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A month of merriments at Fushifaru!

July marks two of the most anticipated commemorations in the Maldives comprising of Eid al-Adha and the Independence Day, presenting the people of the Maldives with multiple occasions to rejoice and celebrate.

As part of the brand statement of the resort, Fushifaru prides itself as a home to authentic Maldivian experiences. All the Guests at Fushifaru had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich and inimitable local culture by experiencing the exuberant and joyous traditional festivities carried out as part of Eid and Independence Day celebrations.

20th July 2021 was Eid al-Adha, also referred to as 'Bodu Eid' by Maldivians. All the residents of Fushifaru and guests gathered at the beach in the afternoon to witness the exhilarating performance of 'Bileh Dhafi Negin' which certainly was one of the drawcards of the day. It was followed by a carnival of colors, music, and dancing, providing guests a glimpse of the beautiful local culture and how Eid is celebrated in some of the local islands of the Maldives.





This event was broadcasted live on Fushifaru Instagram handle. A quiz was posted after the live and one lucky winner was given 'TWO Nights for TWO' at the exquisite island as part of the generous Eid Giveaway. Eid celebration was wrapped up with a special Maldivian buffet at Korakali restaurant giving guests a chance to tuck in to scrumptious traditional dishes, followed by a dance party with DJ at Fanihandhi Bar.

A week on Eid, Independence Day celebrations commenced in the morning of 26th July, with Flag Hoisting ceremony which began with the blowing of the conch shell at Ehgamuge, Fushifaru's iconic cultural centre - a replica of the old traditional local homes made out of coconut palm leaves. A local talent then delivered a short keynote about the history of the Maldivian Independence Day. Then, the Maldivian flag and Fushifaru flag were hoisted by the resort's third time repeater guests. The event concluded with the Maldivian National Anthem 'Qaume Salaam' along with cake cutting by the enthusiastic in-house guests.

The celebrations further continued in the afternoon and through out the evening with a special beach cocktail reception where guests were able to indulge in fresh coconuts from the live coconut station. The afternoon tea had a Maldivian twist and guests were served with arrays of Maldivian bites and short eats while sipping on signature cocktails, overlooking the mesmerizing sunset.





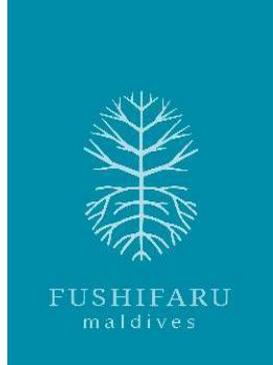
The eventful night began at Fanihandhi Bar with a presentation depicting how Maldives achieved Independence, followed by traditional dance performances along with drumming called Boduberu, which is the heart of traditional Maldivian music. The night concluded with Musical Night with Cathy, the guests' favourite.

At Fushifaru, we pride ourselves as a custodian of our Maldives heritage, and we are committed to continue delivering unique cultural experiences to our guests.

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Note to Editors:

On the far North East border of Lhaviyani Atoll, sits the new exquisite little island of Fushifaru Maldives, only a 35-minute breath-taking seaplane flight away from Velana International Airport. Nestled between a national Marine Protected Area and three of the Maldives' most iconic dive sites, Fushifaru Maldives is a boutique and intimate resort with an endless promise of adventure, excitement, discovery and serenity all in one diverse landscape.

Merging quintessential Maldivian design with modern aesthetics, Fushifaru Maldives' 60 Beach Villas, Water Villas, Beach Duplex Villas and Premium Beach Duplex Villas exude a sense of coziness yet luxurious in space and amenities. Each of the spectacular villas feature open-air bathrooms with indoor and outdoor showers, double vanity, daybeds, private verandas with dining areas and breath-taking views of the surrounding crystal clear lagoon, with their own plunge pool for some villas.

Dining experiences feature regional and international flavours to suit every taste and dietary requirement. Scrumptious breakfast buffets and palate pleasing international cuisines are offered at Korakali, while surf and turf can be savoured at Raakani on the beach and interactive dining experience can be enjoyed at Teppanyaki. Signature cocktails and detox tails are complemented by the best sunset views on the island whilst lounging by the pool at Fanihandhi Bar. A range





of international dishes and snacks can be served straight to the privacy of Villa, 24 hours. A range of private dining experiences such as Handhu platform dining, floating breakfast and pool dining are also available on request.

Above the Waterline - to up the adventure, a fully equipped gym overlooks the Indian Ocean, a multi-sports court hosts regular matches between Residents and guests, a kid's club, to the water with jet skis, kayaks and catamarans. Off-island visits include the largest tuna canning factory in the Maldives and partake in numerous social and sustainable activities.

Below the Waterline - Fushifaru Kan'du, a national Marine Protected Area home to three iconic dive sites including the renowned Fushifaru Thila is teeming with marine life, unique cave formations and a marine cleaning station, sits right beside the resort. A true haven for diving enthusiasts and snorkelers alike.

An extraordinary experience of weddings, picnics and desert island getaways are available at the resort's own private sandbank - only a few meters away in a crystal clear turquoise lagoon. For more information, please visit <https://fushifaru.com/>





Photos and downloadables:

- For the resort factsheet and presentation, please refer to the link below:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1t97cyUdCCGoiHv9J-sHMHAQNbbxGV5a3a>
- To view Fushifaru images, please refer to the link below:
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