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EXCLUSIVE:
**DONATELLA
VERSACE**
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OH, GET A ROOM
WHERE THE **STARS** CHECK
INTO FOR SOME **LOVE**

WIN
A 4N STAY IN
THE MALDIVES

**HELLO, MY
NAME IS
MARGARET
ZHANG**

FASHION'S MOST
INFLUENTIAL
MULTI-TALENT





HEAVEN CAN WAIT

Beach revellers will lap up the scrummy slice of paradise that is the Niyama Private Islands Maldives.



There are luxury resorts in the Maldives, and there is the Niyama Private Islands Maldives. But where a profusion of incredible retreats has spawned Instagram-worthy beaches, just how has the property gained an edge over the competition?

It might have something to do with the 134 studios, suites and pavilions, which are littered across the two adjoining islands (aptly named Chill and Play) that make up Niyama. Each room comes with a private deck for doing what you want – whether it's skinny-dipping under the moonlight with your other half, or getting a lazy suntan in the afternoon. You will be tempted to stay in, what with luxurious fittings such as a full-size refrigerator stocked with gourmet treats, in-room entertainment system with Bose surround sound, and *thakuru* (butler) service to ensure you're well taken care of.

Others will attribute Niyama's popularity to its sheer variety of dining options, so all-encompassing you'd be hard-pressed to not find something to your palate's liking. Have

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your morning smoothie and scrambled eggs at Blu as you marvel at the skies and ocean, their hues of azure a striking contrast to the powdery white sands.

You'd do well to linger over lunch at Epicure, decked out in cheerful hues and where you can look out to the infinity pool and holidaymakers-watch. Take it even easier with a cocktail or two on one of the plush beanbags at Dune, a beachfront lounge that transforms into a laid-back club at dusk, where you can unwind to the strains of mellow tunes.

But because this is the Maldives, and OTT experiences are par for the course, why not check out fine diner Edge, which is perched in the middle of the boundless ocean and accessible only via speedboat? Seafood is a must; only local Maldivian reef fish are used. After that, descend the dramatic three-tier staircase to reach Subsix, a clam-inspired bar with the world's only underwater nightclub – with “glow parties” happening twice a week!



For action seekers, Niyama is more than a five-star hideaway. Its geographically blessed spot welcomes surf-worthy waves that break directly onto the islands. Excellent surf points are a quick speedboat-ride away, with coaching programmes available. Customised Surf Beach Studios are fitted with a surfboard rack and stocked with amenities and necessities, including TV channels with up-to-the-minute surf reports and live feeds of nearby surf points.

With so many boxes ticked off for a textbook-perfect holiday, Niyama promises a getaway like no other. All you need to do now is decide which boxes to tick. EHH
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