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Milaidhoo Maldives, 5th July 2026 - Some achievements are measured by trophies. Others are measured by the values they represent.

Milaidhoo Maldives is delighted to announce that it has been awarded the 2026 VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality badge with Forbes Travel Guide, a recognition that celebrates hotels and resorts committed to making a meaningful, measurable difference through responsible tourism.

For an island with just 50 villas nestled within the breathtaking UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Baa Atoll, this recognition is especially significant. It reflects a philosophy that has always been at the heart of Milaidhoo: that the most memorable luxury experiences are created by caring deeply, for guests, for people, for culture and for the extraordinary natural environment that surrounds the private boutique island.

From protecting the thriving coral reefs and supporting local communities to showcasing authentic Maldivian traditions through cuisine, storytelling and personalised experiences, responsibility has never been a separate initiative at Milaidhoo. It is simply the way hospitality is practiced every single day.

"We have always believed that luxury should leave guests inspired, not destinations compromised," said the General Manager of Milaidhoo Maldives, Paul van Frank. "Receiving the VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality badge with Forbes Travel Guide is a wonderful recognition of the passion our team, the Milaidhoo Family, brings to every experience and every decision. We are proud that our small island continues to prove that thoughtful hospitality can create a lasting positive impact."

Milaidhoo has never aspired to be the biggest resort in the Maldives. Instead, it has quietly earned a reputation as one of its most cherished boutique escapes, where every guest is known by name, every experience is thoughtfully crafted to create the unique Milaidhoo Moments and every stay reflects the warmth of genuine Maldivian hospitality.

As travellers increasingly seek destinations that combine exceptional service with authentic purpose, Milaidhoo continues to demonstrate that luxury and responsibility are not competing ideals, they are inseparable.

This latest recognition is more than another accolade. It is a celebration of the people behind the island, the community that inspires it and a vision of hospitality where every thoughtful choice contributes to a more sustainable future.

Sometimes, the smallest islands make the biggest impression.

Explore Milaidhoo Maldives where the story of a small island begins - [Explore our story of a small island.](#)

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Milaidhoo can easily be reached by a 35-minute seaplane flight from the international airport in Male' or a 15-minute domestic flight to Dharavandhoo domestic airport in Baa Atoll, followed by a 15-minute speedboat ride to the private island resort.

ABOUT MILAIDHOO MALDIVES

Milaidhoo is a pristine island paradise proudly rooted in local island traditions. This boutique luxury resort features 50 contemporary Maldivian-style pool villas, custom-made and made for comfort designed by a





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renowned Maldivian architect. Each guest is assigned an Island Host to help create meaningful experiences and cater to the guest's every need. Activities include over-water spa treatments, sunrise yoga classes and snorkelling excursions to view the incredible house reef.

Dining is a highlight, with Milaidhoo being home to three world-class restaurants, including Ba'theli. This unique Maldivian restaurant reflects the islands' heritage and is built in the shape of three traditional boats on pillars over a lagoon. The restaurant's innovative and delicious meals are steeped in Maldivian tradition, with each dish inspired by favourites of the ancient maritime Spice Route.

Milaidhoo is the authentic Maldives, a resort of re-invented luxury, where guests feel they belong, experiencing bare-foot informality within this tropical island's natural, lush setting. As an adults-focused resort, Milaidhoo is child-free and tranquil where any dream can become a reality, from sunset dolphin cruises to sailing to a deserted sandbank for a private beach picnic.

ABOUT VERSA HOSPITALITY | <https://www.versahospitality.com/>

Versa Hospitality is the evolution of a five-decade legacy, transforming naturally beautiful places into exceptional destinations people dream of. We've crafted places you can't wait to visit – and created feelings you want to return to.

As the parent company of the new lifestyle-led brand Niva, which unites six Maldivian and Seychelles properties, Versa also oversees four acclaimed standalone Maldives resorts: Baros, Milaidhoo, Huvafen Fushi and Kandolhu.

Guided by instinct, heritage and care, Versa creates destinations defined by character, connection and the memories they inspire. Our philosophy is simple: reveal the true character of every place, nurture its spirit and craft experiences that leave a lasting mark on people and the world around them. The name Versa was inspired not for what it means, but for what it represents: the universal quality that ties the group's Maldivian legacy to the places it has yet to shape.

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