Tropic like it’s hot

In search of pure paradise? GLAMOUR found it in the Maldives (it’s a hard job, but someone’s got to do it, right?)

Picture a mile-long strip of white sand and lush palm trees amid the pristine azure waters of the Indian Ocean. That’s the type of magical setting on offer in the Maldives. The GLAMOUR team got to experience @kuramathiisland life for ourselves while shooting this issue’s fashion and beauty features (check out the pictures on p96 and p114), and we’re telling you, if you’re after idyllic island inspo, it ticks all your holiday boxes...

SCENIC ARRIVAL? TICK.
Shake off the memories of your long flight during the 90-minute speedboat transfer to the resort – jet lag is no match for refreshing sea spray. (If you’re in a hurry, you can get a 20-minute seaplane.) At the resort, the turquoise sea and white beaches are so vibrant they don’t look real. You’ll need at least an hour a day for ‘gramming the views.

SPA HEAVEN? TICK.
Melt away any lingering tensions with a full-body massage at the Kuramathi Spa, AKA the most relaxing place on the planet. Think over-water spa room, Voya products and the soothing lull of ocean waves.

LOVE NESTS? TICK.
The guest villas are what romantic holiday dreams are made of: outdoor rainfall showers, four-poster beds and huge outdoor decks either on the beach or over the ocean. No, you won’t ever want to leave.

GREAT DINING? TICK.
Nine restaurants and six bars cater for all tastes, with Indian, Thai and Mediterranean food and, naturally, plenty of fresh seafood to go with your cocktails. We ordered amaretto sours by the infinity pool at the Laguna Bar, with a milky pink sunset right on cue for the perfect backdrop.

WATER SPORTS? TICK.
Alongside three swimming pools and a tennis court, Kuramathi hosts a dive school for those keen to get up close and personal with dolphins, turtles, reef sharks and manta rays. OK, we’ve talked ourselves into it, we’re going back.

WANT TO GO? TICK
Kuoni offers seven nights full board at Kuramathi (kuramathi.com) in a Deluxe Beach Villa with Jacuzzi, including flights on SriLankan Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers. Selected departures in September 2019, based on two adults sharing, from £2,141 per person; kuoni.co.uk. To book, please quote tour ref: MV179