

# Grand Park Kodhipparu Maldives Reveals Why Summer May Be the Maldives' Best-Kept Secret

*Insights from nearly a decade of summer travel reveal how wellness, marine encounters and meaningful connection are reshaping luxury travel in the Maldives*

MALE, MALDIVES, June 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As [Grand Park Kodhipparu](#) Maldives celebrates its ninth anniversary this month, the boutique luxury resort is sharing an unexpected insight gained from nearly a decade of welcoming guests from around the world: summer may be the Maldives' best-kept secret.



Beach Club and watersports lagoon at Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives

While many travellers continue to associate the Maldives with the traditional winter high season,

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the team at Grand Park Kodhipparu has spent nine consecutive summers observing a different side of the destination—one characterised by vibrant marine life, slower rhythms, dramatic skies and a growing desire among travellers to reconnect with themselves, their loved ones and nature.

The observation has become the inspiration behind the resort's newly launched [Summer Lagoon Living](#) campaign, which coincides with both the resort's ninth anniversary and a broader shift in global travel motivations.

"Over the past nine years, we have welcomed thousands of guests through every season, and one thing has become increasingly clear," says Raffaele Solferino, General Manager of Grand Park Kodhipparu Maldives, who has been part of the resort's journey since its pre-opening phase in 2017.

"Summer is often misunderstood in the Maldives. Yet many of our most memorable guest experiences happen during this season. The pace slows, the lagoon becomes the centre of daily life, marine encounters are often exceptional, and guests have more time to truly reconnect with themselves, with loved ones and with the natural environment around them."

Located just 20 minutes by speedboat from Velana International Airport, Grand Park Kodhipparu has evolved over the past nine years from a contemporary island resort into an award-winning boutique destination recognised for its experience-led approach to hospitality. This evolution has culminated in the resort's philosophy of [Connected Island Luxury](#)—a contemporary interpretation of luxury centred on wellbeing, meaningful experiences, emotional connection and a sense of place.

The resort's award-nominated house reef, Green Globe Gold Certification, dedicated Lifestyle Hosts, overwater spa and signature FireDoor dining experience all contribute to a guest journey designed around connection rather than excess.

Over nine summers, the resort has observed trends that increasingly mirror wider developments across the travel industry.

Guests are spending more time immersed in nature, snorkelling directly from their villas, participating in wellness experiences and extending stays to prioritise quality time with family and friends. Multi-generational travel has become increasingly common, while honeymooners frequently return years later with young families of their own. Repeat guests often speak less



FireDoor fine dining overwater restaurant at Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives



Overwater villas and crystal-clear lagoons set the scene for Grand Park Kodhipparu's Chinese New Year stay offer, celebrating love, connection and new beginnings.

about facilities and more about the memories, traditions and personal connections they have formed through multiple visits.

Perhaps the most significant shift has been the growing importance of emotional wellbeing as a travel motivation.

"Guest feedback increasingly focuses on how people feel when they leave rather than simply what they did while they were here," explains Liz Smalles, Director of Marketing at Grand Park Kodhipparu Maldives.

"Travellers consistently describe leaving the island feeling rested, reconnected and renewed. This reflects a wider evolution in luxury travel, where meaningful experiences and emotional wellbeing are becoming just as important as exceptional accommodation and service."

The summer season also reveals another side of the Maldives that many first-time visitors never expect. The resort regularly observes sea turtles, reef sharks and stingrays around its vibrant house reef, while changing weather patterns create dramatic cloud formations, vivid sunsets and ever-changing lagoon colours that many returning guests consider among the most beautiful of the year.

To celebrate its ninth anniversary and invite travellers to experience this season for themselves, Grand Park Kodhipparu has introduced Summer Lagoon Living—a collection of experiences inspired by the rhythms of island life.

Among the experiences that have become synonymous with summer on the island are snorkelling alongside sea turtles on the house reef, sunrise yoga overlooking the Indian Ocean, guided marine discovery experiences with the resort's marine biologist, clear kayak adventures



An iconic oceanfront pool, where white sands meet endless blues at Grand Park Kodhipparu Maldives



Guests enjoy tranquil lagoon experiences at Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives

across the lagoon and moonlit dining beneath the stars.

The resort is currently nominated for Indian Ocean's Leading Villa Resort 2026 and Maldives' Leading Boutique Resort 2026 at the World Travel Awards, further reflecting its growing reputation within the destination.

As Grand Park Kodhipparu looks towards its tenth year, the resort believes the future of luxury lies not in doing more, but in creating space for guests to reconnect—with nature, with loved ones and with themselves. Because while luxury continues to evolve, the moments that matter most are often the simplest: a shared sunset, a turtle gliding across a coral reef, or the feeling of leaving an island better than when you arrived.

#### About Grand Park Kodhipparu Maldives

Grand Park Kodhipparu Maldives is an award-winning boutique luxury resort located in North Malé Atoll, just 20 minutes by speedboat from Velana International Airport. Designed with contemporary elegance and Maldivian influences, the resort features 120 beach-front and overwater villas, world-class dining, an overwater spa, a vibrant house reef and a collection of curated experiences inspired by its philosophy of Connected Island Luxury. The resort is part of Park Hotel Group.

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