

# INTRODUCING INTERCONTINENTAL MALDIVES MAAMUNAGAU RESORT'S 2025 FESTIVE PROGRAMME: ATLANTIS – THE LOST KINGDOM



Discover a Curated Programme of Events, from Wellness Practitioners and Kids Entertainers to a Visiting Artist and a World-Renowned Michelin-Starred Chef

High res imagery: Intercontinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort & Festive 2025

September 2025...// InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort announces its most exciting festive programme to date. Inspired by the resort's stunning Indian Ocean surroundings, the programme will be themed around 'A Celebration for the Oceans', as guests are invited to step into Atlantis: The Lost Kingdom, a mythical world which promises a magical and opulent break on the island of Maamunagau. Highlights include an unforgettable culinary residency by one of the world's most celebrated chefs, Tom Aikens, ocean-inspired art classes and exhibitions by the talented UK artist, Florence Super, a visiting practitioner in the form of an experienced physiotherapist, Emma Diani, and the return of renowned children's entertainers, Sharky & George, plus much more.

With a curated calendar of activities designed to appeal to families, foodies, creatives and wellness gurus alike, this diverse range of entertainment will transform the resort into the legendary lost city of Atlantis, encouraging guests to fully embrace the holiday spirit. Live musical performances, 'Poseidon's Banquet' themed gala dinners, surprise Santa appearances and New Year's Eve celebrations will all be on offer, providing guests with a memorable culinary and cultural journey. There will also be plenty of time for relaxation at the resort's AVI Spa, offering holistic treatments and physiotherapy sessions with visiting practitioner, Emma Diani, as well as the chance to discover constellations and distant galaxies with Resident Astronomer, Aleks.

Sitting on the idyllic Southernmost tip of Raa Atoll, on the edge of a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and near a juvenile manta ray aggregation spot, the resort supports manta ray research and has its own sustainable waste initiatives and recycling programmes. Ocean-themed activities, including scuba diving, seabobbing, and the chance to adopt a coral line, will all be part of the resort's festive programme.



# **Michelin Starred Mastery with Tom Aikens**

For discerning travellers seeking a rare blend of gastronomic brilliance and barefoot island luxury, Michelin-starred Chef, Tom Aikens, will take to the stage for an exclusive 12-day residency - a once-in-a-lifetime experience for food lovers. As the youngest British chef ever to be awarded two Michelin stars, Tom Aikens is revered for his ingredient-led, deeply personal approach to modern European cuisine. During the course of the residency, Tom will take over the resort's signature overwater restaurant, The Lighthouse, curating two unique multi-course tasting menus served across four gala evenings. He will also host an intimate cooking class, an exclusive one-night-only private yacht dinner for two with a uniquely curated menu designed to be enjoyed under starlit skies, and a finale beachside buffet experience. Whether marking a milestone, planning a luxurious family gathering, or celebrating a culinary-inspired honeymoon, this festive programme promises to blend Michelin-starred mastery with the magic of the Maldives.

#### A Celebration of Art, Ocean and Sustainability with Florence Super

Renowned for her ocean-inspired artwork, UK-based creative, Florence Super, will bring her talent to InterContinental Maldives for the very first time this festive season. Celebrated for her vibrant marine murals and sustainable artwork, Florence transforms recycled wood and materials into marine-based visuals. Her work aligns perfectly with this year's festive programme, celebrating the magic of the oceans through beautiful and emotive pieces. The synergy between Florence's artwork and the resort's sustained relationship with The Manta Trust and prime position on the edge of a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve will inspire a series of five creative art sessions for guests. The residency culminates in an exclusive exhibition where select pieces will be available for purchase.

# **Visiting Wellness Practitioners**

With over 29 years of experience, expert physiotherapist Emma Diani will join the resort as a visiting practitioner from 15th December 2025 - 15th February 2026, offering guests personalised care to improve posture, relieve chronic pain and restore movement. The resort's tranquil over-water AVI spa provides the perfect retreat for guests looking for a slice of solitude away from the festivities. The spa offers a range of unique, holistic treatments designed to restore balance, ease stress and rejuvenate, including a green coffee body sculpting treatment and specialised Maldivian-inspired therapies.

#### **Family Entertainment**

Returning to InterContinental Maldives for more family fun is the dynamic duo, Sharky & George. With boundless energy and creative flair, Sharky & George specialise in turning any event into an unforgettable adventure. From thrilling treasure hunts to imaginative games and activities, these fun experts will take over the Planet Trekkers Kids Club, ensuring children enjoy a wealth of activities on the island. The experiences are centred around a personalised adventure-packed experience for every child, featuring educational games, creative crafts and spirited pool Olympics.

The fun continues throughout December with kids cooking classes, family gingerbread house making, kids pirate cruises, art classes and fashion shows. For budding marine biologists and curious young minds, the resort's Planet Trekkers itinerary, for ages 4-12, showcases the wonders of the Indian Ocean through arts, crafts and mini expeditions. Guided by expert staff, children will gain a deeper appreciation for the natural world and local culture while creating unforgettable memories.



#### **Entertainment & Festive Traditions**

This festive season promises a combination of gastronomy, music, art and originality. Known for their electrifying performances and soulful melodies, Jazzubeat The Band return to seamlessly fuse elements of jazz, blues, and contemporary music. For those looking for something more upbeat, DJ Levi is set to bring his dynamic mixes and magnetic stage presence to the resort.

Despite the tropical setting, Christmas traditions still take place on Maamunagau. A very special celebratory Christmas tree lighting ceremony will kick off festivities and Father Christmas is expected to surprise young guests at any moment throughout their stay. Come Christmas Eve, the resort gathers for sunset cocktails followed by a grand gala dinner beneath the stars, inspired by traditions and cultures from around the world. New Year's Eve will begin with flowing sunset cocktails, accompanied by spellbinding performances from ethereal ballet dancers, conjuring the spirit of the lost kingdom of Atlantis. Guests can welcome in 2026 with a lavish culinary spread beneath the stars, a captivating firework show, dancing and midnight celebrations on the ocean's edge.

For inquiries and reservations, please visit <a href="https://maldives.intercontinental.com/festive-season-2025-26/">https://maldives.intercontinental.com/festive-season-2025-26/</a> or email <a href="mailto:reservations.icmaldives@ihg.com">reservations.icmaldives@ihg.com</a>.

The full festive brochure can be found here. Video Assets can be found here.

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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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