

# BAZAAR

THE ESCAPE

A stunning aerial view  
across Anantara Dhigu  
Maldives Resort

## WHIMSICAL WONDERLANDS

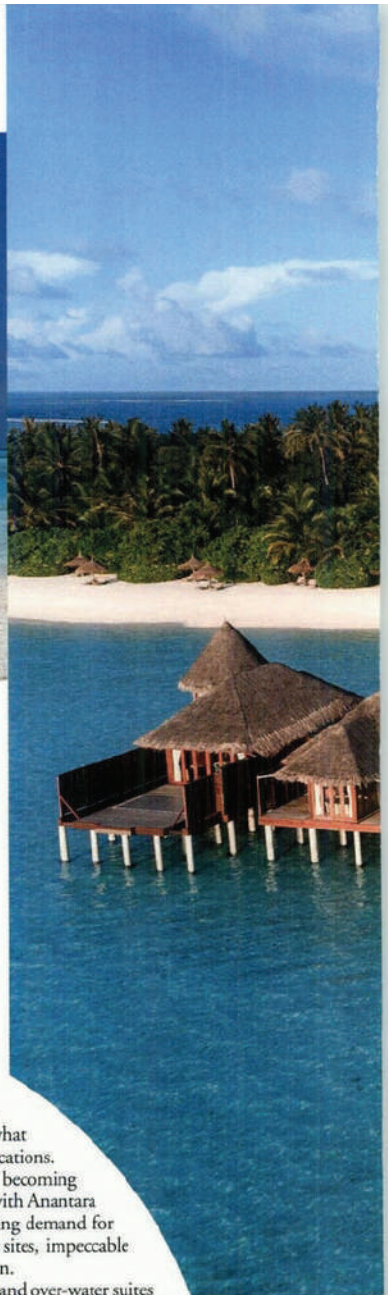
*Get swept away on an enchanting adventure with  
BAZAAR Junior's edit of family friendly escapes*



Award-winning kids programs deliver the wow factor

# PICTURE-PERFECT PLAYGROUND

*Searching for a luxurious resort that puts children at the forefront? Consider Anantara Dhigu for your next Maldivian escape*



Grilled reef fish, king prawns, scallops and lobster are served on a salt brick at al fresco dining spot, Sea Fire. Salt

**W**ith an undeniable reputation as the ultimate destination for romantic getaways, the Maldives was once somewhat overlooked when it came to family vacations. Now, however, the majestic islands are becoming more and more attractive to families — with Anantara Dhigu playing a part in that shift, by responding to the rapidly increasing demand for uber-luxurious island escapes with year round sunshine, world-class dive sites, impeccable dining options and child-friendly activities, all rolled into one exquisite haven.

Just a 35-minute speedboat ride from Malé, the resort offers 110 beachfront and over-water suites and villas, eight restaurants, and a breath-taking spa with glass floors so you can admire the colourful marine life below, as you drift into bliss with a signature massage. Truly Maldivian in its laid-back attitude, island life is all about relaxing and reconnecting with loved ones in your own slice of paradise.

The well-appointed one bedroom over-water suites fan out like palm fronds from a boardwalk that extends out over the impossibly idyllic lagoon, each with unobstructed views across the Indian Ocean, many boasting their own private infinity-edge swimming pool. Larger family friendly accommodation includes a two-bedroom villa, complete with a private beachfront garden with direct access to the ocean, and two extravagant open-air bathrooms with oversized free-standing bathtubs.

Children are especially catered for at Anantara Dhigu, with dedicated award-winning programs developed to deliver the wow factor. With age-related options for little ones from three to 12 years old, the Dhoni Club gives parents the opportunity to enjoy a day or two of adults-only time, whilst children are under the watchful eye of certified experts, participating in activities such as hermit crab racing, cooking classes, kite flying and themed treasure hunts. Older children and teens will adore the exhilarating choice of water-based activities including some of the best snorkelling in the Maldives, deep-sea fishing, kayaking, water skiing and windsurfing.

While mums and dads are utterly spoilt — a visit to the spa and a private Dining by Design experience is a must, children too, are in for a treat when they receive their own beach bag, sun hat and colouring book upon arrival. Whilst in the villa, the little ones will discover plush child-sized bathrobes and slippers, plus their very own luxe bath amenities.

This is child-friendly barefoot luxury at its finest. *Rooms from Dhs1,700 per night; Anantara.com* ■



Panoramic views of the turquoise ocean surround the peaceful sanctuary that is the resort's over-water spa



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The entire family will enjoy sunset movie nights on the beach



The open-air bathroom of a beach villa



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