



RESORT PROFILE

Overview of Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas

Consistently voted as one of the best beach destinations in the world, the Maldives is an alluring adventure suited to every type of traveller – whether their interest be a spa retreat, a beach break, a dive quest, a romantic getaway or a family vacation.

So, what makes Anantara Kihavah Villas different? Translated from the local Dhivehi language, the word 'Kihavah' means "young coconut". The island is aptly named as the lush tropical paradise of Anantara Kihavah is blessed with an abundance of coconut palms. Naturally gifted with a plethora of magnificent qualities, the island paradise of Anantara Kihavah is considered by many to be 'the best island' in the Maldives. The resort has been rewarded with a Platinum Green Globe Certificate making it one of the greenest resorts in the Maldives and the architectural design incorporates an astral Sky Observatory and an underwater restaurant and wine cellar, aptly named Sea. The coral house reef only seconds away from the beach is home to hundreds of species of tropical fish, hawksbill turtles, reef sharks and eagle rays. Guests can snorkel or dive the protected reef directly from the powdery sand beach.

Eighty spacious private pool sanctuaries, ranging from 258 to 2,000 square meters and ranging from one-bedroom villas to a 4-bedroom residence with connecting beach pool villa, are either poised over the water with sweeping ocean views or nestled along a pristine stretch of private beach. Each hideaway boasts large infinity-edge pools, dining pavilions, expansive wooden sundecks and ample lounging areas complete with swinging daybeds, and sun loungers. All villas feature his and hers walk-in wardrobes, rain showers, outdoor showers and over-sized bathtubs big enough for two. Sunken glass bottom bathtubs in the over water villas and residences offer a mesmerising view of the sparkling ocean, both below and beyond the adjacent infinity-edge pool.

Seamless style is achieved with light, airy, contemporary interiors featuring local accents in every room. Guest villas are at one with the natural tropical surroundings with coconut trees jutting through some of the luxury villas' natural wood floors and lush canopies offering shade and seclusion. All the comforts from home, and more, are provided by a Bose home theatre system, 42-inch LED television, a custom stocked wine cabinet and in-suite bar, a Nespresso machine, tea facilities, complimentary high-speed internet access and a selection of books for leisure reading. The residences additionally include an expansive indoor living and dining room, fully fitted kitchen and guest powder room. Wellbeing and fitness are also not forgotten – with each residence outfitted with its own private enclosed spa treatment room and gym. To further enhance the experience, all villas and residences are serviced by a personal Villa Host 24 hours a day.

Guests are spoilt for choice with six restaurants and bars, each offering a distinctive setting, menu and ambiance that divulges a different view of paradise, as well as a diverse culinary journey. A quartet of culinary experiences awaits at Sea. Fire. Spice. Sky.

A unique under-and overwater gastronomic concept highlighting the resort's idyllic location in the Indian Ocean, Sea restaurant and its award-winning wine cellar offers an unreal underwater dining experience. The octagonal design and mirrored interior optimises the aquatic view making diners feel as if they are part of the house reef.

At Fire, diners' visual and taste senses are stimulated with dramatic Teppanyaki cooking displays and Asian inspired fragrant dishes and authentic Indian delights are served at Spice. At Sky, guests gaze on the stars as they sip champagne and listen to the Sky Guru's tales of the galaxy. Sky combines a luxury cocktail tapas bar with the most powerful telescope in the region.

Other food and beverage outlets include *Plates* which features a main sand floored sala and an alfresco deck on the beach where breakfast is served daily and *Manzaru* restaurant and pool bar featuring a 49-metre swimming pool with Jhoola swing beds hovering over the water. Here, casual lunches or romantic dinners of Italian and Mediterranean classics are served poolside or at a communal table.

Elements Kihavah', the experience club, offers bespoke and exhilarating adventures taking guests under, on and alongside the turquoise Indian Ocean to discover and explore the greatest paradise on earth. Whether scuba diving or snorkelling, experienced dive instructors, first class rental equipment, comfortable dhonis (traditional Maldivian boat) and reef dive sites cater for beginners and experienced explorers alike.

Guests can experience adventure aboard an array of luxury boats, including the 'Catcher' big game fishing boat and 'Ocean Whisperer' a luxurious 24-metre sail yacht ideal for deserted island exploration or a romantic dinner at sea. The resident Marine Biologist will gladly suggest sites to explore and share valuable marine information and help guests play a role in Anantara Kihavah's coral adoption programme.

Anantara Kihavah Villas also offers an array of land-based activities for fitness fanatics, foodies and lovers of all things cultural. Recreation and leisure facilities include a tennis court, bicycles, a fitness centre with premium Technogym equipment, Muay Thai boxing ring, climbing wall, and boutique shop. Movie buffs are transported back in time to enjoy classic movies under the stars on a big outdoor screen.

Other island journeys steeped in exotic rejuvenation and deep relaxation can be found at the Anantara Spa which offers a range of therapeutic treatments including traditional Asian therapies, modern medical aesthetic and detox treatments and ancient ayurvedic wellness. At the Maldives' first Cocoon Medical Spa, discover modern medical aesthetic, detox or immunity-bolstering treatments. A new spa concept curated by Bastien Gonzalez, Anantara Spa at Kihavah also offers the first Studio Révérence worldwide, presenting a range of signature nail care therapy including Révérence Duo, Foot De-Stress and Hand & Foot Synchronicity. Those in need of mindful exercise can reconnect to their natural flow with Hatha Yoga, an Aerial Yoga class suspended over the ocean or SUP Yoga.

The 'Thiththi Boli Kids Club' for younger guests of 12 and under offers complimentary daily supervised programmes to explore the island, fun arts and crafts activities, indoor and outdoor sports and kids are also introduced to new activities inspired by local culture and the ocean. The Club also offers cooking classes and spa treatments.

Anantara Kihavah Villas is passionate about bringing story collecting travellers closer to the natural, cultural and historic allures of this fascinating island, and nowhere is it more perfectly articulated than in the greatest aquatic paradise on earth.

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