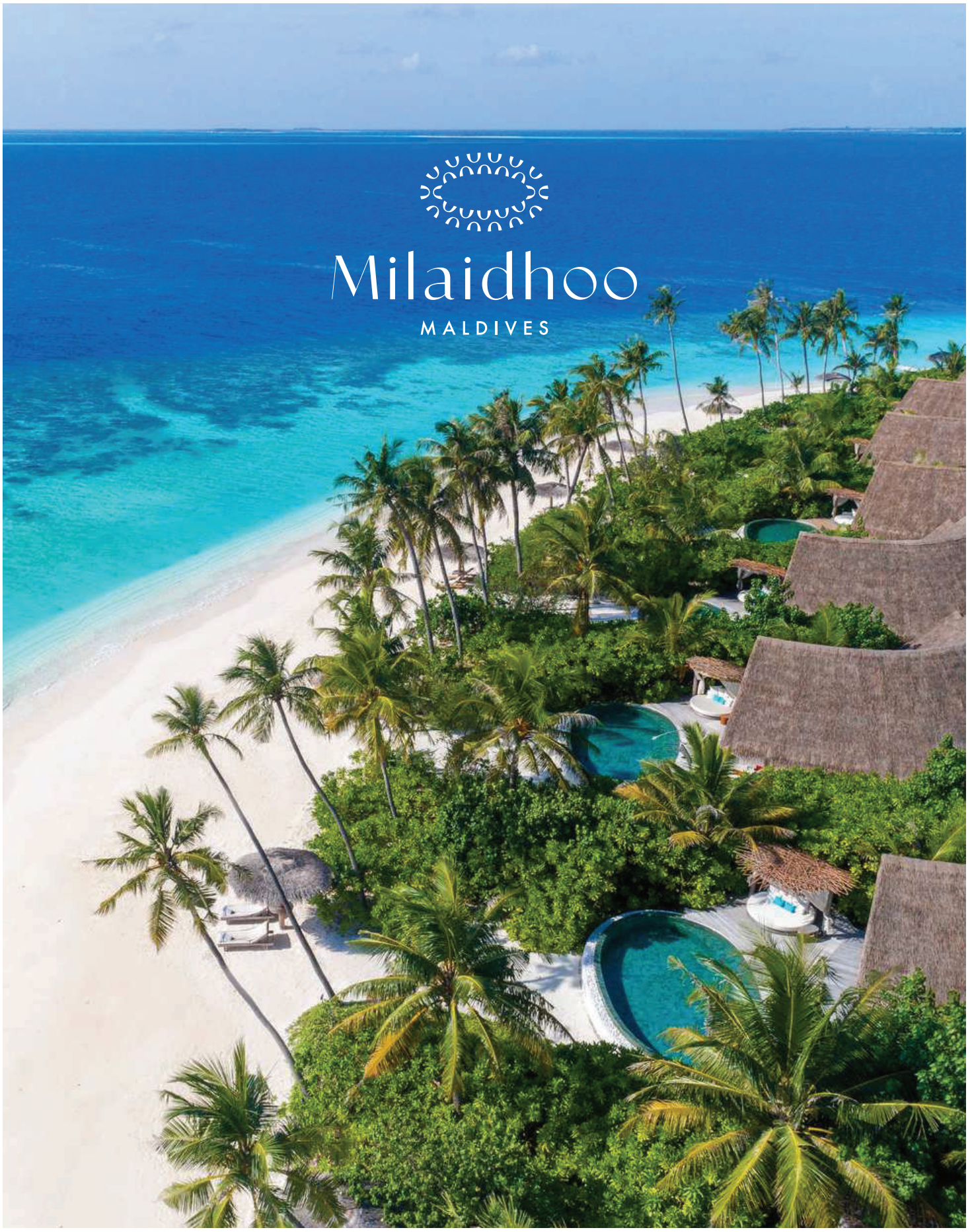


Fact Sheet

The story of a small island

The story of this small island began when, lush and uninhabited, unspoiled and undiscovered, Milaidhoo was a secret castaway island with white, sandy beaches set in a lagoon teeming with marine life and ringed with a flourishing coral reef. When the opportunity came to add accommodation for guests, the Maldivian family that owns Milaidhoo had a vision of an island resort where, if a sultan from the past were visiting, he would find natural island-inspired comfort that seemed familiar.

In contrast to the concrete of modern constructions, local materials were used to create spacious villas and residences that could be opened up to allow for seamless outdoor living. To match the shape of the island and capture sea views, our Maldivian architect designed guest accommodation with curved, organic shapes. The custom-made furnishings and unique designs are Maldivian inspired, from the natural wooden floor to the thatched roof, all made by craftsmen specifically for Milaidhoo.

In place of the traditional luxury hotel formula of excess, Milaidhoo comprises qualities that are rare in this modern world: simplicity, natural style and respect for its surroundings. Space and outdoor living are key, interpreting local heritage in a contemporary style. At Milaidhoo guests can enjoy meaningful experiences and discover the reality of island living, barefoot informality and going right back to nature. Time stands still, and guests are at ease with the genuine, heartfelt hospitality of the traditional Maldivian way of life.

Milaidhoo captures the culture, the spirit and the heritage of the Maldives and combines this with all the comforts of contemporary living, with attention to detail like no other in a relaxed, captivating atmosphere. Service is exemplary but never intimidating, caring but never casual, in line with Milaidhoo's concept of barefoot informality.

Above all, Milaidhoo offers a taste of the real Maldives opening doors to local culture and experiences. Milaidhoo inspires the love of life and nature, where guests enjoy carefree living and feel they truly belong.



Island Information

QUICK FACTS

- Opened on 29th November 2016
- Located in Baa atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and nearby the world-famous Hanifaru Bay
- 126 km north-west of the capital island, Male'
- 35-minute seaplane ride from Velana International Airport
- Five-star boutique private island resort
- Island size: 300m by 180m, 5.4 hectares
- Children over the age of eight years are welcomed
- Architect: Mohamed "sappe" Shafeeq
- Member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World and Forbes Travel Guide

REASONS TO CHOOSE MILAIDHOO

- Secluded elegance
- Expansive villas and residences
- Exquisite marine life
- Gastronomic excellence
- Rejuvenating wellbeing
- Bespoke hospitality
- Maldivian heritage

FACILITIES

- Accommodation: 50 villas and residences with private pool
- Four restaurants, two bars, including the only Maldivian maldivian restaurant specialising in gourmet cuisine
- 24/7 Island Host service
- Overwater Serenity Spa with yoga pavilion
- 24-hour gym
- 'Ocean Stories' aquatic centre

EXCURSIONS

- Fishing and dolphin cruises
- Non-motorised water sports
- PADI 5-star diving centre, snorkelling
- Luxury yacht cruises
- Traditional Maldivian dhoni cruises
- Nearby local island tour

NATURE & UNDERWATER

- Outstanding and lively house reef
- Seasonal snorkelling with manta rays and whale sharks
- Resident marine biologist
- Coral restauration sponsorship programme

VILLAS & RESIDENCES

Milaidhoo offers a sense of Maldivian small island living with just 50 villas and residences. Each villa or residence offers total privacy with stylish, thoughtful décor designed and created by local artisans using responsibly sourced materials. The accommodation was designed by a Maldivian architect, inspired by conserving the natural beauty of the island and ensuring minimum impact on the coral reef. The villas and residences seamlessly fuse indoor and outdoor living and can be opened up 180 degrees to nature, while the materials and crafts used blend modern, sustainable architecture with natural elements.



WATER POOL VILLAS

On stilts over the ocean with a private freshwater infinity pool.

No. of units: 29

Size: 245 sqm

Maximum: 3 guests



BEACH POOL VILLAS

Set directly on the beach amongst tropical palm trees with private pool.

No. of units: 18

Size: 290 sqm

Maximum: 3 guests



BEACH RESIDENCES

Spacious beachfront residences, created for luxurious informal outdoor island living.

No. of units: 2

Size: 490 sqm

Maximum: 3 guests



TWO BEDROOM OCEAN RESIDENCE

The over-water paradise with endless ocean views and oversized private pool.

No. of units: 1

Size: 564 sqm

Maximum: 6 guests



ALL VILLAS AND RESIDENCES FEATURE:

Interior

- Air conditioning and ceiling fan
- Ocean views and access to the reef
- Oversized minibar
- Private wine fridge
- Discrete flat-screen satellite TV
- En suite bathroom with a soaking tub and separate rain shower

Exterior

- Large private freshwater infinity pool on a private sun deck
- Hanging Maldivian swing ('undhoali')
- Large daybed
- Sun loungers and umbrellas

Services

- 24/7 Island Host service
- Unpacking and packing service
- Wi-Fi throughout the island

Amenities

- Tea and coffee
- Beach bag and slippers
- Yoga mats
- Electronic safe
- Iron and ironing board
- Full range of toiletries by Acqua Di Parma

NOTES FROM A CHEF

Culinary experiences are a highlight at Milaidhoo with a focus on light, wholesome food with traditional flavours. There are four world-class restaurants and two bars to choose from.



BA'THELI BY THE REEF
RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Milaidhoo is home to the only restaurant in the Maldives that specialises in gourmet local island cuisine, featuring dishes inspired by the Maldivian Spice Route. Named after the ancient wooden sailing vessels that brought spices and knowledge of other countries to the islands, Ba'theli by the Reef is one of the few fine-dining restaurants in the world that encourages its diners to come barefoot. Ba'theli's architecture reflects its heritage, built to resemble three boats that are supported by pillars so it appears to be floating by the reef in the lagoon.

The story of Ba'theli boats began over 5,000 years ago when the Maldives was a key port of call for trading vessels sailing from Indonesia and India to Arabia with cargoes of cinnamon, cardamom, turmeric, cloves, ginger and pepper. The Maldivian islanders bartered coconuts, sun-dried fish, cordage, cowrie shells and sails woven from coconut fibre for spices, rice, ceramics and silks. These locally made cargo boats, or Ba'theli in the Maldivian language, collected these goods and sailed throughout the archipelago, trading them and spreading knowledge about different lands, their customs and cuisine.

The menu created by the local chefs at Ba'theli by the Reef features dishes that originated in the Maldives, adapted for a gourmet palate. As in traditional Maldivian dishes, cooking techniques and ingredients come from around the Indian Ocean, India, SriLanka and Southeast Asia. The restaurant concept is part of the Milaidhoo ethos to offer guests a very Maldivian holiday with a real sense of island life; the dining experience is truly island inspired, based on the culture, tradition and history of this destination.

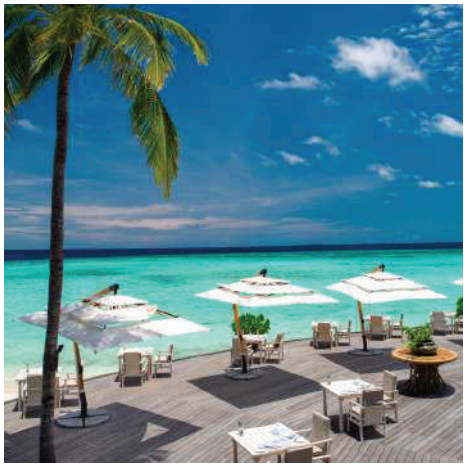
Lounge: sunset till late
Dinner: 19.00 to 22.30

SHORELINE GRILL



The beachfront Shoreline Grill is where guests find superb meats and freshly caught local fish and seafood, simply cooked and beautifully presented. Guests dine barefoot on the sand in a private beachfront pavilion or inside for a fantastic view of the show kitchen. This exceptional culinary experience inspires guests, and they can even enjoy an evening at our Chef's Table where the chef designs a tailor-made menu and cooks especially for them. Guests are also invited to arrange a pre-dinner wine tasting session in our wine room with our sommelier. This is barefoot informality at its best: easy, simple, no fuss.

Dinner: 19.00 to 22.30



OCEAN RESTAURANT

Here's the tropical breakfast guests dream of: sitting on the deck by the ocean as our team delivers wave after wave of treats to the table. Or helping yourself to a huge variety of elegantly presented culinary delights, hand-picked from all over the world, locally sourced where possible. For breakfast and dinner, the style remains casually comfortable with international dishes, perfectly presented, from our à la carte menu. Here, the key words are fresh, flavourful and friendly.

Breakfast: 07.00 to 10.30
Dinner: 19.00 to 22.30

COMPASS POOL BAR



Compass is the place to chill out and fall in love with our infinity pool that overlooks the ocean. When hunger calls, we're right here with light meals and of course, a tempting drinks list with the freshest juices, infused waters, wines and cocktails. The fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down; the area transforms into a laid-back lounge offering aperitifs and after-dinner drinks as well as a live entertainment.

All-day dining: 09.00 until late night
(light meals available between 12.00 and 18.00)



IN VILLA DINING

To us, in villa dining means the creation of a magical experience for our guests in the privacy of their own accommodation, 24 hours a day. The menu includes a carefully curated selection of dishes designed to please and satisfy a craving for something different; our chefs make it just right.

AZURE

Offering a laid-back, toes-in-the-sand experience, Azure is the place to go for a delightful lunchtime escape in a picturesque beach shack setting. Here you'll enjoy an authentic slice of Maldivian life and an opportunity to reconnect with nature.

Nestled amid lush palm-like screw pines, Azure embodies the essence of barefoot informality. With its relaxed ambiance and idyllic beach location, you can't help but unwind and savour the simple pleasures of island life while enjoying the gentle sea breeze and a chilled glass of wine.

Lunch: 12.00 to 16.00





DESTINATION DINING

Milaidhoo offers exceptional destination dining, from intimate sandbank picnics under the stars to private yacht cruises on the crystal-clear waters. Indulge in gourmet meals where personalised menus are crafted to your taste, and the venue is entirely at your desire, ensuring an unforgettable, tailor-made dining experience in the heart of paradise.

CHEF'S GARDEN

Milaidhoo's Chef Garden is a lush, thriving space where organic herbs, vegetables and fruits are cultivated with care. This sustainable garden allows the chefs and bartenders of the island to source the freshest, locally grown ingredients, ensuring every dish and cocktail are infused with exceptional flavour and a deep connection to nature's bounty.



Serenity Spa



This is where wellbeing unfolds naturally. Perched above a turquoise lagoon, Serenity Spa offers overwater treatments and oceanfront yoga. Blending ancient traditions with nature, each experience is intuitively tailored to restore balance in an unhurried, deeply restorative Milaidhoo way - complemented by mood dining, where our chefs thoughtfully personalise each dish to reflect your preferences, the setting and the moment.

- 4 overwater treatment rooms
- 1 yoga pavilion
- Facial treatments
- Massage therapies
- Manicure and pedicure
- Yoga, meditation, aerial yoga, in-villa treatments & more

Sustainable Milaidhoo

- We are working towards being Travel Life certified.. This sets strict standards, not just in our environmental actions, but also in ethical business behaviour, fair trade and compliance with international best practices and standards.
- At Milaidhoo, we are committed to reducing plastic usage by providing glass water bottles and utilising sustainable packaging for villa amenities.
- We have strategically placed recycle bins in back-of-house areas, including facilities like a bottle crusher and incinerator, to manage waste efficiently
- We implement energy-saving measures such as switching off lights when not in use, controlling air conditioning, and using energy-efficient bulbs.
- Our villas and residences are designed with minimal printed collateral to reduce paper waste.
- We practice food composting by processing food waste every second day, while the remaining waste is sent to Malé for recycling.
- Our dedicated team members regularly engage in lagoon and beach cleaning activities to maintain our pristine environment.
- Our chef's garden and nursery prioritise locally sourced produce, ensuring fresh ingredients on our menus.
- We actively support the local community and charities on nearby islands through various initiatives and contributions.
- Guests are given the option to change linens and towels every other day, promoting sustainable practices.
- To preserve the peacefulness of our environment, we favour non-motorised options for lagoon and aquatic activities.

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