

# Maldivian paradise

The Maldives has long been synonymous with ultimate luxury and exclusivity, earning its reputation as the top destination for travellers worldwide – *Upward Curve* uncovers six of the most prestigious resorts

**B**est visited between November and April for perfect weather and calm seas, the Maldivian archipelago presents unparalleled privacy and world-class service. From breathtaking natural beauty to curated experiences; spacious seclusion, innovative design, cultural integration, or eco-conscious luxury, these resorts set the standard for high end travel in the Maldives.

## FOUR SEASONS RESORT MALDIVES AT GIRAARU

Four Seasons stands out among luxury island retreats due to its unique location within the Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

This offers guests access to some of the Maldives most vibrant coral reefs and diverse marine life, making it a premier destination for snorkelling and diving. The resort emphasises cultural connection, providing opportunities for guests to engage with the local island community through curated experiences and educational programmes. Architecturally, the villas and communal spaces blend modern luxury with traditional Maldivian design, creating an authentic and elegant atmosphere. Wellness is another focus, with an Ayurvedic spa offering traditional healing treatments alongside more conventional therapies, distinguishing it from resorts

with primarily Western style spas. Beach villas start at approximately 1,500 US dollars per night, with overwater villas beginning around 2,500 US dollars. [www.fourseasons.com/maldiveslg](http://www.fourseasons.com/maldiveslg)

## ONE AND ONLY REETHI RAH

Renowned among discerning travellers for offering an exclusive island experience that combines luxury, privacy, and convenience. Situated in the North Malé Atoll, the resort is reachable by speedboat transfer from Malé International Airport, avoiding the need for a domestic flight. Its unusually large island provides long beaches and ample space between villas, allowing guests

a greater sense of privacy and an unusual sense of scale for the Maldives. The spacious villas feature generous indoor and outdoor areas, many with private pools and direct access to the beach or lagoon. The resort offers a calm atmosphere, personalised service, and dedicated family areas, giving the island broad appeal without compromise.

Below: Four Seasons Maldives Landaa Giraavaru  
Above right: Aerial view of a seaplane approaching island in the Maldives  
Right: St Regis Vommuli  
Below right: Snorkelling with stingray



Guests can enjoy several dining venues, a full-service spa, tennis courts, fitness facilities, and curated excursions. Villas start at around 2,000 US dollars per night, with suites and larger villas exceeding 5,000 US dollars. [oneandonlyresorts.com/reethi-rah](http://oneandonlyresorts.com/reethi-rah)

## ST REGIS MALDIVES VOMMULI

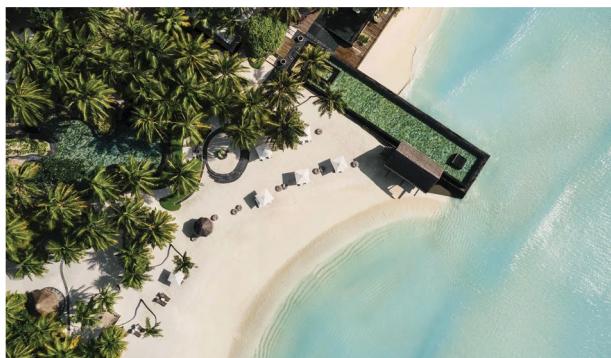
St Regis Vommuli is known for its striking contemporary design and uncompromising luxury on a private island in the Dhaalu Atoll. The resort's architecture combines bold modern lines with natural materials, creating a visually stunning environment that feels both cutting edge and deeply connected to its tropical surroundings. Villas are exceptionally spacious, many featuring private pools, overwater decks, and direct lagoon access, catering to guests who prioritise privacy and exclusivity.

What truly sets Vommuli apart is its emphasis on bespoke experiences, from personalised butler service to tailored dining and wellness programmes.



The Iridium Spa offers holistic treatments incorporating both traditional and modern therapies, enhancing relaxation amid serene surroundings. Its location within a less frequented atoll offers seclusion and pristine marine environments ideal for snorkelling and diving enthusiasts. Water villas start at around 3,000 US dollars per night, with larger private residences reaching up to 10,000 US dollars. [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

**SIX SENSES LAAMU**  
Laamu distinguishes itself with a strong commitment to sustainability and eco conscious luxury, nestled in the remote Laamu Atoll. This resort blends environmentally responsible design with barefoot elegance, offering guests a relaxed yet refined experience surrounded by untouched natural beauty. Villas are spacious and built using sustainable materials, many featuring private pools and direct beach or lagoon access, emphasising harmony with the environment. Six Senses ►



Laamu is renowned for immersive wellness programmes including holistic spa treatments, yoga, and meditation, designed to promote balance and rejuvenation. Its remote location means fewer crowds and exceptional marine biodiversity, making it a top choice for snorkelling, diving, and nature enthusiasts. Beach and water villas typically range from 1,000 to 2,000 US dollars per night, with larger family or beachfront villas commanding higher rates. [sixsenses.com](http://sixsenses.com)

### JOALI MALDIVES

Joali is celebrated for its distinctive blend of art, culture, and luxury on the island of Muravandhoo in the Raa Atoll. The resort integrates creativity into every aspect of the guest experience, from artist-designed



villas to curated art installations throughout the property. Spacious villas, many with private pools and direct access to the beach or lagoon, offer a sanctuary of elegance and privacy. Joali's commitment to wellness shines through holistic spa treatments combining modern techniques with traditional healing practices. Guests can enjoy diverse dining options featuring innovative cuisine made from fresh local ingredients. Its location in

luxury with a lively social scene and cultural programming. The resort emphasises immersive experiences such as marine conservation initiatives and local cultural events, offering guests meaningful ways to connect with the Maldivian environment and heritage. Its design is inspired by the surrounding islands, combining modern architecture with traditional craftsmanship to create a sophisticated yet welcoming ambiance. The resort features expansive overwater villas with innovative layouts, including floating pools and direct lagoon access. A standout feature is its focus on sustainability through initiatives protecting marine life and promoting eco-friendly practices. Dining options include diverse venues with interactive kitchens and locally sourced ingredients, ensuring guests enjoy luxury with authenticity. Overwater villas start at about 2,000 US dollars per night, with exclusive residences exceeding 5,000 US dollars. [joali.com](http://joali.com)

### THE RITZ CARLTON MALDIVES FARI ISLANDS

The Fari Islands are notable for their vibrant, community focused atmosphere, blending

**Top left:** A private bath at Joali Maldives **Top right and above:** Relaxing at dinner and an infinity pool at One&Only **Above centre:** Villas at Six Senses Laamu