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7 WAYS TO MAX OUT A SUMMER HOLIDAY IN THE MALDIVES

Book yourself into the Kandima Maldives to discover why sun, sea and sand make for the perfect break.



If you've always wanted to enjoy a dream holiday in the Maldives, but have no time for all the hassle of planning a break, a stay at the Kandima Maldives is the answer. A one island-one resort concept, the technology-driven Kandima Maldives is fun and vibrant. And it works for families, couples, groups of friends and any other traveller combination you might dream up, because the resort team has committed to offering every guest a reimagined lifestyle. You might find it difficult to remember what it was you were looking for when you booked this holiday – was it wellness, adventure, a foodie break or just relaxation? The only guarantee is that, at the end, you will have experienced it all on this three-kilometre long island stretch.

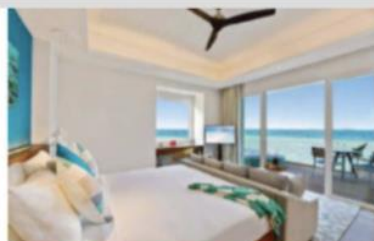
1 GET THERE IN STYLE

If you've always marvelled at those Insta posts showing the bluest of blues in the Maldives, arriving at the Kandima Maldives will give you that experience up close. You fly in on a seaplane, low over the stunning reefs and lagoons of the Indian Ocean, straight to the arrival jetty at the resort. It makes a perfect start to your break.



2 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR STAY WILL BE SMARTER THAN YOU

At least on this holiday... The 264 stay options go from being stylish to being outright smart. Tech inclusions compete with attentive service to make your stay in the light and bright studios and villas anything but ordinary. Everyone loves the aqua villas with swirl pools, but your choice could be a beach pool villa,



or an ocean pool villa... The wi-fi is complimentary so you can show the world how Insta-perfect your little cocoon is. When you step out, the Kakani Point is an exclusive sand patch located at the end of the island where you can enjoy taking iconic shots with stunning views.

3 DEMAND SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES – IT'S EXPECTED

At this lifestyle experience resort, the staff would be disappointed if you did not indulge in the many signature experiences on offer. Do you love exploring? The island has hidden gems on it and around it. Won't just lie around? The gym and tennis courts – and snorkelling over the colourful reefs – await you. Here for gastronomy? There's destination

dining and global gourmet fare on the menu. You could also take painting lessons with resident artists, or choose exciting activities such as learning to dive.

4 PLAY AT BEING MAROONED

If you love the idea of being abandoned on an island, the Kandima has read your mind. The ultimate Cutaway Island Experience plays out in the Dhudaa atoll, which has many uninhabited islands. The resort organises a day starting with a speedboat ride to a secluded location. Surrounded by unexplored coral reefs and white sand beaches, you will enjoy a mouth-watering feast with personalised service. Said service will melt away unobtrusively when – if – Tom Hanks shows up!

5 LET CALM SWEEP OVER YOU

Try yoga and mindful meditation with wellness pros on the beach by morning, aerial yoga in the yoga studio or simply read a book by the sea. This private island resort has everything you need for the transformation of mind, body and soul. Check into the sanctuary that is the Kandima's award-winning esKape Spa, where you can opt for a series of holistic sessions ranging from healing treatments to exfoliation. May we suggest the Sea Coconut Secret treatment that begins with a foot ritual followed by a gentle exfoliation using Maldivian coconut? The best part: these treatments are available for kids and teenagers too!

6 OR EMBRACE THE ADRENALINE RUSH

If you choose activity, there will never be a dull moment at the Kandima. Choose from a raft of outdoor pursuits – parasailing, dolphin spotting, skydiving, kayaking, paddleboarding, jet skiing, wakeboarding, diving and snorkelling. The Aquasolids Dive and Watersports Centre is made for family bonding, and the resort has just introduced a new Seabob experience to help you explore the reefs surrounding the island on water sleds. Looking for something really cool? How does night snorkelling with UV lights strike you?

7 DINE ON AMAZING FARE

With 10 award-winning restaurants and bars to choose from, you're going to be spoilt for choice when it comes to world-class dining at the Kandima Maldives. Azure is a healthy Mediterranean diner; Smoke serves a wide range of vegetarian options besides freshly-sourced seafood and meats; and Sea Dragon offers authentic Asian cuisine. The two all-day dining restaurants Flavour and Zest ensure that you don't have to stick to conventional mealtimes. And, of course, the options for private destination dining are limitless. Choose to dine or picnic on Kakani Point, or have the staff arrange a private barbecue for you on a remote island with live music and a three-course meal. Just another of those memories that you will bring back from your unforgettable stay at the Kandima Maldives.