

rom the love of the environment to the passion for exclusive experiences, Athuruga and Thudufushi Diamonds Resorts are born to inspire the mind and the soul with new long lasting memories. Owned by Planhotel Hospitality Group (www.planhotel.com), a hotel group renowned for its unique combination of local tradition, cutting-edge design and exemplary customer focus, plus the ultimate all-inclusive stays. The Diamonds Resorts philosophy reflects in Maldives two properties, both located in magical South Ari Atoll, one of the biggest and natural atolls of the Maldives. The highlight of the islands that the

resorts call home is an awe-inspiring azure spectacle that evokes a sense of calm incorporating an uncompromised dedication to crafting the most flawless immersion into an extraordinary escapade. At Diamonds Resorts (www.diamondsresorts.com), glorious days are spent stargazing, enjoying the

quintessential Indian Ocean charm and exploring the coral reef.

# TWO DIAMONDS TO BE FOUND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

Located just 20 minutes away from



Malé International Airport, the flight with Trans Maldivian Airways is short but intense as it is one of the most beautiful you can take. As soon as the seaplane will take off, you will feel a world away from your daily routine and won't even want to check your phone or

your watch during your stay. The time is set an hour ahead of the capital Malé, which allow guests to make the most of the light. But there is another effect, which is to amplify the feeling that you're a world away from your habits.

Once you put a foot on the warm - but not burning sand - multi-lingual staff members who are all experts in their domains ensure a five star, personalized service. Every year, the resorts gets renovated, refurbished and modernized in order to always stand out.

Breath-taking heavens in the middle of South Ari Atoll, Diamonds Athuruga and Diamonds Thudufushi can easily be compared to paradise, coming close to perfection. The settings are ideal for the sanctuary seekers who are ready to dive into an oasis of relaxation, but there are also plenty of underwater sports for the adrenaline lovers.

Although all of this feels like a luxury Eden, Diamonds Athuruga (http://athurugabeach.diamondsresorts.com/) and Diamonds Thudufushi (http://thudufushibeach.diamondsresorts.com/) can also become authentic Robinson Crusoe adventures with all the advantage of perfect services for those who are eager to explore.

## **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

At these sparkling resorts surrounded by warm waters, pristine beaches and a kaleidoscope of blue colours, peace is personified. You can turn the relaxation dial right

up or take the opportunity to explore some of the best underwater activities in the world as the Nature Goddess has blessed the Maldives abundantly.

Ari South Atoll is a World Biosphere Reserve, meaning it's a protected marine haven rich in soft and hard coral, reef colourful fishes, manta rays, turtles and other underwater life.

On top of the resort's all-inclusive package including house reef or sunset snorkelling with provided equipment, a host of additional water activities are available and can be booked at the centre of the property through the always-smiling staff. Other popular ocean adventures include sailing, windsurfing, canoe, deep sea fishing, dolphin watching, boating to unique beaches accessible only by sea or even more unique experiences. If baby white sharks swimming by the house reef aren't enough, there is world-class diving or swimming with whale shark activities.

In addition, several leisure and sport facilities offer experiences money can't buy. Nothing can compare with a spectacular spiritual sunset yoga class (http://thudufushibeach.diamondsresorts.com/Special-Offers/Special-Deals/Easter-Break-Yoga-Retreat). As the sun rises, look out over a never-ending blue sea, take a deep breath out, move into the Downward Dog position and meditate on the final "Namaste."

The resorts offer activities aplenty. Along with beach volley, Pilates class, windsurfing and canoeing sessions, golf competition, water gymnastics, you can also fill your day and your evenings with entertainment such as movie nights, Wii competitions, karaoke and so forth.

# A UNIQUE OCEANFRONT GETAWAY

Perfectly situated to offer the very best of the Maldives, Diamonds Athuruga and Thudufushi treat their guests to a luxurious castaway experience in more



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than 45 beach bungalows and 46 water villas designed in an elegant Italian décor.

Who has dreamed of living like a pampered A-list celebrity for a week? Well, entering the privileged world of a water villa stay is just like a dream, especially at Diamonds Thudufushi. On the white wooden footbridge, the water villas are located over crystal-clear waters of the Indian Ocean. Each of them host a private spacious terrace where you can be served breakfast as well as a water stairway leading down into the jewel-coloured lagoon. All rooms are equipped with tasteful furnishings in-

cluding custom-made rattan furniture, canopy king size beds, Italian contemporary lighting, walk-in wardrobes and handcrafted wooden parquet floors. In each villa, guests will find large bathrooms with a double showerhead which even offer a direct access to the outside terrace.

If you want to make your stay even more memorable, book one of the two bedroom villas (or both if your group or family want to stay under one roof) located in an exclusive position at the end of the pier, overlooking a large secluded terrace with a swimming pool or a Ja-



cuzzi in Athuruga, and obviously immediate access to the ocean. I am sure you now know why these more traditional, Maldivian water villas are popular with honeymooning couples.

In common with all, the bungalows (amongst which three are Junior Suites) facing the pristine and shallow water, offer a private deck veranda with direct access to the beach, a master bedroom, open air bathroom and facilities such as housekeeping twice a day including evening turndown service, mini bar replenishments daily and exclusive boutique bath products. All bungalows are sleek, cool and contemporary and, given

the location, each has a beachy, relaxed ambience. Everyone's kind of paradise, isn't it?

Whether staying at the water villa or the beach bungalow, you will feel just like at home away from home, but with the ocean surrounding you, 24-hour guest services and a design magazine-worthy interior. In a few words, this is not like any home you have already experienced.

## **DELIGHT YOUR SENSES**

In fact, if you don't want to come back to reality, delicious meals will be brought to your room. If you want to get some great al-fresco meals, there are many different options between the restaurants and the bars included in the Diamonds Resort's all-inclusive concept including one lunch at the Japanese restaurant where you are going to live a unique live cooking demonstration. While looking at the ocean and the beautiful reef, the specialized chef theatrically cooks a selection on the Teppanyaki grills. Get ready for the show!

If you are staying in a beach bungalow and fancy a dining at the smaller, and seemingly more exclusive over water restaurant located on the pier, you can book a table in advance. Guests can discover the daily-changing menu where modern European and Asian meet in an explosion of flavour.

From January to April 2017, once every week, Chefs from over the world especially fly to the Maldives resorts as well as to Diamonds Star of the East in Zanzibar to create a unique menu and delight the senses with unique dishes. Wonderful chefs amongst which are Michelin Chefs spoil guests with a varied choice of their own creations, prepare the sumptuous Gala Dinner, lead cooking classes and create new menus that become permanent on the Island even after their departure. Carlo Cracco and Andrea Berton, two famous Italian chefs, already left their marks at the resorts. Foodies, this is a place made just for you! More info: http://www.diamondsresorts.com/Dining-With-the-Stars-2017

If you're vacationing for a week, you could almost eat out every night and

not go to the same place twice which is amazing considering the fact you are on a tropical island. But then, it's easy to forget that time seems to come to a stop!

Equally, tailor-made private gateways can be organized such as picnics on tiny islands or romantic candlelight dinners accompanied with fresh seafood.

Unlike some over water villas where seclusion is practically guaranteed at settings in deep jungles or on private islands, Diamonds Athuruga and Thudufushi additional drawcard offer the best of both worlds - quiet time or the chance to be social. Spend the day in seclusion, curled up with a book by the turquoise ocean, succumb to a massage on the terrace of your pavilion or at the SPA or come have a cocktail on the beach and cheer with the other lucky ones next to you!

Whether a honeymoon, a romantic couple vacation or a quiet yet adventurous retreat, sport and pleasure blend seamlessly at Diamonds Athuruga and Thudufushi. All guests seem to be wanting to return, citing superb staff hospitality and an experience of your dreams.

Everything about this magical place feels otherworldly. From the crystal-clear turquoise water and colourful fishes to the delicious meals available at the resort's dining venues. And, there is no need to say that guests might share the sun with A-list celebrities such as international soccer players or businessmen who have made their reputation over the world. Nevertheless, everyone at Diamonds Thudufushi and Athuruga is a VIP and everyone gets the same ultimate treatment.

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