FESTIVE SEASON 2026-27

LIFE IS A THEATRE

The Island Takes the Stage



JOALI

THE CURTAIN RISES

Inspired by the grandeur of historic theatres, this festive season, our island transforms into a living masterpiece. Step beyond the everyday and into a world of spectacle, emotion and creative living – where every moment inspires wonder and every guest finds their place in the unfolding scene.

From dazzling gatherings and reimagined traditions to artistic rituals and exhilarating adventures, this season promises our most spectacular performance yet.

Step into the spotlight and let the festivities begin!

FESTIVE GATHERINGS



Rejoice with treasured traditions and heartfelt moments. From the island's first illumination to our cinematic New Year's Eve finale, a captivating celebration unfolds beneath the Maldives sky.



20 December 2026

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

As dusk falls over Muravandhoo, the island gathers to light our Christmas tree, with carols drifting through the evening air and festive treats passed from hand to hand. The moment the lights come on, the season truly begins.



21 December 2026

GINGERBREAD HOUSE OPENING

Follow the scent of ginger and cinnamon to our gingerbread house, opening its doors for the season. Little ones can step inside, admire the sweet details up close and decorate gingerbread of their own to take home.



24 December 2026

CHRISTMAS EVE GALA DINNER

On the night before Christmas, the island dresses for the occasion. Gather beneath the stars for a gala dinner of seasonal dishes, fine wines and live entertainment, an evening of good company that carries on long after dessert.

25 December 2026

SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Christmas Day brings a very special guest to the island. Gather with the family as Santa makes his entrance, with a gift for each of our youngest guests, a moment for photographs and good cheer for everyone.





31 December 2026

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER

Our cinematic finale. Bid farewell to 2026 with an evening staged like the closing night of a grand production: a gala dinner, live performances and dancing on the sand, building to a midnight countdown as fireworks fill the sky over Raa Atoll.

6 January 2027

ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS GALA DINNER

The season's encore. On Orthodox Christmas Eve, we gather once more for a gala evening honouring the traditions of the holiday, with a festive menu inspired by the tables of Eastern Europe, candlelight and music to carry the night.



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

A Gateway to Discovery









act one: discovery



Tennis Masterclass with ANA IVANOVIC

Refine your game with former World No. 1 and Grand Slam champion Ana Ivanovic. Join exclusive masterclasses on select days to sharpen your technique, elevate your agility and embrace the precision, confidence and joy of world-class tennis.

Martial Arts with MASTER SIFU

Train with Sifu Aniket, a Kung Fu master and gold medallist who holds three black belts. Rooted in centuries-old practices of stance, breath and movement, his sessions build strength, stamina and focus, and are open to beginners and seasoned practitioners alike.



COCKTAILS FOR THE SEASON

Throughout the festive season, the island hosts a series of themed cocktail evenings, each with its own setting and signature serves. Find the dates in the festive calendar and join our mixologists for new creations and seasonal favourites, shaken and stirred to suit the occasion.





CERAMIC ART

Get your hands into the clay at our art studio. Guided by our resident ceramicist, shape, glaze and paint a piece of your own, from a festive ornament to a bowl for the breakfast table. We fire it here on the island, ready to pack for home.



TENNIS CLINIC

Sharpen your game with clinics led by our resident tennis professionals. Sessions are tailored to every level, from first serves to match play, with group clinics for families and one-to-one coaching for anyone chasing a stronger backhand before the New Year.

DOLPHIN CRUISE

Sail out across Raa Atoll as the sun goes down, watching for pods of spinner dolphins leaping in the wake, while the island turns gold behind you.



PADEL TOURNAMENT

Find a partner and take to the court for our festive padel tournament: friendly rivalry, quick rallies and accolades for the winning pair.





PARASAILING

See the island as few ever do. Lift off from the back of the boat and rise high above the lagoon, with the reef, the jetty and the turquoise shallows laid out below you like a map. Fly solo or in tandem, then glide gently back to the deck.





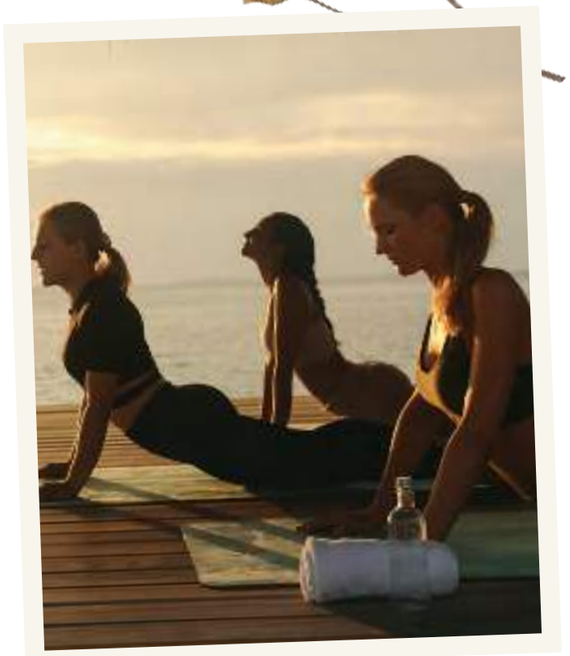
MARINE ESCAPADES

Snorkel the house reef, paddle across the lagoon or dive with our marine team to meet the turtles, rays and reef fish of Raa Atoll.

HAMMAM

Step into the warmth of our hammam for a ritual rooted in centuries of Turkish bathing tradition. Steam opens the skin, then a kese scrub and foam massage follow, leaving you lighter, softer and at ease. A restorative pause between celebrations.





YOGA & MEDITATION

Greet the morning with yoga by the water, or close the day with guided meditation as the light fades.

FAMILY ADVENTURERS

This season, our youngest guests take the lead role. From splashing down the waterslides to hiding away in the treehouse and watching movies on the beach under the stars, every day brings a new scene, and the whole family is invited to join in.





GOURMET CELEBRATIONS

From barefoot breakfasts to candlelit dinners.

BELLINIS

A little corner of Italy on the island. Begin with an aperitivo at the bar counter, where Bellinis and Limoncellos are made with devotion, then settle in for handmade pasta and classic Italian dishes, served indoors amid glamorous terrazzo tiling or alfresco beneath the palms.













VANDHOO

Beneath a ceiling of woven lanterns, Vandhoo is an airy space where the island's days begin and many of its evenings end. Mornings bring unhurried breakfasts from around the world, and by night the menu travels across East, Southeast and South Asia.



SAOKE

At our Forbes Four-Star Japanese restaurant, choose your setting for the evening: the open flame of the robata grill, the quiet precision of the sushi counter or teppanyaki cooked before your eyes. Pair it with a heritage sake from our list as the lagoon glows beyond the deck.











TUH'U

Levantine flavours just steps from the beach, with sand underfoot and the warm glow of lanterns all around. Mezze platters and sharing dishes keep arriving at the table, so dinner becomes a long, easy evening with the whole family, ending only when the last plate is passed round.



MURA BAR

Days at Mura Bar begin with a long lunch by the pool, beside a sweep of beach that stretches out like a sandbar. As golden hour arrives, the cocktail shakers come out and the island gathers to watch the sun go down, drink in hand.







ART IMMERSIONS

As the Maldives' first art-immersive resort, JOALI Maldives is a stage set by artists. Art pieces and installations are woven through the island, from the arrival jetty to the water's edge, each one an invitation to pause, look closer and discover the story behind it.



Manta Treehouse
at Saoke Entrance
Porky Hefer, South Africa



JOALI Hammock at
Vandhoo
Aurélie Hoëgy, France

Rawness at Villa 6
Soojin Kang,
South Korea





Mini Stools at Mura Bar
Reinaldo Sanguino,
Venezuela



Grey Heron at Arrival Jetty
Ardmore Ceramics,
South Africa



Terra Cotta Furniture
at Maison de JOALI
Chris Wolston, United States



Evolution Chair at
Mura Bar
Nacho Carbonell, Spain



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immersive art installations to discover across JOALI Maldives

adieu,
until the next act

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