

SOUL Festival Programme



September 29 - October 8, 2023



A festival with a purpose, SOUL offers a verdant space to move, eat, explore and be creative, while celebrating ancient healing traditions and modern innovations that benefit individuals, communities and the planet.



Immerse yourself in an exploration of wellness in all its forms during the first-ever SOUL Festival at Soneva Fushi. Stay for a minimum of three nights and enjoy full access to the festival programme, including gala events on the sand, speaker sessions and experiential workshops, as well as daily full board dining, return domestic transfers and 24/7 Barefoot Guardian service. Learn more about SOUL Festival here.

Festival Line-Up



Damon Gameau Award winning director, and producer



Shamini Jain Psychologist, Scientist & Social Entrepreneur



Bruce Lipton Developmental Biologist, Goi Peace Award Recipient & Best-selling Author



Shauna Shapiro Clinical Psychologist, & Mindfulness



Emeran Mayer Gastroenterologist & Bestselling Author of The Mind Cut Connection



Davina Taylor Two-time #1 Sunday Times Bestseller, Actress & Biohacking Expert



Swami Chidanand Saraswati Karma Yogi



Sadhvi Bhagwati Saraswati Renowned Spiritual Leader & Motivational Speaker



Dr Libby Weaver Thirteen-time Best-selling Author Speaker & Founder of Bio Blends



Jo Marchant New York Times Bestselling Author, Award-win Journalist & Ke



Schwartzberg Award-winning Cinematographer, Director & Producer



Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher Chief Medical Officer at Soneva



Robert Svoboda First Western Ayurvedic Physician in India & Author



Amanda Huggins Mindfulness Coach. Yoga Instructor & Keynote Speaker



Gaia Vince Award-winning Science Journalist, Author, Broadcaster & Speaker

Live Music Performances



Luke Coutinho Award-winning Holistic Lifestyle Coach & Best-selling



Farida Irani Holistic Health Practitioner,



Dr Paul Salins Medical Director & Senior Vice President Mazumdar Shaw Medical Centre



Dr Nasha Winters Oncology Specialist & Author



Dr Timothy Doolin Orthotropics, Orthodontics & Homeoblock Dentist



Dr Joanna Hooper Anders Olsson Family Medicine Specialist & Co-Medical Director at Taos Whole Health Integrative Care



Author, Inventor & Founder of Conscious



Ustad Kamal Sabri Renowned Indian Classical Musician



Kristin Hoffmann Internationally-acclaimed Singer, Songwriter & Sound Healing Practitioner



Contemporary Indian Musician, Poet &

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Friday, 29 September

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10:00 – 18:00	Arrival & Orientation: Enjoy Soneva Soul's signature treatments and wellness offerings, Soneva Fushi's beaches, watersports including guided snorkelling with Soneva's Marine Biologist and other unique experiences
12:00 – 15:00	Lunch at Mihiree Mithaa
18:00 – 19:45	Sunset cocktails at Mihiree Mithaa Beach
19:45 – 20:00	Welcome address by Sonu Shivdasani and William Bissell at Mihiree Mithaa Beach
20:00 – 22:00	Gala dinner under the stars with live musical performance by sarangi maestro Ustad Kamal Sabri at Down to Earth
22:30 – 23:00	Stargazing experience at the largest observatory in the Maldives
Saturday, 30 September	
7:00 – 10:30	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9: 00	Your choice of morning activity: Hatha Yoga with Hitesh Kumar at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa or bootcamp circuit training with Jairo Alonso at Jungle Gym or guided snorkelling with our resident Marine Biologist
10:00 - 11:00	Tuning the Collective Field: Opening meditation and talk with Shauna Shapiro at Down to Earth
11:00 - 11:15	Coral regeneration sharing at Down to Earth with our Marine Biologist
11:30 - 12:45	The Soul of Wellness: What Is True 'Wellness' and How Can It Be Sustained? – In discussion with Sonu Shivdasani , William Bissell , Sadhvi Bhagwati Saraswati , Dr Libby Weaver and Farida Irani at Down to Earth
12:30 - 14:15	Buffet lunch hosted by wellness visionaries and experts at Mihiree Mithaa
14:15 – 15:30	Biology of Belief: Unleashing the Power of Consciousness, Matter & Miracles by Dr Bruce Lipton at Down to Earth
15:30 - 16:45	The Neuroscience of Wellness – In discussion with Dr Bruce Lipton , Dr Emeran Mayer , Dr Paul Salins , Dr Shamini Jain and Farida Irani at Down to Earth
16:45 – 18:15	Leisure time: Enjoy Soneva Soul's signature treatments and wellness offerings, Soneva Fushi's beaches, watersports including guided snorkelling with Soneva's Marine Biologist and other unique experiences
18:15 – 22:00	Sunset cocktail on the Sandbank followed by a wellness dinner and live musical performance by Kristin Hoffmann



Sunday, 1 October

7:00 – 10:30	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9: 00	Your choice of morning activity: Qi Gong class with Roger Moore at Turtle Champa or primal movement with Jonathan Owen at the Jungle Gym or a tour and coral propagation talk with our Marine Biologist in AquaTerra
9:45 – 10:15	Opening meditation with Pujya Swamiji at Down to Earth
10:15 - 10:45	The Gut Immune Connection: How Understanding the Connection Between Food and Immunity Can Help Us Regain our Health by Dr Emeran Mayer at Down to Earth
11:15 - 11:45	Healing Ourselves: Biofield Science and the Future of Health by Dr Shamini Jain at Down to Earth
12:15 - 12:45	Transcendence: How Humans Evolved Through Fire, Language, Beauty and Time by Gaia Vince at Down to Earth
13:15 – 13:30	Closing meditation with Sadhvi Bhagwati Saraswati at Down to Earth
13:30 - 14:30	Family-style sharing lunch hosted by wellness visionaries and experts at Out of the Sea
14:30 - 17:30	Leisure time: Enjoy Soneva Soul's signature treatments and wellness offerings, Soneva Fushi's beaches, watersports including guided snorkelling with Soneva's Marine Biologist and other unique experiences
18:00 – 21:30 lowed by a	Explore and celebrate the diverse flavours and stories that make up the Soul Food Journey to nourish our bodies, hearts and souls. Your journey begins at Jetty C where you will board a boat to have sunset cocktails in Out of the Sea , walk towards the Banyan Tree , have a small break in our Kitchen Junction , take a detour to the Barefoot Bookshop , folsumptuous buffet dinner at Down to Earth
20:30 - 21:30	Musical performance by Kristin Hoffmann and sarangi maestro Ustad Kamal Sabri at Down to Earth



Monday, 2 October

7:00 – 10:30	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9: 00	Your choice of morning activity: Sunrise beach yoga by Hitesh Kumar at Turtle Beach or mat Pilates at Out of the Blue or freediving techniques and breathing exercise with our Marine Biologist Nathalia Samper at Watersports Champa
9:00 – 9:45	Grounding: The Enormous Health Benefits of Walking Barefoot with Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher , Dr Vidya Dinesh, Dr Kristen Bohnet and Dr Michelle Valdez
10:00 - 11:15	The Business of Wellness: Taking the Principals of Wellness into the Corporate World – Fire side chat with Sonu Shivdasani and William Bissell at Down to Earth
10:15 - 11:30	Immersive aromatherapy workshop by Farida Irani at Soneva Soul Jungle Champa

10:45 – 12:00	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Timothy Doolin for Homeoblock and Dentistry and Anders Olsson for Conscious Breathing at Soneva Soul
11:15 - 12:30	Tearoom Session hosted by Organic India : Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times – Exploring Traditional Healing Techniques in conversation with Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati , Sadhvi Bhagwati Saraswati , Dr Emeran Mayer , Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher and Dr Robert Svoboda at Down to Earth
12:30 – 14:15	Lunch at Mihiree Mithaa
14:15 – 15:15	Meet our Wellness Experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Amanda Huggins for Mindfulness and Yoga and Dr Emeran Mayer for Digestive Health at Soneva Soul
15:00 – 16:45	Regenerative Futures: Rebuilding our Relationship with Planet Earth – An immersive discussion with Gaia Vince and Damon Gameau followed by Eco Centro Tour
17:00 – 18:00	Sol Aum – Sound healing session with Kristin Hoffmann at Villa 11 or fitness bootcamp with Luke Coutinho at the Jungle Gym
17:00 – 19:30	Leisure time: Enjoy Soneva Soul's signature treatments and wellness offerings, Soneva Fushi's beaches, watersports including guided snorkelling with Soneva's Marine Biologist and other unique experiences
18:00 – 19:00	Paddle through paradise: Kayaking with Jairo Alonso at Watersports Champa
19:30 – 20:00	Introduction to Fantastic Fungi with award-winning cinematographer, director and producer Louie Schwartzberg at Cinema Paradiso
20:00 – 22:00	Enjoy dinner under the Maldivian skies at Cinema Paradiso followed by a screening of Fantastic Fungi
22:15 – 23:00	Stargazing experience at the largest observatory in the Maldives
	Tuesday, 3 October
7:00 – 10:30	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9: 00	Your choice of morning activity: Qi Gong Class with Roger Moore at Out of the Blue or core workout class at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa with Jairo Alonso or a zipline session
with our	with professional Zipline Rangers
9:30 - 11:00	Glass blowing demonstration at So Glasscycle
10:00 - 11:00	The Structure of Breath by Anders Olsson in conversation with Dr Timothy Doolin at Villa 11
10:00 - 11:00	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Paul Salins for Medicine and Dr Robert Svoboda for Ayurveda at Soneva Soul
11:15 - 12:15	The Honeymoon Effect: Exploring the Science of Love – A fireside chat with Dr Bruce Lipton and Margaret Horton in conversation at Villa 11
12:30 – 14:15	Lunch at Mihiree Mithaa
12:30 – 16:00	Leisure time: Enjoy Soneva Soul's signature treatments and wellness offerings, Soneva Fushi's beaches, watersports including guided snorkelling with Soneva's Marine Biologist and other unique experiences

15:00 – 17:00	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher for Naturopathic and Traditional Chinese Medicine and Dr Timothy Doolin for Homeoblock and Dentistry at Soneva Soul
15:30 – 16:30	The Spirit of Wellness – An immersive session with Pujya Swami, Chidanand Saraswati and Sadhvi Bhagwati Saraswati at Villa 11
16:45 – 17:30	Clean Food for the Future: Going Zero Processed with Chef Diana Von Cranach at Villa 11
17:00 – 18:00	Mindfulness breathwork with Pawan Kumar at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa
18:00 – 19:30	Soul sunset session with cocktails, elixirs and live DJ entertainment at Sandbank
18:00 – 19:30	Sunset SUP & Stretch: Wellbeing adventure with Jairo Alonso at Watersports Champa
18:30 – 19:45	Trātaka – Technique of candlelight gazing with Hitesh Kumar at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa
19:30 – 22:00	Dinner at Down to Earth with live musical performance by Kristin Hoffmann presenting Songs of the Sea



Wednesday, 4 October

7:00 – 10:00	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9:00	Your choice of morning activity: Morning meditation with Shauna Shapiro on the Sandbank or SUP workout with Jairo Alonso at Watersports Champa or sunrise catamaran sailing with our skipper
10:00 – 11:45	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Paul Salins for Medicine and Dr Timothy Doolin for Homeoblock and Dentistry at Soneva Soul
10:00 - 11:00	Gut Health Immersion with Dr Emeran Mayer and Dr Libby Weaver at Down to Earth
10:30 - 11:30	Tools for Stress Management, Anxiety and Restful Sleep by Amanda Huggins at Villa 11
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch at Mihiree Mithaa
12:00 – 14:00	Leisure time: Enjoy Soneva Soul's signature treatments and wellness offerings, Soneva Fushi's beaches, watersports including guided snorkelling with Soneva's Marine Biologist and other unique experiences
14:00 – 15:00	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Emeran Mayer for Digestive Health and Farida Irani for Ayurveda at Soneva Soul
15:00 – 16: 00	Mixology with naturopathic doctor Michelle Valdes at Organic Garden

15:00 – 16:00	The Cancer Dialogues: Current Topics on Cancer Research by Dr Paul Salins and Dr Nasha Winters at Villa 11
16:00 – 17:00	Eco Centro Tour
17:00 – 18:00	Mantra Chanting with Hitesh Kumar and Pawan Kumar at Turtle Champa
18:00 – 21:00	Cocktails and canapés at Down to Earth followed by Four Hands Dinner with Chef Diana Von Cranach and Chef Carsten Kyster with live musical performance by Bawari Basanti at Down to Earth
21:00 – 23:00	Stargazing experience at the largest observatory in the Maldives
	Thursday, 5 October
7:00 – 10:00	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9:00	Your choice of morning activity: Balanced yoga by Hitesh Kumar at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa or primal movement by Jonathan Owen or Eco Centro tour including the organic garden at Fresh in the Garden
8:00 – 9:30	Glass blowing demonstration at So Glasscycle
10:00 – 11:30	Tearoom Session hosted by Organic India: Health Crisis to Health Awakening with Amanda Huggins, Davinia Taylor, Dr Jo Marchant and Dr Shamini Jain at Villa 11
10:30 - 11:30	My Chocolate – Chocolate making experience at Out of the Blue
12:00 – 13:00	Hormones: Our Personal Mood Controllers with Dr Libby Weaver and Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher at Down to Earth
12:00 – 13:00	Maintaining a Healthy Heart by Dr Paul Salins at Villa 11
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch at Out of the Sea hosted by one of our visiting chefs
14:00 - 15:30	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher for Naturopathic and Traditional Chinese Medicine, Dr Timothy Doolin for Homeoblock and Dentistry and Anders Olsson for Conscious Breathing at Soneva Soul
15:00 – 16:00	Spontaneous Evolution – An unstructured session at Down to Earth for presenters to co-create together and share the Inspirations that are emerging from their journey at SOUL Festival
15:30 – 16:45	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one-on-one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Paul Salins for Medicine and Farida Irani for Ayurveda at Soneva Soul
15:30 – 16:45	Waste NOT, Want NOT with Chef Diana Von Cranach and Damon Gameau at Villa 11
17: 00 – 18:00	Active Stretch and Mobilisation with Jairo Alonso in Turtle Champa
18:30 – 19:30	Sunset cocktail in the Shades of Green
19:30 – 19:45	Introduction to the film 2040 with award-winning screenwriter, director, author and activist Damon Gameau at Cinema Paradiso
19:45 – 22:15	Enjoy dinner under the Maldivian skies at Cinema Paradiso followed by a film screening of <i>2040</i> .
21:00 - 22:00	Cocoa ceremony with Dr Michelle Valdes in Flying Sauces
21:00 - 23:00	Stargazing experience at the largest observatory in the Maldives

Friday, 6 October

7:00 – 10:00	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9:00	Your choice of morning activity: Sunrise beach yoga at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa or core class at Out of the Blue or guided snorkelling with our Marine Biologist
10:00 - 11:00	Tearoom Session hosted by Organic India : The Healing Powers of Herbs with Dr Libby Weaver, Farida Irani, Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher and Dr Vidya Dinesh at Down to Earth
11:15 – 12:15	Mind-Body-Spirit Connection by Dr Shamini Jain in Villa 11
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch at Mihiree Mithaa
14:00 - 15:45	Meet our wellness experts for an intimate 'one on one' conversation and customised guidance with Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher for Naturopathic and Traditional Chinese Medicine, Dr Timothy Doolin for Homeoblock and Dentistry and Dr Nasha Winters for Cancer and Holistic Medicine at Soneva Soul
15:00 – 16:00	'I Am Perfect As I Am' Overcoming Self Judgements and Fears – A fireside chat with Amanda Huggins and Luke Coutinho at Down to Earth
15:00 – 16:15	Biohacking Workshop: Hacking into Your Personal Biology and Creating a Protocol for Longevity with Davinia Taylor at Villa 11
18:00 - 19:45	Sunset cocktails at Out of the Blue with live DJ performance
19:30 – 19:45	Sharing of thoughts, ideas and inspiration by Sonu Shivdasani and William Bissell at Out of the Blue
19:45 – 20:00	Gala dinner at Out of the Blue followed by a live fusion musical performance by sarangi maestro Ustad Kamal Sabri, Bawari Basanti and Kristin Hoffmann





Saturday, 7 October

7:00 – 10:00	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9:00	Your choice of morning activity: Jungle gym training with Jairo Alonso or mat Pilates at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa or guided snorkelling with our Marine Biologist
9:15 – 9:45	Opening meditation by Shauna Shapiro at Down to Earth
9:45 – 10:30	The Power of Conscious Breathing by Anders Olsson at Down to Earth
10:45 - 12:00	The Eye of the Storm: Finding Balance in Times of Chaos with Shauna Shapiro , Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher, Luke Coutinho, Dr Bruce Lipton and Dr Nasha Winters at Down to Earth
12:15 - 14:15	Lunch hosted by our wellness visionaries and experts at Out of the Sea
14:15 - 15:00	Cure: A Journey into the Science of Mind Over Body by Jo Marchant at Down to Earth

15:15 – 15:30	Coral regeneration talk at Down to Earth
15:30 – 17:00	Building a Regenerative Future with Sonu Shivdasani , William Bissell , Gaia Vince , Damon Gameau and Louie Schwartszberg at Down to Earth
16:30 - 18:00	Leisure time: Enjoy Soneva Soul's signature treatments and wellness offerings, Soneva Fushi's beaches, watersports including guided snorkelling with Soneva's Marine Biologist and other unique experiences
18:00 – 19:30	Soul sunset session with cocktails, elixirs and live DJ entertainment at Sandbank
19:30 – 22:00	Buffet dinner at Mihiree Mithaa with world musical performance by sarangi maestro Ustad Kamal Sabri and Bawari Basanti
	Sunday, 8 October
7:00 – 10:00	Breakfast at Mihiree Mithaa
7:00 – 9:00	Your choice of morning activity: Aerial yoga with Hitesh Kumar at Jungle Gym or primal movement with Jonathan Owen at Soneva Soul Turtle Champa or guided snorkelling with our Marine Biologist
10:00 - 10:30	Group vocal toning with Kristin Hoffmann at Down to Earth
10:30 - 11:15	Stress and Anxiety Management by Amanda Huggins at Down to Earth
11:30 - 12:30	Exhausted to Energised: The biochemical, nutritional and emotional factors that impact your energy by Dr Libby Weaver at Down to Earth
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch at Mihiree Mithaa
14:00 - 15:00	Biohacking: The Ultimate Guide to Optimal Health by Davinia Taylor at Down to Earth
15:15 – 15:30	Waste to Wealth Talk at Down to Earth
15:30 – 17:00	Wellness in the Marketplace: Sustaining True Wellness in Our Modern and Complex World with Sonu Shivdasani, William Bissell, Dr Joanna Hooper, Dr Lilly-Marie Blecher, Gaia Vince, Amanda Huggins and Farida Irani at Down to Earth
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21:00 - 23:00	Live world fusion musical performance by sarangi maestro Ustad Kamal Sabri , Bawari Basanti and Kristin Hoffmann at Down to Earth
37-00 37-00	Live Diversity on the Boundary French

*The Festival programme may be subject to change.



Live DJ performance at **Down to Earth**

23:00 - 24:00



