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Fares Maldives

Tales of Maldives

Season of joy,
traditions & celebration

20 December 2025 – 7 January 2026





Welcome to Our Island Storybook

This festive season we invite you to immerse yourself in Tales of the Maldives, a vibrant celebration of Maldivian heritage that blends the joy of the holidays with the magic of island life.

This year, our festive programme is a tribute to the stories, traditions, and spirit of the Maldives, brought to life through culinary journeys, music, crafts, wellness rituals and reef-inspired adventures.

Each Maldivian Island holds a story, and you are invited to explore them all.

We're thrilled to have you with us and can't wait for you to explore each chapter.

JUDD RABBIDGE
General Manager

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Flavours of Maldives

Savour meaningful moments together as you discover the rich tastes of Maldivian cuisine and the vibrancy of local cultural traditions.

Maldivian High Tea

Beloved local treats like masroshi, gulha and bajiya, paired with spiced black tea served the traditional way. Sweeten the moment with bondibaiy (coconut delights), and fresh tropical fruits.

4:00 pm | Hammock**

Fares Baa'zaar

Taste, shop, and dance your way through a colourful island souk filled with street food, local crafts, live Bodu Beru beats, and vibrant Maldivian spirit.

6:30 pm | Baa'zaar Perch (near AvaniFit beach)

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Sandbank Family Castaway

A perfect family getaway on a white sand island surrounded by turquoise waters. Enjoy a picnic lunch, lively music, and endless beach fun.

11:30 am - 4:00 pm**

Bodu Mas Night

("Big Fish Night" in Dhivehi)

Inspired by Maldivian folklore of the giant fish Bodu Mas and Maali spirits, this tradition celebrates the island's heritage.

Celebrate Maldivian flavours with a beachside four-course seafood BBQ, as chefs prepare the catch of the day over coconut husks, island-style.

6:30 pm | Charcoal Beach**

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Tales of Christmas

20 December 2025

Tree Lighting

Gather on the beach as we light our tropical Christmas tree — a symbol of island joy and togetherness. Festive cocktails, carols, and Santarinas set the scene for a magical evening.

5:30 pm - Cocktail Party | Skipjack Beach

6:00 pm - Christmas Tree Lighting | Skipjack Beach

24 December 2025

Christmas Eve Celebration

A story to remember! Celebrate with Christmas cocktails, a grand gala dinner, live music, and island-style holiday fun by the beach.

6:00 pm Christmas Cocktail Party | Ocean Terrace

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Christmas Gala Dinner | Ocean Terrace



Fun for all Ages

Enjoy a wonderful blend of local culture and island fun designed for the whole family!

Foam Party

A bubbly blast for our little islanders! Splash zone turns into a foamy wonderland filled with music, games, and giggles.

AvaniKids

Dhoni Builders Workshop

Discover the art of building traditional Maldivian dhonis, learn basic carpentry, and you craft your own small wooden dhoni model to take home.

Teens Club**

Kuda Got Talent

Young stars take the stage to sing, dance, and show off their skills. Let's cheer them on!

Smugglers Shack

Crafts & Culture Corner

Gather the family to discover Maldivian culture with a local artisan. Learn Dhivehi, traditional weaving, lacquer work, and hear island tales passed down through generations.

Nook near Arrival Jetty

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25 December 2025

Christmas Day

Christmas Brunch

Celebrate the joy of Christmas Day with a cheerful island-style brunch, featuring holiday favourites and tropical treats.

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Ocean Terrace**

Here Comes Santa

Get ready for the grand arrival of Santa Claus! Enjoy festive games, activities, and holiday fun for the whole family.

4:00 pm | Skipjack

Floating Movie Night

Holiday classics under the stars, enjoyed from a floating bed in the pool. Snuggle up with popcorn and festive refreshments for a cozy island Christmas.

8:30 pm | Skipjack Pool

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Tales of Ocean

Follow the call of the ocean. Explore the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with the Maldives' Best Diving Resort, proudly crowned at TTM 2024.

Manta Snorkeling**

Discover graceful manta rays up close during our snorkeling or diving excursions in Baa Atoll, a jewel of the protected UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Traditional Sunset Fishing**

Step aboard in traditional dress and try your hand at authentic Maldivian fishing techniques. Enjoy bodu beru beats on the sundeck, join a friendly fishing contest, and take home local gifts.

Sunset Cruise + Bubble

Hop aboard for breathtaking views over Fares Reef as you toast the sunset with a glass of bubbles.

*Exclusively for Overwater & Beach Villa guests
Complimentary Activity*

Last Dive of the Year**

End the year with an epic underwater adventure. Explore vibrant reefs and toast to the last dive of 2025 beneath the waves.

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29 December 2025

Tales of Smugglers

Discover Fares Island's smuggler's hideaway – now Smugglers Shack, a tiki bar with the Maldives' largest rum collection and a family beach spot.

Smugglers Cruise for Kids & Teens

Ahoy, young adventurers! Set sail on a fun-filled pirate cruise across the lagoon.

3:00 pm | AvaniKids

Captain's Cocktails

Join Judd, our General Manager and leadership team for signature cocktails and laid-back island vibes as the sun sets over Fares.

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Smugglers Shack

Kids Moonbeam Movie Night

While parents unwind, kids and teens can enjoy a Jack Sparrow movie night under the stars with popcorn and pirate inspired mocktail in hand.

6:00 pm | Jungle Perch

RRR Night Rum, Ribs & Reggae

Enjoy smoky ribs and rum cocktails as a live band fills the air with reggae vibes. A special dinner to remember!

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Smugglers Shack**

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31 December 2025

Tales of New Year

Join us for a memorable New Year's Gala that brings the spirit of Maldives' island stories to life.

Savor a blend of global and local flavours, enjoy live music and entertainment that carry you through the night – all leading up to a spectacular fireworks show by the sea.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Mini Dinner | Petit Bistro at AvaniKids

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Cocktail Party | Ocean Terrace

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm New Year Gala Dinner & Live Entertainment

12:00 am - Fireworks

Party till late with all-time favourite hits & DJ



Haalu with AvaniSpa

Experience the healing traditions of the Maldives with our carefully crafted spa treatments and rituals, designed to refresh your body and renew your spirit.

Faru Fushi Sound Journey

("Reef Island" In Dhivehi)

Experience the soothing power of sound healing using natural seashells, connecting you to the calming rhythms of the ocean.

45 mins | Complimentary

Dhonveli Massage

Rooted in ancient Maldivian healing, this technique uses heated sand bundles to soothe muscular pain and tension. Warm sand poultices are applied in rhythmic strokes that deeply relax your muscles and relieve stress.

75 mins | USD 160

Traditional Coconut Therapy

For centuries, coconuts have been vital to Maldivian life for food, skincare, and healing. This therapy honors that tradition with a warm coconut oil massage, refreshing scrub, and nourishing hair and scalp mask using pure virgin coconut oil.

90 mins | USD 210

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6 January 2026

Tales of Orthodox Christmas

This Orthodox Christmas, experience the warmth of Maldivian hospitality with a festive evening of drinks, island-inspired cuisine, and lively entertainment on the beach.

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Cocktail Party | Tribe

7:00 pm - Orthodox Christmas Dinner | Charcoal Beach**

9:00 pm till late - DJ Party | Tribe

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Daily Tales for All

Saturday 20 December 2025

7:30 am - Maldivian Sunrise Flow | AvaniFit Beach
10:00 am - Kurumba Hunts | AvaniKids
5:30 pm - Xmas Tree Lighting | Skipjack
6:30 pm - Fares Baa'zaar | Near AvaniFit beach

Sunday 21 December 2025

7:00 am - 3K Wild Run | AvaniFit
11:00 am - Aailee Family Kite Fiesta | Smugglers beach
5:00 pm - Foshi Hama Meditation | Wellness Studio
5:30 pm - Sunset Cruise + Bubbles | Dive Centre
6:30 pm - Beach BBQ 'Bodu Mas' night | Charcoal Beach**

Monday 22 December 2025

10:00 am - Turtle Snorkel | Dive Centre**
11:00 am - Gingerbread House | AvaniKids
1:30 pm - Pool Party | Skipjack**
6:00 pm - Kids Moonbeam Movie Night | AvaniKids
6:30 pm - Wine and Dine | Charcoal**

Tuesday 23 December 2025

8:45 am - Manta Snorkel Trip | Dive Centre**
11:00 am - Christmas Tree Decoration | AvaniKids
4:00 pm - Dhoani Workshop | Teens Club**
5:00 pm - Faru Fushi Sound Journey | Wellness Studio
6:30 pm - Butcher's Night | Charcoal Beach**

Wednesday 24 December 2025

7:00 am - Aqua Blast | Skipjack Pool
10:00 am - Turtle Snorkel | Dive Centre**
11:00 am - Henna Faiy | Teens Club
3:00 pm - Christmas Cookie Decoration | AvaniKids

Thursday 25 December 2025

7:30 am - Bodu Hingaa Vinyasa | Wellness Studio
12:00 to 3:00 pm - Christmas Brunch | Ocean Terrace**
11:00 am - Family Treasure Hunt | AvaniFit Beach
5:30 pm - Sunset Cruise + Bubbles | Dive Centre
8:00 pm - Family Movie Night | Skipjack Pool

Friday 26 December 2025

10:00 am - Little Divehi Explorer | Island Cultural Nook
11:30 am - Family Castaway Lunch | Sandbank**
4:00 pm - Bashi Traditional Sport | Teens Club
5:00 pm - Sunset Fishing Competition | Dive Centre**
6:30 to 10:30 pm - Maldivian Cultural Night | Ocean Terrace

Saturday 27 December 2025

7:00 am - Strength Showdown | AvaniFit
11:00 am - Kudha Got Talent | Smugglers Shack
4:00 pm - Sand Castle Competition | Skipjack Beach
6:30 pm - The Tuscan Table | Skipjack**

Sunday 28 December 2025

9:00 am - iAqua Seadart | Water Sports Centre**
10:00 am - Traditional Garland Craft | AvaniKids
11:00 am - Family Beach Olympics | Smugglers Shack
4:00 pm - Tennis Tournament | Tennis Court
5:00 pm - Foshi Hama Meditation | Wellness Studio

Monday 29 December 2025

7:30 am - Vaahaka of the Sea | AvaniFit Beach
8:45 am - Manta Snorkel Trip | Dive Centre**
11:00 am - Coconut palm weaving | Island Cultural Nook
3:00 pm - Smugglers Cruise | AvaniKids
6:00 pm - Kids Moonbeam Movie Night | Jungle Perch

Tuesday 30 December 2025

11:00 am - Island Survival for Teens | AvaniFit
3:00 pm - Little Flippers Pancake | AvaniKids
4:00 pm - Family Fun Run | AvaniFit
5:00 pm - Sunset Fishing Competition | Dive Centre**
6:30 pm - Butcher's Night | Charcoal Beach**

Wednesday 31 December 2025

7:00 am - Core Crusher | AvaniFit
11:00 am - Party Mask & Accessories Craft | AvaniKids
3:00 pm - Family Kite Fiesta | Smugglers Shack
4:30 pm - Last Dive of 2025 | Dive Centre**

Thursday 1 January 2026

10:00 am - New Year Dream Catcher | AvaniKids
12:00 to 3:00 pm - New Year Brunch | Ocean Terrace**
2:30 pm - First Dive of 2026 | Dive Centre**
3:00 pm - Badminton Tournament | Badminton Court
5:30 pm - Sunset Cruise + Bubbles | Dive Centre
8:30 pm - Family Movie Night | Skipjack Pool

Friday 2 January 2026

7:00 am - Aqua Blast | Skipjack Pool
11:00 am - Family Olympics | Smugglers Shack
4:00 pm - Foam Party | AvaniKids
4:30 pm - Dolphin Quest | Dive Centre**

Saturday 3 January 2026

8:45 am - Manta Snorkel Trip | Dive Centre**
10:00 am - Henna Tattoo | AvaniKids
11:30 am - Family Castaway Lunch | Sandbank**
4:00 pm - Sand Castle Competition | Skipjack Beach
6:30 pm - The Tuscan Table | Skipjack Beach**

Sunday 4 January 2026

7:00 am - Beach Workout | AvaniFit Beach
10:00 am - Mocktail Class | AvaniKids
11:00 am - Beach Volleyball | Smugglers Shack Beach
4:00 pm - Island Treasure Hunt | Teens Club
6:30 pm - Beach BBQ 'Bodu Mas' night | Charcoal Beach**

Monday 5 January 2026

7:30 am - Vaahaka of the Sea | AvaniFit Beach
1:30 pm - Pool Party | Skipjack**
3:00 pm - Cookies Making | AvaniKids
6:30 pm - Wine and Dine | Charcoal**

Tuesday 6 January 2026

10:00 am - Matryoshka Doll Hunt | AvaniKids
4:00 pm - Family Kite Fiesta | Smugglers Shack
5:00 pm - Sunset Fishing Competition | Dive Centre**
5:30 pm - Orthodox Christmas Celebration**

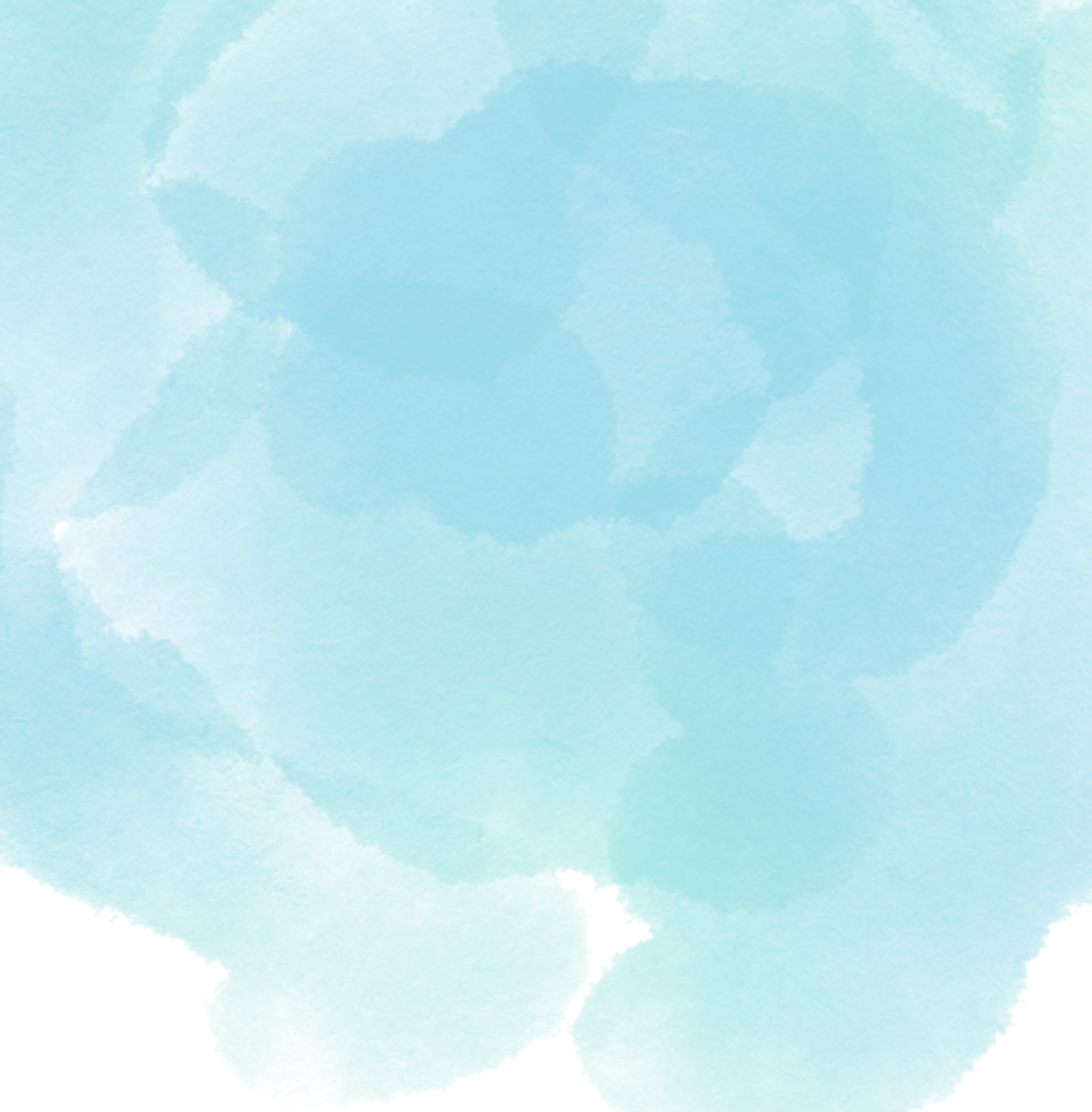
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7:30 am - Bodu Hingaa Vinyasa | Wellness Studio
8:45 am - Manta Snorkel Trip | Dive Centre**
11:30 am - Family Castaway Lunch | Sandbank**
6:30 pm - Butcher's Night | Charcoal Beach**
8:30 pm - Family Movie | Jungle Perch

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