



Amilla's Maldives Cultural Week

After starting this unique festival last year we are excited to announce the second annual Maldives Cultural Week happening from 20 July till 26 July, Maldives Independence Day. As a locally owned and operated resort, we want to offer our guests the opportunity to experience the real culture of the Maldives. Being the only resort to offer Maldives Cultural Week, guests are able to celebrate local culture through cultural workshops, games, music, and culinary treats all while supporting local artists and businesses.

Show your skills while playing the traditional sports games Bashi and Thin Mugoali; be creative during the lacquer art and wood carving workshops with Solih and the music sessions with The Prism, and explore the collections of the Maldivian designers at the pop-up store. In the meantime, don't miss out on the wonderful painting classes given by Maadey, our residence artist, and visit the first mosque in the Maldives and the national heritage museum during the Local Island Visit.



Activities and Visiting Artists

Ibrahim Solih will be showcasing his craftwork and conducting lacquer art and wood carving workshops for the artistically inclined guests. The master artisan and his talented wife demonstrate the sheer expertise, skills, and knowledge one requires to produce the Maldivian wooden lacquer work.

DJ Tappu has performed at various music festivals in Thailand and Sri Lanka, and as a resident DJ for Maldivian resorts. He plays a wide range of musical genres and can be found during the evening in Baa Bar. He is looking forward to share his skills with our guests during his DJ classes.

Bodu Beru is the heart of traditional Maldivian music showing a magical amalgamation of drums, vocals, and dance. They perform during the weekly guest cocktails and Maldivian Night theme night. Besides that, they can brighten any celebration with their private performances.

The Prism is a live acoustic band from Male' that delights their audience by performing musical genres ranging from pop and blues to smooth jazz. They will be performing in Baa Bar during sunset and evening time and also give drum, guitar and singing classes as well as jam sessions.

Maldivian Pop-up Store with collections from the Maldivian brands Endheri Artisan, Funoas, Kulhema Maldives and Raidha's Maldives. The items that are available include handmade jewelry, dresses, beachwear and games and books for children about the Maldivian culture and fauna.

Bashi is a game played only by women in the Maldives. It was originally played with a wooden bat and a ball made of woven coconut leaves until the country's first president modernized the game as part of his mission to advance women's interests. Since then, it has been played with a tennis racket.

Local Island Visit Visit the first mosque in the Maldives and other historical sites in Kendhoo, the first island to welcome Islam to the Maldives. After that, the journey continues to the national heritage museum in Kudarikilu, where Kurumba and traditional snacks made by locals will be waiting.

Maadey is our resident artist with a love for painting, art and craft. Admire his artworks inspired by the Maldives during his exhibition in Emperor Beach Club or take part in one of his painting classes. For the artistic guests, he is also available for private painting classes.