

# Maldives Report

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## 1. RAFFLES MALDIVES MERADHOO

### Project Overview

Opened in May 2019, this 38-villa resort marks Raffles' debut in the Maldives. Inspired by the local environment, design elements throughout the property depict nuanced takes on marine life and sea creatures. As materials on the island are scarce, the designer sourced and designed a mix of imported and custom-built furniture suitable for indoor and outdoor use.

### Project Details

1. **Type of Business:** Luxury resort
2. **Open Date:** 09/2019
3. **Location:** Gaafu Alifu Atoll Meradhoo Island, Maldives
4. **Number of rooms:** 38 villas
5. **Room Rate:** Starting at around USD 1,500 per night.
6. **Founder & Architect:** BLINK Design Group; [www.blinkdg.com](http://www.blinkdg.com)
7. **Website:** [www.raffles.com/maldives](http://www.raffles.com/maldives)

### Location map

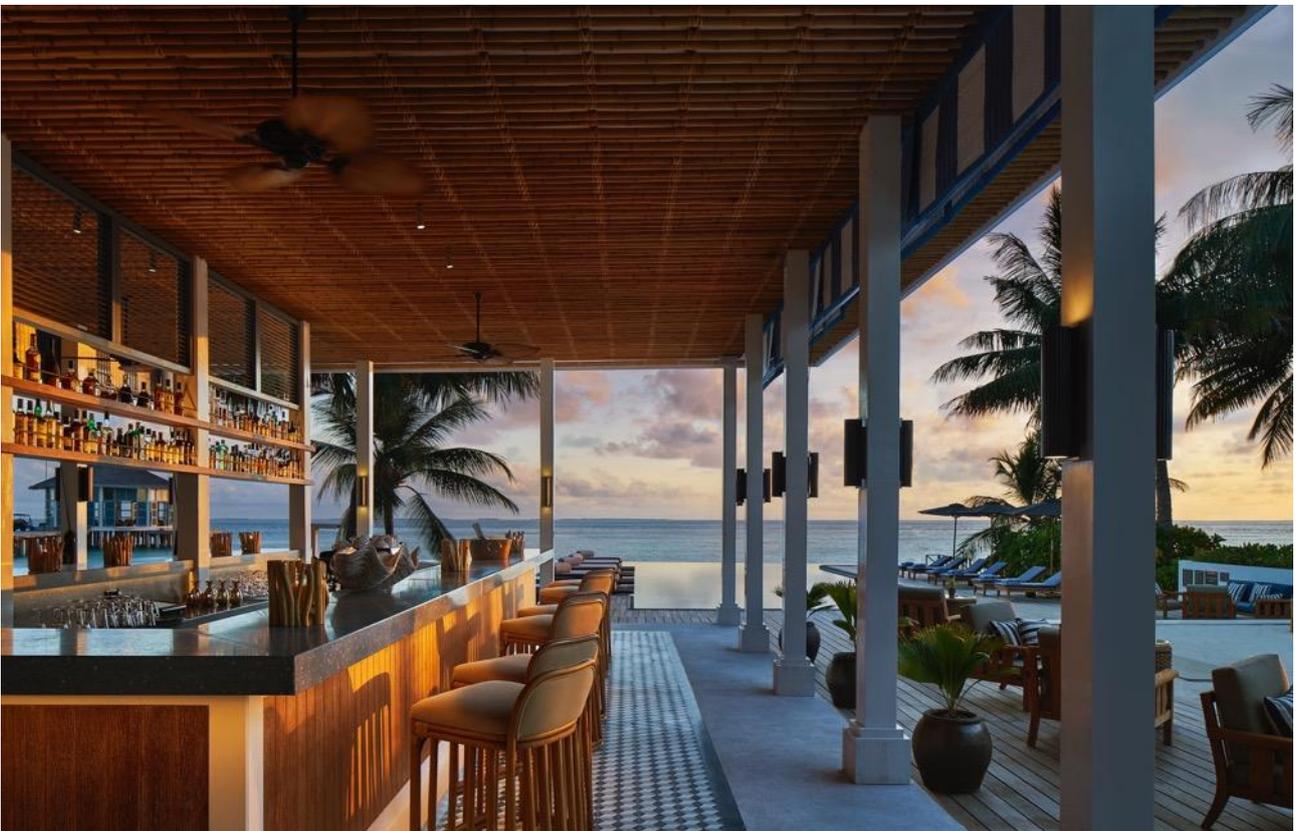


The resort is located in Gaafu Alifu, one of the world's most remote and pristine atolls, found at the southern tip of the Maldives archipelago.





A nod to Raffles' distinct colonial style, striped monsoon blinds and louvered doors and windows, all in a signature grey-blue shade, punctuate public and private spaces.





Soaring 7-meter ceilings with exposed beams painted in grey-blue allow natural light to flood into the rooms, easily adjusted with fully retractable blinds that lend the feel of a colonial home.



## 2. GILI LANKANFUSHI

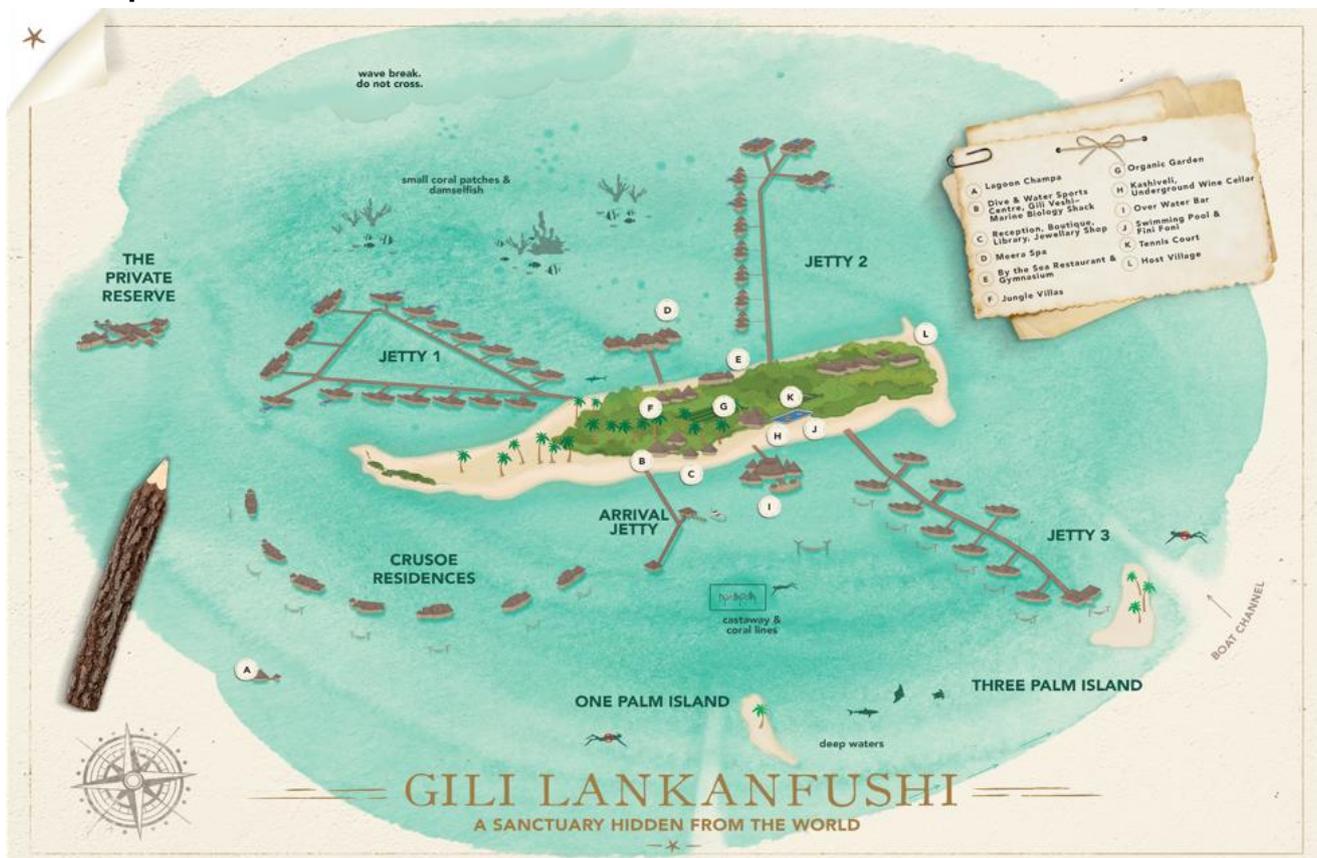
### Project Overview

Located in the North Malé Atoll, luxury eco-resort Gili Lankanfushi opened in 2000 as the original over-water resort, Soneva Gili. In 2012, the island was acquired by Hotel Properties Limited, a Singapore-based company investing in hotels, lifestyle and properties around the world. Comprising 45 overwater villas and set in its own lagoon, guests can enjoy a barefoot existence with 360-degree views of the Indian Ocean. The resort was recently refurbished and reopened its doors in December 2019 with a new design concept and wellness programs.

### Project Details

1. **Type of Business:** Luxury resort
2. **Open Date (Re-opening):** 01/12/2019
3. **Location:** North Malé Atoll, The Maldives
4. **Number of rooms:** 45 villas
5. **Room Rate:** Starting at around USD 1,500 per night.
6. **Website:** [www.gili-lankanfushi.com](http://www.gili-lankanfushi.com)

### Location map



Located in one of the largest lagoons in the Maldives, the resort is a 20-minute speedboat transfer from Malé international airport.



The new interior features a warm, neutral color palette inspired by the island's natural surroundings for a calming effect, with turquoise fabrics that add color to the new design. Every piece of furniture in the new villas and living areas from the bed frames to the coffee tables has been custom made by using recycled materials.





Restaurant and underwater wine cellar.

