

THE GREAT ESCAPE

With its new private Residences for families or friends, Amilla Fushi, in the Maldives, offers the ultimate in exclusivity, luxury and service

No man is an island; but most men—and women—sure do like one to holiday on. If a remote, pristine and highly luxurious palm-fringed circle of white sand is your divine vacation vision, Amilla Fushi fits the brief.

Located in the Unesco Biosphere Reserve of Baa Atoll in the Maldives and a mere 30-minute seaplane ride from Malé International Airport, Amilla Fushi offers the ultimate escape. Choose an Ocean Reef House over the water and begin each morning on your terrace watching a parade of leaping rainbow-coloured fish; or better still, if you're travelling with family or friends, there are spectacular new four-, six- and eight-bedroom Beach Residences, affording a unique degree of privacy and comfort, with state-of-the-art sound systems and each with its own pool. Need an extra hand? Each island home away from home comes with a dedicated *katheeb*—or butler, Amilla-style—to tend to your every need. Or if you're looking for a truly tran-

quil escape, pick a Wellness Tree House—a secluded spa haven 12m above the ground, amidst swaying palms.

Holidays are all about restoration and rejuvenation, and Amilla Fushi takes this seriously: a treatment at its Javvu Spa will accelerate the holiday-induced glow. It has 10 treatment pods, a yoga and fitness pavilion and a tea lounge, and features rituals and products by six premium beauty and wellness brands to help polish you to perfection.

Nourishment of another kind comes courtesy of the resort's five restaurants, all overseen by internationally renowned chef-restaurateur Luke Mangan. Lonu, his signature restaurant, offers over-water dining whose culinary sophistication belies the vibe, which is relaxed and friendly, yet discreet. Take advantage of the resort's complimentary childcare; then, pre-dinner, indulge in a cocktail on the rooftop terrace. Baazaar, Amilla's poolside social hub, features diverse culinary delights from Asian cuisine and grilled seafood to Joe's Pizza and the Maldives' first proper chippy! Pick up fresh produce and artisanal treats at The Emperor General Store; or, if you love wine, the Wine Shop & Cellar Door hosts curated tastings from Amilla's vast bodega, accompanied by cheeses and charcuterie.

As your cares are washed away by the clear Indian Ocean, the idea of being an island—or at least spending time on one—will start to feel deliciously natural.

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Clockwise from top: one of Amilla Fushi's Residences with its private pool; a sitting room at a Residence; the main pool and lagoon; a view of a Residence pool



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(www.clevelandcollection.co.uk; 020 7843 3527) offers 7 nights at Amilla Fushi from £4,549 per person, including economy flights; shared transfers; 7 nights' accommodation for two sharing an Ocean Reef House; one complimentary spa treatment per person; complimentary daily group Yoga sessions and daily fitness sessions with a Bodyism personal trainer per person; daily lunch from the Wellness Menu in Baazaar; and complimentary half board at Baazaar restaurants. Valid for stays until 4 July 2016. Must be booked at least 45 days in advance and by no later than 15 April 2016.