Kanuhura, Pearl of the Maldives

The Maldives is one of the few places on earth where bliss can be derived from merely doing nothing. Imagine a place that is nothing but surf and sun; limpid lagoons, swaying coconut palms, sandy beaches, extensive reefs and the leisurely Maldivian way of life combine to make a truly idyllic setting where paradise meets reality. Everything has been designed with the luxury and comfort of travellers in mind, which is why per capita it is the busiest tourist area in the world. Half a million people every year rediscover this paradise.

The Maldives offers some of the best diving in the world, with a range of sites for both beginners and experienced divers to enjoy the underwater wonders. For those who prefer to explore the fascinating underwater world just by donning a mask and a pair of flippers, snorkelling in the lagoons is easy, safe and lots of fun.

Sunny, unique and unspoiled, the Maldives is an archipelago comprising 1,190 low-lying coral islands scattered across the equator, in groups of 26 naturally occurring atolls which are divided into 20 for administrative purposes.

Transfers to the islands are a treat in themselves; those to islands near Malé are by speedboat, from which you can catch a glimpse of flying fish and dolphins. Islands further away can be reached by a seaplane ride, which offers stupendous aerial views over the atolls and the Indian Ocean.
ULTIMATE CASTAWAY CHIC EXPERIENCE

Kanuhura, a precious island languidly set on the warm Indian Ocean, in the middle of the bright atolls of the Maldives, can be described as a unique "timeless castaway chic experience" for travellers seeking laid-back island living at its best with a contemporary and stylish feel. Award winning Kanuhura and member of ‘The Leading Hotels of the World’, is one of the first luxury resorts in the Maldives and offers the most unique experience to its visitors. Time is all yours on this small island. Every moment is a point of pleasure, a celebration of nature, on this hideaway.

Kanuhura is an indigenous and elegant 5 star 100-room hotel with a contemporary feel and stylish service, located on Lhaviyani atoll to the north-east of the Maldives in the Indian Ocean, slim oval island, one kilometre long and 200 metres wide. Travel is by seaplane, around 40 minutes from the International Airport at the Maldives capital, Male’. With two beautiful neighbouring islets, Kanuhura is a unique and very private hideaway with a wide range of facilities, bars, restaurants, activities and sports. Close by are some of the world’s best diving sites.
ACCOMMODATION

Kanuhura encompasses 100 villas and five categories, all with sea views and either access to their own white sand beach or a private wooden staircase leading straight down into the clear waters of the lagoon.

BEACH VILLAS
68 thatched individual Beach Villas (62 m²) ring the island's sand fringes, and feature a decked terrace leading to a private stretch of beach, in front of the lagoon with a large thatched umbrella and wooden sun loungers. Lush foliage between the villas provides privacy.

BEACH VILLA DUPLEXES
5 villas are arranged into Beach Duplexes (132 m²), a pair of two villas joined together with connecting doors between the bedrooms, allowing for privacy. Interconnecting bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms and separate decked verandas. Duplex villas are perfect for families or friends travelling together.

GRAND BEACH VILLAS
The largest villas are the two exclusive furnished Grand Beach Villas (188 m²), featuring one double and one twin bedroom, each with large en-suite bathroom and free shaped Jacuzzi bath. The bedrooms are separated by a generous living room with dining area. Both feature large verandas and wide beachfront, ideal for families or those requiring total privacy.

WATER VILLAS
Out on the water, set along mighty sun-bleached wooden stilts stretching from the centre of the island. 18 Water Villas (125 m²).

GRAND WATER VILLAS
2 Grand Water Villas (135 m²). Each villa has a wooden stairway with handrails leading directly into the inviting waters of the lagoon where the depth allows for a refreshing swim or exploratory snorkel at any time of day – the sea is at your doorstep.
Kanuhura provides cuisines of unimaginable variety — food for romance, for relaxation, for the sheer pleasure of company. The dress code in all the restaurants is casual smart. Men are requested to wear trousers during dinner.

**THIN RAH** is a large airy restaurant with its fold-back louvre windows, immense thatched roof with inverted funnels letting in the light and air, and outdoor eating area with sand floor and view of the main pool and lagoon, serving the best of European and Asian cuisine for breakfast and dinner.

The Mediterranean-influenced à la carte **OLIVE TREE** is open for lunch and dinner. Poolside open-air tables and a breezy interior offer shady refuge by day, while in the evening an intimate atmosphere is created when the lights dim and candlelight glimmers.

Candlelit romance on the shores of the Indian Ocean sets the tone for **VELI CAFE**, open for lunch and dinner. Aromatic Asian fusion, specialities include the freshest catch from the Indian Ocean.

**KANDU** is another restaurant set on Jehunuhura, Kanuhura's own private Robinson Crusoe-like island. It is the first resident restaurant set on a private islet in the Maldives. Open for lunch and in the evening the island hosts private parties or romantic hideaways for two.

**IN-VILLA DINING** caters for breakfast, light snacks, romantic dinners and special celebrations in the privacy of guests’ villas or at various locations on the island. Available 24-hours.

The spacious, partly sand-floored **HANDHUVARU BAR** on the other side of the pool from the two main restaurants has been dressed with comfortable oversized daybeds and chairs both in and outdoors, by the pool and on the beachfront.

**NASHAA CLUB** is the Maldives’ foremost night club which may be the first to combine tropical ambience with an up-to-date sound system, but it places equal importance on not disturbing the atmosphere of the island.

You can enjoy your evening at **MOODHU LOUNGE** with aperitifs and canapés or after dinner drinks with the sound of the sea and breeze while watching the stars.
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Try the signature massages such as: Maldivian Theyo Dhemun, a 90 minute massage of short, firm strokes using local healing oils; Aromastone Massage, 90 minutes of gentle body massage, using smooth, black stones from Bali with heat-holding properties. South East Asian therapists move as lightly as feathers so that guests drift off on a tide of sensation.

SEA ENCHANTMENTS
For those who wish to take a more active holiday, water sports and leisure activities are plentiful. The resort lagoon and unexploited surrounding waters of Lhaviyani Atoll provide endless opportunities for marine exploration, from scuba diving excursions and PADI certification courses to guided snorkelling trips.

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LEISURE FACILITIES
Kanuhura has a large fresh water swimming pool, beach volley, two floodlit tennis courts, an air-conditioned squash court, bible tennis, games room, library, and a lifestyle boutique. A tennis/squash instructor is available as a playing partner or for coaching sessions. Guests can also enjoy diets, table soccer and billiards in the games room, or just relax with a good read in our library. Please note that due to the country’s Islamic culture, topless and nude sunbathing is strictly prohibited.

KIDS CLUB
The Kids Club offers imaginative fun for kids (4–11) with organised games, videos, web surfing or the library to choose from. A world of natural wonders is just waiting to be discovered – Hermit crabs, shells and an abundance of colourful fish. Parents or a babysitter should accompany all children under 4 years of age. Babysitting services by professionally trained nannies are also available on request at a fee. Open daily from 9am to midday, from 2pm to 5pm and from 7pm to 10pm.

EXCURSIONS
Discover the beauty of the Maldives with an endless selection of activities. Choose from snorkelling tours, big game fishing, island hopping, private island picnics and sunset cruises.

CONFERENCE / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
Lava Lounge can be used as a conference and meeting room (for up to 50 people, theatre-style). The lounge can also be used as a private movie cinema with popcorn, for watching big-screen sporting events during major world competitions.