

THE  
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BEACH & OCEAN HOUSES  
MALDIVES

UNSCRIPTED DINING



Welcome to the world of unscripted dining; of free-spirited culinary journeys guided by your tastes. Eat when you're hungry, have breakfast for dinner, drink Champagne in bed. The Nautilus delights in veering off script, crafting bespoke culinary journeys designed just for you. Our three restaurants and two bars offer a world where a menu is just a place to gather inspiration and meals are designed for you, whenever you want them. No opening or closing, no breakfast hours, no dress codes. Come as you are, enjoy great company and indulge in a shared passion for extraordinary cuisine.

## *What is 'unscripted dining'?*

Of course menus can be helpful, but The Nautilus recognizes that they can also be limiting; they are rigid, unbending, and follow the directives of chefs rather than respond to the needs of our guests. That's why we're not afraid to go completely off script, toss menus aside, and create entirely bespoke dining experiences especially for you.

Strong focus is placed on truly getting to know our guests on a personal level so that The Nautilus feels familiar, understanding exactly who you are as a person, ensuring you trust us to make food decisions or recommendations.

Just the way you like it: we take special care to ensure your preferences are factored into everything we cook for you and of course are happy to tailor dishes to your tastes. No menu? No problem. We relish the chance to show off our culinary creativity to meet the whims and wishes of our guests. Craving something different? Have a favourite recipe? Let us know.

On our shores you'll find three restaurants and two bars alongside a world of other culinary options and over the following pages is a roundup of fantastic feasts and where to find them.

### ZEYTOUN RESTAURANT

Explore intriguing infusions of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine from the perfect perch on stilts over the lagoon. From Morocco through to Portugal, Spain France, Italy, Greece, Turkey ending up in the Levant, inhale spices and flavours of indigenous cuisines not commonly tasted. Freshly baked breads, olive oils from the Mediterranean and Aegean Sea will be the hallmarks of this place and compliment a truly memorable dining experience.

No meal in Moroccan or in the Middle East is perfectly executed and completed without the proper tea or Turkish/ Arabic coffee and here you'll find it. Those small touches will be part of a memorable dinner.

### OCASO

Smoke-laden flavours, infusions from distant shores – the grill embarks on a nightly journey from Latin America to the reaches of North Asia, specialising in Japanese, Mexican and Peruvian. As one of the best restaurants in the Maldives, settle into teppanyaki by the beach, plates to savour under a moonlit sky, and revel in creations from the grill – food that pleases the soul.

Or book a seat at the private teppan table. Meaning ‘the ending of the day and start of the night’, Ocaso offers cuisine that’s simple, but superbly executed.

### THE WINE ROOM AT OCASO

Ocaso is also home to our wine room – perfect for pre- and post-dinner wine sessions or a tasting at any time of day. A separate, air-conditioned room, this is a place for our sommelier to host varietal tastings, wine and chocolate etc.

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### THYME

Our beachfront all-day dining venue wraps you in a welcoming beach-house ambience with a bounty of gourmet flavours. Creating a sense of being at home, begin your day with a tailored breakfast to around-the-world specialties at lunch and dinner, Thyme offers our interpretations of the best in creative, international cuisine. Elegant and stylish from the inside out, enjoy the ocean views from your table on the outdoor terrace and watch as the sun fades and gives way to a kaleidoscope of awe inspiring colours.

### NAIBOLI POOLSIDE BAR

Meaning ‘nautilus shell’ in the local language, our poolside bar lets you enjoy life’s simplest luxuries: sunset, kinship and the peace of an island sanctuary. Great conversation, a perfectly mixed drink, delicious small plates served under the sparkle of the Maldivian sky. The supreme comfort of loungers and cabanas – the ultimate seaside retreat with the refined ambience of a living room. Complimentary gourmet canapés are available throughout the day. Join us at sunset every evening for ‘The Nautilus Rising’.

### ZEYTOUN LOUNGE

With its lagoon location amid fresh ocean breezes, Zeytoun Lounge is a plush setting for cooling cocktails and fine wines. Here, everything is framed by glittering ocean views, inspirational Maldivian sunsets or a spectacular canopy of stars. Perched over Zeytoun Restaurant, the lounge offers an elegant escape for pre- or post-dinner drinks with wonderful westerly views of the setting sun.

### IN RESIDENCE DINING

Sharing our passion for the comforts of home, our chefs are ready to deliver to your house any time of day or night. Please see the in-residence dining menus in this book for inspirational menu ideas.

### ANYWHERE YOU PLEASE

From the intricate artistry of fine dining to the simple joy of a home-cooked meal in your living room, dine without restrictions. Picnics by the pool, a vintage brut on the beach, dinner for two as you sail through the moonlight – embrace the spontaneous spirit of dining. Caviar and canapés under a canopy of stars. A vintage rosé on a sandbank as the sunset marbles the sky. Or a dhoni dinner for two as you drift over turquoise seas.

At The Nautilus, you can embark on a personalised journey of gastronomy and discover inspired cuisine that will set your palate free.

Take a look at the ‘excursions’ section of this book for inspiring ideas of food adventures, or speak to your housemaster (butler) to create your perfect gastronomic experience.