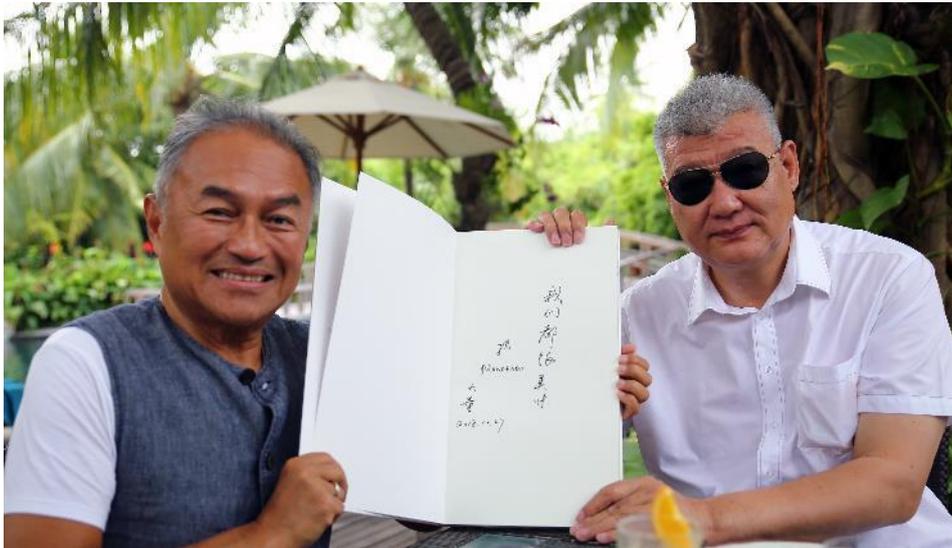




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Luxury Maldives Resort JA Manafaru Announces First Ever DaDong Resort Restaurant



Dong Zhenxiang's famous DaDong restaurant to pop up at five star JA Manafaru Maldives for one year

(Beijing, December 4, 2018) JA Manafaru, one of the most luxurious resorts in The Maldives, is to feature cuisine from world-renowned Beijing Chef Dong Zhenxiang, popularly known as DaDong for one year from January 2019.

The menu will feature local ingredients from The Maldives as well as signature dishes from the Da Dong Restaurant, offering a sensational and lavish dining experience for guests. This special pop-up experience will be available at the resort's White Orchid Restaurant for a whole year from January 2019 to December 2019.

Chef DaDong and his team have spent a few weeks at the resort creating a menu inspired by the flavours and ingredients of the Maldives, combining these with the traditional cooking styles and techniques DaDong is known for.

Guests will find classic DaDong dishes such as their ever popular Hot & Sour Soup, Wok-seared Wagyu Beef with Leek & Basil, but also taste the best fresh local seafood in

dishes such as Wok-tossed Hot & Spicy Maldivian lobster, Braised freshly caught reef fish with tofu, soy & rice wine, and other exotic dishes.

Inspired by the abundant local seafood, Chef DaDong has also conceived a special Maldives Seafood Hot Pot, seamlessly integrating one of the most popular Chinese dining styles with the freshest local Maldivian ingredients.

The dish will allow visitors to feel at home with a traditional home style hot pot, but enhanced with the best of Maldivian seafood, giving them the best of both cultures.

Chef DaDong said: “This cozy, hospitable island is a beautiful location to showcase my contemporary Chinese cuisine to discerning international diners. JA Manafaru shares my passion for pursuing the ultimate in fine dining and beverage, and I was inspired by my field trip discovering the abundance of wonderful local ingredients, especially seafood fresh from the Indian Ocean such as lobster and tuna. This pop-up menu is a celebration of the year-round wonders of nature, sunshine and colours that bless JA Manafaru. For a chef, this paradise of fresh seafood and ingredients opens exciting new possibilities to craft and create exceptional Chinese cuisine.”

“JA Resorts & Hotels is very excited to be working with the most renowned chef in China. His restaurants in Beijing, Shanghai and New York are always full of discerning Chinese and foreign patrons and his multiple awards and Michelin star attest to the fabulous quality he brings to traditional favourites and to his innovative dishes. We look forward to sharing this special treat with our guests at the beautiful JA Manafaru resort,” said Anthony Ross, CEO of JA Resorts & Hotels.

JA Manafaru is one of the world’s most luxurious resorts and is rated as one of the top resorts in The Maldives. It was voted as one of the Best Ten Hotels in the world by TripAdvisor in 2017.

The resort is generously spread over 35 acres (210 mu) and features 84 idyllic villas and suites, some on the beach and some over water, located amid the dazzling turquoise waters of Haa Alifu, the north-most atoll of Maldives.

The JA Manafaru Pop-Up experience will allow guests to experience the very best of Maldivian seafood alongside Chinese dishes and flavors, all set against the stunning and romantic turquoise blue backdrop of the Indian Ocean.

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ABOUT JA Manafaru

‘JA Manafaru’ is an idyllic 5-star private island resort fringed with exquisite powder beaches in pristine, lagoon-ringed Haa Alifu Atoll at the peaceful northern tip of the Maldives. Accessed by complementary private seaplane with two exclusive lounges at

Male International Airport, the chic tropical hideaway features 84 luxurious beachfront and over-water villas and bungalows – each with their own private plunge pool.

Seven scenic dining destinations serve traditional Maldivian cuisine, Asian-fusion international fare and seafood BBQ feasts, along with exotic cocktails and canapes aboard spectacular sunset cruises.

World-class recreational facilities for invigoration, rejuvenation or exhilaration range from Calm Spa, a serene haven of pure relaxation and indulgence in the island's tropical interior, to Mind and Body Movement pavilion, personal fitness training, PADI scuba diving, watersports, tennis, beach volleyball and deep-sea or traditional Maldivian hand line fishing.

Once-in-a-lifetime wedding and honeymoon celebrations are also a specialty at one of the world's most enchanting paradise islands, as well as an onsite Marine Research Centre conserving local ecology. .

Complete with wi-fi connectivity throughout the island, 'JA Manafaru' is the latest addition to Dubai-based JA Resorts & Hotels' collection of tropical hideaway and a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts' 'Legend Collection', with coveted awards including Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Certificate of Excellence 2017.

For more information on JA Manafaru, please visit

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JA Manafaru located amid the dazzling turquoise waters of Haa Alifu