

## **JA MANAFARU**

A paradise island on the Northernmost atoll of the Maldives – Haa Alif Atoll – JA Manafaru is committed to bringing 'The Real Maldives' to its revered guests. Blending the privacy of a remote escape with the luxury of five-star service and comfort, the 35-acre private island combines Maldivian culture, tradition, and nature with the promise of a truly authentic, all-inclusive barefoot luxury experience.

Accessible by its efficient, direct transfer service – a 50-minute flight from Velana Airport and a 10-minute speedboat ride – JA Manafaru welcomes guests with its powder beaches and stunning Indian Ocean vistas, offering diverse marine wildlife and untouched natural landscapes to explore.

The resort's island-inspired architecture features subtle eastern undertones that pay homage to its unique location and history. Its stunning outward appearance is paired with luxurious, earthy interiors, emphasising organic colour tones and materials like wood and bamboo for a bright and natural atmosphere. The island enclave's 84 beach and over-water villas – including three grand residences – are all accompanied by private pools, destination dining offerings, and a host of memorable island experiences.

Promising a 'taste of paradise', JA Manafaru boasts six scenic dining destinations in its carefully curated culinary lineup. Ocean Grill is the resort's iconic seafood restaurant and steakhouse by the beach, while Kakuni serves as the island's all-day dining hotspot, offering a selection of international fare. Other notable venues include Infinity Pool & Bar — which provides light poolside beverages and picnic hampers, and even doubles as a movie night venue — and Andiamo Bistro, a Mediterranean-inspired eatery set among palm trees by the main swimming pool. White Orchid Lounge is JA Manafaru's signature venue, known for its bubbly afternoon tea, canapé plates, oversized sofas, and the most enchanting sunset views.

Perhaps most unique to JA Manafaru is The Cellar – the Maldives' first and deepest two-chamber, subterranean wine cave. Set amid a garden and guarded by heavy oak wood doors, the Indonesian volcanic rock chamber gives way to an elegant candlelit dining space. The venue combines sophistication with history and remains one of JA Manafaru's most beautiful and secluded bucket-list destinations.

The property also features its state-of-the-art Horizon Fitness Pavilion, which houses a stretching studio, cardio machines, and fitness facilities that overlook the surrounding waters. Complimentary outdoor yoga sessions are routinely hosted by the pavilion, providing guests



with a unique experience set against the backdrop of the Indian Ocean with unobstructed sunrise and sunset views.

The Calm Spa at JA Manafaru offers several wellness treatments that employ centuries-old Ayurvedic therapies and Maldivian-Asian traditions to help guests achieve emotional relaxation and physical restoration. Patrons of Calm Spa can also choose to visit Ananda, a tranquil outdoor space by a large Banyan tree used for meditation, prayer, and cultural ceremonies.

Alongside its health and wellness offerings, JA Manafaru encourages guests to enjoy the surrounding nature and community with several curated leisure activities. The property has a fully equipped watersports centre – with motorised and non-motorised vehicles – wakeboarding, paddle boarding, parasailing, and fun tubes. Guests can also take advantage of guided diving tours around the coral reefs of Haa Alif Atoll, off-island excursions, dolphin spotting, and big game fishing.

The island also houses a Kids Zone, which hosts weekly activities for three-to-seven-year-olds, such as coconut painting, treasure hunts, and shell collecting. Included in the recreational offerings is the Chill Zone, which features games consoles, pool tables, and a movie room, as well as the Family Zone, an indoor-outdoor play space available to families during daylight hours.

Since its opening – and through ongoing engagements with the local community – JA Manafaru has remained committed to sustainability. The resort is plastic-free, partly solar-powered, and has an eight-stage water filtration system. As part of a pioneering initiative that saw the introduction of the kick-starter programme for one-litre products, the island resort also promotes the Ocean Bottle. The bottles are made from 11.4 kg of recycled plastic materials collected from the ocean and allow guests to track their water consumption, among other things.

As an extension of its ongoing sustainability programmes, JA Manafaru is also training the local community in environmental protection and preservation. The resort is working with local experts to empower school children and interns to be better stewards of the island's natural riches and continues to provide employment opportunities for residents of the surrounding islands.

Home to a flourishing community of local inhabitants, ancient Banyan trees, and traditional coral houses, JA Manafaru is a truly integrated destination, bringing together the best of 'The Real Maldives' barefoot luxury and an exceptional guest experience.