



VELAA Private Island, Maldives Fact Sheet

Concept and Design:

Velaa Private Island is the realisation of a dream to create a 'beyond luxury' exclusive boutique hideaway in the Maldives.

The elegant fusion of Maldivian culture with contemporary luxury captures the very essence of this unique archipelago, bathed by azure skies in the aquamarine waters of the Indian Ocean.

Its name means "Turtle Island" in the local language – named after generations of sea turtles that flock here to nest and hatch. Resort design borrows from this theme, with turtle motifs, and the colours and patterns of turtle shell pervading the property. From a broader "bird's eye view" which greets arrivals by seaplane, the island's exclusive over-water villas are also constructed to resemble the head of a turtle, with the island forming the body. Velaa Private Island also ensures plenty of room for its marine visitors, with a hatchery and conservation plan in place.

Designed by Czech architect Petr Kolar, the overall design concept is contemporary yet intimate, with Maldivian nuances.

Velaa Private Island covers just under 20 hectares, around half a kilometre in either direction, providing both exclusivity and privacy.

Website:

<http://www.velaaprivateisland.com/>

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GDS Codes:

Sabre: WV 187908 | Apollo/Galileo : WV A0568

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Location:

Velaa Private Island is part of Noonu atoll, near the northwest edge of the Maldives archipelago. It is 45 minutes away by seaplane from Malé International Airport, or 4 hours away by luxury yacht.

Accommodation:

Velaa Private Island has been designed and curated with privacy and comfort as the guiding principles, while allowing the Indian Ocean to take centre stage. At one with nature, each of the private retreats is built using local materials, combining contemporary flourishes with interiors designed for sensory exploration. Generous terraces and sultry gazebos are positioned to maximise shade, breeze, views and privacy, allowing for total immersion in nature.

The Maldives' answer to a Butler is your answer to special requests and private moments. Planning a special dinner or an island excursion? Let our Butlers take away all your worries as they plan your ultimate dream holiday like no other. Your personal Butler's name is saved in your villa phone, and in their absence a partner Butler will always be available.

The resort comprises 45 private villas, houses and exclusive residences. While



18 of the 45 are built over water, the Romantic Pool Residence can only be reached by boat, allowing even more privacy and exclusivity.

Villas

Beach Pool Villa (9 units) – 295sqm

These detached one-bedroom beachfront pool villas are sumptuously furnished. Mahogany louvered panels and intricate lofty ceilings introduce a colonial ambience while mahogany furniture and suspended bamboo lights give a natural feel. Wall-to-wall glass doors frame the terrace and private pool. By day the villas are light filled, secluded by clusters of palms. An indoor bathroom with Romeo and Juliet basins opens to a large outdoor bathroom connected by a garden atrium where a gazebo-covered daybed overlooks the bathtub. Day beds, swinging chair and an outdoor dining area face the Indian Ocean.

Deluxe Beach Pool Villa (9 units) – 346sqm

Natural materials and colours bring the outside in, while a suspended chair adds an element of playful refinement. These private one-bedroom beachfront pool villas feature a separate large living room, outdoor terrace and private pool and indoor bathroom. The Zen-like outdoor bathroom features a large bath and deck, and reclining daybed under a pillared podium connected by a garden atrium. The alfresco dining area by the pool is the place to be at sunset.

Sunrise Water Pool Villa (8 units) – 232sqm

Along an extended jetty, the villas on this crescent have Indian Ocean views and private pools. Overhanging thatch offers shade over the dining area, while the bedroom and bathroom open onto the terrace, pool and sun deck, with steps leading alluringly into the aquamarine water. A comfortable living room is designed around a viewing window set into the floor, while the bed faces the ocean.

Sunset Deluxe Water Pool Villa (8 units) – 256sqm

With all-around Indian Ocean views and private pools facing the sunset, these villas are dreamlike in design, separated by canvas sails ensuring utmost privacy. Thatched roofing shades the outdoor dining area, while the bedroom and bathroom open onto the terrace. The pool and sun deck have steps into the ocean, while under the gazebo a vast daybed scattered with cushions catches the final moments of the sunset. Inside, the large comfortable living room has its own bar area, complete with a private wine fridge, designed around a viewing window set into the floor. Huge bathrooms with circular baths and a swinging chair reflect the water surrounding the villa.

Houses

Beach Pool House (5 units) – 600sqm

In lush foliage flanked by gently swaying palms, the two-bedroom beachfront houses are ideal for families. The large living area works as a retreat in the day and a social hub in the evening, leading to the kitchen area, complete with bar and high stools, which is practical for both catering and socialising over snacks/meals. Bedrooms blend light and privacy using louvered wood, natural materials and lights suspended from high vaulted ceilings. Rattan swinging chairs add a sense of fun to the elegant décor. Outside, there is a spacious terrace with a large private pool, carefully positioned day beds and a stand-alone outdoor dining platform with panoramic views over the lagoon.

Beach Pool Pavilion (2 units) – 600sqm

Also flanked by tall palm trees, the more exclusive one-bedroom beachfront pavilion is ideal for couples and families who enjoy the luxury of space. It additionally offers a second convertible space which can be adapted according to guests' desires, whether as an additional bedroom, spa, gym or library. The large living area works as a retreat in the day and a social hub in the evening, leading to the kitchen which incorporates a bar with high stools and open shelving, practical for catering. The bedroom blends light and privacy using louvered wood panels, natural materials and lights suspended from a high vaulted ceiling. Rattan swinging chairs add a sense of fun to the elegant décor. Outside, there is a spacious terrace with a private pool, carefully positioned day beds and a stand-alone outdoor dining platform with panoramic views over the lagoon.

Ocean Pool House (1 unit) – 500sqm

Prestigiously located on the tip of the island, in an exclusive private domain, this two-bedroom overwater residence fringed with traditional thatch offers elegant living space with carefully curated elements. Louvered shutters let the breeze flow through, while a deep sofa is covered in scatter cushions, ideal for settling down with a good book. The dining area provides a central space while the Indian Ocean is the backdrop from every aspect, from the two spacious bathrooms featuring circular baths, to the elegant bedrooms. Swim in your own pool and relax on the sun deck, or step directly into the lagoon. Kick back under one of two gazebos – one with a sunken hot tub and the other with daybeds.

Romantic Pool Residence (1 unit) – 623sqm

Accessible only by boat, this ultra-private one-bedroom villa suspended above the lagoon with uninterrupted Indian Ocean views offers utmost privacy and romance, making it perfect for honeymooners or those looking for ultra-luxury, including a private chef and butler. All rooms open onto the terraces, where the Jacuzzi, pool, sundeck and sunken bath offer varying aspects of the horizon. Dine inside at sunset, or over the water in a dining gazebo on its own jetty, or enjoy sundowners on the sumptuous daybeds. Interiors are designed with natural materials and neutral colours with occasional accents of Ikat or animal prints. With a personal gym and spa suite inside the residence, there's little reason to leave.

Velaa Private Residence (2 units) – 1350sqm

Imagine the definitive ultimate beach residence. With four bedrooms accommodating up to 10, a rarity in the Maldives, the Velaa Pool Residences offer elegant contemporary design and 1,350 square metres of private interior and exterior space, inclusive of two terraces, a pool and courtyard. Secluded on a pristine private beach, the carefully curated interiors deliver comfort, style and elegance in equal measures. These two-storey detached residences are laid out with privacy in mind. Each of the four bedrooms faces the ocean across a stretch of icing sugar sand; the first floor bedrooms have generous balconies while the ground floor opens onto the pool. Indoor and outdoor bathrooms are connected by a garden atrium. Flanked by two gazebos for dining, resting or playing, the pool reflects the ocean and is the central focus. Behind the living space a gym, spa suite and outdoor living area offer plenty of quiet spaces to retire to. Subdued lighting and large format photography provide visual breaks to the sea of natural wood and stone that set the tone of the interiors. These residences set a new level of ultimate luxury in the Maldives for friends and families alike.



Dining Experience: For the epicurean, Velaa Private Island boasts the culinary consultancy of Michelin-star chef Adeline Grattard from Paris. With three restaurants, two bars and an exclusive wine cellar, guests have a diverse selection of locations and cuisines to choose from as they feel.

Adeline Grattard

Acclaimed chef Adeline Grattard oversees certain culinary programmes at Velaa Private Island, most notably menus at *Aragu* and *Air Breakfast* signature restaurant and the Michelin Star Dining destination.

Bruno Contreras

International chef Bruno Contreras is Executive Chef, specialising in Mediterranean and European cuisine at the helm of carefully crafted destination experiences for the ever demanding traveler.

Gaushan de Silva

Executive Sous Chef Gaushan de Silva creates exceptional tasting menus with innovative presentation and techniques marrying finest produce with molecular gastronomy.

Restaurants & Bars

Signature restaurant ***Aragu*** serves innovative cuisine in an elegant setting over water. Aragu means 'essence' and the concept is offering two distinct ways of enjoying one dish – a 'simplistic' option focusing on the clear taste of individual elements and simple combinations, or a 'sensational' option, whereby elements are combined to create exciting and harmonious fusions of ingredients. Before or after dining, guests can enjoy vintage champagne at *Cru* lounge.

Tavaru houses a Teppanyaki kitchen with live cooking stations, and special wine and food tasting events in the centrepiece of the island, a visually striking tower where Velaa's extensive wine cellar also takes centre stage. The 30 page wine list is paradise for true oenophiles, covering the whole spectrum from boutique wineries to grand marques and organic and as well as biodynamic producers. Guests can choose from rare gems such as a 1956 Domaine de la Romanée Conti "Romanée Conti", rare vintage Salon Champagne, or two centuries old fortified wine 1870 Blandy "Verdelho Solera", among countless other celebrated vintages.

Athiri is beachfront all-day dining at its finest, presenting a feast of creative contemporary cuisine, including a wood-fired oven baking perfect pizzas and fresh bread throughout the day.

Avi is a casual pool bar by day and vibrant cocktail bar by night, complete with mixologist and live DJ against the backdrop of spectacular ocean views.

Destination Dining is a unique concept whereby guests are entertained exclusively in a variety of stylish and distinctly different settings, both on and off the island with creative menus and entertainment. Ideal for special occasions and private events.

In-villa Dining allows guests' privacy and personal space around the clock



with the speedy “Velaa Express” service and “Served in Villa” menus available at any time.

Spa Experience:

Velaa Private Island counts itself one of only a handful of hotels in the world to be working alongside Spa My Blend facial treatments and products for a truly personalized experience.

Showcasing the first ‘snow room’ in the Maldives, the spa offers a synergy of therapies and products with six secluded treatment villas (4 couple and 2 individual) over the water. A comprehensive range of signature treatments includes customised facials with sophisticated European technology and traditional Asian massages and Ayurvedic therapies.

For the ultimate personalised experience, Spa My Blend by Clarins offers Velaa Signature Rituals – Velaa Island Fantasy and the Island Body Boost. Developed exclusively by Clarins, and inspired by the natural beauty of the Maldives, these two sumptuous treatments can be experienced no-where else in the world.

Also featured at Velaa Private Island’s spa is Wolke 7 Cloud 9, a holistic spa treatment developed by Viennese artist and perception researcher Sha, where cloud-shaped reclining treatment pods cradle guests into deep relaxation, entering a world where boundaries disappear to counter daily stresses and strains.

Boutiques and Library:

Boutiques feature latest designer beachwear, jewelery, exclusive clothing and accessories, along with a gift shop and international library for adults and children.

Recreation Experience:

Onshore

Velaa Private Island offers the latest in “Technogym”, a world-class **Gym** featuring state-of-the-art fitness equipment.

On an elevated **Yoga Pavilion**, with beautiful views over the golf academy, guests can receive personal yoga master sessions, either on the raised-tree meditation platform in the garden or by the beach.

Golf enthusiasts can enjoy the only “Velaa Short Game Golf Academy by Olazabal” in the Maldives. Managed by Troon, it features 170 sqm of greens and pitching zones, plus a swing studio for improving your game designed by US Master’s Champion Jose Maria Olazabal.

Sports facilities extend to a covered **Tennis Court & Squash Court, Beach Volleyball** and an artificial **Football** pitch.

Offshore

Seadoo Scooters are available for hire to effortlessly access the island’s coral reef for the best snorkeling.

Windsurfing offers seven different board size options and 10 sail configurations for all conditions and experience, from training for complete



novices to the most advanced setup for experts.

Sailing features a **Topcat K1 Catamaran** and New Zealand-designed **Weta High Performance Trimaran** easily operated by one or two.

Kite Surfing is with F1 Kites - by far the best in the world - taking this action packed sport to all levels, from downwind runs to private lessons.

Kayaks are available in 3 different, fun options: single, double or family.

Stand Up Paddle Boards are increasingly popular, to explore the beautiful waters around Velaa Private Island and keep fit at the same time!

Jet Skis are Yamaha VX 1100 Cruisers, designed for both experienced riders to enjoy great on-water performance, and beginners to ride at reduced power, for safety and comfort.

Seabobs are the latest and greatest watersports trend, for cruising effortlessly on top or just under the surface like a dolphin.

Our AG21 Sports Boat is new to Yamaha's speedboat range, designed for water sports of all types, with unique features to lower the centre of gravity and increase wake size.

For all levels, styles and ages are **Water-skiing, Wakeboarding** and **Knee Boarding** with fun inflatable activities such as **Tubes, Bananas** and the new **Ski Seat** experience.

Excursions:

Our **Dive Centre** offers all levels of certification courses and **scuba diving** over breathtaking marine vistas. The truly adventurous can join an exclusive **semi-submarine** expedition. **Fishing** expeditions are into the deep, cool waters of the Noonu Atoll, home to a vast array of species. **Sunset cruises, dolphin watching** and **private excursions** are aboard either a luxury prestige yacht or traditional 'Bahthelis' boats.

Scuba Diving - Velaa Private Island Dive Centre is equipped with Scubapro, renowned for its outstanding quality, and is affiliated with the international leisure diving association PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors).

Snorkeling – Either direct from the beach, off the island coral reef, or with excursions to outer islands such as Orimas Varu and Gathafaru.

Night Snorkeling - Night Sea Torches enable guests to view florescent marine organisms when snorkeling after dark.

Sea Manta Encounter – Our Marine Biologist accompanies expeditions to encounter manta rays, a beautiful experience described by many as almost spiritual.

Submarine - To explore the deeper waters of the Noonu Atoll, three-person ambient pressure submarine tours are operated by a trained skipper who offers an informative narration on this exciting adventure.



Educational Presentations - Power point presentations on a variety of topics are screened once or twice weekly, set up on the beach with beanbag chairs, nibbles and champagne or fruit cocktails (weather permitting). This is also an additional option for a rainy day activity, taking place indoors.

Dolphin Cruise – On one evening a week, we organise magical encounters with dolphins, including informative insights into their behaviour and the different species native to the Maldives.

Meet Our Sea Turtles - Daily sea turtle **hatchery feeding** is accompanied by a “turtle talk” about our private island hatchery, sea turtles in general and environmental concerns. **Night Walks** are organised to observe **nest laying** and **hatching** when it occurs – including late night beach picnic in the vicinity of nests.