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Cleveland Collection has one of the best feel-good portfolios in the world. Check out one of its hot new properties for 2016...



Clockwise from top: The Javvu Spa at Amilla Fushi; Al fresco treatments in the treetops; A secluded Wellness Tree House; Sleek Ocean Reef Houses; Chilled out vibes at Baazaar; The main pool and lagoon

Amilla Fushi, in the UNESCO Biosphere of Baa Atoll, breathes peace and tranquillity. This part of the world is quite simply good for the soul, with its pristine white sand, crystal-clear water and laid-back vibe. Time here is irrelevant, days float into nights and stress evaporates into the starry sky. The resort's setting plays a huge part in its throw-away-your-passport effect, but it is Amilla Fushi's modern twist on the Maldivian idyll that makes it stand out from the atoll crowd. Contemporary cuboid homes stand in stark contrast to the usual wood and thatched island abodes, but unusual as they may sound, they 100 per cent work. Amilla's island homes include sleek one- and two-bedroom houses on the beach, or overwater on the lagoon or house reef; as well as magnificent Beach

What devotees love about luxury tour operator Cleveland Collection is the all out attitude to pure escapism. It understands that good health doesn't necessarily have to be just about deprivation, calorie-busting bootcamps and days of detoxing, leaning instead towards the pampering side of wellbeing. There are a host of idyllic hideaways on its books that simply deal in relaxation and rejuvenation, both equally as vital to the body's healing process. Cleveland Collection is one of the UK's most bespoke tour operators, with an expert team that travels the world, researching and unearthing the best of the

best. They only ever give recommendations based on first-hand experience (and approval). From private-island pamperfests to unique overland journeys, from outdoor adventures to small-ship cruising, Cleveland's handpicked portfolio has something for everyone. Constantly on the lookout for new retreats and itineraries, this get-away-from-it-all company is a go-to for authentic bespoke travel. One of its latest additions is the ultra-luxe Maldivian fantasy island of Amilla Fushi, and if this is the face of spa 2016, there's no looking back.





Residences ranging from four to eight bedrooms. All are vast, modern and minimalist and come complete with private pools, super-king beds and amazing technology. New to the accommodation books are Amilla's fabulous one-bedroom Wellness Tree Houses. A must for spa-loving couples, they hover 12 metres up in the tree canopy and feature their own treatment room. Inside and out, Amilla Fushi has nailed a new type of island living. So many elements of this recently opened resort are standout – everyone loves the huge palm-fringed pool with its scattering of beanbags and cocktails on tap – while highly acclaimed chef Luke Mangan heads up all food and delivers it to perfection in both the social hub Baazaar with its souk of culinary offerings and at the must-book Lonu by Luke Mangan, where seafood melts in the mouth and lazy dinners stretch long into the moonlight. But the limelight grabber has to be the holistic Javvu Spa and its secret garden setting. There are 10 private double treatment pods; a yoga pavilion shaded by an ancient banyan tree; spa specialists who have all passed Javvu's extensive training school and a treatment menu based on three pillars of wellness: movement, spirituality and spa.

What's really different about this spa is the 'open door' vibe. It's not hush hush, there's a vibrant communal area for people to come and relax. This is a different spa concept, one that is sociable as



well as private, one where you can flop with a book, listen to jazz and then decide to join in a yoga class, have a steam or head for a stress-busting treatment. Products and treatments have been handpicked from across the globe and represent the crème de la crème of spa and wellness. Facials are by QMS, body treatments by ila, hair by Louise Galvin, nails by Margaret Dabbs, and all massages have been exclusively designed by London-based Pure Massage. In addition there is a dreamy wellness menu, yoga, meditation, Pilates and pranayama breath-work. Just make sure you can tear yourself away to plunge into the psychedelic waters surrounding Amilla to spot turtles and shoals of fish dancing around the house reef. From reef to restaurant, sand to spa, bedroom to bar, Amilla spells utter bliss!

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Reader offer

Cleveland Collection (clevelandcollection.co.uk; 020 3111 0805) offers 7 nights at Amilla Fushi from £3,295 per person sharing, including economy flights; shared transfers; 7 nights accommodation in a Lagoon House Sunset View; one complimentary spa treatment per person per stay; complimentary daily group yoga sessions, daily fitness sessions with a Bodyism personal trainer and daily lunch from the Wellness Menu in Baazaar for two guests; and complimentary half board at Baazaar restaurants. Valid for stays from 11/04/2016 – 04/07/2016 and 01/09/2016 – 30/09/2016. Book before 15th April 2016, and 45 days in advance of arrival for complimentary half board.



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