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UNVEILING THE NAUTILUS MALDIVES'S OCEAN DISCOVERY WEEK: EMBARK ON A STARLIT SUMMER ADVENTURE AT THE ULTRA-LUXURY PRIVATE ISLAND HIDEAWAY

This summer, The Nautilus Maldives, invites guests to explore the sparkling seas and embark on an unforgettable journey with distinguished diving experts Jeff and Sarah Milisen from Hawaii. The Nautilus Ocean Discovery Week is taking place from July 24th to 31st, marking the debut of this exciting annual event.

The Nautilus lies in the Maldives renowned Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, boasting over 40 dive sites teeming with incredible marine life. Divers and snorkellers can immerse themselves in the tranquillity of these waters, enhanced by the enchanting spectacle of the starlit sky. As daylight fades, guests can witness the ocean transform into a mesmerising realm illuminated by bioluminescent organisms and the gentle glow of underwater torches.

<u>Jeff Milisen</u>, a distinguished marine biology scientist and celebrated blackwater photographer, unveils the mysteries of nocturnal marine life. Renowned for his captivating imagery capturing elusive species, Jeff's expertise has garnered international acclaim, including 14 prestigious contest wins. Jeff's book "A Field Guide to Blackwater Diving in Hawaii", published in 2020, is used to train dive professionals and scientists worldwide. Complementing Jeff's passion, <u>Sarah Milisen</u>, Director of Education at a 5-Star PADI Dive Center in Hawaii, channels her extensive in-water experience of 23 years into nurturing environmentally conscious ocean stewards.

Throughout The Nautilus Ocean Discovery Week, guests are invited to immerse themselves in the enchanting world of the ocean through guided night snorkelling and diving experiences. Led by knowledgeable guides Jeff and Sarah, participants will delve into the captivating realm of nocturnal marine life. They'll be treated to a mesmerising display of fluorescent corals, and the intricate patterns of nocturnal fish, offering a unique perspective on the underwater world after dark.

As part of the week's activities, guests will also have the exclusive opportunity to embark on an excursion to Hanifaru Bay, renowned as one of the world's premier manta ray feeding grounds and accessible via a luxurious speedboat journey just 30 minutes from The Nautilus. Here, they can witness the awe-inspiring sight of these majestic creatures as they glide through the water in their timeless and mesmerising dance. Before venturing out on the private guided manta experience, guests will have the privilege of learning from The Nautilus's



resident marine biologist, gaining insights into the fascinating behaviour and ecology of manta rays.

Guests can venture beyond the ocean's embrace and indulge in a myriad of activities to suit every adventurer's palate. From exhilarating water sports such as Seabob or E-foil expeditions to mindful and tranquil escapes at Solasta Spa, where guests can experience unique in-water relaxation techniques including floating yoga, breathwork and meditation in the overwater pavilion, and water sound healing.

Young wonderers and teenagers are invited to participate in a marine biologist workshop, Bubble Maker courses, an underwater treasure hunt, a watercolour art workshop, a mocktail making class, and an engaging blackwater photo exhibition hosted by Jeff. Aspiring underwater photographers will have the exclusive opportunity to learn the art of underwater photography from Jeff, who generously shares his professional insights and techniques.

Gastronomic connoisseurs can indulge in a journey of flavour and sophistication unlike any other, with The Nautilus's award-winning culinary and mixology team as they celebrate the theme with a tantalising array of aqua-inspired cocktail creations and meticulously curated dining experiences.

To secure your spot at the exclusive The Nautilus Ocean Discovery Week, a one-of-a-kind event that unfolds once a year only, contact The Nautilus at hello@thenautilusmaldives.com to reserve your ultra-luxe bohemian summer escape. For more information visit www.thenautilusmaldives.com.

High-resolution photos can be downloaded at the link.

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ABOUT THE NAUTILUS MALDIVES

Located in the Baa Atoll – a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve – and surrounded by the natural beauty of Hanifaru Bay, The Nautilus is an ultra-luxe bohemian hideaway in the Maldives, boasting just 26 beach and ocean houses and residences. The private island resort provides guests with the freedom to create the holiday they desire. Each house and residence benefits from a full butler service with a dedicated House Master, taking bespoke luxury to a new level and catering to each guest's individual needs in creating a programme of unique experiences. A huge selection of activities for all ages ranges from bespoke culinary adventures to underwater adventures and private yacht cruises. The resort features three restaurants and two bars, as well as the Solasta Spa that provides bespoke wellness programmes; a range of treatments; and yoga, fitness and meditation classes.

Created by a Maldivian hospitality visionary who was instrumental in developing numerous award-winning resorts, The Nautilus is the benchmark for ultra-luxury, not just in the Maldives but worldwide. His legacy is carried forward through the bohemian philosophy of the island by the next generation of the family.

The Nautilus was named Best Resort in the Indian Ocean in *Condé Nast Traveller*'s Readers' Choice Awards 2020 and amongst the top three Best Resorts in the World. It was also listed in *Condé Nast Traveller*'s highly prestigious The Gold List 2021 and *Condé Nast Traveller Middle East*'s The Gold List 2021, and recognised as Best Private Island Retreat in *Tatler*'s Travel Awards 2021. Most recently, The Nautilus Maldives was named by *Condé Nast Traveller*'s 2022 Readers' Choice Awards as one of the top resorts in the Indian Ocean and has also been recognised by TripAdvisor as one of the top 10% of hotels worldwide in the 2023 Travellers' Choice awards.



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