

## NAIADE TO OPEN NEW LUXURIOUS HOTEL IN THE MALDIVES

“DIVA ”

MAY 2008



May 2008 marks the opening of Naiade Resorts newest hotel, **Diva**, an incredible new five star deluxe hotel, located on Didhoonolhu one of the largest islands in the Maldives. At Diva no corner has been left unturned. Offering guests and divas alike with the ultimate paradise - lush tropical vegetation runs alongside 4km of white sandy beaches, stunning deluxe water and beach villas house the guests and seductive pampering will be provided in the “Spa by Anne Sémonin” and an array of fine dining options for the foodie gourmet.

Virginie Koenig, the celebrated Mauritian interior designer, has given the hotel its unique décor and took her inspiration from the Maldives’ rich and colourful Marine world. She worked closely with the Maldivian architect, Mohammed Shafeeq who incorporated local architecture styles with contemporary comfort.

The accommodation is divided into 48 Junior Suites (63m<sup>2</sup>) with views of the sea and access to the beach, 45 Beach Villas (90m<sup>2</sup>) and 12 Beach Pool Villas (110m<sup>2</sup>) with direct beach access and views of the lagoon, 84 Water Villas on stilts (88m<sup>2</sup>), three Family Water Villas on stilts (142 m<sup>2</sup>- two bedroom family villa) and one Presidential Water Villa on stilts over the lagoon (221m<sup>2</sup>), all with a terrace looking out to the sea and direct lagoon access.

Villa and Suite facilities include: air conditioning, en-suite bathroom, outdoor shower, telephone, LCD TV screen with built-in DVD, dressing room, mini bar, safe, hairdryer, complimentary tea and coffee making facilities, 24 hours room service.

The Presidential Villa facilities include: one en-suite Master bedroom, one en-suite Guest bedroom, a lounge area, a Pantry Room, a deck with an infinity Plunge Pool, a panoramic view of the lagoon and local islands, 24 hours butler service.

Diva prides itself on offering a unique and varied gastronomic experience and boasts six restaurants and six bars offering three styles of cuisine. Guests can enjoy European flavours with a touch of oriental spices at Senses restaurant with dishes inspired by North African, Lebanese, Indian and Indian Ocean cuisine. Noo restaurant serves a variety of international dishes whilst Pure restaurant features Japanese-style open cooking. At East guests can take their pick from a variety of Cambodian, Indonesian, Thai, Sri Lankan, Hong Kong and Chinese dishes or choose to relax at Season, the beach restaurant which boasts a light menu with beach barbeques, brochettes and fresh salads. Alegria offers delicious traditional Italian cuisine.

Diva has one of the most comprehensive watersports centres in the Maldives. Catamaran sailing, windsurfing, pedalo boats, kayaking, water skiing, water inflatable rides and snorkelling enable guests to make the most of this watery wonderland. Diva is located amidst some of the Maldives best diving sites, so both novice and experienced divers can explore the spectacular reefs.

Nestling amongst lush green vegetation, the luxurious spa by Anne Sémonin at Diva boasts 15 double treatment rooms including 4 over water treatment rooms and 11 beach treatment rooms. All treatment rooms are equipped with private bath room facilities, indoor and outdoor showers. Guests can choose from a wide variety of body massages and beauty treatments.

The hotel has a kids club for children aged between 3 and 12 which has its own TV and cinema lounge, dining room, library and computer area, nanny station and outdoor play area. Open daily from 10am to 10pm, the club is run by qualified staff, who organise fun activities and shows to keep the children entertained. There is a teens club for older children – with internet access, playstation on request, table football, pool table and table tennis. Baby sitting is available at extra cost.

Other facilities at Diva include internet lounge, conference equipments, information desk, infirmary, boutiques and a disco. Excursions can be arranged.

The opening of Diva will take place in two phases. The first phase will open on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008, followed by a second phase on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. Adding to Naiade's prestigious collection of hotels in the Indian Ocean - Beau Rivage, Les Pavillons, Legends, Tamassa, Merville Beach, Le Tropical and private island Ile des Deux Cocos in Mauritius, and two hotels in Reunion, Villas du Lagon (4\* Sup) and Villas du Recif (3\* Sup). Building on the prestigious portfolio Naiade has already established.

**Seasons In Style Quote ([www.seasonsinstyle.com](http://www.seasonsinstyle.com)):**

Stay 8 nights, pay for 6 in a Beach Pool Villa at Diva, Maldives from £1795 pp (based on two people sharing on a half board basis). Saving up to £265 pp. Price includes economy flights with Emirates and private transfers. Offer valid 1<sup>st</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008.

**Virgin Holidays Quote ([www.virginholidays.com](http://www.virginholidays.com)):**

A seven night stay at Diva starts from £1390, on a half board basis in a junior suite (based on two adults sharing departing on 6<sup>th</sup> June). The price includes return international flights with Sri Lankan Airways direct to Male and returning via Colombo, and return seaplane transfers. Prices may be subject to a fuel surcharge and an increase in Air Passenger Duty.

Special Offer, from 1<sup>st</sup> May- 31<sup>st</sup> July, get seven nights for the price of five. (The above price includes this discount)

For more information visit [www.naiaderesorts.com](http://www.naiaderesorts.com) or call Reservations on 00 230 698 22 22.

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