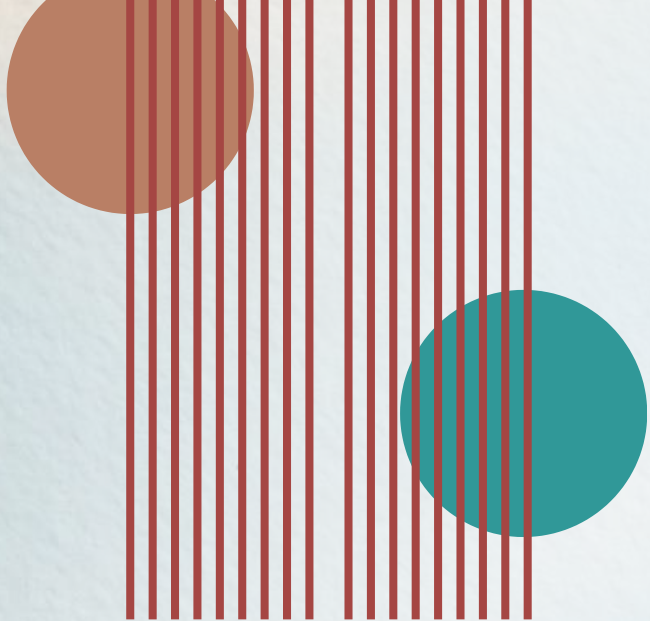




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Festive Celebrations 2025

Season's Greetings

Dear Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Vakkaru Maldives for the festive season, a time to reconnect, celebrate and savour those moments that matter most.

Whether you are discovering Vakkaru for the very first time, or making a welcome return to your island home, we are honoured to have you with us. To our loyal repeat guests, we value your continued trust, and your deep connection to our island shapes all that we do. And to our first-time visitors, we hope this marks the beginning of many memorable stays with us.

This year, we have curated a calendar of experiences designed to bring loved ones together – from the warm glow of our tree-lighting ceremony and timeless Christmas traditions, to a sparkling, retro-inspired New Year's Eve celebration. Each moment has been carefully crafted to create joyful, lasting memories.

My team and I are here to ensure that every aspect of your stay is seamless and meaningful. Should you wish to join any of the experiences detailed in the following pages, your personal butler will be delighted to assist with arrangements.

On behalf of everyone at Vakkaru, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas and a bright, prosperous start to the New Year.

Warm regards,
Teddy Susanto Wiryawan
General Manager, Vakkaru Maldives





17 December

Tree Lighting Ceremony

7 pm, Isoletta Beach

Join us as we begin the festive season with the traditional lighting of our Christmas tree. This year's centrepiece, created from natural textures and glowing ornaments, captures the joy of Christmas in the tropics. Gather with fellow guests for cocktails, canapés and live entertainment as the island shimmers into the holiday spirit.

Colours of the Maldives Art Master Class

12 pm, Coconut Club

Let the hues of the Maldives inspire your canvas. With step-by-step instruction, learn to paint the island's turquoise waters and shifting tones of blue, capturing the calm rhythm and radiant light of the ocean. Suitable for all ages and skill levels.



17 December

Festive Cupcake Creations

3 pm, Parrotfish Club

Little ones create edible art, adorning cupcakes with colourful frosting, sprinkles and holiday-inspired toppers – perfect to take back or enjoy on the spot.

Carol Kareoke

4 pm, Parrotfish Club

Children sing along to their favourite Christmas carols with guidance from our team, rehearsing festive tunes in preparation for their performance at the grand Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Mediterranean Night Dinner

7 pm, Amaany

Celebrate the flavours of the Mediterranean with a vibrant dinner at Amaany. Savour an array of coastal dishes inspired by sun-drenched shores, from fresh seafood and grilled meats to aromatic herbs and olive oil.





18 December

Ayurvedic Infusion

11 am, Coconut Club

Our resident Ayurvedic doctor shares the art of herbal teas and infusions, blending natural ingredients to restore balance and support well-being.

Kids Pizza Workshop

11 am, Isoletta

Join Mrs Claus for a fun-filled pizza workshop where children design and bake their own creations with playful toppings. A hands-on culinary adventure that brings festive cheer to the kitchen.

Teen Social Padel Camp

6 pm, Sportsfield

An energetic evening session designed for young players to connect, rally and have fun on the court. Guided by our sports team, teens can sharpen their skills, enjoy friendly matches and make new friends in a relaxed, social setting.

18 December

Festive Wine Affair

6 pm, Vakkaru Reserve

Embark on a sensory journey as our sommelier curates a special selection of wines paired with festive canapés. An evening of discovery in the intimate setting of the cellar.

Nikkei Surf and Turf

6.30 pm, Lagoon Bar

Experience the vibrant flavours of Nikkei cuisine, where Japanese artistry meets the bold tastes of South America in a menu that celebrates the harmony of land and sea. Fresh seafood, tender meats and lively flavours come together for a night beneath the stars.

South East Asian Lobster & Wagyu Buffet

7 pm, Isoletta Beach

combined with DJ night

Santa Village Disco

7.30 pm, Parrot Fish Club

Step into Santa's Village for an evening of music and magic. Children dance to festive tunes, play joyful games and join Santa's elves and friends for a night of laughter, lights and Christmas cheer.





19 December

Express Nail Service

11 am, Merana Spa

Treat yourself to a quick festive polish, with seasonal colours and shimmering designs to brighten your holiday look.

Rudolph Scavenger Hunt

5 pm, Parrotfish club

Join Rudolph on a festive island adventure in search of hidden surprises. Children follow clues, solve puzzles and race against time to help Rudolph find his missing treasures – a joyful afternoon of teamwork, laughter and Christmas magic.

Tennis Court Challenge

5 pm, Sportsfield

Join fellow guests for a friendly yet competitive evening on the court. Test your skills, rally for fun and enjoy the lively spirit of the game in a relaxed social setting. A perfect mix of sport, camaraderie and island energy.

19 December

Korean BBQ Night

6.30 pm, Onu

Feast on succulent grilled meats, vibrant accompaniments and bold Korean flavours, served in the lush garden setting of Onu.

Jaafai Dinner (Maldivian Set Menu)

7 pm, Amaany

Experience a traditional Maldivian Jaafai dinner, a royal-inspired feast served family-style by the beach. Savour authentic island flavours, shared dishes and warm Maldivian hospitality in a stunning setting beneath the stars.

Night Snorkelling Adventure

7.30 pm, Splash

Explore the reef after dark with our marine biologist. Encounter nocturnal creatures and the magic of the underwater world beneath the glow of moonlight.



20 December

Body Wisdom Workshop

11 am, Merana Spa

Discover your dosha in this introductory Ayurvedic workshop. Learn how your unique constitution shapes your body's daily balance, with practical tips to restore harmony.

Glacier Pool Party

4 pm, Parrotfish Club

A cool twist on tropical fun awaits at the Glacier Pool Party. Children splash, play and dance amid frosty decorations and icy blue bubbles, enjoying games and music in a joyful celebration of the season by the pool.

Seafood Beach Barbecue Dinner

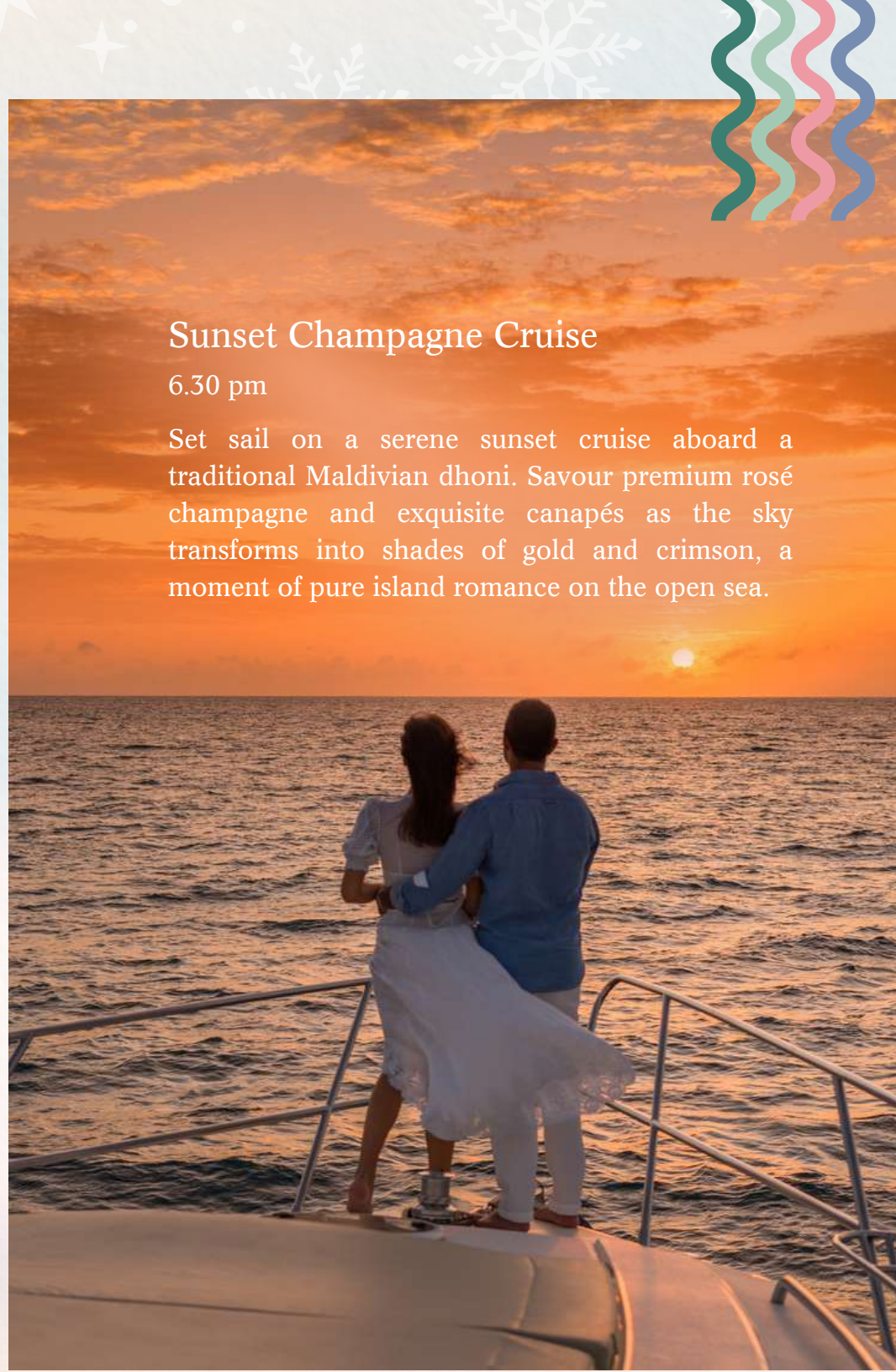
7 pm, Vakku Beach

Celebrate the season with freshly caught seafood grilled to perfection over open flames at our beachfront barbecue, accompanied by live music and the gentle rhythm of the waves – a festive evening of flavour and island charm beneath the stars.

Sunset Champagne Cruise

6.30 pm

Set sail on a serene sunset cruise aboard a traditional Maldivian dhoni. Savour premium rosé champagne and exquisite canapés as the sky transforms into shades of gold and crimson, a moment of pure island romance on the open sea.



21 December

Head Massage Workshop

11 am, Merana Spa

Learn the art of traditional head massage from our expert therapists, with guided techniques to relieve stress, release tension and improve circulation.

Junior Master Chef

12 pm, Amaany

Young chefs don their aprons for a festive cooking challenge filled with fun and flavour. Guided by our culinary team, they'll create holiday-inspired dishes and learn simple techniques along the way for a joyful kitchen adventure.

Candyland Treasure Hunt

4 pm, Parrotfish Club

An afternoon adventure as children follow clues around the island in search of hidden treasures. Excitement, teamwork and surprises await at every turn.

Sunset Yacht Cruise

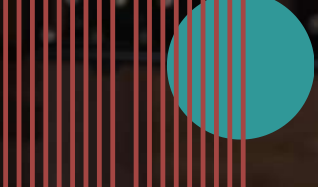
6 pm, Splash

Sail into the golden glow of a Maldivian sunset. With canapés and drinks served on deck, this is the perfect way to celebrate the season and create timeless memories.

Flavours of East, Wines of World

6.30 pm, Onu

Celebrate the season with an exquisite dining experience where the aromas of the East meet the elegance of fine wines from around the world. Savour a menu inspired by Asian flavours, perfectly paired with selected vintages in the serene garden setting of Onu – a festive evening of taste, warmth and discovery.



Sommelier Selection Experience

5.30 pm, Vakkaru Reserve

Join our sommelier for an exclusive tasting experience in Vakkaru Reserve, home to one of the Maldives' most distinguished wine cellars. Discover a handpicked collection of exceptional vintages and learn the stories behind each label in an evening celebrating fine wine, conversation and the joy of the season.



22 December

Arctic Animal Yoga

11 am, Parrotfish Club

Children enjoy a playful yoga session inspired by Arctic animals – from balancing like a penguin to stretching like a polar bear. A fun and mindful activity that encourages movement, focus and imagination.

Reiki Group Healing

11.00 am, Merana Spa

Join our Reiki master for a calming group session. Channel gentle energy to restore inner balance and promote emotional harmony.

Padel Tennis Tournament

5 pm, Padel Court

Join fellow guests for an afternoon of friendly competition on the court. Test your skills, rally with spirit and share in the excitement of the game as you compete in this lively island tournament. A joyful blend of sport, camaraderie and festive energy.

Chef's Table

6.30 pm, Vakkaru Reserve

Experience an unforgettable evening at the Chef's Table in Vakkaru Reserve, home to one of the Maldives' most prestigious wine cellars. Indulge in a bespoke multi-course menu crafted by the chef and paired with rare vintages in an intimate setting

Beats by the Pool

9 pm, Cabana

Let the rhythm of the island guide your night as our DJ spins soulful tracks under the Maldivian night sky. Enjoy tropical cocktails, good company and dancing beneath the stars.



23 December

Gingerbread House Workshop

3 pm, Parrotfish Club

A festive tradition brought to life as children decorate their own gingerbread houses with icing, sweets and colourful details, guided by our pastry team.

Lagoon Fun Games

4 pm, Splash Beach

Dive into an afternoon of excitement with a series of playful challenges and water games by the lagoon. Join fellow guests for splashes, laughter and friendly competition in the tropical sun.

A Lobster Affair

7 pm, Vakku Beach

Enjoy a magical evening by the sea as the sun sets over our timeless sanctuary. Savour a sumptuous five-course lobster dinner complemented by soft live music under the starry skies.





24 December

Letter to Santa

10 am, Parrotfish Club

Children are invited to write heartfelt letters to Santa, sharing their wishes and dreams for Christmas. With colourful paper, ribbons and plenty of imagination, each letter is sealed with festive cheer before being sent on its journey to the North Pole.

Grinch Run

5 pm, Coconut Club

Join the Grinch for a playful Christmas fun run filled with festive surprises. Children dash through exciting challenges and follow clues to help save Christmas, collecting treasures and laughter along the way.



24 December

Christmas Eve Cocktail Party

6.30 pm, Isoletta Beach

DJ Alisha sets the tone with a unique blend of live harp and violin layered over electronic beats. Sip cocktails, savour canapés and ease into the magic of Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Gala Dinner

7.30 pm, Vakku Beach

Celebrate Christmas by the ocean with a lavish buffet of festive classics, fresh seafood and global flavours. Thrilling live entertainment includes acoustic duos, harp and violin performances and a dazzling fire show – a magical night of joy, indulgence and festive spirit under the stars.

25 December

Santa Claus Arrival

11 am, Isoletta Beach

A Christmas Day tradition – Santa Claus arrives bearing gifts and good cheer for our youngest guests, as families gather on the sands for this magical start to the day.

Royal Festive Brunch Buffet

11 am – 3 pm, Amaany

Celebrate the season with a royal brunch at Amaany, where the best of Christmas breakfast and lunch come together in one lavish feast. Indulge in festive delicacies, hearty dishes and sweet treats, all served in a relaxed beachfront setting.

Bubble Magic at the Pool

3 pm, Parrotfish Club

An afternoon of splashes, bubbles and festive cheer awaits our youngest guests. With music, games and shimmering giant bubbles floating through the air, it's a lively Christmas celebration filled with laughter and fun by the pool.

Group Chakra Meditation

5.00 pm, Yoga Deck

Rebalance your energy and calm the mind with a guided chakra meditation session. Surrounded by the island's natural beauty, it's the perfect pause after the day's excitement.

Italian White Truffle Set Menu

6.30 pm, Isoletta

Indulge in a sumptuous four-course Italian experience, celebrating the rich, earthy aroma and delicate flavour of white truffles. Each dish is thoughtfully crafted to showcase the essence of Italian cuisine.

Nikkei Surf and Turf

6.30 pm, Lagoon Bar

Experience the vibrant flavours of Nikkei cuisine, where Japanese artistry meets the bold tastes of South America in a menu that celebrates the harmony of land and sea. Fresh seafood, tender meats and lively flavours come together for a night beneath the stars.



26 December

Pool Bazaar

12.30 pm, Isoletta

Dive into the lively spirit of our Pool Bazaar, where an array of live cooking stations and refreshing drinks create the perfect afternoon scene. Wander between chefs at work, savour the flavours that tempt you most and pay only for what you eat.

Rock Star Fun Parade and Picnic

5 pm, Parrotfish Club

Children dress up as rock stars and set off on a lively island parade filled with fun tasks and challenges. The adventure ends with a cheerful picnic shared with friends in a playful, festive atmosphere.

Korean BBQ Night

6.30 pm, Onu

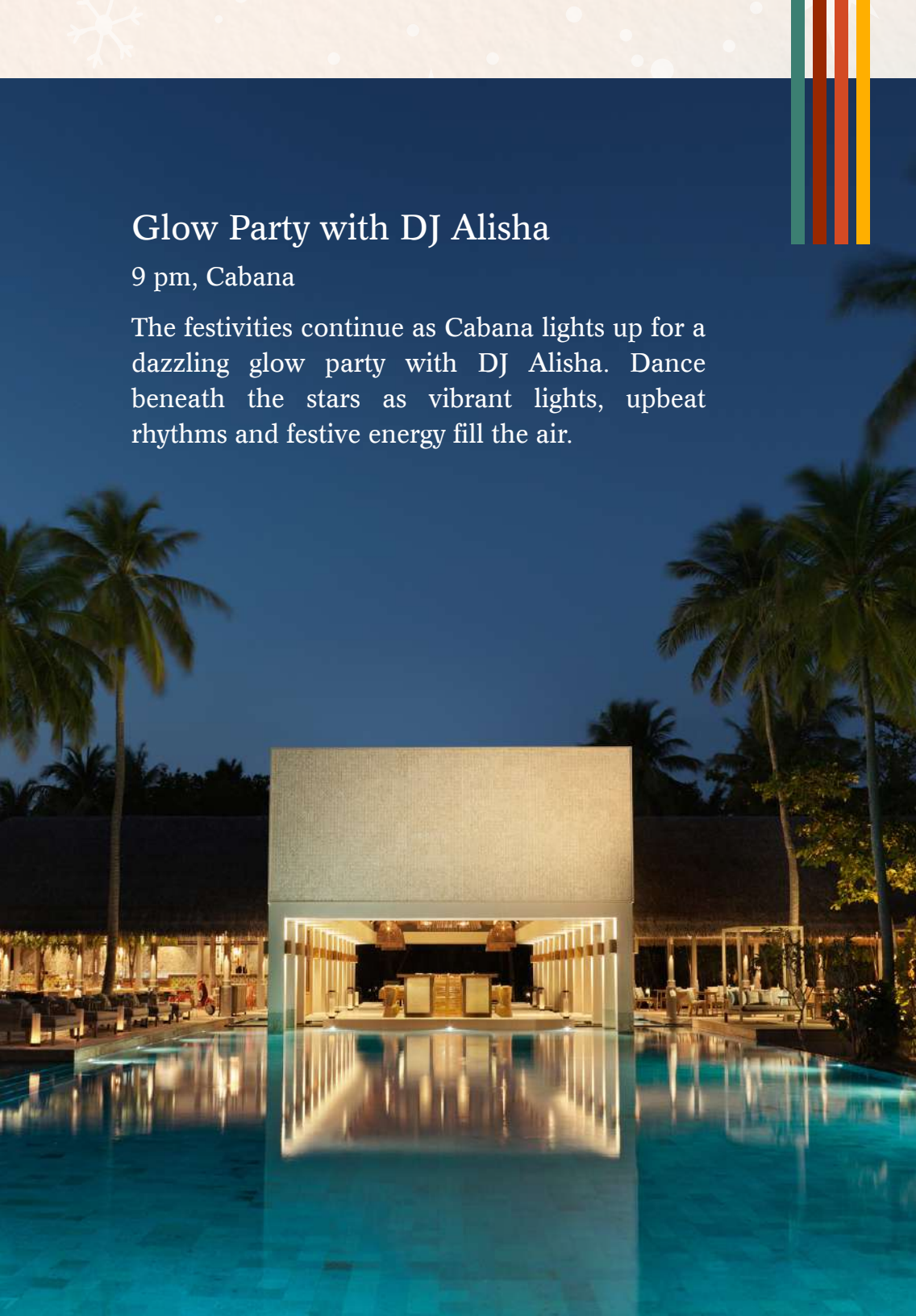
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Jaafai Dinner (Maldivian Set Menu)

7 pm, Amaany

Experience a traditional Maldivian Jaafai dinner, a royal-inspired feast served family-style by the beach. Savour authentic island flavours, shared dishes and warm Maldivian hospitality in a stunning setting beneath the stars.



A night photograph of a resort pool area. In the foreground, a large, rectangular pool reflects the lights from a modern building in the background. The building has a large, illuminated entrance area with a white canopy. Palm trees are visible on both sides of the pool, and the sky is dark blue. The overall atmosphere is serene and luxurious.

Glow Party with DJ Alisha

9 pm, Cabana

The festivities continue as Cabana lights up for a dazzling glow party with DJ Alisha. Dance beneath the stars as vibrant lights, upbeat rhythms and festive energy fill the air.

27 December

Oyster & Champagne Set Menu

12.30 pm, Onu

Celebrate the season with an indulgent experience that pairs freshly shucked oysters with fine champagne. Enjoy the delicate flavours of the ocean, complemented by the sparkle of bubbles in the serene garden setting of Onu.

Chocolate Mixology

3 pm, Parrotfish Club

A sweet adventure for young chocolate lovers. Children learn to blend, stir and decorate their own chocolate drinks and treats, discovering the art of mixology in the most delicious way. A fun, hands-on experience filled with creativity and festive cheer.

Seafood Beach Barbecue Dinner

7 pm, Vakku Beach

Savour the finest catch of the day grilled over open flames and served by the sea. Each dish celebrates the ocean's bounty, with the sea breeze and the sound of gentle waves setting the mood for a joyful evening beneath the stars.

28 December

ZUMBA Session

11 am, Yoga Pavilion

Move to the rhythm of the music in a fun Zumba session at the Yoga Pavilion that lifts the spirit and keeps the festive energy flowing.

Island Treasure Hunt

4 pm, Coconut Club

Set off on an exciting island adventure in search of hidden treasures. Children follow clues, solve puzzles and race through fun challenges, uncovering surprises along the way. A fun afternoon of teamwork and discovery.

Louis Jouet Dinner

6.30 pm, Vakkaru Reserve

Indulge in an elegant evening at Vakkaru Reserve with a luxurious five-course dinner perfectly paired with Louis Jouet champagnes. Each course is thoughtfully created to complement the sparkle and sophistication of the wines, offering a refined and memorable experience for champagne enthusiasts.





DJ Night

9 pm, Cabana

As the stars come out, the celebration continues at Cabana with an evening of vibrant beats and festive energy. Sip cocktails, dance by the pool and enjoy the rhythm of the island in a lively night to remember.

29 December

Colours of the Maldives

Art Master Class

12 pm, Coconut Club

Let the hues of the Maldives inspire your canvas. With step-by-step instruction, learn to paint the island's turquoise waters and shifting tones of blue, capturing the calm rhythm and radiant light of the ocean. Suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Ocean Battle

4 pm, Parrotfish Club

Young adventurers set sail on a pirate cruise armed with water guns, ready to face exciting challenges on the high seas. Join the crew, battle rival pirates and protect the hidden treasure in a fun-filled ocean escapade brimming with laughter and festive spirit.

A Lobster Affair

7 pm, Vakku Beach

Enjoy a magical evening by the sea as the sun sets over our timeless sanctuary. Savour a sumptuous five-course lobster dinner complemented by soft live music under the starry skies.

30 December

Fish Sculpture Studio

10 am, Parrotfish Club

Kids can create imaginative fish sculptures using recycled materials, turning everyday items into colourful, eco-friendly masterpieces in this hands-on

Wine and Chocolate Pairing

5.30 pm, Vakkaru Reserve

Discover the art of indulgence in an intimate tasting at Vakkaru Reserve. Guided by our expert sommelier, journey through a selection of fine wines paired with handcrafted artisanal chocolates, each created with passion and precision.

Robatayaki & Sake Set Menu

6.30 pm, Lagoon Bar

Enjoy an evening of Japanese Robatayaki dining at Lagoon Bar, featuring a curated set menu of delicately grilled dishes. Savour smoky flavours and the freshest ingredients in a refined dining experience by the serene lagoon, complemented by a selection of fine sake.

Coconut Oil Workshop

11.00 am, Merana Spa

Discover how coconut oil is traditionally made and used in Maldivian life, with insights into its benefits for wellness and beauty.





31 December

Cocktail Party

6.30 pm, Isoletta Beach

Begin the evening with a vibrant retro-themed cocktail party. Vinyl records, neon accents and live DJ sets with harp and violin accompaniment set the tone for a night of New Year's celebrations.

New Year's Eve Gala: Baby Boomer's Retro

7.30 pm, Vakku Beach

Step through our time-travel arch into the groovy 60s, vibrant 70s and electric 80s. Enjoy a grand buffet of international dishes, with live bands, aerial acrobatics and dazzling LED acts keep the energy soaring. As midnight approaches, raise a glass to 2026 beneath a sky filled with fireworks.



1 January

Kids Yoga

10 am, Parrotfish Club

A playful introduction to yoga where children learn simple postures and breathing techniques – a fun way to balance energy and calm young minds.

Royal Festive Brunch Buffet

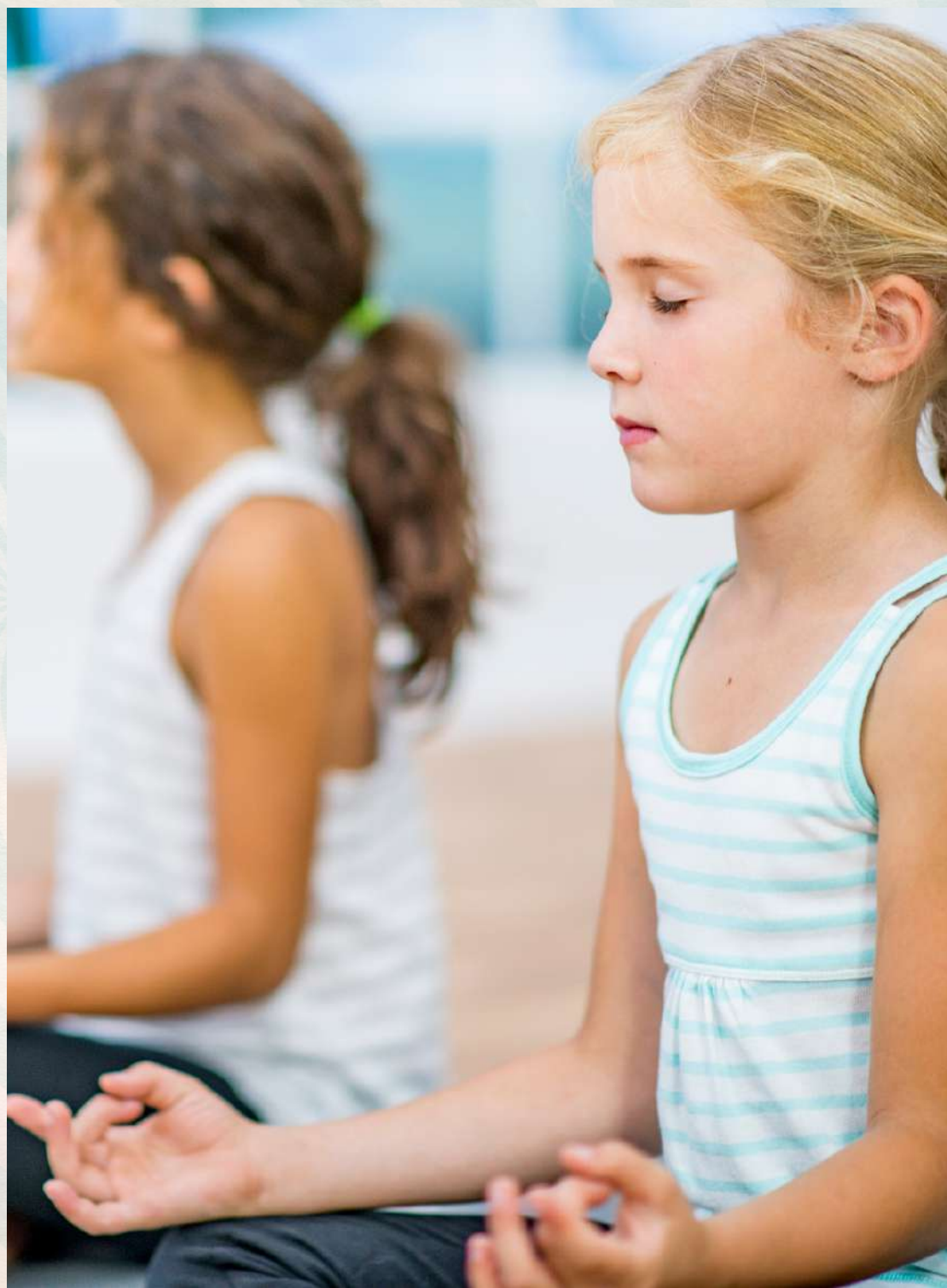
11 am – 3 pm, Amaany

Welcome the new year with a lavish brunch featuring a feast of global favourites, seafood on ice and live cooking stations. With music drifting through the air and views across the ocean, it is the perfect start to 2026.

New Year Wish Boats

4.00 pm, Coconut Club

Craft your own wish boats and release them into the water as a symbol of hope for the year ahead – a serene and symbolic tradition to carry your dreams forward.



Sunset Champagne Cruise

6.30 pm

Set sail on a serene sunset cruise aboard a traditional Maldivian dhoni. Savour premium rosé champagne and exquisite canapés as the sky transforms into shades of gold and crimson, a moment of pure island romance on the open sea.

1 January

Nikkei Surf and Turf

6.30 pm, Lagoon Bar

Experience the vibrant flavours of Nikkei cuisine, where Japanese artistry meets the bold tastes of South America in a menu that celebrates the harmony of land and sea. Fresh seafood, tender meats and lively flavours come together for a night beneath the stars.



2 January

My Story Book

1 pm, Parrotfish Club

Children create their own holiday storybooks using recycled paper and natural materials found on the island. A fun and imaginative activity that lets them bring festive tales to life in their very own handmade keepsake.

Pool Bazaar

12.30 pm, Isoletta

Dive into the lively spirit of our Pool Bazaar, where an array of live cooking stations and refreshing drinks create the perfect afternoon scene. Wander between chefs at work, savour the flavours that tempt you most and pay only for what you eat.

Korean BBQ Night

6.30 pm, Onu

Feast on succulent grilled meats, vibrant accompaniments and bold Korean flavours, served in the lush garden setting of Onu.

Oyster & Lobster Royale Set Menu

7 pm, Amaany

Indulge in a royal feast of ocean treasures with a set menu featuring freshly shucked oysters and exquisite lobster creations. Each dish is crafted to highlight the natural flavours of the sea, offering an elegant and festive dining experience in the relaxed beauty of Amaany.

3 January

Dolphin Cruise

10.30 am, Splash

Sail into the morning sunshine in search of dolphins. Watching these playful creatures leap and glide through the turquoise water is an unforgettable Maldivian experience.

Ayurvedic Workshop

11 am, Merana Spa

Discover your body's natural constitution and learn simple Ayurvedic practices to support balance and promote better well-being in daily life.

Stone Grill Dinner

7 pm, Lagoon Bar

Grill your own selection of premium meats and seafood on sizzling stones – a fun, interactive dining experience to share with family and friends.

Saturday Night Fever Kids Disco

7.30 pm, Parrotfish Club

Little ones take centre stage at the Saturday Night Fever Kids Disco. With fun music, dancing and games, it's an evening of laughter, lights and festive excitement as children groove to their favourite tunes and celebrate the spirit of the season.

Glow Party with DJ Alisha

9 pm, Cabana

The festivities continue as Cabana lights up for a dazzling glow party with DJ Alisha. Dance beneath the stars as vibrant lights, upbeat rhythms and festive energy fill the air.



4 January

Oyster & Champagne Set Menu

12.30 pm, Onu

Indulge in an elegant four-course lunch pairing freshly shucked oysters with fine champagne. Each course is thoughtfully crafted to highlight ocean-fresh flavours and the delicate harmony of bubbles for a refined dining experience by the sea.

Coconut Ice Bowling

1 pm, Parrotfish Club

A tropical twist on a classic game. Children roll painted coconuts down sandy lanes, aiming for shimmering “ice” pins in a playful beachside challenge. Sun, sand and giggles guaranteed.

Swim with Turtles

2 pm, Splash

Join our marine team for a guided snorkelling trip, where you may encounter graceful sea turtles in their natural habitat – an unforgettable experience for all ages.

Wine Tasting

6.30 pm, Vakku Beach

Join our sommelier for an evening of discovery and conversation by the beach. Discover a handpicked selection of fine wines, each telling its own story through aroma and flavour.

Mediterranean Night Dinner

7 pm, Amaany

Celebrate the flavours of the Mediterranean with a vibrant dinner at Amaany. Savour an array of coastal dishes inspired by sun-drenched shores, from fresh seafood and grilled meats to aromatic herbs and olive oil.

5 January

Matryoshka Painting

11 am, Parrotfish Club

Children decorate their own colourful Matryoshka dolls, exploring patterns and designs while creating unique hand-painted keepsakes to take home.

Wine and Chocolate Pairing

5.30 pm, Vakkaru Reserve

Discover the art of indulgence in an intimate tasting at Vakkaru Reserve. Guided by our expert sommelier, journey through a selection of fine wines paired with handcrafted artisanal chocolates, each created with passion and precision.

Karaoke Night

9 pm, Cabana

Take the stage and sing your favourite tunes under the stars at Cabana. Whether performing solo or with the family, enjoy a light-hearted evening of music, laughter and festive cheer in a lively island setting.

A Lobster Affair

7 pm, Vakku Beach

Enjoy a magical evening by the sea as the sun sets over our timeless sanctuary. Savour a sumptuous five-course lobster dinner complemented by soft live music under the starry skies.



6 January

Orthodox Christmas

Snow Prince and Princess Parade

5 pm, Parrotfish Club

Children are invited to dress up and receive magical makeovers as Snow Princes and Princesses before joining a festive parade around the island. Along the way, discover frosty fruits, sweet surprises and a touch of fairytale wonder in tropical paradise.

Orthodox Cocktail Party

6.30 pm, Isoletta Beach

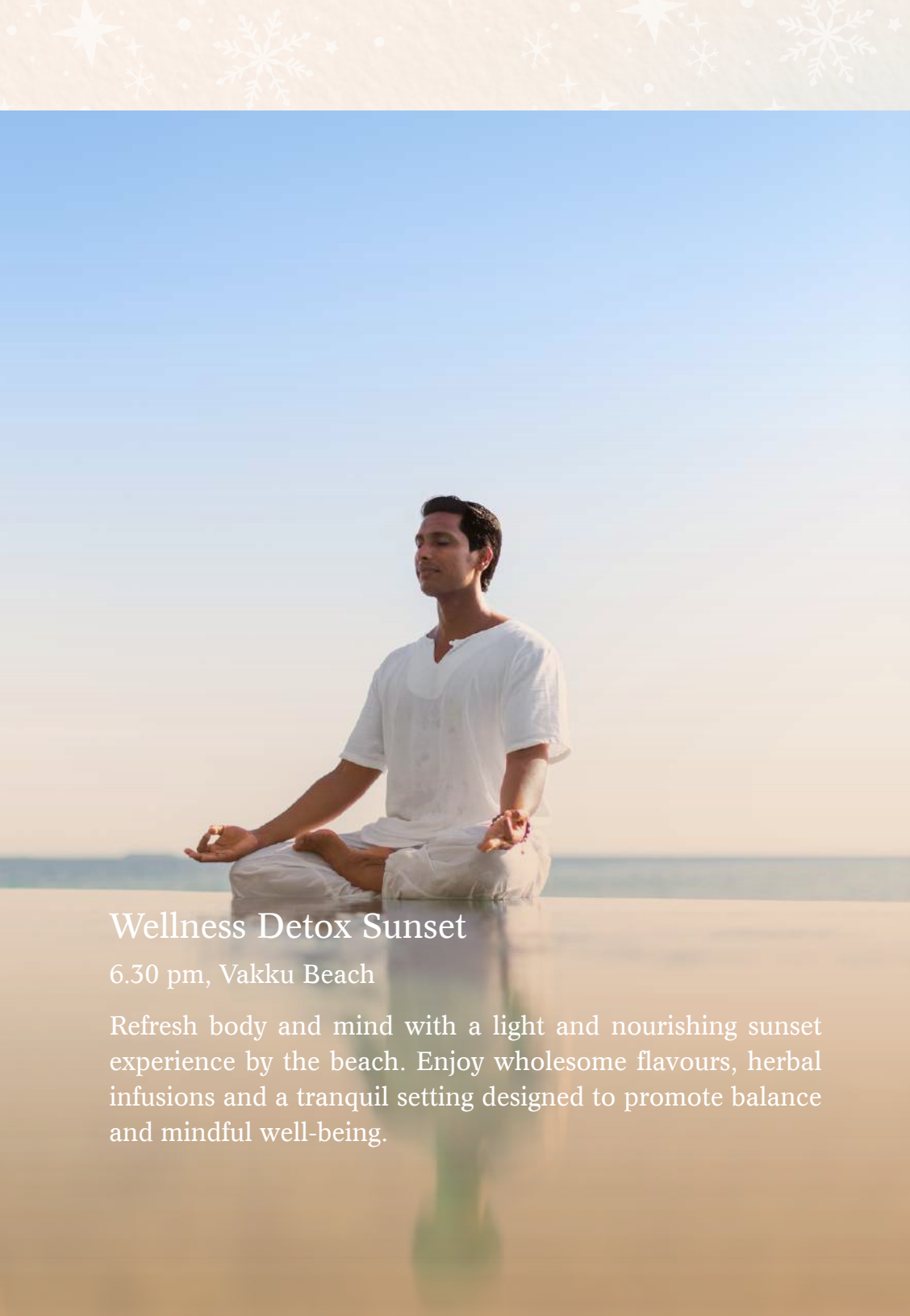
A refined pre-dinner celebration with DJ Alisha, accompanied by live harp and violin. Raise a toast to the season with crafted cocktails as the sun sets over the lagoon.

Orthodox Gala Dinner

7.30 pm, Vakku Beach

Celebrate Orthodox Christmas with a festive beachfront buffet. Enjoy seasonal dishes, live music, fire performances and the warmth of togetherness.





1 January

Morning Wellness

11.00 am, Merana Spa

Begin the day with a yoga or meditation session that restores harmony and balance, leaving you refreshed and centred.

Ded Moroz Arrival

5 pm, Isoleta Beach

Ded Moroz (Grandfather Frost) arrives bearing festive cheer and gifts for our young guests. Children are invited to meet him, take photos and share in the joy of this enchanting holiday tradition filled with laughter and surprises.

Nikkei Surf and Turf

6.30 pm, Lagoon Bar

Experience the vibrant flavours of Nikkei cuisine, where Japanese artistry meets the bold tastes of South America in a menu that celebrates the harmony of land and sea. Fresh seafood, tender meats and lively flavours come together for a night beneath the stars.

Wellness Detox Sunset

6.30 pm, Vakku Beach

Refresh body and mind with a light and nourishing sunset experience by the beach. Enjoy wholesome flavours, herbal infusions and a tranquil setting designed to promote balance and mindful well-being.

8 January

Rum, Ribs and Reggae Night

7 pm, Amaany

Savour the bold flavours of rum-glazed ribs at a lively buffet on the sands. Enjoy tender, spiced meats paired with vibrant sides and refreshing rum-based drinks, all set to the rhythm of live reggae music. A fun evening to share with your loved ones by the sea.



