



HONEYMOONS & CELEBRATIONS

Awarded the 'Maldives Leading Honeymoon Resort', the 'Indian Ocean's Leading Honeymoon Resort', and the 'World's Leading honeymoon Resort' by the World Travel Awards in 2022, it's no surprise that JA Manafaru's idyllic beach backdrops and floral archway statement pieces have set it apart as a highly sought-after romantic escape. The resort is known for its personalised, carefully curated blessing and commitment ceremonies, which offer romantic and meaningful celebrations of love in an intimate island setting.

Commitment ceremonies are held before sunset on a private beach on the resort, with details being handled from start to finish by a dedicated team of experts. Remaining true to the simplicity of island life, the style of the celebrations is often stripped back, keeping nature and the couple's love at the forefront. The ceremony is led by a qualified island elder, who guides the couple through vows or allows them to recite their own, before they exchange handmade rope and shell bracelets as a symbol and reaffirmation of their commitment to each other.

Following the ceremony, couples traditionally receive two glasses of bubbles for a toast, before being escorted to a private destination to enjoy a selection of canapés. Their evening is complete with a private dinner and the opportunity to send a sustainable, bamboo wishing lantern out over the ocean.

The blessing ceremonies at JA Manafaru – although similar to the commitment ceremonies – are designed for couples who wish to celebrate their love with additional spiritual meaning. These are typically overseen by a Maldivian priest, who will bless the couple and offer prayers over their future together.

Ceremony offerings include the Seashell, White Sand, Starfish, and Bubbles packages, which can be personalised with the addition of standalone blessing enhancements like fresh flower bouquets, live musicians, and professional photographers. JA Manafaru also offers its stunning natural landscapes to larger intimate gatherings, including a sixty-person island retreat and an island buy-out for a gathering of up to 120 persons.

In line with JA Manafaru's commitment to showcasing 'The Real Maldives', the resort blends traditional Maldivian culture with its breathtaking natural environment for a bespoke ceremonial experience underpinned by authentic island charm.