

Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu

Short Description:

Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu is an eco-luxury resort in the Maldives, recognised as one of the top resorts in the Indian Ocean by the **Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards 2024**, and celebrated for its truly Maldivian heritage, breathtaking natural surroundings and deep commitment to sustainability.

Long Description:

Located in the Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu offers guests a rare opportunity to experience the Maldives in its most natural state. The resort's eco-conscious philosophy is reflected in its design, with charming thatched-roof villas made from sustainable materials, tucked away in the tropical greenery or floating above the lagoon. Guests can immerse themselves in a variety of experiences, from snorkelling with manta rays to exploring the resort's Marine Turtle Rescue Centre in collaboration with Olive Ridley Project (ORP), focused on vital conservation efforts. Dining at Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu showcases fresh, locally sourced ingredients with an emphasis on sustainable seafood and authentic Maldivian cuisine. The award-winning Coco Spa offers nature-inspired treatments, while the resort's serene beaches and crystal-clear waters create the ideal setting for both relaxation and eco-friendly exploration.

The "7 Wonders" of Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu: Reasons to Stay

1. Captivating Natural Beauty and Idyllic Secluded Setting

Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu, surrounded by gorgeous white sand beaches and lush greenery, invites relaxation and exploration. Accessible by seaplane, the resort provides guests with a stunning bird's-eye view of the vibrant landscape, revealing the deep blues of the ocean and the greenery of the islands. Below the water's surface, a flourishing ecosystem bursts with marine life and colourful coral reefs.

2. Sustainable Luxury and Eco-Conscious Initiatives

The resort is deeply committed to sustainability, incorporating eco-friendly practices in the daily operations. Guests can also support the marine life and reef conservation efforts by joining the coral planting and reef cleanup.

At the heart of the island, chefs grow herbs and vegetables, produce fresh jams and coconut honey for the buffet, and craft coconut oil for the spa - each item a reflection of the resort's commitment to local ingredients and self-sufficiency.

This dedication to sustainability and eco-consciousness has earned the resort numerous accolades, including the **Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Award in 2022**, the **Condé Nast Johansens Award for Excellence in 2023**, and recognition as the **Maldives' Leading Green Resort at the World Travel Awards in both 2023 and 2024**.

3. Culinary Adventure in the Heart of Nature

The resort offers a range of culinary delights, showcasing fresh, locally sourced ingredients and a fusion of Maldivian and international flavours, enhanced by herbs and vegetables grown on the island.

Guests can dine at **Cowrie**, known for its live cooking stations and themed buffets; **Cornus**, which specialises in Asian cuisine with a Maldivian twist; and the **Beach Bar**, offering refreshing drinks on the beach. Once a week, guests can experience a special Maldivian dinner, with chefs introducing each dish and sharing the inspiration behind the menu.

4. Private and Spacious Villas Inspired by Maldivian Architecture

For exceptional relaxation, choose from spacious beachfront or over-water villas, each beautifully crafted with traditional Maldivian architecture and modern amenities. These villas offer amazing views of the turquoise lagoon and direct access to the sandy beaches, ensuring a tranquil retreat. Each villa features elegant furnishings, private decks, and outdoor showers, ensuring guests experience comfort and relaxation.

5. Rich Marine Life and Underwater Discovery

Guests can discover the vibrant underwater ecosystem of the Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. They can join guided snorkelling and diving excursions to encounter colourful coral reefs, tropical fish, and magnificent sea turtles.

Hanifaru Bay, located just 20-25 minutes from Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu by speedboat, offers ocean enthusiasts the chance to witness manta ray sightings from May to November and whale shark encounters from August to November.

6. Stay with Purpose: Olive Ridley Project Marine Turtle Rescue Centre

Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu offers guests a unique opportunity to engage with the Olive Ridley Project (ORP), committed to rescuing and rehabilitating injured sea turtles. Home to the Maldives' first fully equipped, veterinary-run rescue centre for sea turtles, it welcomes guests daily to visit and watch the turtle feeding.

To volunteer at the Marine Turtle Rescue Centre, guests must sign a consent form and register for the voluntary service in advance. Details are provided upon booking. More information about Coco Collection's collaboration with the Olive Ridley Project is available on the resort's website:

<https://www.cococollection.com/en/coco-cares/marine-turtle>.

7. Personalised and Authentic Maldivian Experience

At the heart of the resort is a commitment to personalised service, ensuring every guest's needs are met and lasting memories are made.

For those seeking adventure, Embudhoo Island offers a unique escape. Just 15 minutes from the resort, this private deserted island features a single traditional hut, providing a rustic and romantic retreat. Guests can enjoy picnics prepared by the chefs, as well as barbecues and group celebrations, making it an outstanding setting for an exclusive Maldivian experience.