balmy evenings and scorching summer days.

**Ingredients:**

- 2kg of skinless and boneless chicken thighs
- 3 tablespoons of curry powder
- 1 tablespoon of onion powder or granules
- 1 tablespoon of garlic powder or granules
- 1 tablespoon of all-purpose seasoning
- 1 tablespoon of black pepper
- 1 teaspoon of ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon of ground coriander
- ½ tablespoon of cilantro fresh or dried
- ½ tablespoon of parsley fresh or dried
- ½ tablespoon of salt

**Ingredients for Chicken:**

- 3 tablespoons olive/coconut oil
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 medium onion
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 6-8 sprigs of fresh thyme or dried
- 1 ½ cups full-fat coconut milk
- A knob of coconut cream (about ¼ cup)
- 2 bay leaves
- 1-2 large carrots, sliced and halved
- 1 cup mixed bell peppers
- Additional pink salt, black pepper, or seasoning to taste
- 1 scotch bonnet (optional)

**How to Cook:**

1. Marinate chicken with spices and herbs.
2. Sauté onion, scallion, and garlic, then add chicken to sear.
3. Transfer to a crockpot, add coconut milk, coconut cream, and vegetables.
4. Cook on high for 4 hours, adding carrots and bell peppers later.
5. Adjust the seasoning and enjoy the exquisite dish!

Alternatively, savour the authentic dish under a swaying coconut tree on the picturesque Jamaican island.

## Maldives: Coconut Avocado Maldivian Mousse



Dive into the opulent flavours of the Maldives with their Green and **Guilt-Free Vegan Coconut Avocado Maldivian Mousse**. This divine creation combines creamy avocados with luscious coconut, resulting in a velvety dessert that transports your senses to paradise with every spoonful.

**Ingredients:**

- Corn starch
- Coconut milk
- Grated fresh coconut
- Sugar or honey
- Vanilla essence
- Avocado
- Cocoa powder
- Mint leaves and chocolate sheets for garnish

**How to Craft:**

1. Combine cornstarch and coconut milk, and cook until thick.
2. Add grated coconut, sugar, and vanilla; let it cool.
3. Create avocado puree and cocoa mixture.
4. Layer the cocoa mixture in a glass and refrigerate.
5. Combine avocado mixture with cooled coconut mix.

6. Pipe into the glass, garnish, and indulge!

At **Kandima Maldives**, guests can explore a range of culinary delights, from coconut fudge to coconut-flavoured drinks, each a testament to the island's indulgent charm.

## Melt-in-the-Mouth Maldivian Strawberry Coconut Rock



Dive into the texture-rich indulgence of **Nova Maldives' Strawberry Coconut Rock**. A blend of classic and tropical, this dessert is a symphony of flavours that delights your taste buds with every bite.

### Ingredients:

- 70g Unsalted butter
- 75g Sugar
- 140g Flour
- 5g Baking powder
- 5g Custard powder
- 1g Strawberry jam
- 75g Desiccated coconut (for the crumble)
- 5g Sugar (for the crumble)
- 1 x Egg (for the crumble)

### How to Craft:

1. Whisk butter and sugar; fold in dry ingredients.
2. Bake mixture, then layer with strawberry jam.
3. Create a coconut crumble mixture and spread it on top.
4. Bake once more, cool, and indulge in this velvety treat.

Nova Maldives offers a collection of curated and creative menus for the health-conscious and culinary enthusiasts alike.

## Conclusion

As **World Coconut Day** dawns, embrace the allure of coconuts across the captivating landscapes of Jamaica and the Maldives. From tantalizing cocktails to indulgent curries and mouthwatering desserts, these tropical paradises offer a feast that celebrates the versatile coconut in all its glory. So, set sail on a culinary adventure and relish the exotic charm that only coconuts can bring.

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Travelling to new destinations involves a plethora of decisions, and none holds more weight than where you choose to rest your head.

The significance of your accommodation extends beyond mere comfort; it sets the tone for your entire journey, casting an indelible impression of the place you're exploring. One factor that can truly elevate your stay is the view from your hotel room.

The interplay of luxury and scenic beauty can transform a trip into an unforgettable escapade. Whether it's the tranquil landscapes of Tanzania or the bustling cityscapes of New York, these hotels redefine the art of hospitality, offering vistas that linger in your memory.

## Ngorongoro Lodge, Tanzania: A Window to Nature's Grandeur

Nestled in the heart of Tanzania, the newly unveiled **Ngorongoro Lodge** promises an idyllic hideaway, where luxury meets natural splendour. Perched on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest intact volcanic caldera, the lodge offers panoramic views that effortlessly blur the lines between accommodation and wilderness.



This breathtaking setting unveils the treasures of the 'Garden of Eden,' from the majestic Ngorongoro Crater to its diverse wildlife population, including the elusive Black Rhino. The lodge curates bespoke experiences, ranging from hot air balloon rides to immersive interactions with the local Maasai community, ensuring an exploration that respects and preserves the environment.

## The Dolli, Athens: Immersed in Ancient Charm

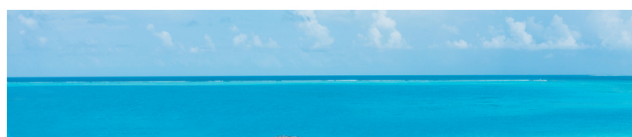
Tucked within the historic heart of Athens, **The Dolli at Acropolis** is a boutique gem that redefines luxury and authenticity. Overlooking the iconic Parthenon, this exquisite hotel is a testament to bespoke elegance. Boasting 46 uniquely designed rooms and suites, **The Dolli** invites guests to immerse themselves in Athenian allure.



Its rooftop bar, offering panoramic views, and the infinity pool with reflections of the Temple of Athena, encapsulate the charm of the ancient city, inviting guests to experience Athens in its most authentic form.

## Fairmont Maldives, Sirru Fen Fushi: Oceanfront Bliss

Enveloped by the azure expanse of the Indian Ocean, **Fairmont Maldives, Sirru Fen Fushi**, presents a unique haven amidst lush greenery and ivory sands. The recently introduced Beach Tented Villa reimagines luxury, harmonizing with the island's natural beauty.







In this secluded oasis, privacy blends with panoramic ocean views, offering a rejuvenating escape from the world. A refreshing departure from traditional overwater accommodations, these villas redefine serenity, offering an opportunity to refresh body and mind in complete seclusion.

### Caesars Palace Dubai: A Seaside Retreat in the Metropolis

Nestled on **Bluewaters Island**, **Caesars Palace Dubai** offers a rare glimpse of uninterrupted sea views in the bustling metropolis of Dubai. The spacious private balconies and vast windows frame captivating sunsets over the Arabian Gulf, transforming each room into a sanctuary of tranquility.



Beyond the views, guests are spoiled with a private beach, an array of dining venues, and wellness facilities that cater to every indulgence.

### The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park: Manhattan's Oasis

Nestled on the edge of Manhattan's iconic Central Park, **The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park**, captivates with its sophisticated charm and unrivalled vistas. The townhouse-inspired décor complements the park's sprawling greenery, creating a quintessential New York experience.



Guests can seamlessly transition from the hotel's refined ambience to the lush park just outside. This haven offers a respite from the city's hustle, with its gourmet lounge, opulent spa, and state-of-the-art fitness facilities.

### Nobu Hotel Santorini: Clifftop Romance

Emerging as a Santorini sensation, **Nobu Hotel Santorini** captures the essence of the island's splendour from its breathtaking clifftop location. Overlooking the Caldera and the Mediterranean, the hotel presents an array of rooms and suites that open up to awe-inspiring sea views.





Private plunge pools and spacious patios offer a front-row seat to the famed golden sunsets, while the signature **Nobu Restaurant** and infinity pool enhance the allure of this elegant retreat.

### **Thanda Island, Tanzania: A Personal Paradise**

**Thanda Island**, cocooned within Tanzania's marine reserve, offers an unparalleled private island experience. Exclusivity is the cornerstone here, allowing guests to revel in seclusion and tranquility. The villa's coastal palette reflects the island's romance, while uninterrupted ocean views provide a constant reminder of paradise.



With the island available for exclusive buyouts, **Thanda** promises a retreat tailored to your desires, epitomising the essence of 'Thanda,' meaning love in Zulu.

### **Aqua Nera, Aqua Expeditions: Amazonian Elegance**

Navigating the mystical waters of the Amazon, **Aqua Nera** redefines luxury river voyages. Inspired by the enigmatic black water lagoons, the vessel's design suites exude tranquility.



Expansive windows showcase the ever-changing panorama of the Amazon River, enveloping guests in captivating wildlife and serene landscapes. This vessel promises an expedition where elegance and nature converge.

### **Ibiza Gran Hotel: Mediterranean Opulence**

The Grand Suite Dalt Vila at **Ibiza Gran Hotel** delivers an opulent Mediterranean experience that leaves a lasting impression. With a sprawling 150 m<sup>2</sup> suite, guests are treated to unparalleled views of the Mediterranean.





The suite's 220 m<sup>2</sup> terrace features an infinity pool and outdoor jacuzzi, creating a vantage point to witness the beauty of Ibiza's sunrise and sunset over the bay. The suite's expansive interior spaces embody exclusivity, inviting guests to immerse themselves in luxury.

## Conclusion

The power of a view can transcend the ordinary, transforming a hotel room into a gateway to a destination's essence. From the untamed wilderness of Tanzania to the urban landscapes of New York, these hotels redefine the art of hospitality by seamlessly integrating luxury with captivating vistas. As you embark on your next adventure, consider these havens that promise not just a room, but a view that lingers in your memory.

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