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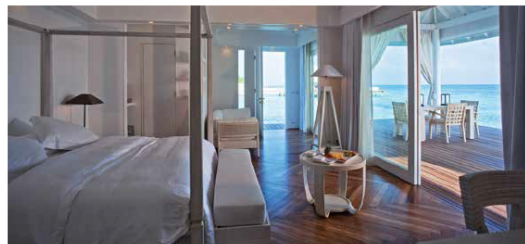
The ultimate magazine

Maldives

Nel Blu dipinto di Blu

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ARI ATOLL IS ONE OF NATURAL ATOLLS OF THE MALDIVES IT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ATOLLS AND IS LOCATED IN THE WEST OF THE ARCHIPELAGO. THE ALMOST RECTANGULAR ALIGNMENT SPREADS THE ISLANDS OVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 89 BY 3 KILOMETRES.

Scraps of feet and playing with the sea, it was defined by the oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau. On board of his Calypso, the French explorer sailed for years in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, pushing the labyrinthine archipelago of the Maldives, including remote reef, white sand languages uninhabited and small fishing villages. A paradise on the water, mostly covered by the sea, consists of 1,190 islands spread over 26 atolls, of which only about 200 are inhabited, a hundred exclusive abode of eco-friendly resort. Like the Diamonds Athuruga and Diamonds Thudufushi

Beach & Water Villas, signed by Diamonds Hotels & Resorts, the luxury brand of Planhotel Hospitality Group, spread over two sister islands in the North Ari Atoll. They are framed by colored talcum powder beaches, covered in lush vegetation and protected by a coral reef inhabited by multicolored fish, manta rays, harmless sharks, sea turtles. Attentive and discreet, the staff warmly welcome guests in relaxing spaces and full of light that shape the two resorts, offering outstanding service and ensuring maximum privacy. For their golden nights, you choose between the Beach Bungalow

on the beach, if you want to stay in close contact with nature and total white Water Villas, suspended on the water. And then there are the Jacuzzi Water Villas, with private pool and hot tub on the sea and, in Thudufushi, even the Beach Junior Suites with living area and a large terrace on the beach for sunbathing. The bright and spacious bungalows and villas are all in a simple and refined style, attention to detail and equipped with the latest comforts. All inclusive meant for the stay, including the excellent gastronomic offer signed by Executive Chef Giacomo Gaspari, author of new dishes every

day, varied and surprising, based on simple recipes and high quality products. Mediterranean flavors, natural ingredients and oriental technique are the secrets of his approach, playing with flair with the ingredients, contaminating traditional Italian flavors, Asian and Maldivian. Even marrying the principles of Ayurveda health conscious, to satisfy the palate and the need for harmony and well-being. Perfect for a romantic dinner, the Overwater Restaurant of the two islands, while engaging dining experience there is the Teppanyaki Restaurant. From November to



March, also, they do the "Dining with the Stars", which involves young star chef in the Jeunes Restaurateurs circuit, protagonists of signature dishes to be enjoyed in the temporary restaurant created ad hoc. Not lacking a fully equipped diving center to explore the seabed, a Water Sports Centre for the lovers of sailing and windsurfing

and the possibility of various excursions to fishing villages. Finally, a temple dedicated to the welfare la Serena Spa, which specializes in herbal ayurvedic treatments, essential oils, spices and flowers. For a remise en forme of the body, soul and mind. Welcome to paradise in Maruhaba. ♦
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