

Six Senses Laamu

Paradise Island in the Maldives

A virgin island. Powder white sand. Palm trees. Crystal clear turquoise water. Dolphins frolicking and rainbows of fish shimmering in and around the coral reef. Welcome to Laamu, Six Senses new resort on the island of Olhuveli, deep in the Indian Ocean.

Six Senses Laamu is the only resort on the virtually uncharted Laamu Atoll. From Male airport it is a short forty minute flight to paradise. True to its philosophy of environmental protection, Six Senses has created the resort using local, sustainable materials and made only the lightest of footprints on the outstanding natural beauty of the island. It lays bare, ready to be discovered.

Six Senses Laamu has 100 Beach Villas, Water Villas and Water Villa Suites. The five Water Villa Suites will be ready to accommodate guests from October 30th 2010 and the two 2 Bedroom Beach Villa with pool will be ready for its first guests on November 30th 2010. The 100 villas have been carefully designed to complement nature, sitting back on the beach amongst the lush, green, tropical vegetation or over the clear, blue, deep lagoon. Each allows utter privacy along with Six Senses signature of the deepest, luxurious creature comforts and acres of airy, open space.

Alongside, peace and rejuvenation Six Senses Laamu also offers a whole bunch of fun. Near to the peaceful blue lagoon is a surfer's paradise, with majestic ten foot waves crashing on to the beach. Surfing lessons, both board and kite are offered, along with diving, skiing and snorkeling from the Ocean School. Laamu's coral reef is amazing, divers and snorkelers swimming in virtually nearly un-swum waters with a visual feast before them. Boat trips to dive, swim, ski, snorkel or picnic on a sandbank are arranged daily. There are visits to the tiny fishing village and to the 'bottomless' lake, so deep it is black and mirror bright.

At night, Six Senses Laamu really starts to rock. The bar is built over the water and on several levels, with a world class cocktail list, inspired by recipes originated in the tropics and introduced to the wider world by intrepid explorers from

centuries past. Local fresh ingredients come into their own and the drinks taste as they were originally intended - there's no essence of pomegranate here! Once the unspeakably beautiful sunset dims, the gentle jazz gives way to some soul, some rhythm, some blues, with visiting artists and dj's adding to the vibe.

The wine 'cellar', Altitude, is a tower of spun glass, rising high out of the sea, with its own delicatessen - seeing is believing. The Longitude Restaurant is brasserie like, offering salads, fresh fish and pastas as well as an a la carte daily changing menu from Chef Stephen Wheeler. And The Organic Restaurant, perched high above the organic garden, serves the freshest possible food, picked and caught only hours before it is served. Growing in the garden is a whole range of different papayas - yes there's more than one type - and the chili patch has a private table for dinner parties.

A daily delight is Beans and Leaves, a bar with every available choice of teas and coffee and underneath it, Ice, for those sweet moments, crepes and chocolate and just 40 different flavours of homemade ice cream and countless toppings.

The Six Senses Spa offers signature Asian treatments, complemented by specific ones using local Maldivian ingredients, with experienced therapists offering holistic, wellness, relaxing and rejuvenating massage along with old-fashioned, feel good, pampering. Individual treatment rooms are set amongst the trees. The Yoga pavilion looks out across the sea - beautiful pain - and is above a state of the art Kinisis Gym. And whether it is exercise or relaxation, the natural juice bar nearby serves a healthy, bespoke reward.

Children are not forgotten and are most welcome at Six Senses Laamu. A special playtime Den has been designed for them and them alone, with playtime fun for all ages and the Mr. Friday's (each villa has its own butler) totally in charge.

Six Senses Laamu opens this summer - August 2010.

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