

Velaa Private Island has Partnered with Troon Golf for First Golf Academy in the Maldives



Velaa Private Island, a newly opened luxury resort in Maldives, has partnered with <u>Troon Golf</u> and <u>Jose Maria Olazabal</u>, to offer a unique golf experience in the Maldives, fitting perfectly the resort's promise of unforgettable 'private moments'.

Troon Golf, the leader in upscale golf course management, development and marketing, and Olazabal, ex-Ryder Cup captain and twice Masters champion, are a natural fit for Velaa Private Island, developing the first Golf Academy in the Maldives featuring groundbreaking technology.

The luxury academy is situated on 1.5 hectares of the pristine island and has been creatively designed by Olazabal to allow the facility to become a Par-3, 6-hole layout with multiple tee positions, creating holes from 65 yards to 180 yards across 6 different greens, 7 bunkers and a 400m2 lake.

Velaa Golf Academy also features a unique indoor studio setting with state of the art electronic equipment including Flightscope and the latest high-speed cameras, where guests can improve their swing. The studio also houses a full golf simulator for hitting longer shots.

Velaa Golf Academy caters to all capabilities with one-on-one golfing instruction, allowing guests of all levels to hone in on their golfing swing. Those new to the game can learn in a professional setting, from children to novices; The golf academy provides a tailored experience from pitch to putt. Troon Golf's custom fit programme will mean that any guest who decides that they want to purchase new equipment while at Velaa Private Island, can have their new personal clubs delivered anywhere in the world, taking a little bit of their Velaa Private Island experience home with them.

'We are thrilled to be the first Golf Academy in the Maldives and to be working with Troon. The academy confirms our intent to provide unparalleled private moments for our guests, where no request is too much', commented Hans Cauchi, Executive Director at Velaa Private Island. This tailored golf experience fits in seamlessly within Velaa Private Island's unparalleled array of amenities, including the only My Blend by Clarins<u>spa</u> in the Maldives, where guests can enjoy bespoke treatments and unwind after an active day of golf. Guests can also enjoy Michelin Star food in the island's signature, over water restaurant Aragu, and indulge with one of the most extensive wine and Champagne selections in the Maldives.

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About Velaa Private Island

Velaa Private Island has been designed by Czech architect Petr Kolář, the concept is contemporary, yet intimate, with Maldivian nuances. Velaa Private Island has 45 private villas, eight<u>een</u> of which are built over water, and features three restaurants, including beachfront restaurant Athiri, Avi Bar and Pool and the islands signature over water restaurant Aragu, boasting the culinary consultancy of Michelin-star chef Adeline Grattard from Paris. The Island also features two bars, Cru and Tavaru, as well as the most extensive wine cellar in the Maldives. Velaa features a My Blend by Clarins spa, one of only a handful in the world, offering exclusive products and private treatments, also housing the first 'snow room' in the Maldives. Submarine expeditions, diving, snorkeling, windsurfing and sailing are among the excursions available, along with a Troon Short Game Golf Academy, designed by Jose Maria Olazabal.

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