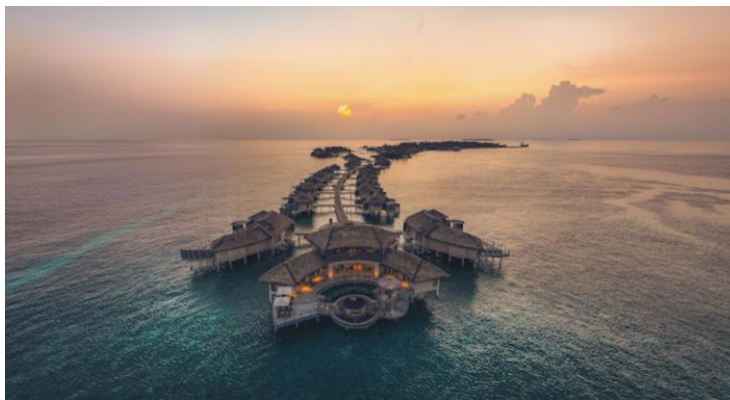


MALDIVES ANNOUNCES TOM AIKENS AS CULINARY STAR OF 2025 FESTIVE SEASON LINE UP

The Two-Michelin-Star Chef will take centre stage at InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort's Once-in-a-Lifetime Culinary Journey



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June 2025... // [InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort](#) has announced a festive season residency by one of the world's most acclaimed culinary talents — [Chef Tom Aikens](#) — who will bring his signature two-Michelin-starred brilliance to the Indian Ocean from 26 December 2025 to 6 January 2026.

This exclusive collaboration marks a milestone for the luxury resort as it continues to elevate its gastronomic credentials with globally renowned talent. Supported by the expert team of chefs at the resort, Tom Aikens will take over The Lighthouse, InterContinental Maldives' signature and iconic overwater restaurant, for a series of fine-dining experiences curated especially for the festive season, alongside masterclasses and a once-in-a-lifetime private yacht dining event.

The guest programme, available to all guests booking for this festive season, includes:

- **28 & 29 December** – *Tasting Menu at The Lighthouse* crafted by Chef Aikens, showcasing his devotion to seasonality and modern European finesse
- **29 December** – *Interactive Cooking Class at The Collective* where guests can join Tom for an exclusive hands-on session to learn professional techniques and prepare one of his signature dishes
- **1 January** – *Private Yacht Dining Experience* available for two guests to welcome the New Year in unforgettable style with an intimate dinner hosted by Tom on the resort's private yacht, featuring specially curated menus beneath the stars
- **2 & 3 January** – *Tasting Menu at The Lighthouse* - a brand-new selection for returning guests and new diners

- **6 January** – *Island-style Buffet Dinner at Café Umi with Live Stations* featuring a special dish created and presented by Tom for the occasion

When asked about the residency, Tom Aikens said: *“I am excited to be partnering with InterContinental Maldives for what promises to be one of my most exciting collaborations to date and can’t wait to share some of my signature dishes with guests.*

“It’s so important to me that both the staff and guests receive just as much out of this experience as I will. I’m looking forward to working with the talented team there, teaching them new techniques and sharing my preparation methods.

“Cooking and working in such a breathtaking, idyllic Maldivian setting is always going to be an incredible experience, and I have no doubt this will be an unforgettable trip.”

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About InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort
InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort is an exclusive destination getaway offering a unique opportunity for those looking to unwind and reconnect in an enviable island setting, where exclusive privileges go hand in hand with the personal touch of our signature service at InterContinental Hotels & Resorts’ first and only all-Club InterContinental resort. Located in the Raa Atoll; 35 minutes by seaplane from the Velana International Airport, InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort is an award-winning island escape offering beach, lagoon and overwater villas and residences with up to three bedrooms. Curated dining and wellness experiences, an extensive kids club as well as the Retreat, an adult-only enclave, along with a myriad of recreational adventures for families and couples alike are also available

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