



## Summer is Sizzling at Amilla

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Dear Guests,

Summer has kicked off with a flash and a bang at Amilla! A flash of fire dancing and LED lights, courtesy of our onsite performers lighting up the night with their colourful acrobatics (as well as livening up the days with a variety of workshops). And the bang of the Bodu Beru drums, heralding the opening of our new beach.

Next up, we're eagerly awaiting the arrival of Chef Konstantin Ivlev, who'll be here in a few week's time. The famous Russian TV chef will cook up a storm with three dining events at our signature overwater restaurant, 'Feeling Koi'. He'll also hold a master class for a few lucky guests. To find out more about our sizzling summer happenings, check out our [website](#).

Shukuriyaa,

Jason



## *Peace in the water, action on the island*

Check out Amilla's Summer Programme for 2021

### SWIM WITH MANTAS

Just 10 minutes by boat from Amilla's shores is Hanifaru Bay, the world-famous snorkelling site, renowned for attracting exceptionally high numbers of magnificent manta rays and gentle whale sharks.

### INDULGE IN WELLNESS

Our wellness packages are designed to fit in with your holiday. While some group activities are scheduled private activities can be booked to fit around sunbathing, snorkelling and family time.

### LIVE THE BEACH LIFE

Every week our guests will be whisked away by boat to have the opportunity to visit a local sandbank island for snorkeling, swimming, sunbathing and more.



## LOWERING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

While making sure you always have a wide array of food to enjoy here in the Maldives means having to import products to these remote islands, here at Amilla we're taking steps to reduce our food's air miles by growing as much as we can onsite. Our Homegrown@Amilla programme blossomed even further in June, with our latest eco-experience, Foraging Lunches.

Visiting Tennis Hero, Phillipp Davyedenko, and his new bride were amongst the first to try this new experience. Chef Rameez, Gamini from Landscaping and Victoria, our Sustainability and Wellness Mentor, guided the team of 'foragers' around the resort gardens. They hand-picked vegetables and fruit, including many local varieties. They then headed to Barolo Restaurant to prepare a healthy three-course lunch together under the supervision of Chef Rameez, which included making their own coconut milk from Amilla's bountiful supply of coconuts. The Foraging Lunch was created as a part of our new Wellness Packages.

Chill'd Café has introduced what we believe to be the Maldives' [most ethical burger](#). We use organic almonds and flaxseed to make the buns on site, [Cape Grim Beef and Dingley Dell Bacon](#) (which is hormone and antibiotic-free, free-range and ethically raised), 'kulha fila' Maldivian greens from our garden, and cucumber pickles and banana ketchup made using produce from our gardens. This is all topped off with an egg from our hens at 'Cluckingham Palace'.

[MORE ON WELLNESS](#)

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## VOTE FOR OUR PLANET

This month for World Oceans Day guests and the whole Amilla family got on board. We hosted a day full of events, starting with a presentation about coral. Guests learned how the Maldives islands are formed and how we can regenerate coral reefs. Volunteers and Amilla Islanders then got stuck in with cleaning the house reef. Next, there was a special Sustainable Seafood Dinner cooked by our Executive Chef, Kaviraj Doolum. Then Islanders got busy cleaning the hard-to-reach fringes of the island, clearing away undergrowth to gather plastic and other ocean waste with gusto.

We've made some major inroads with reducing single-use plastics this month, as well. The team has been busy identifying alternative products that can be used. So, we're now awaiting the arrival of reusable tiffin boxes for our staff takeaway meals, compostable takeaway boxes for your 'breakfast on the run', 900 PLA-free food storage containers to reduce the use of plastic wrap in our kitchens, and compostable pot scrubbers, too. We're even working on a solar lighting project with motion sensor lights for our staff areas and the "roads less travelled" to allow guests to safely circumnavigate our Naturally Lush island.

**SUSTAINABLE AMILLA**





## STRAWBERRY FULL MOON RISING

On June 24th we held our first event on our beautiful new pristine beach at the southeastern tip of the island. Guests were invited to celebrate the rising of the Strawberry Full Moon with cocktails and a glorious fire show, set to the beat of Maldivian Bodu Beru drums. Full Moon Rising Cocktails will now be a monthly event.

As if Amilla didn't already offer enough Space to Play, we cleared this overgrown area to reveal the powder white sand you all love. And it turned out to be a vast beach space! This new Sunrise Beach forms part of our round-the-island walking track. It weaves between the shoreline and sandy pathways in the jungle. As well as being a great exercise track (with an optional pitstop at our [Jungle Gymnasium](#)), these changes have made it easier for our team to clear up any ocean waste and give it proper disposal via our newly-completed waste management area, 'The UN' (short for 'Undo the Harm').

SUMMER AT AMILLA

## AUTUMNAL LEAVE

If you are planning a holiday when the leaves start to turn colour at home, you'll be happy to hear we're creating an exciting line-up of Autumn activities to keep the whole family entertained. LUX Tennis and Amilla are thrilled to announce securing tennis star and former World #14, [Victor Troicki](#), as our visiting [Tennis Hero](#). He'll be at Amilla for two weeks, offering guests complimentary tennis clinics as well as being available to book for private lessons.

We'll also welcome back the spectacular Fire Dancer, Jonas, this time also accompanied by his wife, Aigul, who will perform alongside him in a variety of disciplines. They'll also be offering guests workshops in a variety of dancing styles, including Latin American moods and Belly Dancing. Our littlest guests will not be disappointed either, as Anna, our kids' animation specialist, will be surprising and delighting kids with storytelling and more.

[Manta Ray Season](#) will still be in full swing in the autumn, so you won't have missed your chance to see these gentle majestic creatures feed and play at Hanifaru Bay. We hope to announce additional exciting plans very soon, so keep an eye on our website or contact our reservations team for the latest news.



[MORE THINGS TO DO](#)



## WALKING ON WATER

We have now completed 80% of the water villa jetty with the new wood. It is smooth and quiet to walk, jog or drive along.

The villas themselves have had a facelift with all wooden furniture surfaces refinished.

[LIFE OVER THE WATER](#)

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## WE ARE MALDIVIAN

The end of July will see two special dates, Eid-ul-Adha on the 20th and Maldives Independence Day on the 26th. Amilla will continue to celebrate its Authentically Maldivian heritage by holding a Maldives Cultural Week. It will be full of traditional arts and crafts and delicious local cuisine, as well as the ubiquitous 'Bodu Beru' drumming and dancing. The week-long calendar of events will showcase the rich culture of the Maldives alongside its more well-known charms - perfect powdery beaches and pristine waters.

July will also see the introduction of a new activity. We will be holding weekly 'Bashi' games so guests can learn the Maldivian National Sport. This exciting and fun game is typically played by women and involves a tennis ball being served backwards, although everyone can enjoy Bashi at Amilla.

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## STAYING ON TOP OF SAFETY

We're continuing to give complimentary PCR tests to all guests and staff upon arrival at Amilla. With our [Rapid PCR machine](#), the results are obtained in just one-three hours. So by the time you've unpacked, taken a swim and changed into your holiday clothes, your results will be back, and you can relax knowing you're in our Amilla 'bubble of safety' and can enjoy the island mask-free.

With many countries showing signs of lifting travel bans, you can feel safe and secure at your favourite island under the Maldivian sun.

Warm regards,

Jason

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