Coral divers in the Maldives … voted best remote beach destination

Maldives is ‘Best Remote Beach Destination’

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The 'Best Remote Beach Destination' award at the 29th Annual Condé Nast Traveller Readers’ Choice Awards Middle East went to the Maldives. More than 300,000 travellers took part in this year’s Reader’s Choice Awards Survey, which led to the short listing of the nominees. A great honour any destination to be featured among the shortlists, and Maldives was pitted alongside Seychelles and Zanzibar.

From January to September last year, there was a 23.9 per cent increase in visitor arrival from the Middle East to Maldives, as compared to 33,675 numbers of visitors in same period in 2015. The Maldives has been seeing an increasing number of Middle Eastern travellers over the years; and it is a popular destination for travellers from the region as it gives them the perfect combination of luxury, privacy, adventure activities for an unbeatable holiday experience.

Apart from winning the Best Remote Beach Destination Award, Dusit Thani Maldives won the award for the Favourite Hotel or Resort for Families. The resort’s BaanSanook Kids Club is a runaway favourite among kids.

Maldives continues to see more developments, and prestigious brands descending on the exotic islands. The latest in the line of prestigious properties is the Four Seasons First Private Island Escape at Voavah, Baa Atoll.

It is the world’s first exclusive-use hideaway in a Unesco World Biosphere Reserve, a secluded five-acre (two hectare) haven transcends the private island experience: ‘entirely yours' from the moment of booking, seven bedrooms, a Beach House, dive school and 62-foot (18.9 metre) yacht extend the oceanic spoils of the Maldives’ only Unesco Biosphere Reserve for to up to 22 guests at a time.

What's more, guests decide the schedule, staff and services, redefining Voavah with every visit as somewhere to retreat, explore, connect, celebrate, and dream with one’s eyes open. A 62 foot (18.9 metre) private yacht – Voavah Summer – invites exploration of a dazzling and undisturbed UNESCO domain. Experiences focus on the Unesco territory, guided by a team that has already spent a decade protecting it: diving with whale sharks, snorkelling with manta rays, swimming with neighbourhood turtles, fishing for dinner, visiting local islands, surfing unknown breaks and cruising into breath-taking Baa Atoll sunsets.