



VELAA

PRIVATE ISLAND
MALDIVES

Festive Moments

2017/18

Dear Guests,

Welcome to Velaa Private Island, the gem of the Maldives and the ideal place to be at this time of the year!

We are privileged to be your resort of choice on this joyful occasion and hope that you will enjoy the wide array of activities we have specially prepared for you.

This Festive Season, Velaa Private Island hosts an exciting programme to bring out the warmth of the holiday spirit within each of us. Starting on December 21, you will have plenty of occasions to dine, laugh, play and celebrate in style with your loved ones. On New Year's Eve, get ready to be taken on a journey through the spectacular lights and sounds of Broadway!

For those who seek some gastronomic indulgence, our three highly specialised restaurants, two bars and a spectacular wine cellar will be ready to satisfy any cravings.

To re-energise for the New Year, the resort's Spa My Blend by Clarins has a choice of organic treatments and other fascinating experiences to stimulate your mind, body and soul. You can also head over to our water sports centre where endless recreational activities including stand up paddleboarding, guided snorkelling excursions, or our collection of hi-tech water toys will be a treat for all adrenaline fans.

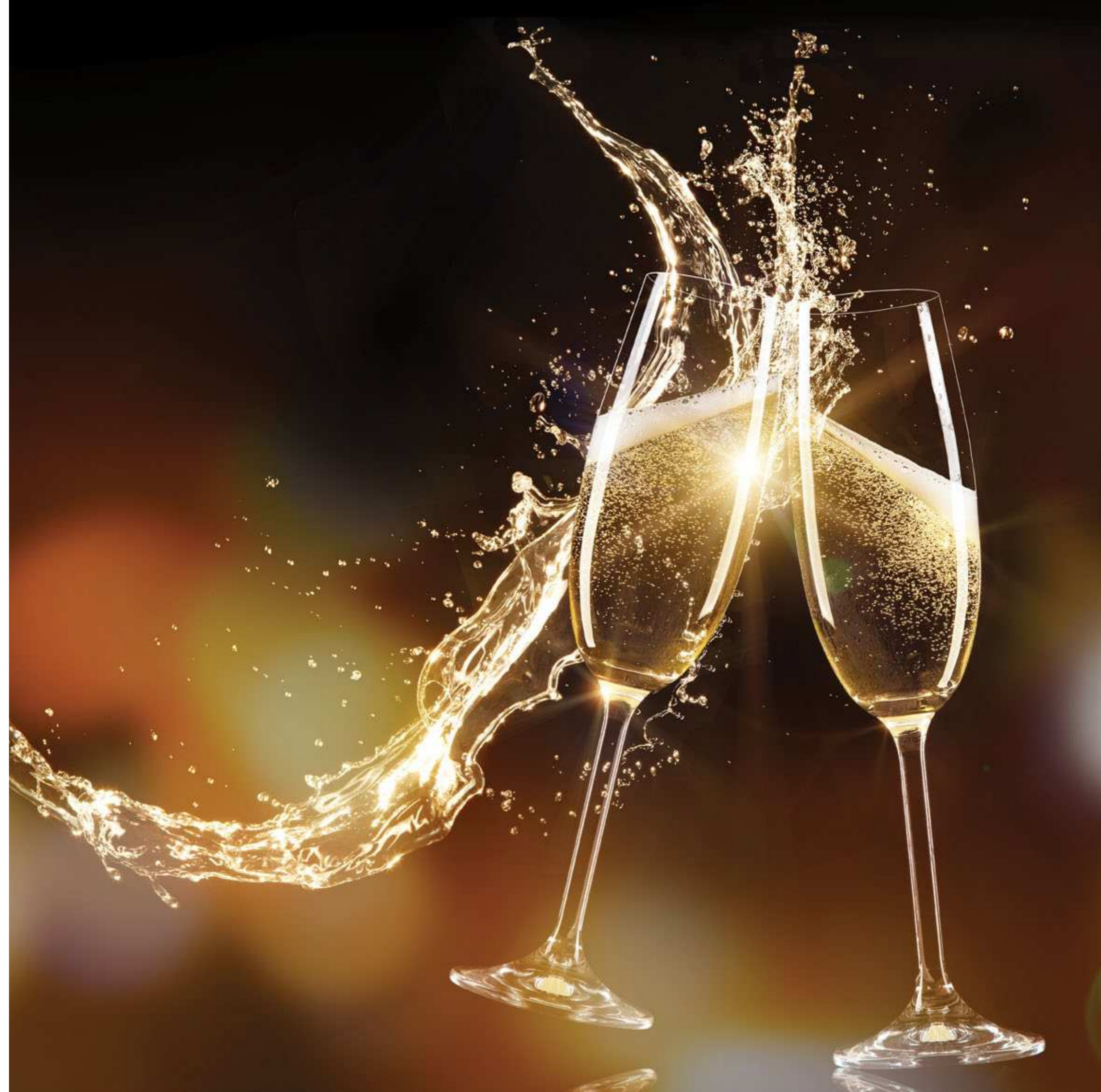
We wish you all a happy and enjoyable holiday season here at Velaa Private Island, filled with exciting private moments and great memories!

I look forward to a celebratory toast with you during your stay in paradise!

Yours truly,



Michal Smej
General Manager





GALAS AT VELAA PRIVATE ISLAND

It's that time of the year again at Velaa Private Island! We are prepared to bring you sun-soaked days of excitement and relaxation as well as magical evenings of diverse dining and entertainment. Your private Butler will be delighted to inform you about all the details and assist with your reservations.

24 December

CHRISTMAS EVE COCKTAIL

The festivities are about to start and there's no better way to kick off the holiday season than with cocktails at the best sunset spot. Indulge in an exclusive range of cocktails, mocktails and canapés, with a stunning Maldivian sunset!

7 PM TO 8 PM, AVI - HOSTED BY MANAGEMENT

CHRISTMAS EVE GALA DINNER

Live a festive culinary experience especially created by our Chef Gaushan and his talented team.

Allow them to take you on a journey of flavours and aromas from all around the world with their holiday specials, and celebrate this festive evening with your loved ones.

8 PM TO 10:30 PM, ATHIRI

25 December

SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Hear the bells ringing? Santa has proven his love for the Maldives and his reindeers are ready to land on Velaa once again. How will he arrive this time? We hope you have been good as he will have gifts for all children on the island, and some bubbly drinks for all adults who join us in welcoming him and his helpers. Don't forget to take pictures with Santa before he goes on his way!

11 AM TO MIDDAY, AVI

CHRISTMAS DAY BRUNCH

Greet Christmas Day in Velaa with a selection of flavours from all around the world, guaranteed to excite your taste buds. Enjoy this lavish brunch by the sea as our entertainers perform their wide repertoire of classic festive songs.

MIDDAY TO 3:30 PM, ATHIRI



26 December

ASIAN STREET FAIR

Join us in our unique Asian Street fair dinner, where our chefs will serve authentic culturally-inspired dishes from Asia with a fusion of flavours from the tropical paradise of Thailand, the authentic street food and woks from Singapore, the exquisite cuisine of China and the seasonal dishes from Japan.

7:30 PM TO 10:30 PM, ATHIRI

27 December

PREMIUM STEAK FEST

Executive Chef Gaushan has hand-picked cuts and steaks from all over the world to surprise all our meat-lovers. From Brazil to France, Scotland and Japan, join us in this premium journey with a spectacular background that only our overwater restaurant Aragu can offer.

7 PM TO 11:00 PM, ARAGU

28 December

TEPPANYAKI EXTRAVAGANZA

Live a memorable experience at Tavaru restaurant. Watch our skilled chefs prepare your dinner at the flaming teppan grill, while enjoying the sunset from what's known as the tallest building on the Maldivian resort islands.

7 PM TO 10:30 PM, TAVARU

MALDIVIAN NIGHT

Like a local! Experience Maldivian cuisine at its finest and join us on Athiri beach tonight. Indulge in authentic, traditional dishes as you listen to the rhythmic tunes of the local Boduberu band.

7:30 PM TO 10:30 PM, ATHIRI

30 December

WELCOME TO NEW YORK

Can you imagine being in the heart of emblematic Broadway while soaking your feet in the Indian Ocean? Discover its vibrant musical feel with our live performances as Velaa transforms into a New York City you've never seen before. Expect the unexpected while we prepare for the most exciting night of the year.

7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM, ATHIRI





31 December

NEW YEAR'S EVE COCKTAIL

Be dazzled by the twinkling stars of the night sky as you await to enter Velaa's own Broadway Theatre! With cocktails and canapés on hand, start the night with our very special guests; feel like a celebrity on our own red carpet and get ready for a memorable night!

7:30 PM TO 8:45 PM, AVI

Welcome to Broadway!

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER PARTY

Experience the most important event of the year with astounding live performances, enchanting characters and an evening full of surprises! Velaa Broadway theatre brings you the best of both worlds, feel the vibrant energy that only New York can offer, while the gentle ocean breeze and carefree sensation set the tone for a night to remember!

Kiss 2017 goodbye with a spectacular culmination of the year, and get ready to step into 2018 in style with spot-lights, dazzling sights and fabulous bites, as we celebrate and cheer for a new year of joy, love, and happiness.

8:45 PM TO 3 AM, TENNIS COURT



1 January

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Those who fancy a slow and cosy start into the New Year will be delighted by the variety of flavours and comfortable timing of this New Year's brunch. Sleep in after the celebration and welcome 2018 with a delightful meal on the beach.

12:30 PM TO 3 PM, ATHIRI

NEW YEAR'S DAY CHILL-OUT LUNCH

Start the year in style and join us for an exclusive lunch at our signature over-water restaurant. Allow us to surprise you with the tantalising tastes our Chefs have mastered on this occasion.

12:30 PM TO 3:30 PM, ARAGU

DINING WITH THE STARS

Enjoy an astonishing performance by our star artists while dining in the most beautiful overwater restaurant in the Maldives. With a twist on Modern European Cuisine, Aragu is taking its gourmet experience to a new level, combining passion for culinary art with local flavours.

7 PM TO 11 PM, ARAGU A-LA CARTE DINNER

PERFORMANCE WILL START AT 9 PM

BIG APPLE PARTY

It is well known that New York is the city that never sleeps, and at Velaa we want to honour the urban motto by welcoming USA celebrities' favourite DJ duo, Andrew Andrew, for a night of fun and entertaining beats that will automatically transport you to the best club scene in the big apple!

8:30 PM TO 11 PM, AVI

2 January

ALL THAT JAZZ

After such a grand entrance to the New Year, you can leave your dancing shoes in your villas, lay back, relax and enjoy the jazzy performances of our favourite entertainers! Get ready to be captivated by their show-stopping songs and stunning dances, which will accompany you throughout the evening.

8 PM TO 9:45 PM, ATHIRI





3 January

TASTE OF THE SEAS

Embark on a tasteful journey of local flavours mastered by Chef Gaushan de Silva's techniques, who will guide you through a tasting menu unveiling all the secrets of the Maldives most precious fish.

7 PM TO 11 PM, ARAGU

BLUES & BOOZE

Yet another entertaining night of astonishing performances, with two amazing voices that will ensure your al fresco dining experience under a starry Maldivian sky will remain in your memories for ever.

8 PM TO 10 PM, ATHIRI

4 January

MALDIVIAN NIGHT

Like a local! Experience Maldivian cuisine at its finest and join us on Athiri beach tonight. Indulge in authentic, traditional dishes as you listen to the rhythmic tunes of the local Boduberu band.

7:30 PM TO 10:30 PM, ATHIRI

6 January

ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS EVE COCKTAIL

Join us in celebrating this special night cheering with your loved ones while indulging in a fine selection of canapés tailor-made especially for the occasion.

7 PM TO 8 PM, AVI - HOSTED BY MANAGEMENT

ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS EVE GALA DINNER

Once the sun sets, don't miss out on the exquisite dinner our Chef Gaushan has prepared for the evening. Enjoy our live cooking stations and buffet arrangements as the melodic tunes of our band accompany you throughout the night.

8 PM TO 10:30 PM, ATHIRI



VELAA FESTIVE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2017

Thursday, 21 December 2017

6:30 am – 10:30 pm	Diving Centre: Private big game fishing
9 am – 11 am	Water sports: 2 hour sandbank & snorkelling by jetski
11 am – Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am – 8 pm	Spa: Velaa Island fantasy
1 pm – 2 pm	Kid's Club: Snowman origami
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm – 6 pm	Avi: Christmas cake mixing ceremony
5 pm – 6 pm	Marine Centre: Time with marine biologist for kids
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Athiri: Maldivian night
9 pm – Midnight	Avi: In-house live band

Friday, 22 December 2017

9 am – 10 am	Water sports: Stand-up paddleboard – Guided tour around the island
11 am – Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am – 8 pm	Spa: Chi Nei Tsang
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Discover scuba diving
2 pm – 3 pm	Kid's Club: Tissue wreath
4:30 pm – 6 pm	Avi: French high tea
5 pm – 6 pm	Volleyball court: Beach volleyball initiation
5 pm – 6 pm	Kid's Club: Aerobics
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Avi Beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm – 10:30 pm	Tavaru Wine Cellar: Private wine pairing dinner (advance reservation only)
7 pm – 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chefs live stations
9 pm – Midnight	Avi: In-house live band

Saturday, 23 December 2017

9:30 am – Midday	Diving Centre: Private luxury snorkelling
8 am – 9 am	Marine Centre: Nature walk
11 am – Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am – 8 pm	Spa: Oi Kashi
Midday – 1 pm	Kid's Club: Salt dough Santa hand print
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm – 6 pm	Avi: Cookie bar
5 pm – 6 pm	Water Sports: 1 hour seabob – House reef guided tour
5 pm – 6 pm	Kid's Club: Mocktail
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm – 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
9 pm – Midnight	Avi: In-house live band

Sunday, 24 December 2017

9 am – 10 am	Marine Centre: Snorkelling for kids with marine biologist
11 am – Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am – 8 pm	Spa: My Blend youth synergy facial
1 pm – 2 pm	Kid's Club: Wish list for Santa
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Discover scuba diving
2 pm – 3 pm	Kid's Club: Gingerbread house craft
4:30 pm – 6 pm	Avi: Frozen candy bar
5 pm – 6 pm	Land sports: Petanque initiation
5 pm – 6 pm	Kid's Club: Boduberu dance at pavilion
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm – 8 pm	Avi: Christmas Eve cocktail
8 pm – 10:30 pm	Athiri: Christmas Eve gala dinner
9 pm – Midnight	Avi: In-house live band – Christmas carols!

Monday, 25 December 2017

6:30 am – 10:30 pm	Diving Centre: Private big game fishing
9 am – 10 am	Water sports: Kayaking – Guided tour around the island
11 am – Midday	Avi: Santa's arrival!
11 am – Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am – 8 pm	Spa: The radiance smoother
Midday – 3:30 pm	Athiri: Christmas day brunch
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
3 pm – 4 pm	Kid's Club: Gingerbread cookie making
4:30 pm – 6 pm	Avi: French high tea
5 pm – 6 pm	Marine Centre: Marine Monday – Ocean sounds
5 pm – 6 pm	Kid's Club: Karaoke
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm – 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
8 pm	Avi: Resident DJ

Tuesday, 26 December 2017

9 am – 10:30 am	Water sports: 1.5 hour atoll tour by jetski
11 am – Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am – Midday	Kid's Club: Reindeer hat
11 am – 8 pm	Spa: Velaa bliss
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Discover scuba diving
4:30 pm – 6 pm	Avi: Crêpe counter
5 pm – 6 pm	Badminton court: Basketball initiation
5 pm – 6 pm	Kid's Club: Smoothie
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Athiri: Asian street fair
9:30 pm	Avi: Resident DJ



VELAA FESTIVE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2017/18

Wednesday, 27 December 2017

8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Diving Centre: Private luxury snorkelling
9 am - 10 am	Water sports: 1 hour seabob - House reef guided tour
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Sun salutation
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Island body boost
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
3 pm - 4 pm	Kid's Club: Guess what!?
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: French high tea
5 pm - 6 pm	Water sports: Banana ride for kids
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
7 pm - 11 pm	Aragu: Premium Steak Fest
9 pm	Avi: Resident DJ

Thursday, 28 December 2017

6:30 am - 10:30 pm	Diving Centre: Private big game fishing
9 am - 11 am	Water sports: 2 hour sandbank & snorkelling by jetski
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Abhyanga & Shirodhara
2 pm - 3 pm	Kid's Club: Scavenger hunt
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Waffle station
5 pm - 6 pm	Marine Centre: Time with marine biologist for kids
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi Beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Tavaru: Teppanyaki Extravaganza
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Maldivian night
9 pm - Midnight	Avi: In-house live band

Friday 29 December 2017

9 am - 10 am	Water sports: Stand-up paddleboard - Guided tour around the island
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Chi Nei Tsang
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Discover scuba diving
2 pm - 3 pm	Kid's Club: Santa hand puppets
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Cookie bar
5 pm - 6 pm	Volleyball court: Beach volleyball initiation
5 pm - 6 pm	Kid's Club: Aerobics
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
9 pm - Midnight	Avi: In-house live band

Saturday, 30 December 2017

9:30 am - Midday	Diving Centre: Private luxury snorkelling
8 am - 9 am	Marine Centre: Nature walk
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Oi Kashi
2 pm - 3 pm	Kid's Club: Egg carton elves
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Dive Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Sunny candy bar
5 pm - 6 pm	Water sports: 1 hour seabob - House reef guided tour
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Welcome to New York!
7 pm - 9 pm	Kid's Club: Movie night
9 pm	Avi: Guest DJ

Sunday, 31 December 2017

9 am - 10 am	Marine Centre: Snorkelling for kids with marine biologist
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - Midday	Kid's Club: New Year card making
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: My Blend youth synergy facial
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Discover scuba diving
5 pm - 6 pm	Land sports: Petanque initiation
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Avi: New Year's Eve cocktail
7 pm - Midnight	Kid's Club: Mystery musical night
8:45 pm - 3:00 am	Tennis Court: New Year's Eve dinner party - Welcome to Broadway!

Monday, 1 January 2018

6:30 am - 10:30 pm	Diving Centre: Private big game fishing
9 am - 10 am	Water sports: Kayaking - Guided tour around the island
9 am - 10 am	Kid's Club: Finger print Christmas lights
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Velaa Island fantasy
12:30 pm - 3 pm	Athiri: New Year's Day brunch
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Aragu: New Year's Day chill out lunch
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Pancake counter
5 pm - 6 pm	Marine Centre: Marine Monday - Ocean sounds
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi Beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
7 pm - 9 pm	Kid's Club: The great kid's masquerade
8:30 pm - 11 pm	Avi: Big Apple party by Andrew Andrew
7 pm - 11 pm	Aragu: Dining with the stars (performance starts at 9 pm)



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Tuesday, 2 January 2018

9 am - 10:30 am	Water sports: 1.5 hour atoll tour by jetski
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Udwarthnam
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Discover scuba diving
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Candy bar
5 pm - 6 pm	Badminton court: Basketball initiation
5 pm - 6 pm	Kid's Club: Smoothie
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 9 pm	Kid's Club: So you think you can dance show
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Tavaru Wine Cellar: Private wine pairing dinner (advance reservation only)
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
8 pm - 9:45 pm	Athiri: All That Jazz live show
9:45 pm - Midnight	Avi: In-house live band

Wednesday, 3 January 2018

8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Diving Centre: Private luxury snorkeling
9 am - 10 am	Water sports: 1 hour seabob - House reef guided tour
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Sun salutation
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Rebalancing massage with essential oils
2 pm - 3 pm	Kid's Club: Treasure hunt
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: French high tea
5 pm - 6 pm	Water sports: Banana ride for kids
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 10 pm	Kid's Club: New York fashion week
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
7 pm - 11 pm	Aragu: Taste of the Seas
8 pm - 10 pm	Athiri: Blues and Booze
10 pm - Midnight	Avi: Resident DJ

Thursday, 4 January 2018

6:30 am - 10:30 pm	Diving Centre: Private big game fishing
9 am - 11 am	Water sports: 2 hour sandbank & snorkelling by jetski
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Bamboo massage
Midday - 1 pm	Kid's Club: Origami star angel
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Crêpe counter
5 pm - 6 pm	Marine Centre: Time with marine biologist for kids
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Maldivian night
9 pm - Midnight	Avi: In-house live band



Friday, 5 January 2018

9 am - 10 am	Water sports: Stand-up paddleboard - Guided tour around the island
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 1 pm	Kid's Club: Bookmark making
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Body contouring wrap
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Discover scuba diving
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Waffle station
5 pm - 6 pm	Volleyball court: Beach volleyball initiation
5 pm - 6 pm	Kid's Club: Aerobics
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
9 pm - Midnight	Avi: In-house live band

Saturday, 6 January 2018

9:30 am - Midday	Diving Centre: Private luxury snorkelling
8 am - 9 am	Marine Centre: Nature walk
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: My Blend youth synergy facial
1 pm - 2 pm	Kid's Club: Stitching Santa socks
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: Frozen candy bar
5 pm - 6 pm	Water sports: 1 hour seabob - House reef guided tour
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 8 pm	Kid's Club: Movie night!
7 pm - 8 pm	Avi: Orthodox Christmas Eve cocktail
8 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Orthodox Christmas Eve gala dinner
9 pm	Avi: Resident DJ

Sunday, 7 January 2018

9:30 am - Midday	Diving Centre: Private luxury snorkelling
8 am - 9 am	Marine Centre: Nature walk
11 am - Midday	Yoga Pavilion: Gentle Hatha group yoga
11 am - Midday	Kid's Club: Paper Christmas tree
11 am - 8 pm	Spa: Abhyanga & Shirodhara
1 pm - 2 pm	Kid's Club: Snowman in a bottle
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Diving Centre: Afternoon dive for certified divers
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Avi: French high tea
5 pm - 6 pm	Water sports: 1 hour seabob - house reef guided tour
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Avi beach: Stingray feeding
7 pm - 10:30 pm	Athiri: Specialty chef live stations
9 pm - Midnight	Avi: In-house live band





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