





ONE & ONLY REETHI RAH

The Ultimate In Luxury And Comfort Awaits At This Exotic, Private Tropical Oasis In The Maldives

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Imagine an exotic tropical escape where an unprecedented level of privacy, comfort, and luxury go hand in hand. The exclusive Maldives resort, One & Only Reethi Rah, meaning "Beautiful Island" in the native language of "Dhivehi," is surrounded by the sparkling turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean and set amid 109 tropical acres. The resort, sited on one of the largest islands in North Male' Atoll, is part of the One & Only award-winning chain of resorts that welcome visitors to some of world's most beautiful locales. This rare jewel affords astonishing levels of seclusion with four miles of unspoiled coastline that beckon guests to its 12, pristine white-sand beaches, each lying in a private cove.

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LEFT: A villa interior created with vivid tropical colors and natural textures such as teak, rattan, mahogany, silk and coconut shell, overlooks a private infinity pool.

FAR LEFT: An infinity edge pool is set amid a lush tropical landscape with a view of a private, white-sand beach.

TOP: Suspended above the Indian Ocean is an over-water villa with an expansive veranda for lounging or dining. Reethi Rah's villas are traditionally thatched by local craftsman using young coconut palm leaves.





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Guests journey to Reethi Rah on the resort's private yacht, and upon arrival, are led to a sleek reception area. Here, an open wood tropical pavilion featuring eight, carved interior columns rest atop cool, black-polished terrazzo flooring, inset with teak.

The 130 luxurious villas, some with private infinity pools, were designed by Jean Michel Gathy, Director of Denniston International Architects. Gathy created exteriors with Balan wood imported from Malaysia, along with spacious interiors in a vibrantly colored blend of Asian inspired and tropical style. Villas feature soaring ceilings, sumptuous king-sized beds wrapped in 300-thread count Egyptian linens, oversized tubs, a Bose Lifestyle surround system and expansive verandas, all with ocean views.

Three restaurants offer eclectic fare and stunning views of sea and sky. Dine at Reethi Restaurant, where attire is always Island chic, and an alfresco fusion of Far Eastern, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine tempt the palate. Tapasake, a sophisticated over-water Japanese restaurant created with interiors of glass and stone, serves fresh sushi and Fanditha, where healthful Middle Eastern fare can be enjoyed on the beach while lounging on Arabian divans and hammocks. Later, sip champagne cocktails in the three-level Rah Bar designed with sweeping water views in mind.

Along with a wide array of complimentary land and water activities, a dive center and a fitness studio, the ultimate indulgence awaits at the One & Only Spa, by ESPA, set amid tranquil gardens and manicured lawns. In eight treatment spa suites, two over water, guests are pampered with revitalizing therapies including Thai Massage and European aromatherapy.

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