



KUREDIN IN THE MALDIVES

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Location:

Kuredu Island Resort is located in the Lhaviyani Atoll. A paradise island, with more than 3 km of white beaches and aquamarine lagoons. Kuredu is situated on the northern reef of the Lhaviyani Atoll, 80 miles north & 40 minutes by sea-plane from the airport of the international



Resort:

We were met by exotic, thatched bungalows and spacious villas which accommodated us. Bungalows and Villas line the white sand beach, while the Sangu Sunset Water Villas are built on columns over the lagoon. You can choose from 2 resorts and 4 categories of rooms. On the western end of the island the magnificent Sangu Resort with its exclusive Bar, Restaurant and Reception offers romantic Sangu Jacuzzi Beach Villas and the fabulous Sangu Sunset Water Villas. We stayed in the beautiful Beach Villas right on the sea front.

For our convenience we had several restaurants, bars and shops a well assorted souvenir and gift shop, a Jewellery shop, a one hour photo processing shop, more importantly a dive and snorkel equip-

Food:

Bonthi & Coamas Restaurants both served international & local buffets with live cooking for breakfast, lunch and dinner if you wanted it, they offer a different menu every meal time. All drinks were free if you went inclusive, the only drink you paid for was the water!!

So you could drink as much alcohol as you like but ask for a glass of water and they would charge you about 30p???

The Beach bar serves a choice of BBQ steaks, lobster and seafood for dinner.

The Far East with a Thai chef offering treats from all of Asia.

Fianco's served all day Italian dining and snacks and was open between 10.00 am to 11.00 p.m. serving late breakfast, pizzas, pastas, hamburgers and sandwiches.

Tea House the local choice, serving Maldivian snacks, short-eats and curries, hot but very



The Dive Centre:

ProDivers hire out the following equipment

- * Snorkel equipment, cameras, accessories and video cameras (u/w) for rental
- * E 6 development & an on-line digital video editing system.
- * Compressor-room with 5 compressors.
- * Nitrox station
- * Store and rinsing room for private equipment and a separate room for rental equipment.
- * Mares regulators with Octopus and console.
- * BCD's (Sea Quest).
- * Lamps, dive computers (Aladdin Sport/Nitrox) and wet suits, 3 mm tropical shorties, for rental.



The Diving:

I think is the best I have experienced, apart from the viz and abundant fish life you got:

- * Daily boat trips twice a day, Mon.-Sun.
- * Boat excursions as full day -, early morning-, lunch- & night dives are done regularly.
- * Independent diving is available at the house reef and night dives can be done every night.
- * The daily boat-trips, to more than 40 different dive sites, take between 10 and 60 minutes one way!. There are never two boats at the same dive site at the same time and they try to have a maximum of 10 - 14 divers on each boat.
- * There is a large variety of dive sites to choose from. Kuredu offers calm diving and diving in currents, channel crossings, caves and wall diving. As the only island in the Maldives, they have a dive site with 2 wonderful wrecks. A third wreck is conveniently located on their house reef.
- * Diving in the Lhaviyani Atoll at **Kuredu Express** (basically a fast rip current) as one of the best dive sites in the world unfortunately I didn't get on the trip.
- * **Kuredu ProDivers** is a 5-star Instructor Development Center and all diving education is conducted within the PADI standards.
- * Open Water Diver, Advanced OWD, Nitrox and other specialty courses start every week.

They offer a dive package or single dive prices (about £25 per dive), which ever works out cheapest they will help you with, an excellent resort and well recommended dive centre, pictures speak for them-