

Maldives resort offers \$30K 'all-you-can-stay' holiday

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We all love and have enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It sounds too good to be true, but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering guests a once-in-a-lifetime vacation. The luxury Anantara Veli resort has a special package that includes unlimited use of its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that is perched above the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, discounts on spa treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian cuisine, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a hefty cost of \$30,000.

The Maldives is a tiny archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700km from the southern tip of India. It has developed into a luxurious, high-end destination. It is famed for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star hospitality. The quality of its marine life has put it on the bucket list of adventure-seeking scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private islands and atolls, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers who seek seclusion and privacy in paradise. The Maldives is highly dependent on international tourism and has struggled during the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 package is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.

Sources: cnn.com / ladbible.com / independent.co.uk

Writing

The world's paradise islands should not be owned by people or companies. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

love / buffet / all-you-can-eat / hotel / vacation / package / property / ocean / cuisine / archipelago / tip / luxurious / pristine / bucket list / atoll / tourism / pandemic / year

True / False

- a) The article said a hotel in the Maldives had an all-you-can-eat buffet. T / F
- b) The article said guests can only stay at the hotel once in a lifetime. T / F
- c) The hotel offer includes a free breakfast every day. T / F
- d) People who stay at the hotel can get a discount on cooking lessons. T / F
- e) The Maldives is about 450km from India. T / F
- f) Scuba divers in the Maldives must take a bucket with them. T / F
- g) The article said the Maldives could get by without tourism. T / F
- h) A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 price was good value. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. love | a. situated |
| 2. sounds | b. deal |
| 3. luxury | c. massive |
| 4. perched | d. appears |
| 5. hefty | e. extremity |
| 6. archipelago | f. immaculate |
| 7. tip | g. adore |
| 8. pristine | h. isolation |
| 9. seclusion | i. opulent |
| 10. package | j. island chain |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about the Maldives?
- b) What's the difference between a hotel and a resort?
- c) What do you think of buffets?
- d) What do you think of all-you-can-stay vacations?
- e) What experience have you had of something being too good to be true?
- f) What is your perfect holiday?
- g) Would you like to stay on a tiny island for a year?
- h) What once-in-a-lifetime experience would you like?

Phrase Match

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| 1. We all love and have enjoyed an all- | a. atolls |
| 2. offering guests a once-in-a- | b. in airport transfers |
| 3. a special package that includes unlimited | c. cost of \$30,000 |
| 4. The resort is also throwing | d. pandemic |
| 5. However, all this comes at a hefty | e. you-can-eat buffet |
| 6. The Maldives is a tiny archipelago | f. high-end destination |
| 7. It has developed into a luxurious, | g. on international tourism |
| 8. private islands and | h. lifetime vacation |
| 9. The Maldives is highly dependent | i. nation |
| 10. during the coronavirus | j. use of its property |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Where is paradise for you?
- What kind of resort would you like to stay at?
- Do you prefer pristine beaches or virgin forests?
- What is on your travel bucket list?
- Where do you go for seclusion and privacy?
- Do you think the Maldives holiday package is good value?
- What questions would you like to ask the resort owners?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. f	9. h	10. b

Role Play

Role A – All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

You think an all-you-can-eat buffet is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-stay hotel, all-you-can-study English or an all-you-can-use gym.

Role B – All-You-Can-Stay Hotel

You think an all-you-can-stay hotel is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-eat buffet, all-you-can-study English or an all-you-can-use gym.

Role C – All-You-Can-Study English

You think all-you-can-study English is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-stay hotel, all-you-can-eat buffet or an all-you-can-use gym.

Role D – All-You-Can-Use Gym

You think an all-you-can-use gym is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-stay hotel, all-you-can-study English or all-you-can-eat buffet.

Speaking – All-you-can...

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| all-you-can-eat buffet | all-you-can-study English |
| all-you-can-drink bar | all-you-can-play games |
| all-you-can-stay hotel | all-you-can-use gym |
| all-you-can-watch cinema | all-you-can-hire taxi |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	F	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.