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Milaidhoo Maldives Welcomes Chef James Knight-Paccheco for Two Exclusive Culinary Events

A hands-on culinary workshop on 11 December and a wine-pairing dinner on 12 December celebrate culinary discovery, fine wines and the art of bringing discerning gourmands around the table.

Milaidhoo Maldives, 14 October 2026 - Milaidhoo Maldives will welcome award-winning chef James Knight-Paccheco, better known as Chef JKP, on 11 and 12 December 2026 for two exclusive culinary events celebrating a shared passion for food, the art of cooking and the pleasure of discovering new flavours.

On 11 December, Chef JKP will lead a culinary workshop, giving guests the chance to cook alongside him, learn a few professional techniques and exchange ideas in the kitchen. The following evening, he will host a wine-pairing dinner, bringing his own style of cooking to the island alongside wines selected by our resident sommelier to complement each dish.

With more than 20 years in the hospitality industry, Chef JKP has worked in Michelin-starred restaurants, luxury hotels and restaurant projects across the UK and the Middle East. He has worked alongside chefs including Raymond Blanc, Gordon Ramsay and Michael Caines, and is the creator and host of *The Chef JKP Podcast*, which has attracted more than 6.5 million downloads.

At Milaidhoo, food is closely tied to the island and the people who call it home. Maldivian flavours and culinary traditions sit alongside the international influences brought by the island's team of chefs, creating a kitchen where different backgrounds and ideas come together. There is a genuine pleasure in sharing that knowledge, whether through a local dish, a new cooking technique or a conversation with the person who prepared your meal.

This is also what makes Milaidhoo a fitting setting for Chef JKP's visit. In the quiet surroundings of the Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, dining is relaxed and personal, with time to appreciate what is on the plate and the company around it. The aim is not simply to bring a guest chef to the island, but to give guests the opportunity to meet him, learn from him and enjoy his approach to food.
The culinary workshop takes place on 11 December 2026, followed by the wine-pairing dinner on 12 December.

For reservations and further information, please contact Milaidhoo Maldives at welcome@milaidhoo.com or explore more our culinary stories.

HOW

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 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.

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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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