



Amilla's Festival of Life

At a time of the year that is filled with abundance, remembrance, hope and gratitude, Amilla beats to the rhythm of our Festival of Life. Opening our eyes to the beauty around us and inside us, the Festival of Life is an invitation to connect with yourself and with the earth beneath your feet. Give thanks for the good things by honoring your body and mind with the finest food and the deepest relaxation. Dream your way into a brighter future where your inner child gets a chance to play and to create. Celebrate the sacred equilibrium of day and night by filling your days with active adventures and your nights with music and mirth. Be thrilled by ocean wonders and chilled by late night tales.

Gently held and lovingly guided by the rhythm of the seasons and the tides of the ocean, The Festival of Life gives you permission to live the life you deserve to be living.



Special Occasions

The Festival of Life embraces Diwali and Halloween at the end of October, in a period of Honoring and Remembering. Guests can look forward to our river of light, Alebrijes parade, spine tingling ghost walks, late night songs of love and loss and the unveiling of the Tree of Life.

Moving into November, we delve into Awakening and Imagining, connecting with rare ocean animals, both real and mythical, whilst exploring our autumnal abundance menu and offering exquisite spa treatments and invigorating sporting challenges to nourish the body and soothe the mind.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of November, we turn our thoughts to Giving and Gratitude, in which our guests will receive rich gifts from the island whilst being invited to give back to the earth and offer thanks for the bounty they have received.

Diwali on 24 October 2022 is the Festival of Lights that symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness. The lights of Diwali signify a time to destroy our dark desires and gives us the strength to carry on with our kindness.

Sustainability Day on 26 October was created to raise awareness towards the importance of Sustainability. Sharing the insights that we have with each other will build a well-educated and responsible community.

Halloween on 31 October originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Nowadays, Halloween is a day of activities and dressing up.

World Vegan Day on 1 November is a day to commemorate and celebrate the commitment to living the vegan lifestyle. It offers the chance to share experiences all while cultivating environmental protection.

World Kindness Day on 13 November was formed to promote kindness throughout the world. The purpose is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness.

Thanksgiving on 24 November is celebrated to say thanks and recognize the sacrifices and blessings of the past year. Over time, it became a day for people to get together with their friends and family to celebrate.



Fascinating Entertainment

Pandora is one of UK Radio's most recognized radio presenters and DJ. She will be refreshing us with her presence as a DJ during Diwali and host at Sustainability Day. Being a big advocate for animal rights, she will also be hosting the first Cat Charity Event in Amilla. She will be at Amilla from 24 October till 1 November 2022.

Bodu Beru, a part of Maldivian culture and the heart of traditional Maldivian music. Our Bodu Beru drummers show a magical amalgamation of drums, vocals, and dance. They perform during Maldivian Night and can brighten any celebration with their private performances.

Ivan is a multi-talented performer from Mexico who has performed at top resorts in the Caribbean and the Pacific. He will be awing our guests with Fire Dancing and LED shows as well as workshops in Acrobatics, Fire(less) Dancing and Juggling for young and old.

Anna is an experienced acrobat who has been working as a circus artist in the National Circus of Ukraine. She will be stunning our guests with her performances in aerial gymnastics, juggling and poi spinning and her aerial gymnastics, stretching and private aerial yoga classes.

Tom Green is currently playing on the HITS Radio Network. He will be entertaining our guests as DJ during Halloween and Guy Fawkes as well as hold a "red carpet" interview during Halloween and host 'The Amilla Dangerous Dinners' podcast. Tom will be at Amilla from 31 October till 10 November 2022.

Yang Wei introduced himself to the industry by winning the best comedy magician awards in 2009. He allows everyone to enjoy themselves with his surprising program ranging from comedy, magic and fire eating performances as well as magic and illusionist classes.

DJ Tappu has performed at various music festivals in Thailand and Sri Lanka, and as a resident DJ for Maldivian resorts. He plays a wide range of musical genres and can be found in Baa Bar. He is looking forward to share his skills with our guests during his DJ classes.

Moosa Samaau is an experienced musician, a skilled vocalist and keyboardist with a wide repertoire of music. He gives classes in piano, hand pan and Bodu Beru drum and can be heard and seen during dinner in Baa-zaar and for late night tunes in Baa Bar.



Maldives Golden Year of Tourism

The year 2022 marks the 50th anniversary for the Maldives tourism industry. Tourism is the largest economic industry in the Maldives, as it plays an important role in earning foreign exchange revenues and offers the employment of up to 25,000 people. The beautiful archipelago of the Maldives is the main attraction to many tourists and incredible coral reefs are the foundation of the islands. These reefs offer protection to the tiny islands as its natural defense system and the country's economy depends heavily on the health of its beautiful reefs and intricate ecosystems.

As part of Small Luxury Hotels of the World Considerate Collection, we are committed to playing our part in protecting the diverse marine ecosystem of the Maldives through coral restoration projects, reef monitoring and strict guidelines on snorkelling behaviour. Besides that, we are currently reducing our plastic, food waste, energy consumption and the use of insecticides. We aid Olive Ridley Project and Manta Trust in their research efforts as well as cooperate with passionate Maldivians to magnify their environmental projects to support grassroots conservation in the Maldives. The following activities were created to celebrate the golden year of tourism and support the tourism industry.

Amilla's Photography Contest

Go out, capture a moment and upload the picture to your Instagram while tagging Amilla Maldives. Submit the best photo taken during your stay at Amilla Maldives and win a bottle of wine. Entries are open for our past and current guests and all pictures will be displayed on our Instagram.

Date: 19 August 2022

Freediving World Record

Join the Freediving World Record Attempt Neyvaa 2, organized by Freedive Maldives, for the most number of people performing static apnea simultaneously in resorts and local communities around the Maldives..

Date: 1 October 2022

Maldivian Food Festival

Celebrate World Food Day and get ready to try several mouthwatering Maldivian dishes and products prepared by locals, which will be offered through different food stalls. Regale your taste buds all while supporting local businesses.

Date: 16 October 2022



Diwali

Diwali is an important religious festival that is celebrated on 24 October 2022 and originated in India. The celebration takes place annually and lasts for five days, marking the start of the Hindu New Year. The exact dates change each year and are determined by the position of the moon. The word Diwali means "row of lights" in Sanskrit and therefore the festival is also called Festival of Lights. During this festival, people decorate their homes with lights and oil lamps, called diyas. The lights and lamps are said to help Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, find her way into peoples' homes, bringing prosperity in the year to come! It's also a celebration of good triumphing over evil, and different legends based on this theme are associated with Diwali. But it's not just about lights and legends, Diwali is a time to have fun with friends and family!

Join the Diwali celebration together with your family and take part in our activities!

Program:

10.00am	Diwali Yoga at Javvu Spa
11.00am	Samosa Cooking Class at Barolo (35++ per person)
11.00am	Diwali Wishing Card Making at Kids Club
11:30am	Happy Diwali Piano Class at EBC
2.00pm	Rangoli Painting Class at Art Studio
2.30pm	Light and Fire(less) Dancing Class at Baa-zaar
3.00pm	Henna Tattoo Craft at Kids Club
3.30pm	Bollywood Zumba at Javvu Spa (45++ per person)
5.00pm	Punjabi Songs DJ Class with Pandora at Baa Bar
6.30pm	Indian Night at East
9.00pm	Diwali Party with Pandora at Baa Bar

Prices are in USD and subject to 23.2% government taxes and service.

Bookings are required for all activities. For more information and bookings please contact your Katheeb.



Sustainability Day

Sustainability Day is celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of October each year. This year the day falls on 26 October 2022, although it might be different per country. On this day, we raise awareness towards the importance of Sustainability, and we also share the insights that we have with one another with the common goal of building a well-educated, responsible community. It is also a day that encourages young people to take action and reflect and prepare for their future.

Sustainability Day was created to teach people about the importance of caring for the environment and the steps on how to do so. "Sustainable" translates to "to be maintained for a very long time", which is exactly our goal, to be able to take care of the planet forever. We, in Amilla Maldives, have embarked on an exciting new journey of sustainability. From creating new organic gardens to protecting our UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, we believe in Voting for the Planet.

Join the Sustainability Day celebration and take part in our sustainable activities!

Program:

10.00am	Natural Deodorant DIY at Javvu Spa
10.30am	Uninhabited Island Cleanup (Meet at Dive Centre Jetty)
11.00am	Traditional Maldivian Cooking Class at Barolo (25++ per person)
11.30am	Plant a Coconut Tree at Kids Club
2.00pm	Coconut Painting at Art Studio
3.00pm	Sustainable Art Making at Kids Club
3.30pm	Tree Hugging Therapy at Javvu Spa (45++ per person)
4.30pm	Sustainability Wellness Walk at Mystique Garden
6.00pm	Cat Charity Event and Cocktails with Pandora at Baa Bar
6.30pm	Zero Waste Menu at Barolo

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Halloween

As coconuts turn green, temperatures rise, and you pull out your swimsuit, it's time to deck out your villa with pumpkins and get to carving and brainstorming Halloween costumes. Trick-or-treating is just around the corner, and frightful fun and Halloween games await. On 31 October, get into the spooky spirit and invite all your witch, werewolf, vampire and zombie friends to come out and play.

Join our Halloween activities and see how many of these you can complete before the stroke of midnight on Halloween? Gather all your scary friends and join us if your dare for a Halloween scare!

Program:

10.00am	Scarecrow Yoga at Javvu Spa
10.00am	Witches Social Tennis at Tennis Court
10.30am	Pumpkin Painting at Art Studio
11.00am	Graveyard Chocolate Pudding Making Class at Barolo
11.30am	Spooky Piano Class at EBC
2.00pm	Pumpkin Carving at EBC
2.30pm	Shadow Fire(less) Dancing Class at Baa-zaar
3.30pm	Zombie Zumba at Javvu Spa (45++ per person)
4.00pm	Frankenstein's Football Academy at Amilla Arena
5.00pm	Monster Mash DJ Class at Baa Bar
5.30pm	Alebrijes Trick or Treat at Kids Club
6.00pm	Haunted House Cocktail Party at Baa Bar
7.00pm	Halloween Gala Dinner at Baa-zaar
9.00pm	Sound Clash Pandora vs. Tom Green at Baa-zaar
10.00pm	Ghost Walk at Baa-zaar

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