



Press Kit 2017

Dhuni Kolhu lies in the stunning southern waters of the Baa Atoll. The 30-minute journey by seaplane from Malé International Airport gives guests a stunning start to their holiday – a bird’s eye view of the azure lagoons and curling atolls. It’s a taste of the natural reality to come. As you land, you are entering one of the world’s essential havens – a designated UNESCO biosphere reserve and home to incredible marine life and reefs.

Coco Palm is dedicated to making the most of its cherished island home. This is the Maldives as it should be: nourishing, charming, inspiring and enchanting. The style and feel are rustic yet luxurious, organic yet elegant. Traditional craft blends with the ease of contemporary comfort.

This is a soulful place where the everyday stresses of life are left behind, and you can reconnect with nature.

We call it barefoot luxury.

UNIQUELY COCO PALM

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Fairly isolated, Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu is at the southern tip of Baa atoll, home to untouched diving spots and some of the most diverse marine life in the Maldives. Since 2011, the atoll has been a designated UNESCO biosphere reserve, with Hanifaru Bay being one of the few places in the world where manta rays congregate. Other famous spots such as Maaneigaa and Maarogaali are one hour away from the resort, where Mantas frequent during the season. Apart from the marine life, Coco Palm is nearby one of the only two protected islands for bird nesting in Maldives. The Lesser frigatebird, one of the largest species of birds found in the Maldives, is known to nest in Olhugiri nearby the resort. Coco Palm is a soulful place, an island that innately winds you down to natural reality.

MALDIVIAN CHARM

The pioneer resort of a Maldivian family that set out to create true boutique luxury, Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu oozes barefoot charm. With a strong sense of family ownership, translated into genuine warm hospitality for the lovers of travel and style, Coco Palm is timeless. The 98 villas designed in a circular shape with authentic thatched roofs, timber latticework, rustic terra cotta tiles, and white stone walls are concealed amongst lush tropical ferns, vines and coconut palms. The Lagoon Villas, with traditional artefacts and furniture hand-picked by the owners themselves, exude a nostalgic feel of historic Maldivian royalty.

EMBUDHOO, YOUR PRIVATE DESERTED ISLAND

For the Robinson Crusoe in you, Embudhoo is an opportunity to do something that few can say they have done. A private deserted island owned by Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu just 15 minutes away from the resort, Embudhoo is home to a single traditional hut. Rustic and romantic, escaping to this exclusive retreat for a few hours with Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu is a nesting site for Green sea turtles in the Maldives, an endangered species on the IUCN red list of threatened species. A dedicated marine biologist is on hand to protect the eggs, monitor the nests for the hatchlings, and relocate the nests if required. During the nesting season, you can join our team to release the baby turtles into the ocean in order to increase their survival rates. Home to the first turtle rescue centre in partnership with the Olive Ridley Project, Coco Palm is the only resort with a resident veterinary surgeon looking after injured turtles a picnic hamper, or an overnight stay with a beach barbecue, is both a thrill and a privilege. The first island to offer such an exclusive experience back in the day, Coco Palm has been a trailblazer ever since.

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LIVE LOCAL

Baa atoll is famed for its natural beauty. Meet the people, and you'll see that this beauty extends to its inhabitants. Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu has a strong connection with the neighbouring islands where guests can visit and see how locals genuinely live and work. Just 30 minutes from the resort is Thulhaadhoo, famed for the lacquer work craftsmanship of its residents. These artisans are preserving a craft brought to the Maldives in the 17th Century and the creations are exquisite examples of indigenous artistry. Staying with us for just a short while and don't have the time to fit in a visit? We have two craftsmen that travel to the resort weekly to show our guests their art, and offer them a chance to try it first-hand at Coco Palm.

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SUSTAINABILITY AT THE HEART

Apart from the immense contribution to all the marine life identification programs in the Maldives, Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu is dedicated to practising sustainable approaches on the island. The island hosts an on-site drinkable water production and glass bottling plant, supported by a comprehensive waste management centre to recycle materials such as aluminium. Adored by our chefs, the herb garden on the island is another initiative to provide guests with home grown produce with a selection of herbs, fruits and vegetables grown on-site

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2016

Leading CSR Program

South Asia Travel Awards

November, 2016

2015

Winner of Luxury Green Hotel in Maldives

World Luxury Hotel Awards

October, 2015

Leading CSR Program

Maldives Travel Awards

September, 2015

2014

Winner of Luxury Beach Resort in Maldives

World Luxury Hotel Awards

August, 2014

Leading Eco Resort

Maldives Travel Awards

November, 2014

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