

VELASSARU MOMENTS

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ISSUE

VIEW ONLINE

Welcome to our March issue of Velassaru Moments 2018

There is always something new happening at Velassaru Maldives and this issue brings you lots of exciting news from the island. We are constantly striving to see how we can improve your stay with us and we would like to take this opportunity of highlighting some key implementations that happened during the last quarter.

AROUND THE ISLAND

The Last Straw

In our continued effort towards saving our environment, we've done away with plastic straws in an effort to reduce plastic waste which is negatively affecting our oceans. The decision to remove plastic straws from the resort comes from heightened awareness of the waste impact of single use plastics in the Maldives.

Outstanding Small Luxury Hotels of the World Score

We are very proud to be part of the SLH collection. As part of the SLH brand integrity, a detailed review process takes place every year to ensure standards are surpassed in all categories ensuring properties within the collection remain at the very highest standard.

We are delighted to share that we achieved a 96% overall grade from SLH. This result inspires us to continue driving towards absolute perfection in our delivery of hospitality to our guest.

Velassaru Affinity

Velassaru Affinity is a loyalty programme that offers returning guests of Velassaru with a membership that includes a range of exclusive benefits and privileges. Guests booked direct with us will also enjoy an exclusive discount on accommodation rates (restriction applies).

Affinity White (2-4 stays)

Affinity members receive a 10% discount on room rates and on food and beverages, a bottle of wine and a special fruit basket on arrival.

Affinity Blue (5-9 stays)

Frequent guests will benefit from an exclusive 15% discount on room rates and on food and beverages, a bottle of Champagne and canapés on arrival and an early check-in (subject to availability on arrival).

Affinity Platinum (10 stays and up)

Perks for this elite status include early check-in and late checkout (subject to availability on arrival), additional 20% discount on room rates and on food and beverages. Affinity member will also receive complimentary bottle of Champagne, special fruit basket, chocolate platter on arrival and daily canapés served with two glasses of sparkling wine. Guest will also enjoy a complimentary dinner for two in any of the resort's restaurants.

Membership is free and any returning guest can become a member by emailing us at sales@velassaru.com

Special Offer

Enjoy early booking discounts and accommodation packages available from Velassaru Maldives until October 2018. With remarkable special offers available, look forward to escaping to a chic and contemporary retreat at Velassaru Maldives to suit every occasion: culinary getaway, spa journey or simply a romantic break away from it all!

Check with your Travel Agent or our Corporate Sales & Marketing Team at email sales@universalesorts.com for further details.

WINE & DINE

New Turquoise Menu with New Kids Menu Selection

We are pleased to have launched our new Turquoise Restaurant menu. Along with the old favourites, the new imaginative all-day dining menu introduces flavours from local Southeast and Far East Asian regions.

In addition, our younger guests are in for a treat as we launched our NEW kids' all-day dining menu including freshly grilled fish, a new favourite – free range chicken breast nuggets. Options come with a firm favourite chunky French fries and we added a healthier veggie alternative.

View our brand new menu on this link – www.velassaru.com/turquoise-restaurant

Specialty Restaurants New Kids Menu

We are delighted to share the NEW Kids' menu concept for Teppanyaki, Etesian and Sand Restaurants! Our culinary Team have been working hard to make sure that our young visitors have special focus in our Kids' menu. A great selection of mini versions of our firm favourites, catering for all tastes. Visit our Wine and Dine website page for the menus – www.velassaru.com/wine---dine

New Teppanyaki Menu

To further enhance our culinary offer, Velassaru Maldives is proud to present a completely new and exciting Teppanyaki menu, a multi-facet dining concept that combines a variety of teppanyaki offerings. A truly unique overwater dining experience showcasing our talented chefs' skills from the teppanyaki counters.

"The new concept of the menu has a fresh modern take on Japanese dishes with play on both the traditional and contemporary that suits everyone's palate" – Executive Chef Carlos Exprua.

For a full listing of the Teppanyaki dishes visit www.velassaru.com/teppanyaki

ACCOMMODATION

Velassaru Continues to Go Green

In our continued effort towards saving our environment, we have replaced our L'Occitane small multiple plastic container of shampoo, shower gel and conditioner with high quality L'Occitane liquid dispenser in all bathrooms and showers.

"The decision to provide our guest with the same high quality L'Occitane product from a beautiful dispenser has saved the environment by reducing tens of thousands of single plastic use every year" – General Manager, Brian Gardiner.

DIVE & DISCOVER

Known as one of the world's best scuba diving destinations, the Maldives has an abundance of dive sites with one thrilling dive opportunity after another. The clear waters of Maldives are a magnet for anyone with an interest in marine life, waiting to be explored just beneath the surface is a whole spectrum of colourful corals. Dive Centre Director of Operations, Susana Silvestre, shares with us the two of her favourite dive sites...

Velassaru Caves

Located on the Northern reef of the Vaadhoo Channel the rugged Velassaru Caves and overhangs on the steep wall have very attractive coral growth. You may see sharks, turtles and rays on the atoll bed which is 30 meter deep. This dive is not for beginners, but if the current isn't too strong there's excellent snorkelling to be had on the reef edge!

Miyaru Faru

Located in the North Male Atoll, Miyaru means shark in Dhivehi. This wall dive has plenty to offer... Grey reef sharks plus other big pelagic fish and occasional Eagle rays and Manta rays will be found due to moderately strong currents. If you are lucky, you may even see a Hammerhead!

TASTE FOR LIFE EVENTS

Take a sneak peek at what is coming up
download the EVENTS CALENDAR 2018
www.velassaru.com/downloads

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 05 - 09 **Rum Cocktail Week**
Experience the flavors of the Caribbean with Rum inspired cocktails at FEN
- 11 **Garden Burger BBQ**
A delightful Burger BBQ lunch buffet in TURQUOISE Garden
- 11-15 **Vibes of Summer**
A day of sun, sea, sand and chill out music at the pool and FEN garden
- 24 **Spa Time**
Mother's Day Massage with a Refresh Facial Spa package
Mother's Day Special Sunset Beach Yoga
Special sunset yoga on the beach
- 11 & 13 **Cinema Under the Stars**
Experience outdoor movie screening to the next level – enjoy our classic black and white movie nights on the beach
- 30 **Velassaru Living Live Art Event**
Local artisans and handicrafts at FEN
- 31 **Purely White Party**
A spectacular evening of music on the Beach. Dress code – 'White'

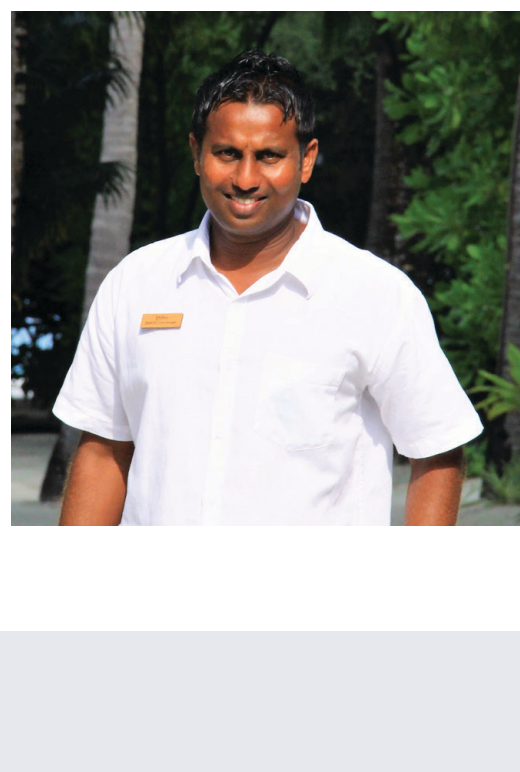
APRIL

- 01 **Kids' Easter Egg Hunt in FEN Garden**
Follow the clues left by bunny around the garden to complete the hunt!
- 02 **Garden Burger BBQ**
A delightful BBQ lunch buffet in TURQUOISE Garden
Vibes of Summer
A day of sun, sea, sand and chill out music at the pool and garden area
Easter Monday
Kids' Easter egg painting in ETESIAN followed by a sweet buffet in FEN
- 06 -11 **Island Spice**
A selection of tropical cocktails created by our head mixologist
- 9 - 11 **Velassaru Living Square Azure Promotion**
Enjoy an exclusive 10% discount to all the products by Island Bazaar. Tide of Azure collection and exotic fashion brands!
- 29 **Moonlight Vibes**
Join us for a spectacular night of music and a range of full moon inspired cocktails on the Main Beach.

MAY

- 12 - 17 **Exotic Daiquiri**
Cocktails inspired by Daiquiris – honoring one of Cuba's most famous drinks in FEN
- 21 **Crab & Craft Beer Festival**
Enjoy regional craft beers and seafood the ETESIAN Garden
- 29 **Moonlight Vibes**
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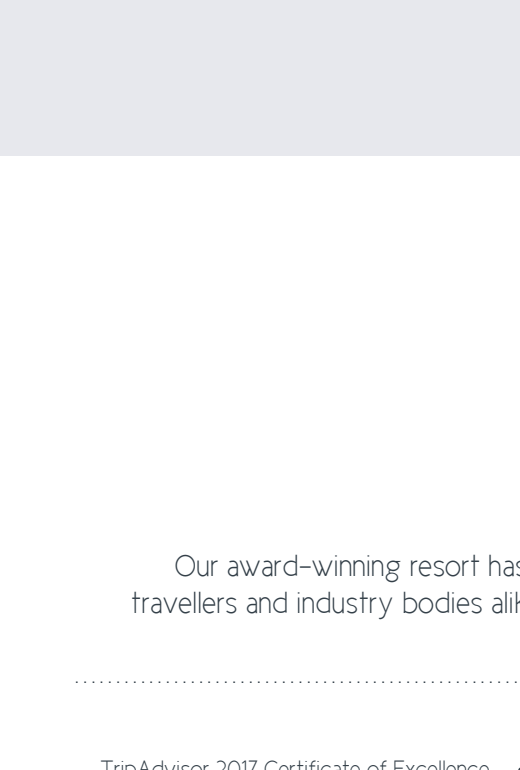
VELASSARU TEAM



CDP Butcher – Jeevantha Pradeep Premarathne

Jeevantha, who joins the Velassaru culinary team in 2010 hails from Sri Lanka, where he sharpen his butchery and cooking skills. Over the past 8 years, he has risen through the ranks and now leads our Butchery team! Working alongside the Kitchen management Team, Jeevantha established a full butchery and charcuterie operation – proudly producing in-house fine sausages, smoked and cured meats, and other delicatessens exclusively for Velassaru Maldives.

He has become a vital member of the Kitchen senior Team by providing an exceptional guest experience through the excellent handmade (to our own recipe) products that complements the resort's quality standard – elevating Velassaru Maldives' already respected culinary reputation in the Maldives! – Executive Chef Carlos Exprua



Guest Service Manager – Shifau Naem

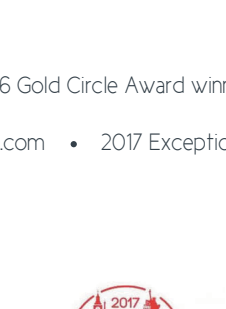
Known for his attention to details, Shifau Naem, a Maldivian National, joins the team as Guest Service Manager. Shifau's valuable knowledge and vast experiences include senior management roles as Fleet Manager in Niyama Maldives, Airport Manager and Guests Experience Manager in Four Seasons Maldives, and F&B role in One & Only Reethi Rah before moving to Velassaru Maldives.

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Awards and Recognition
Our award-winning resort has received accolades from around the globe, and has garnered praise from travellers and industry bodies alike. Our world-class service earns us awards from Trip Advisor year after year.

TripAdvisor 2017 Certificate of Excellence • Agoda 2016 Gold Circle Award winner • Booking.com Partner Awards 2016 Top Performance

Booking Elite Award by Booking.com • 2017 Exceptional Award by Hotels.com/Expedia

