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Discover the magic of the Indian Ocean: Where turquoise waters, rich cultures, and unforgettable experiences await.

THE BEST OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

FIND YOUR PERSONAL PARADISE ON THESE GLORIOUS ISLANDS!

Welcome to your Inspire Magazine



Welcome to our latest issue, dedicated to the captivating Indian Ocean. From the turquoise waters of the Maldives to the stunning beaches of Mauritius, and the pristine sands of the Seychelles to the rich cultural heritage of Sri Lanka, this region is home to some of the most beautiful and diverse destinations in the world. In this issue, we'll take you on a journey through the unique experiences, breathtaking landscapes, and diverse cultures that make the Indian Ocean a must-visit destination. Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or a little bit of both, this magazine is your ultimate guide to planning your dream holiday in the Indian Ocean. So grab a snack, relax, and let us inspire you to embark on an unforgettable journey to this captivating part of the world.

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INDIAN OCEAN GUIDE

From diving with manta rays and whale sharks in the Maldives, to hiking through the lush rainforests of Mauritius, to exploring the ancient ruins of Sri Lanka, and island hopping in the Seychelles, this region is a treasure trove of experiences waiting to be discovered.

The Indian Ocean is a breathtaking region of the world, from soft sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters to vibrant culture and lush tropical landscapes.

The **Maldives** is the perfect destination for those seeking relaxation and natural beauty. With its pristine beaches and coral reefs teeming with marine life, the Maldives is a true paradise. Visitors can also enjoy a range of water sports, including snorkelling, diving, and surfing.

Mauritius is a colourful and vibrant island nation that boasts a unique blend of cultures, languages, and traditions. Visitors can explore the island's colonial architecture, natural wonders, and stunning beaches, or immerse themselves in the local culture by trying the delicious cuisine, attending festivals, and meeting friendly locals.

Sri Lanka is a tropical paradise that offers visitors a rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes, and a wealth of experiences. From the ancient ruins of Anuradhapura to the tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya and the beaches of Mirissa, Sri Lanka has something for everyone.

The **Seychelles** is a group of islands that boasts some of the most stunning beaches and landscapes in the world. Visitors can explore the islands' diverse marine life, hike through lush forests, or simply relax on the pristine beaches and soak up the sun.

Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or a little bit of both, this part of the world is sure to captivate your heart and leave you with memories that will last a lifetime.



MALDIVES



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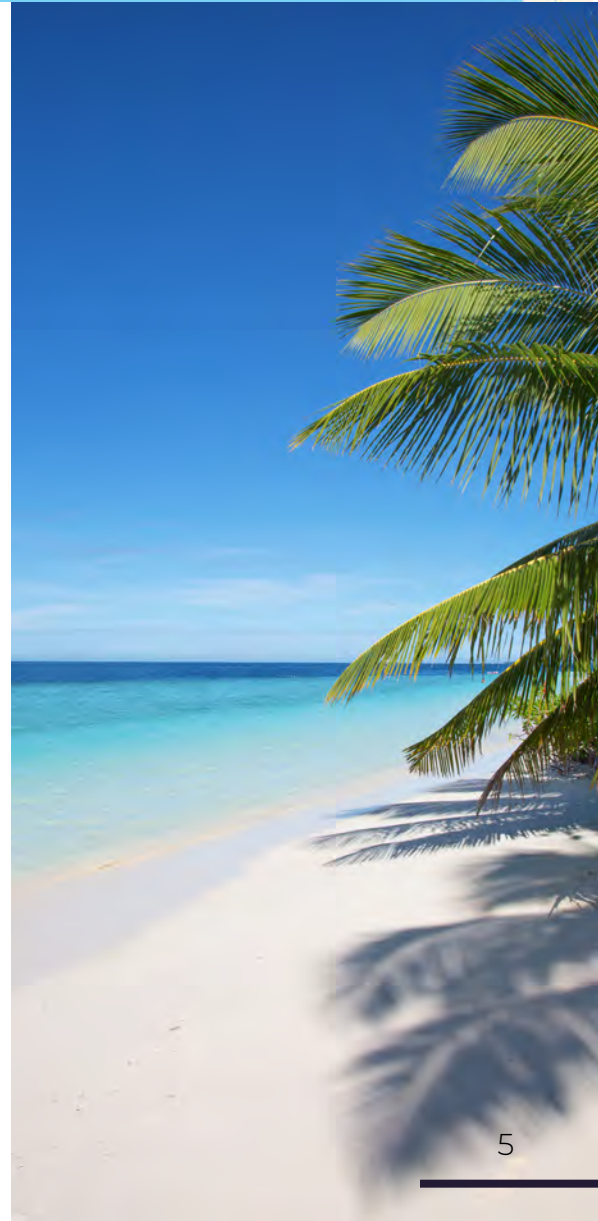


WHEN SHOULD I VISIT?

The region enjoys a subtropical climate, offering warm and dry weather throughout much of the year, making it a great destination for beach lovers. The best time to visit largely depends on where you plan to go.

If you're dreaming of visiting the **Seychelles**, the ideal times are April and May or October and November when the trade winds are calm, and the beaches are at their finest. In contrast, the **Maldives** offer a perfect escape from the northern European winter, with dry and warm temperatures ranging from 29°C to 31°C between November and April.

For those looking to explore **Mauritius**, the best time to visit is between October and December, when the weather is at its most favourable, and temperatures range from 24°C to 29°C. In **Sri Lanka**, however, you can visit any time of the year. The southwest coast is at its best between December and April, before the monsoon season, while the east coast and the north offer ideal conditions between May and September, after the monsoon season.



THE MALDIVES

A paradise on Earth nestled in the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. Known for its picture-perfect white sandy beaches, crystal-clear lagoons, and vibrant coral reefs, the Maldives offers an unforgettable tropical getaway.

The Maldives is famous for its luxury resorts, often occupying its own private island. These resorts offer a range of world-class amenities, including overwater villas, private pools, and personalised butler service.

One of the main attractions of the Maldives is its stunning marine life. Snorkelling and diving enthusiasts will be captivated by the vibrant coral gardens and an abundance of marine species, including colourful fish, turtles, and even manta rays - and you can swim alongside these majestic creatures for an unforgettable experience.

When it comes to relaxation, you couldn't pick a better destination. Indulge in rejuvenating spa treatments while listening to the sound of gentle waves lapping against the shore. Take a leisurely stroll along the pristine beaches and witness sunsets painting the sky in hues of orange and pink. The tranquil atmosphere provides the ultimate escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

In addition to its natural beauty, the Maldives also offers a range of exciting activities. Embark on a sunset cruise and witness dolphins playfully leaping out of the water, try your hand at fishing and reel in your own catch of the day, embark on a thrilling jet ski ride, or indulge in water sports such as parasailing and windsurfing.

Culinary enthusiasts will delight in the Maldivian cuisine, which combines influences from India, Sri Lanka, and the Middle East. Sample freshly caught seafood, flavoursome curries, and tropical fruits bursting with sweetness. Many resorts offer exquisite ocean-view dining experiences to savour your meal in a truly remarkable setting. The Maldives is a destination that truly embodies the essence of paradise.





Adaaran Hotels

Adaaran Club Rannalhi

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Adaaran Club Rannalhi sits exclusively at the tip of the South Malé Atoll. Its unique location offers access to pristine beaches and excellent scuba diving opportunities with easy access to the capital city of Malé. The sparkling emerald waters and the salty breeze beckon you to an island of fun and excitement.

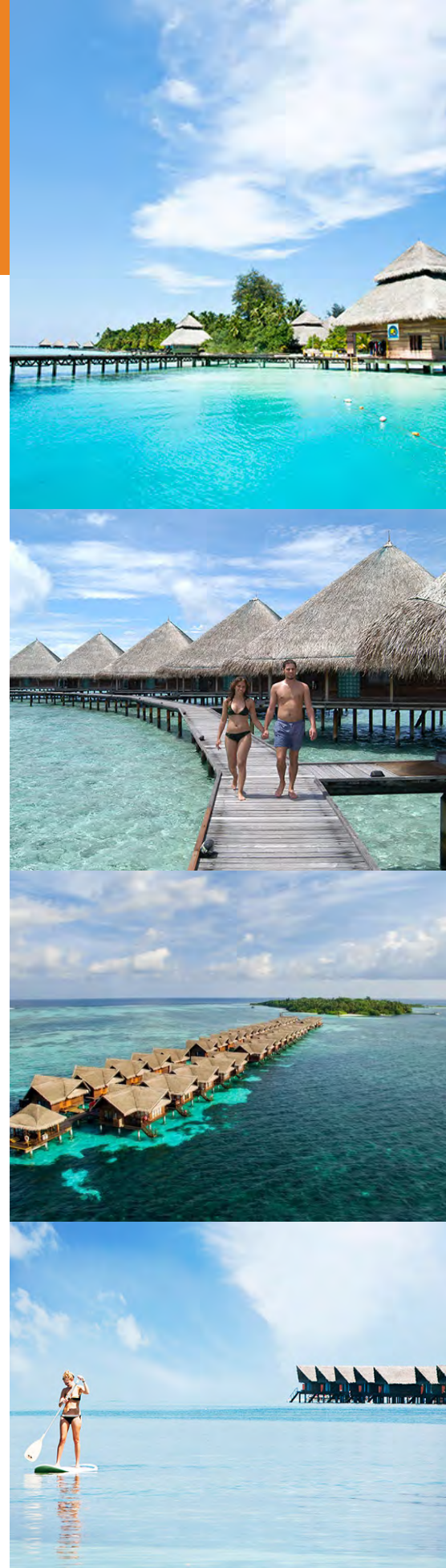
Adaaran Club Rannalhi is designed for unwinding. With nooks formed to let guests create their perfect tropical holiday. The resort redefines barefoot holidaying with amenities and facilities aplenty, along with great entertainment and excursions. The resort features beach rooms as well as water bungalows offering a choice of accommodation.

Adaaran Select Hudhuranfushi

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Located in a peaceful seclusion in the North Malé Atoll, the resort is well known for its waves, making it the ideal holiday for surfers and adrenaline junkies. The mature island featuring beautiful greenery along with the inescapable sun, sea and sand is also ideal for families seeking respite.

An unforgettable holiday experience in the tropical paradise of the Maldives, surrounded by thriving vegetation and pristine waters, "Surf Island", Adaaran Select Hudhuranfushi is an escape for the soul. With a range of accommodation options, from garden villas to beach villas & over-water villas, the island has an adventurous spirit of its own and calls out to those with a penchant for exploration and discovery. Fueled by the renowned Adaaran hospitality, the resort is the welcome break you've been looking for.



Our favourite Maldives hotel picks...

Sun Siyam Iru Fushi

☆☆☆☆☆

Over the water or on the beach, the choice is yours. Whether you opt for sunrise or sunset vistas, all of the spacious villas and retreats offer endless ocean horizons with the promise of total privacy. Outside you'll find huge day beds to laze on, swings to enjoy the sea breeze and bathtubs big enough for two.

Walk barefoot along the softest white sand and relax in the award-winning spa, or keep going until you find a spot so private, you'll feel like you've discovered your own island. If you are looking for a more active holiday, this hotel is a great choice with some of the best water sports in the Maldives.

SUN SIYAM OLHUVELI

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Traditional Maldives meets modern design at Sun Siyam Olhuveli, with accommodations ranging from Maldivian-inspired suites to sleek contemporary villas. Designed to cater to your every whim, there's three pools to choose from, including an adults-only infinity pool that never fails to impress – but be warned, the lagoon may entice you into adventure.

It all begins on the water, and whether it's parasailing, kitesurfing or diving, there are countless ways to stay active. The outstanding cuisine holds the ocean at its heart, too, with creative menus served across a selection of restaurants and bars, all prepared by world-class chefs.



Our favourite Maldives hotel picks...

SUN SIYAM VILU REEF

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The water villas at Sun Siyam Vilu Reef are surrounded by some of the best coral reefs in the Maldives, and have shared the resort's island home with exotic flora and fauna for over 20 years. Coconut palms sway in the breeze, and don't be surprised if you spot a neighbouring heron or hermit crab en-route to breakfast.

Slow down the pace and enjoy decadent treatments in the spa, or choose to unwind in the comfort of your own suite or villa. Come evening, join the chefs as they dish up plates with artistry and flair, before ending your perfect day with a private cinema under the stars.

SIYAM WORLD MALDIVES

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Designed for fun-loving, open-minded couples, romance seekers, families or larger groups of friends, with the freedom to roam, socialise and engage in an island community. Siyam World is one of the largest islands in the Maldives to boast a resort and show-stopping residences.

Siyam World is a 24-hour premium all-inclusive resort unlike any other, a striking new interpretation of the country's rich natural wonders. It's a carefree playground with an exciting, diverse, memorably modern, and quirky collection of experiences across land, ocean, and sky. Confidently conceived and brilliantly brought to life.



MAURITIUS

Mauritius is a dream destination for travellers seeking both relaxation and adventure, a stunning island of pristine white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and lush green landscapes.

There are beautiful beaches aplenty, from popular tourist spots like Trou aux Biches and Flic en Flac to the more secluded stretches of sand like Le Morne and Belle Mare. Dive into the warm waters, indulge in activities like snorkeling and diving, or simply unwind on the powdery sand while soaking up the sun.

Beyond its beaches, Mauritius boasts a rich cultural heritage and diverse landscapes. Explore the vibrant capital city of Port Louis and visit the bustling Central Market, discover historical sites like Aapravasi Ghat, or sample the local street food like dhol puri and samosas. Mauritius is renowned for its delectable cuisine - treat your taste buds to culinary delights, from Creole seafood dishes to Indian curries and Chinese delicacies.

Nature lovers will be enchanted by the natural wonders of Mauritius. Take a trip to the Chamarel Seven Colored Earths, where you can witness the unique geological phenomenon of multi-coloured sand dunes. Explore Black River Gorges National Park, a lush sanctuary of flora and fauna, and embark on hiking trails that lead to mesmerizing waterfalls.

Mauritius also offers a wide range of thrilling experiences. Feel the exhilaration of zip-lining through the treetops, go quad biking or hiking in scenic landscapes, try your hand at deep-sea fishing, or indulge in world-class golfing.

Mauritius has many of luxurious resorts and boutique hotels that cater to every traveller's needs. Whether you're lounging on the stunning beaches, exploring the island's attractions, or immersing yourself in its vibrant culture, a holiday in Mauritius promises an unforgettable experience that will leave you longing to return.



Our favourite Mauritius hotel picks...

Radisson Blu Azuri Resort & Spa ☆☆☆

A distinctive getaway, set on a preserved beach of the northeastern coast that frames the Azuri village. The island has the world's 3rd largest coral reef and is renowned for its white sand beaches and clear lagoons. Just a few steps away from the beach, rooms open out onto furnished balconies or terraces that overlook the verdant tropical surroundings of the resort. The 4 restaurants and bars (including poolside bar) offer local and international cuisine. Enjoy an array of land and water sports, or unwind at the spa for a relaxing holiday.

Veranda Grand Baie Hotel & Spa ☆☆☆

A relaxing atmosphere in a refined setting, with thatched beach cabanas, comfortable sunbeds, a stylish, azure lagoon and a private beach. This boutique hotel inspired by Creole guest houses is the perfect hideaway to soak up some laid-back vibes nestled in a beautiful bay at the heart of the lively village of Grand Baie - restaurants, bars, nightclubs and shops are still within easy reach. Take a stroll to immerse yourself in local life or yacht out to the beautiful islands of the north.

LUX* Grand Gaube ☆☆☆☆

This totally reimagined retro-chic tropical retreat is tucked away on a peninsula bordering two coves, and celebrates life in the tropics in a luxurious way. The eye-catching design of Kelly Hoppen blends perfectly with the surrounding tropical greenery, and each room, suite, and villa is made to feel like a home... with an outdoor bathtub overlooking the Indian Ocean! The resort is known for its focus on wellness and its culinary gems, which include a fabulous Peruvian restaurant, an overwater Turkish restaurant, and even a rum treehouse.



SEYCHELLES

An enchanting archipelago of untouched beauty! Picture yourself stepping onto pristine white-sand beaches, surrounded by translucent turquoise waters that teem with vibrant marine life.

Explore the hidden treasures of the Seychelles as you venture into lush jungles, where rare bird species and endemic flora await. Dive into the crystal-clear depths to discover stunning coral reefs, where shoals of tropical fish dance in harmony. Indulge in the Seychellois cuisine, a delightful blend of African, Indian, and Creole flavours that will tantalize your taste buds. Immerse yourself in the warm hospitality of the locals, who will greet you with open arms and share their rich cultural heritage.

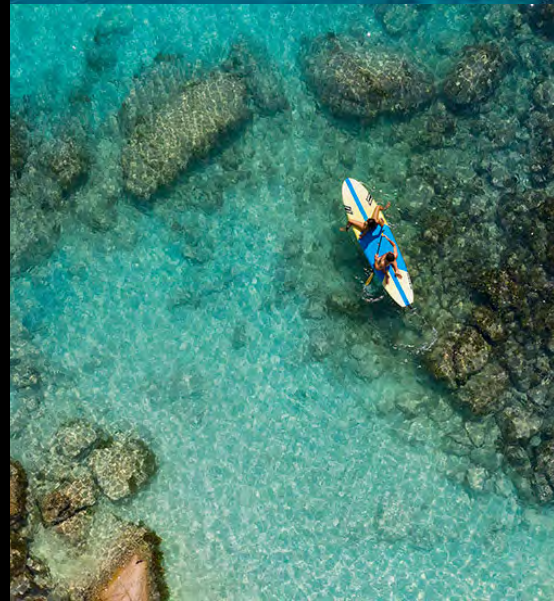
Whether you seek serenity on secluded shores, thrilling water sports, or a romantic escapade, the Seychelles promises an idyllic haven for all. Get ready to embark on a journey of breathtaking landscapes, captivating wildlife, and unforgettable experiences in this tropical paradise.

Our favourite hotel pick...

Raffles Seychelles

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Cradled at the heart of the original Garden of Eden, the island of Praslin, the Raffles Seychelles has 86 architecturally exquisite villas, all of them with private plunge pools and outdoor pavilions to soak in breathtaking views of the opal-hued ocean, white sandy beach and lush green hills. This luxurious hotel is infused with Seychellois spirit and traditional Raffles service. The magnificent hotel pool is one of the largest in the Indian Ocean territory. Swim, sunbathe, snorkel, sail, kayak, walk, or just do nothing at all, Raffles Seychelles has it all.



SRI LANKA

Discover the enchanting island of Sri Lanka, a vibrant tapestry of ancient traditions, diverse landscapes, and warm hospitality.

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage as you explore ancient cities like Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa, adorned with impressive archaeological wonders. Marvel at the majestic Sigiriya Rock Fortress and the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy. Embark on a wildlife safari in one of the country's national parks, where you can spot elephants, leopards, and a myriad of bird species.

Indulge in the stunning beaches of the south coast, where palm-fringed shores and turquoise waters await. Don't miss the picturesque tea plantations in the central highlands, offering breathtaking vistas and the chance to sample the world-famous Ceylon tea. Sri Lanka is a captivating destination that promises unforgettable adventures, cultural encounters, and natural beauty at every turn.

Our favourite hotel pick...

Heritage Ahungalla

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An exquisite five-star hotel in a perfect setting, with stunning grounds that lead to a pristine beach and mesmerizing views of the azure sea. The hotel boasts rooms adorned with luxurious fabrics and elegant timber fittings, ensuring a stay of impeccable quality and comfort. Indulge in the top-notch facilities, including two large swimming pools, a well-equipped gym, rejuvenating spa treatments, tennis courts, and a games room. Delight your palate with a choice of three restaurants and four bars, offering a diverse culinary experience. Unwind and revel in the Sri Lankan lifestyle without venturing far, as everything you need is right here.



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Mauritius special offer

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