

# UTMOST PRIVACY

THE INCREDIBLY SLICK COCO PRIVÉ  
KUDA HITHI IN THE MALDIVES IS  
ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE.  
GRAB YOUR LOVED ONES AND  
DIVE INTO THE MOST LUXURIOUS  
ISLAND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

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### WHAT IS IT?

Only a private Maldivian island with Bond-lair-esque contemporary villas, butlers trained by HM Queen Elizabeth II's Senior Footman, and on-tap diving and sea turtle spotting with the resident marine biologist. Designed by Singapore-based, award-winning architect, Guz Wilkinson, just six villas are found on the tiny 1.4 hectares of prime Maldives real estate. The inspiration for the design and architecture was the beauty of the Maldives itself. The buildings have been conceived so as not to compete with the lush natural surroundings, but blend harmoniously with the island. The emphasis is on the outdoors, with the interiors following a minimalist and sleek design language. The colour palette was devised to complement the rich colourscape, with its myriad shades of blue in the ocean, the rich brown and green in its vegetation, and the blends of yellow over grey to white on its beaches. Thus, the main buildings have dark-brown colored roofs to mirror the palms surrounding them, the infinity pool is a blend of the blue shade of the lagoon merging into the glistening white of the sandy beach, and interiors are a harmonious mix of brown, green, and blue, with a splash of color here and there. Inspiration for the apartment back home.

### WHY STAY?

'Your time. Your space.'

That's the mantra here. Your private space. In a world of non-stop people, engagements, meetings and a never-ending stream of emails, and conference calls, the beauty of Coco Prive Kuda Hithi is that you can totally escape all of this. Want absolute down-time? You've got it.

### BEHIND THE SCENES

There are 30 staff on the island, so to say you will be well and truly spoilt is an understatement. Every light, heat-source and sound setting can be fine-tuned to your taste from your personal iPad, but if you really don't want to lift a finger, then there is around the clock butler service. A fleet of exceptionally-trained and charming staff are on hand to rustle up anything and everything. Romantic beach-side dinner? Your butler will make sure table is set, candles are lit and the private chef is then flambée-ing supper in the background. Found your ideal massage space on the island? That patch of sand is yours as the therapists and masseuses will organise any place or time for your ultimate relaxation. There's bespoke, and then there's Kuda Hithi.



**SLEEP**

The island sleeps 12 with a choice of six villas. Numero Uno is the master 'suite', the Palm Residence. This split-level home has spectacular uninterrupted views of the ocean from the spacious master bedroom and the living and dining areas. Enjoy the Jacuzzi or library, the blossoming rooftop garden or the palatial king-size bed. Then there are three adjoining smaller one and twinbed villas – Starfish, Turtle and Heron – which would be perfect for keeping the family together. Everyone having their own space but able to meet at the infinity pool, which stretches across this section of the residences.

On the other side of the island are Manta and Gecko, two beachfront larger properties with their own pools so friends can retire from the rest of the island. Plenty of seating alcoves, places to enjoy some dappled shade and also stretch out in the white dusty sand are enjoyed by each of the pads.

**EAT**

You can very much make yourself at home in the kitchen – or you can ask the island chef to whip up anything you wish. Local cuisine is based on three ingredients – fish (usually skipjack tuna), coconut and starch – fortunately for you though, the menu is considerably more varied. Anything can be flown in and all diets can be accommodated, but make sure you do taste a little of the Maldivian dishes. Baked local *mahi mahi*

in aromatic herbs followed by banana fritters with sweet crepes? Or try something a little spicier with mas *riha*, a delicious fish curry? Come on, you're on holiday.

**SWR LIKES**

The unlimited diving. It's quite possible you could begin to grow flippers rather than feet, because you always want to dive into the crystal clear waters.

The snorkeling, wind surfing, water-skiing or deep-sea fishing are all great, but really the diving here is the true selling point. Allow the dive master to guide you to the most remarkable, secret places in reefs found in the north atoll, or try a reef-planting expedition for a memorable interaction with nature.

Also, sticking to the water theme – being sailed out into the Indian Ocean and marooned on a sandbank with a couple of picnics is pretty fantastic.

**CHECK-IN**

Coco Privé Kuda Hithi | North Atoll  
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**SWR TRAVELLER TIP**

To get a real taste of Maldivian life, experience a spot of island-hopping with your dedicated butler. They'll take you sightseeing of the glorious atoll before docking at a neighbouring island and meeting local families who will welcome you into their homes for a meal or two. An immersive experience.

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