

As we dive into the New Year I'd like to take the opportunity to offer you all my best wishes for 2022. The whole family of Amilla Islanders and I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed some quality time together during the holidays.

The year ahead may still be choppy in places but thankfully the Maldives is still going strong as a safer holiday destination, with the nationwide 'one resort per island' rule and our own safety [protocols](#) making it the perfect refuge for your 2022 holiday.

*Until we see you again . . .*



## *Festive Extravaganza*

This Festive Season the good times roll all the way from December 22nd right through to the Russian Orthodox Old New Year on January 13th. Christmas, as ever, was a fun-filled extravaganza of special events, fashion, feasting and gifts.

On Christmas Day, the jolly man himself, Santa Claus, came to visit. We prepared for his arrival by building our own Santa Village, complete with Rudolf's Stable, the Elves' Workshop and a sleigh led by reindeer. Our beachfront Christmas tree made of lights could be seen for miles around, establishing our position as a beacon of festive celebrations.

It was followed by our Amilla's Got Talent Show on the main stage on December 30th, showcasing the incredible talent of our smallest guests. The show included inventions made by the kids to help the environment in the future. New Year's Eve was a celebration of a new start, with an 'Out of the Blue' theme gala dinner. The event kicked off with guest cocktails and entertainment which continued through dinner. Heading through the underwater fantasy tunnel to the main stage, guests were treated to a performance by British pop star, Pixie Lott. After performing her own hits as well as a cover of 'Mr Brightside', backed the Maldives' own Limestone band, which had the whole crowd singing along and dancing.

It was party time again at Russian Orthodox Christmas, with performances on the main stage by Russian pop star, Dima Bilan, entertaining a crowd with his songs and banter. It was preceded by an incredible gala dinner and cocktails, our new in-house performers showing off their fire and hoop-juggling skills, plus DJ, Alex Fresh, on the decks. See our [Instagram](#) for images and videos.

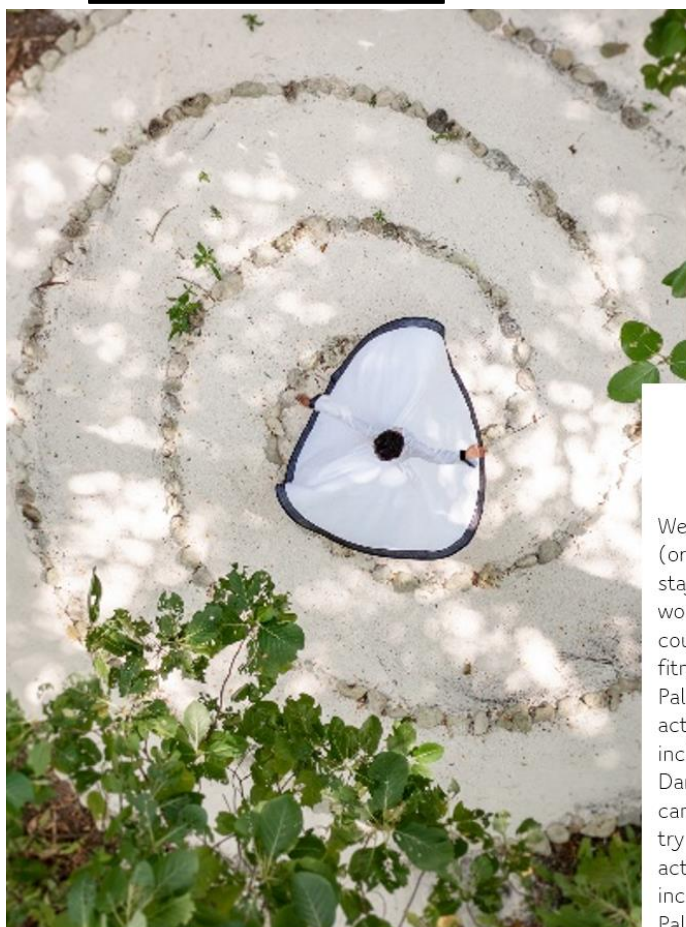
We are currently finalising our Spring Programme, which will include an Easter Journey through Amilla's secret garden.

CHECK AMILLA'S INSTAGRAM

## *A Walk on the Wild Side*

As part of our ongoing work to keep evolving and improving, our Islanders have continued working on expanding our beaches. The latest improvement enables you to walk or run the entire circumference of our island, even past the water villa areas. The beautiful new track takes you through the shade of the trees, past the Beach Villas, Residences and restaurants, over jetties (where you can spot marine animals) and on to our new Secret Beach where you can take in the infinite views of the Indian Ocean, then proceeding to the Sunrise Beach. The total length of the track (including jetty sections) is 2.8km. It's a great way to work up an appetite for a delicious breakfast at Fresh Restaurant, complete with wellness teas, tonics and healthy bowls of fruit.

HAVE A LOOK AT AMILLA!



## *Magical Movement*

We love to help support our guests in starting (or continuing) a holistic path to wellness while staying with us, while still enjoying our wonderful cocktails and culinary treats, of course. So we've added to our repertoire of fun fitness offerings led by our new Islander, Pallavi. Pallavi has added to the Baa-lletin, our weekly activity programme, a variety of activities including Bollywood dance classes, Underwater Dance workshops and a session where guests can learn to tie beautiful Indian saris and even try them on. Pallavi also leads a variety of activities and treatments at our Javvu Spa, including Laughing Yoga and Sufi Whirling. Pallavi is also a trained Cranio-Sacral Therapist offering re-balancing treatments.

JAVVU SPA



## *Food, Glorious Food*

We're continuing to evolve our culinary offerings, but one thing that remains constant is our unique Dine Around concept which enables you to enjoy eating at all of our restaurants, with eight different dining experiences on offer over 7 days. While most other resorts impose restrictions on dining with meal packages, we even include access to our signature overwater Japanese restaurant, Feeling Koi, in our Dine Around meal plans. Chef Doolum recently refreshed the menus at Feeling Koi, with expanded sushi and sashimi offerings, plus delectable new dishes at Chill'd cafe like tuna tartare with avocado, chives, seaweed tartare, espelette peppers and garden dill, as well as fregola sarda pasta with cream, parmesan cheese, chopped chives, and truffles. Chef Giorgio has taken Barolo's Italian menu to new heights with an array of pastas, homemade with love.

Our Dine Around Inclusive (DAI) offering now includes new additions such as a selected mini bar set up on arrival. Guests can choose which bespoke items they want in their private bar. Amilla's DAI programme includes a wide selection of different wines and beverages, including champagne, however it also offers guests discounted prices on all available beverages - a truly unique offering for our guests.

[MORE ON RESTAURANTS](#)

As we breathe life into the New Year at Amilla, we remain ever cognizant of ensuring our guests and Islanders remain safe and well. We look forward to welcoming you back to our Baa Atoll paradise soon.