

Welcome to Soneva

Guardians of places that have existed long before us, our unique vision is inspired by nature's magnitude, mystery and enchanting beauty.

Founded on shared passions and committed to innovation, we are a thriving community working hand in hand with the environment to craft beautiful, beyond bespoke experiences where discovery is a way of life.

With our expert hosts as your personal guide, we invite you to explore and delight in the possibility of each moment as time melts away, and lose yourself in experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Sonu and Eva





The Soneva Story

Set on remote islands tucked away in the Maldives and Thailand, Soneva's barefoot luxury resorts are designed to inspire a lifetime of rare experiences.

It was their love for the environment that led Sonu and Eva Shivdasani to share their authentic way of life. From that passion, Soneva was born – a collection of ultra-luxury resorts where a barefoot philosophy and sustainable living are part of the natural order. Every day, sandy feet, inspired minds and full hearts weave a new story.

If the experiences are magical, the philosophy is simple; no news, no shoes.



Inspiring a Lifetime of Rare Experiences

At the heart of the development and operation of each property is our passion for creating unforgettable, enlightening experiences.

Our team is committed to offering you magical moments during your stay; rare and exceptional experiences that are astute and highly desired.







Our Hosts, and Barefoot Butlers, are always looking for ways to make our guests' stay more special. From the moment you step barefoot onto a Soneva resort, no task is too big and no detail too small for your personal butler.

Our Hosts

Soneva in Aqua.

Location: Maldives Launched late 2015 1 luxury yacht with 2 bedrooms

Soneva Fushi

Location: Baa Atoll Maldives Year in operation: 1995 No. of Villas: 71

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Soneva Jani

Location: Noonu Atoll Maldives Year in operation: October 2016 No. of Villas: 54

Location: Year in operation: 2009 No. of Villas: 34





Koh Kood Thailand







A Sanctuary for Treasured Moments

Hidden among dense foliage, cradled within the Baa Atoll's UNESCO protected Biosphere Reserve, Soneva Fushi inspires the imagination. The award winning resort truly defines the essence of barefoot luxury with castaway simplicity. The resort's down to earth personality is reflected in its nature-inspired architecture.







The Destination

The Maldives' 1,192 coral islands barely break the surface of the Indian Ocean along the equator in an archipelago of 26 atolls. Sixty nautical miles northwest of Malé, in the Baa Atoll, Soneva Fushi's home on Kunfunadhoo Island is one of the Maldives' largest, at 1,400 metres long and almost 400 metres wide.

The captivating 30-minute seaplane journey from Malé International Airport cruises over the full spectrum of nautical hues and ringed shaped reefs known as 'faru'. You'll know you've arrived when you reach our floating jetty which we affectionately call the Soneva Fushi International Airport.



The Sanctuaries

Fringed by lush tropical vegetation, 71 island and overwater villas capture the essence of a luxurious castaway fantasy. The villas feature spacious indoor and outdoor living areas and beautifully designed interiors made using sustainable materials. The island villas' come with outdoor garden bathrooms encircled by dense tropical foliage, direct beach access, and most have private pools. The eight Water Retreats all have outdoor bathrooms, pools, water slides into the ocean.









Larger Villas

Generous tropical open spaces complemented by tranquil indoor living set the tone for idyllic getaways for large groups. Finding a cosy spot for everyone is easy with the master bedrooms, expansive living areas, spacious outdoor dining spaces and large outdoor bathrooms in any of the three, four, six or nine bedroom reserves. With views of the ocean and the lush tropical forest, expansive decks, idyllic walkways, shaded plunge pools, and even a spa, gym, sauna and steam room in some of the villas, no luxury is spared. Guests can host dinners in the sunken dining area, gaze out from balconies, or spend their days lazing in and around curves of lagoon-like pools.

Privacy and seclusion pave the way for the perfect castaway holiday.





Water Retreat

Soneva Fushi's eight new 1 and 2 Bedroom Water Retreats are the largest one- and two-bedroom overwater villas in the world. Perfect for ocean lovers, guests can choose between their private pool and turquoise waves beyond. Stargaze from the master bedroom, with a push of button the retractable roof slides back to reveal the twinkling night sky.





The Culinary Journey

At Soneva Fushi, each experience is in tune with nature's rhythm. We start with what we can grow organically and fish sustainably from in and around the island, incorporating the talents of inventive chefs. Guests can enjoy a castaway picnic on a nearby sandbank or on a remote island after swimming alongside fascinating marine life.





New additions to Soneva Fushi's array of culinary experiences include Out of the Blue, the overwater structure that houses Once Upon a Table, where the world's most decorated chefs conjure meals; So Hands On, a sushi counter that is run by Akira, a sushi master; and So Bespoke, Soneva Fushi's first Teppanyaki table.

Adding to the resort's organic, plant-based dining is Shades of Green, that features Maldivian and Southeast Asian cuisine prepared using Nordic cooking techniques. Diners are taken around the gardens to pluck, taste and smell the ingredients grown there, as well as find the occasional hidden amuse bouche along the way.







Family Fun

At Soneva, younger guests are just as important as our older ones.

We are very proud of our Den at Soneva Fushi, an elaborate children's facility that has been conceptualised and designed as an imaginative playground filled with inspiring and fun activities for children ranging in age from four to those in their teens.

Our young explorers spend their days splashing away in one of the Den's two pools or playing on guitars or drums in the music room. They are set free to nurture their creativity in the Lego room and dress up area, or chill out in the cinema, which shows classic family movies.

An exciting calendar of activities, expeditions and adventures will ensure the little ones are taken on inspiring journeys.





The Experiences

Imaginative experiences await each guest as they meander across the resort, with a mind keen to explore. The joy of watching movies is amplified at the atmospheric Cinema Paradiso, accompanied by fresh popcorn and cocktails. Guests can snorkel the coral rich reefs and indulge in the chocolate room or ice cream parlour with close to 60 different flavours.

Watch dolphins play by the light of the setting sun, learn the timeless art of glassblowing or surf secluded, and often secret, breaks around nearby atolls with the 100% sustainable Soneva Surf programme.







Resort Features

- Eleven restaurants and bars
- Multiple destination dining locations
- 71 island and overwater villas
- On-site Six Senses Spa and Wellness Centre
- On-site Soleni Dive Centre
- A children's Den
- The Observatory
- A gift shop
- Fully equipped gym, sauna, steam room and tennis courts
- Cinema Paradiso, outdoor cinema
- On-site Art and Glass Studio, retail boutique and gallery











Unmistakably Authentic Thai Experiences

Untamed jungle, pristine beaches, traditional stilted fishing villages; Koh Kood is an unspoiled island far removed from Thailand's tourist trails. Soneva Kiri offers a blend of luxury, environmentally friendly design and unforgettable, authentic Thai experiences.

Barefoot luxury at its best. Soneva Kiri inspires the imagination with Thai charm and hospitality.







The Destination

With hillsides blanketed by ancient rainforests that slope down to coconut shaded beaches and cobalt waters, lush waterfalls and local fishing villages, Koh Kood is a remote island on the east coast of Thailand.

Tucked away on this unspoiled sanctuary lies Soneva Kiri, offering pool villas on the beach, nestled on the hillsides or perched high atop soaring cliffs. Koh Kood is Thailand's fourth largest and least populated island, and it boasts more biodiversity than the entire of the United Kingdom. This is the undiscovered Thailand, as it should be.

The resort can be reached by a short 70-minute flight on the resort's private plane direct from Suvarnabhumi International Airport, or with a 60-80 minute speedboat ride from the Cambodian border.



The Sanctuaries

Stay in any of Soneva Kiri's 34 luxurious pool villas, that are heavy on space and light on carbon footprint. With each nature-inspired villa tucked amidst the ancient rainforest, the magnificent cliff tops or on the soft white sand by the blue ocean, unforgettable stays are a certainty.

The villas at Soneva Kiri, featuring up to five en-suite bedrooms, are situated on the most desirable stretch of beachfront real estate or on the mountain with georgous views. Each of the beach, bay view or sunset ocean view villas feature private infinity swimming pools and generous indoor and outdoor living areas where shaded daybeds and sun loungers beckon. Outdoor bathrooms afford the luxury of showering under the canopy of trees and starlight. Children can be tucked into cosy bunk beds in their treehouse after one final ride on the winding pool slide.







Larger Vllas

Expansive hideaways featuring rustic chic sustainable design and unabashed indulgences, these villas are perfect for families and large groups. Sprawling terraces glide throughout and around the indoor and outdoor pavilions. Verdant gardens and private beach areas with daybeds create cosy nooks for unwinding in privacy.

For guests in larger groups, Soneva Kiri offers three, four, five and six bedroom villas, all with private pools and stunning views of this remote part of Thailand. The six bedroom Sunset Ocean View Pool Reserve, 2,928 sqm, the biggest villa at Soneva Kiri, offers a gargantuan swimming pool, water slide, fitness room, kitchen, snooker table or table tennis; and every possible luxury imaginable.





The Culinary Journey

Dining experiences at Soneva Kiri are defined by the simplicity of flavours and freshness of ingredients. Guests can dine high amidst the dense rainforest with the Treepod Dining experience and savour gourmet delights and fine wines, delivered via the zip-line acrobatics of their personal waiter.

The subterranean Wine Cellar features more than 350 labels in a climate controlled cave, where more than 50% of the labels are organic or biodynamic wines.





Kruua Mae Tuk rises out of the waters that surround Klong Yai Kee waterfall on wooden stilts. With a no-menu dining concept, The vast selection of Thai dishes are inspired by ingredients produced on Koh Kood or the nearby Koh Chang and seafood caught by local fishermen. It's no wonder that Gwenyth Paltrow said one of her 'most memorable meals ever' was here.

Intimate yet dramatic, The View offers one of the best views out across the Gulf of Thailand. Guests dine on a platform that extends over the cliff, and savour a selection of creations made in the slow food tradition; lovingly prepared with locally sourced produce by our Chef de Cuisine, making the most of the season and each day's harvest.





Family Fun

A giant moulded bamboo playground shaped like a manta ray hovering high amidst the tree tops, the Den at Soneva Kiri is dedicated to learning, excitement, and meaningful experiences. Professional child carers pique children's imaginations, teaching them to play Thai instruments, unleashing their creative talents with painting and more.

Soneva Kiri, the only resort in the region that offers comprehensive, age specific facilities, also features a special programme aimed at one to five year-olds in the Eco Den. Here, children play with toys and take part in activities, that meet Soneva's standards of social and environmental responsibility.

In addition to the Den and the Eco Den, we also offer child friendly excursions and cultural exchanges, rainforest walks and local school visits that create lasting memories to be shared by the whole family.





The Experiences

Get to know Koh Kood, the waters that surround it, the sky above and so much more with Soneva Kiri's imaginative experiences. Watch stars on the silver screen at the overwater outdoor Cinema Paradiso, accompanied by popcorn and cocktails. Trek into the dense rainforest from the Klong Chao waterfall, snorkel the coral rich reefs, indulge in the chocolate room or ice cream parlour with close to 60 different flavours.

Explore the starry night skies with our resident Astronomers, discover the underwater animal sculptures when your snorkel off the nearby Koh Raet. Learn the art of Thai cooking with a class led by our specialty chef after a trip to the market to buy ingredients.









Resort Features

- Eight restaurants and bars
- Multiple destination dining locations
- Thirty-four luxurious villas, all with a private pool
- On-site Six Senses Spa and Wellness Centre
- The Observatory
- Gift shop
- Jewellery boutique
- On-site dive school
- Fully equipped gym, sauna, steam room and tennis courts
- Cinema Paradiso, outdoor cinema









Inspiration in its Purest Form

An imaginative journey that began over two decades ago, the Soneva story continues with Soneva Jani, the brand's newest luxury resort. Inspired by a word that means wisdom in Sanskrit, Soneva Jani presents a collection of island sanctuaries and overwater villas set within a lagoon of crystal clear waters, fringed by islands with pristine beaches, blanketed in tropical greenery.

The highlight of the islands that the resort calls home is the 5.6 kilometre private lagoon that surrounds it; an awe inspiring azure spectacle that inspires a sense of calm.







The Destination

Located on the stunning island of Medhufaru, the resort spans five islands in the Maldives' Noonu Atoll. This island hideaway can be reached by a scenic 30 minute seaplane flight direct from Malé International Airport or by a 70 minute speedboat ride from Soneva Fushi. Or guests can fly directly into the new Maafaru International Airport and take a short 15-minute speedboat transfer to the resort.



The Sanctuaries

A spectacular castaway experience awaits guests at this retreat, featuring 51 overwater villas and three island villa with interiors designed to let the natural beauty of the surroundings in. The bespoke furniture, decor and fittings are made from the highest quality sustainable materials. Each water villa opens to its very own stretch of sparkling lagoon and is complete withan infinity pool and a retractable roof to stargaze from the master bedroom. What's more, many of the villas feature slides from the first floor into the lagoon.







Larger Villas

The expansive villas at Soneva Jani makes travelling with a large family or a group absolutely memorable. The three and four-bedroom reserves offer views in every direction, as well as water slides, fitness rooms, kitchenettes with fully stocked mini-bars, outdoor bathrooms and temperature controlled wine vaults.





The 27 new Water Reserves have been designed to maximise a sense of seclusion, luxury and privacy. Commanding unforgettable views across the private lagoon and Indian Ocean beyond, they include 20 One Bedroom Water Reserves, six Two Bedroom Water Reserves (including one which is mobility-friendly) and a Four Bedroom Water Reserve.



Water Reserves

Guests staying in any of the Reserve villas can enjoy Soneva Unlimited, an indulgent new offering that invites guests to experience every facet of Soneva Jani to their heart's content, included in the price of the villa (including unlimited fine dining and drinks, wines, experiences and spa treatments).

Dining and Spa

Chapter Two expands upon Soneva Jani's dining portfolio with the launch of Overseas by Mathias Dahlgren. This new, over-water dining experience features an exquisite menu of plant-based, vegetarian and pescatarian dishes, freshly picked from Soneva Jani's organic gardens or line caught in the Indian Ocean.

So Wild takes diners into the organic gardens for a plant-based menu that uses ingredients grown at the resort in historical recipes from Nepal to Indonesia.

Centred around a fire pit, So Primitive sees an array of cooking methods over flames and coals create dishes that feature seafood and meats, as well as plant-based options.

In addition to the Soneva Spa, Chapter Two adds a Wellness Centre and a cross-functional fitness centre, featuring additional treatment rooms, a dedicated Ayurvedic centre, fully-equipped gym and fitness suite, and a yoga pavilion.







The Culinary Journey

The culinary experiences at Soneva Jani are as diverse as they are memorable, presenting gourmet menus across a variety of cultures and cuisines, organic offerings, beach barbecues and elaborate romantic escapades.

Dine on Japanese cuisine with a modern twist while watching a film at Cinema Paradiso by Chef Nikki.









The Crab Shack is just the place to take in the Maldivian sunset, glass of rosé in hand as you wait for your succulent crab and seafood dishes.

In addition to the delightful dining venues, you can indulge in culinary adventures such as private dining around the lagoon, a deserted island castaway picnic, organic garden lunches and cooking classes.



Family Fun

The Mini Den at Soneva Jani is a playground for the imagination, where children can dress up, play with Lego and engage in an exciting selection of activities around the island, including snorkelling, spa workshops, gardening and preserving nature. The focus is on outdoor activities, and the Den team crafts weekly activities programmes to suit all tastes.





The Experiences

The resort's selection of experiences caters to every kind of traveller and includes everything from nature walks and spa treatments to lazy picnics and beyond. Those fascinated by astronomy can explore the glimmering galaxies from the resort's state-of-the-art observatory, far from the obscuring lights of civilisation.

Guests are welcome to spend their days indulging in a range of activities including water sports, scuba diving, dolphin cruises and bicycling along the island's many trails. Surf newly discovered breaks in the Noonu Atoll and beyond with our 100% sustainable Soneva Surf programme.







Resort Features

- Ten restaurants and bars
- Multiple destination dining locations
- Fifty-one overwater villas and three island villa, all with private pools and most with waters slides and retractable roofs
- Fully equipped gym, sauna, steam room and tennis courts
- On-site Soneva Spa
- On-site Soleni Dive Centre
- The Observatory
- Jewellery boutique
- 5.6 kilometre private lagoon, the largest in the Maldives
- Cinema Paradiso, outdoor cinema
- Children's Den







Where Passion for Discovery is the Best Compass

An imaginative concept, Soneva in Aqua takes all the luxuries of a Soneva villa out across the Indian Ocean.

Skimming the azure waters, the yacht combines quintessential Soneva charm with the freedom to explore the Maldivian atolls and oceans unfettered by the limitations of time.







The Destination

Setting sail from Soneva Fushi, Soneva in Aqua is a floating villa that affords guests the luxury to choose from various charter routes that sail around and beyond the Baa Atoll.

Guests can choose between one, two and three-night excursions, with the option to create longer itineraries, depending on how much of the awe inspiring sights of the Maldivian islands they wish to explore.



The Yacht

The ultra-indulgent yacht has a maximum occupancy of four adults and two children to provide the ultimate sense of exclusivity and privacy whilst offering intelligent luxury of the highest international standard.

The on-board crew includes a Captain, Mechanic, Head Chef of the Galley, Wellness Therapist, and Barefoot Butler. A Dive Master, Surf Instructor, Astronomer, and Photographer are available on request.





The Culinary Journey

Indoor and outdoor dining experiences await guests, with a promise to be both distinctive and memorable. The on-board Head Chef will design bespoke menus as per guests' preferences or create Maldivian dishes using seafood, caught fresh from the ocean.

The thoughtful crew will be delighted to offer guests unique dining experiences such as castaway picnics on uninhabited islands, dining under the starlit sky with sand beneath their toes or enjoying a romantic dinner on deck.





The Experiences

Guests who wish to explore the breathtaking treasures of the Baa Atoll and beyond can indulge in day, night and sunrise dives. Snorkel the atolls or go on Surfari: be taken to secret or uncrowded surf breaks with Soneva Surf's ecofriendly programme. Sailing lessons, including map reading, are also offered to guests who are keen to learn.





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