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Barefoot luxury. Spectacular surroundings. Sustainable paradise.



Gili Lankanfushi is one of the Maldives' best-loved resorts, with a uniquely laid-back philosophy. Fusing rustic design and unparalleled service with awe-inspiring natural surroundings, Gili Lankanfushi is the pioneer of ethical, sustainable, barefoot luxury in the Maldives.

Gili Lankanfushi: At a glance

- ❖ Recently refurbished 45 overwater villa resort located on a private island, 20 minutes from Malé by speedboat
- ❖ Rustic-luxe design combining recycled materials with sumptuous textiles
- ❖ Dedicated host service for all villas
- ❖ Largest overwater villa in the world, at more than 1,700sqm — the Private Reserve
- ❖ 11 villas with private swimming pools
- ❖ Wide variety of dining options, including modern European-Maldivian fusion restaurant on the beach serving fresh and seasonal produce for breakfast and dinner, and By The Sea restaurant serving authentic Japanese fusion cuisine with fresh, locally-sourced seafood and extensive sake collection
- ❖ Expansive organic garden growing all salad leaves and herbs, plus fruit and vegetables
- ❖ Lagoon Champa (pavilion) for private weddings, located in the middle of the lagoon
- ❖ Large infinity pool located on the beach
- ❖ Tennis courts
- ❖ Jungle Cinema
- ❖ Dedicated marine biology laboratory
- ❖ Surf Shack offers private surf lessons from beginners to advanced levels on world-class breaks throughout the region
- ❖ Ocean Paradise Dive Centre located close to world-renowned dive sites including Manta Point

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- ❖ Overwater Meera Spa with treatment rooms featuring glass floors, steam room, sauna and dedicated relaxation terraces
- ❖ Comprehensive Fitness Centre with panoramic views
- ❖ Extensive activities programme, including surfing, diving, snorkelling with manta rays and big game fishing trips on the resort's luxury yacht

Accommodation



Gili Lankanfushi reopened on 1st December 2019, following an inspired renovation of the resort. All 45 villas are located overwater and offer open-air living spaces, roof terraces and private decks with direct access to the lucent turquoise waters that surround the island. The rustic-chic design is inspired by the resort's natural surroundings, with glass floor panels offering a glimpse of the corals blooming below. A warm, neutral colour palette is complemented by flashes of locally-sourced turquoise fabrics, and every piece of furniture is custom made by skilled craftsmen using upcycled materials, including bed frames made from recycled teakwood and lampshades handwoven with recycled wire mesh to feature fish and sea turtles. Daybeds on the private roof terraces can be made up with luxurious linens for an atmospheric night spent sleeping beneath the stars. All types of villas and residences come with a dedicated Mr/s Friday butler service, catering for guests' every wish.

The 24 airy, one bedroom 210m² **Villa Suites** boast open-air living areas and bathrooms with private water gardens, plus roof terraces with daybeds and air-conditioned bedrooms. Following the refurbishment, six of the suites also boast private swimming pools. The five **Gili Lagoon Villas** benefit from the addition of overwater hammocks in the lagoon, perfect for snoozing away the afternoon.

The four 250m² **Residences** offer further seclusion, located away from neighbouring villas at the end of the jetties, with two offering private swimming pools. The air-conditioned living areas can be converted to a second bedroom for families and larger groups. The **Gili Lagoon Residence** also offers a luxurious lagoon hammock.

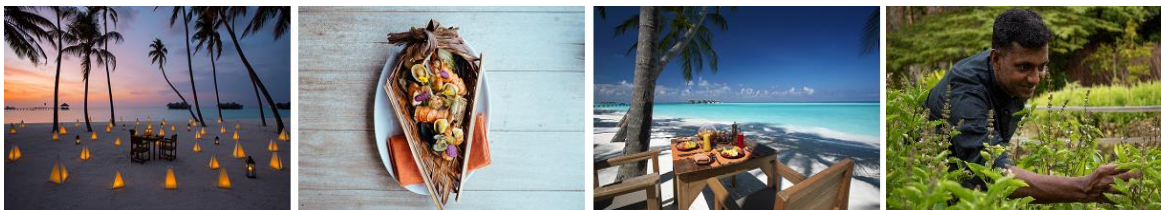
For families and larger groups, the 350m² **Family Villa** has access to its own private island, whilst the refurbishment has seen the addition of two 385m² **Family Villas with Pools** to the island. All offer a dedicated living area in addition to two bedrooms and bathrooms, plus a luxurious outdoor bath and roof terrace with deep soaking tub.

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Seven 250m² **Crusoe Residences** offer total privacy, with a secluded location in the lagoon, accessible only by boat. Flexible living arrangements can create one or two bedrooms, in addition to Gili Lankanfushi's signature open-air bathroom with private coral garden, roof terrace with daybed and sun deck with direct ocean access. Guests are provided with a private boat to reach the island, which they can operate themselves or have their Fridays assist them at a moment's notice.

The **Private Reserve**, at 1,700m², is the largest overwater villa in the world, offering total seclusion with a location 500m from the island and 300m from the nearest residence. Comprising five vast buildings, linked by open-air walkways, the Private Reserve offers four bedrooms with spectacular lagoon views, extensive private living space and open-air bathrooms, as well as a well-equipped and air-conditioned gym, pampering private spa with sauna and steam room, open-air private cinema with cosy seating and large open-sided dining area — perfect for extravagant feasts. Outdoor space includes a 21m infinity pool and waterslide directly into the lagoon, where guests will find corals, reef fish and eagle rays drifting through the shallows.

Gastronomy



From ocean to plate, Gili Lankanfushi's gastronomic vision embraces the bounty of the surrounding waters alongside carefully sourced seasonal ingredients, which feature across the island's three restaurants. Executive Chef Hari Govindaraj oversees the culinary vision on the island, with a penchant for plant-based dishes that celebrate local ingredients sourced from Gili Lankanfushi's very own organic garden. Chef Hari's signature dishes include Pan Seared 'Scallops' made from home-grown daikon; Aloe Vera Coconut Ceviche; and indulgent ginger dairy-free ice cream.

Kashiveli — Located directly on the beach and open for breakfast and dinner, Kashiveli — which translates as 'coral sands' in the local Dhivehi language — embodies locally-sourced, nutritious ingredients and vibrant flavours through a marriage of land and ocean.

Breakfasts celebrate the region's wide variety of fresh tropical fruits with an ever-changing array of smoothies, juices and fresh fruit plates made to order, as well as traditionally Maldivian offerings such as *Mas Huni* and international favourites.

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Four evenings per week see the beach and overwater bar transformed with a buzzing market experience, with the Asian Street Market, Mediterranean Spice Souk, Passage to India and Maldivian Seafood Grill nights.

The Gili Culinary Journey will be on offer three nights a week, with a rotating menu of signature dishes taking guests on a gastronomic journey through nine regions, from traditional handmade Sardinian pasta and fresh Antalyan salads to vibrant Indonesian Rendang curry and Tamil lamb.

Cold Room at Kashiveli – The newly added cold room features a selection of premium cold cuts, artisan cheeses and homemade chocolates made available during the gourmet breakfast experience.

By the Sea — Open five nights a week and offering authentic sushi, sashimi, teppanyaki and more, By the Sea offers delicious Japanese fusion dishes using locally-sourced seafood and reef fish, overlooking the calm waters of the northern shore. The extensive sake selection brings together only the highest quality sakes from across Japan.

Overwater Bar — Occupying an enviable position overlooking the calm waters of Gili Lagoon, the overwater bar is often frequented by reef sharks and rays drifting through the languid waters below. Lunchtimes see the open kitchen cooking up a concise and daily-changing trio of dishes, whilst a lighter option comes in the form of an extensive salad bar. As sunset turns the sky afire, the Overwater Bar becomes the perfect setting for sundowners: delicious cocktails freshly crafted using local flavours and served with light and flavoursome canapes.

Destination dining — Special occasions can be celebrated with unique destination dining experiences, ranging from secluded, lantern-lit feasts amongst the towering palms of Palm Beach to private sunset cruises with champagne on ice. The Gili Tasting Journey offers guests an adventurous dining experience at five different locations around the island.

Underground Wine Cellar — The cool surrounds of the resort's intimate, sunken wine cellar — built around a huge piece of driftwood swept ashore — is the ideal spot for a romantic wine, cheese and chocolate tasting, or a decadent tasting menu.

In-villa dining — For those in no rush to leave the comfort of their villa, Gili Lankanfushi offers a full in-villa dining service throughout the day, with specially-designed menus of delicious dishes.

Spa and Wellness



Wellbeing and balance in body and soul is central to Gili Lankanfushi's ethos and Meera Spa, meaning ocean, offers holistic healing in a spectacular overwater setting. Open air walkways link the treatment rooms, steam room and sauna with the vast relaxation areas, where guests can watch the waves and enjoy a spicy pot of freshly brewed Maldivian ginger tea after their treatments.

The range of global therapies, drawing on age old cultures and knowledge, begin with a pampering mineral-rich sea salt foot cleanse in a symbolic ritual. Therapeutic treatments use organic products by Voya and Sodashi, as well as Meera products created on the island from the finest oceanic and plant extracts to heal and revitalise. Glass floors in the six treatment rooms allow guests to watch the fish flitting amongst the coral during treatments.

The immersive wellness journeys, which range from one to five days in length, include a range of bespoke and curated restorative experiences with long-lasting benefits. Journeys range from a lavish five day detox retreat, aimed to purify body and mind with a host of treatments and healing experiences, to a one day Ayurvedic remedy journey, which revives weary travellers through therapeutic massage. New active programmes combine surfing or scuba diving with tailored spa treatments to allow guests to reach their full potential whether under the sea or riding the waves.

A range of holistic activities, including meditation, reiki, crystal healing and ancient singing bowl sessions supplement the wide range of spa treatments, drawing on Ayurveda, ocean therapy and healing journeys, to ease mind and body into a state of serene relaxation.

Meera Spa regularly hosts a rotating schedule of international visiting practitioners for a curated programme of therapeutic journeys, featuring signature treatments and healing rituals.

Daily complimentary yoga classes take place at sunrise each morning at the beachside Yoga Champa. Guests can also organise one-on-one yoga and meditation practices with the resort's resident and visiting practitioners.

Sustainability



Sustainability is at the heart of the island’s vision, with an emphasis on preserving the natural environment, protecting the fragile marine ecosystem and leaving only footprints behind. An advanced rocket composter can process up to 100% of the resort’s food waste, producing compost which in turn nurtures the island’s extensive organic herb garden.

All buildings are constructed using sustainably-sourced plantation teak, palm wood and bamboo in addition to recycled telegraph poles. All rooms provide organic toiletries in refillable earthenware containers, to minimise plastics use and wastage. The island’s dedicated desalination plant is used to provide glass bottles of still and sparkling water for all guests.

Conservation is taken seriously on the island, with the island regularly hosting visiting scientists and academics studying the coral reef ecosystem. The island’s dedicated marine biology team monitor the health and biodiversity of the surrounding coral reef ecosystems, measuring light intensity and sea surface temperature, identifying and tracking manta ray and turtle populations, removing invasive Crown of Thorns starfish, and educating guests about the underwater world through lectures and guided snorkelling trips. Gili Lankanfushi’s Coral Lines project provides a nursery environment for new corals to grow, bolstering the house reef and monitoring health and survival types across coral genotypes.

Quick facts

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Rates	Rates at Gili Lankanfushi start from \$1,440 per night on a room-only basis, based on double occupancy. Rates are subject to taxes.

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- Time zone** Gili Lankanfushi operates on 'island time', which is one hour ahead of Malé time, due to the historic travel time by dhoni. Time on the island is GMT+6.
- Getting there** Gili Lankanfushi is a 20 minute speedboat ride from Velana International Airport on Hulhulé Island near Malé.