



Tree of Life
Festive Celebration

2024
December

2025
January



Welcome

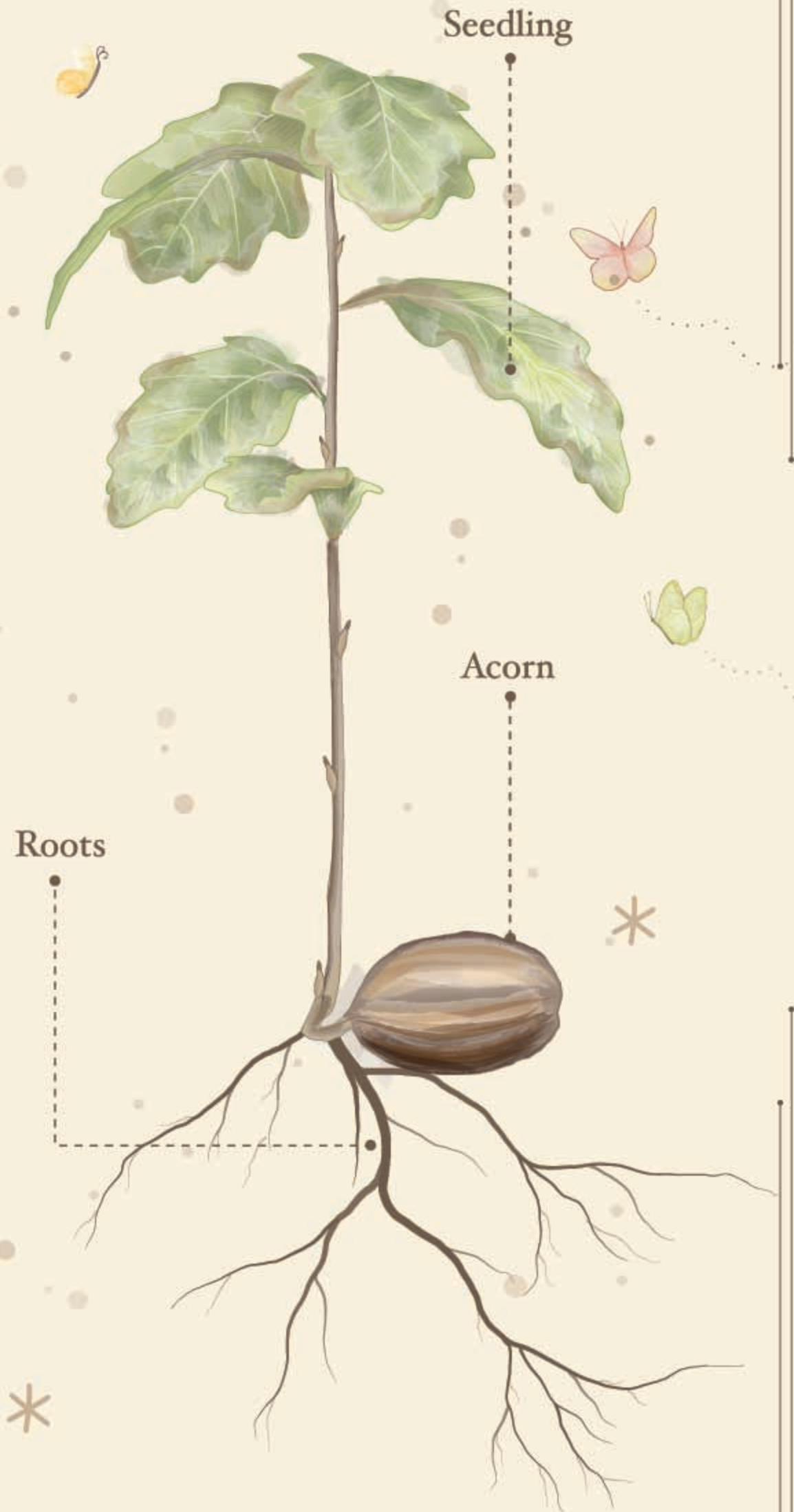
We warmly invite you to embark on an enchanting journey of joy and celebration at Gili Lankanfushi. Unravel a vibrant tapestry of events this festive season, each thread inspired by the timeless symbol of the Tree of Life. From the fresh energy of new beginnings to the strength of deep roots, our festivities honor this symbol of growth and connection. Immerse yourself in nature's rhythms and create unforgettable memories with your loved ones. Let's make this holiday season something truly special — an extraordinary experience of life and renewal.

Sapling

Germination of
the acorn

"The tree is more than first
a seed, then a stem, then a
living trunk, and then dead
timber. The tree is a slow,
enduring force straining to
win the sky."

- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry





Sunday



Rooting Ritual "Grounding Yoga and Meditation"

Embrace this Festive season with a ceremony designed to anchor you in peace and harmony.



7:00am - 7:45am



YOGA CHAMPA

Gingerbread House Decorating

The culinary team needs your help to assemble and decorate our very own gingerbread house!



2:00pm - 3:00pm



KASHIVELI PAVILION

"Tree of Life" Lighting Ceremony

Join us as we officially breathe life into our 2024 festive celebrations, as we plant the "tree of life" and light the Christmas tree, all to the sound of the Gili Christmas Choir.



6:30pm - 7:30pm



GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Passage through Indian Tandoor

Delight in the unique flavors of Indian spices, sizzling meats, and homemade chapatis, rotis, papadums, and naans fresh from the tandoori oven.



7:30pm - 10:30pm



OVER WATER BAR

Surf's up!

Experienced surfers only

 USD165
PER PERSON

Trees are beautiful to look at, but can also make for incredible building material. How about trying to catch some waves on a board made of Paulownia wood, which has the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any wood in the world?


 8:30am - 11:30am


 TROPIC SURF

Branch Decoration

Kids Activity


Turn branches into beautiful pieces of art, by channeling your inner artist.

 2:00pm - 3:00pm

 GAME CHAMPA

"Fruits for 2025" Christmas cake mixing


When it comes to cooking, its all in the preparation! Join our chefs as they mix and soak the fruits for the 2025 Christmas cakes!

 3:00pm - 4:00pm

 KASHIVELI

Asian Street Market

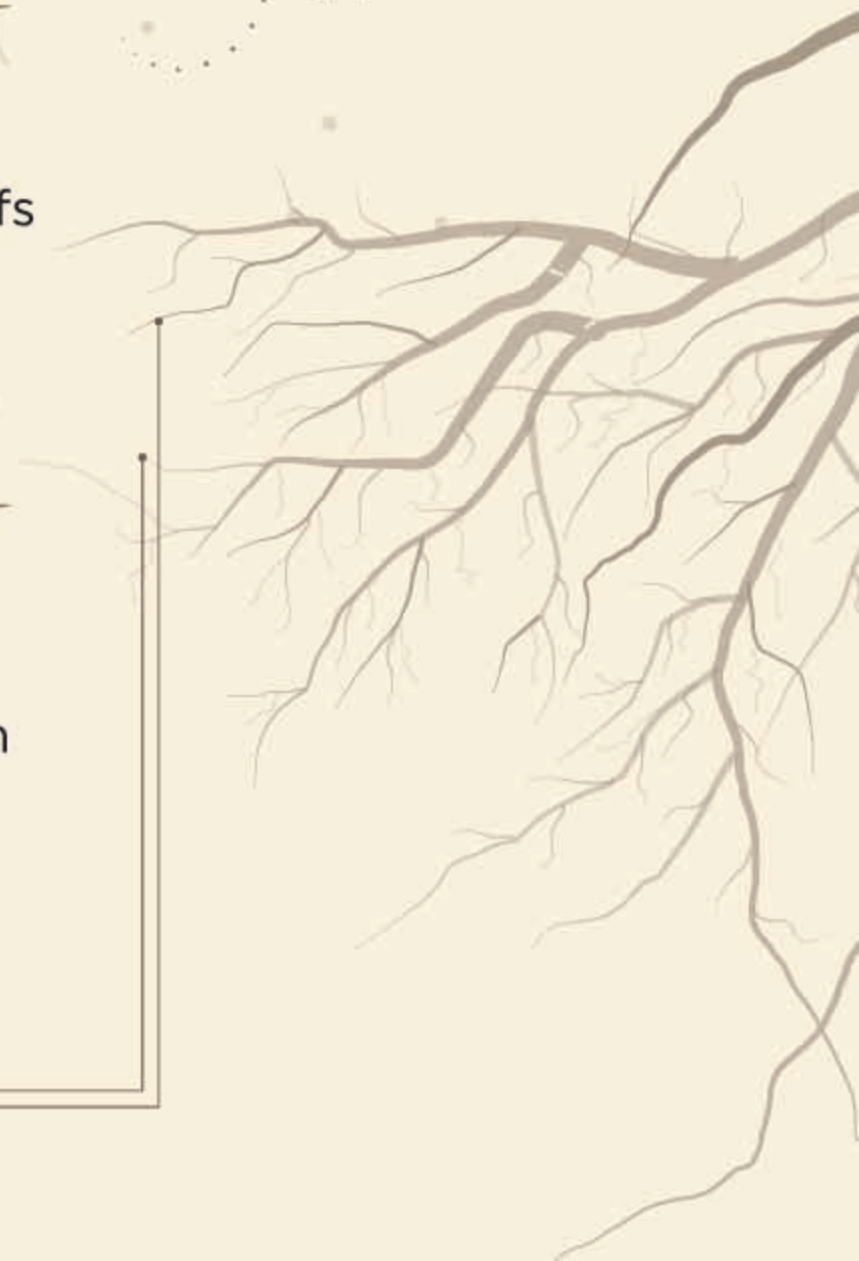
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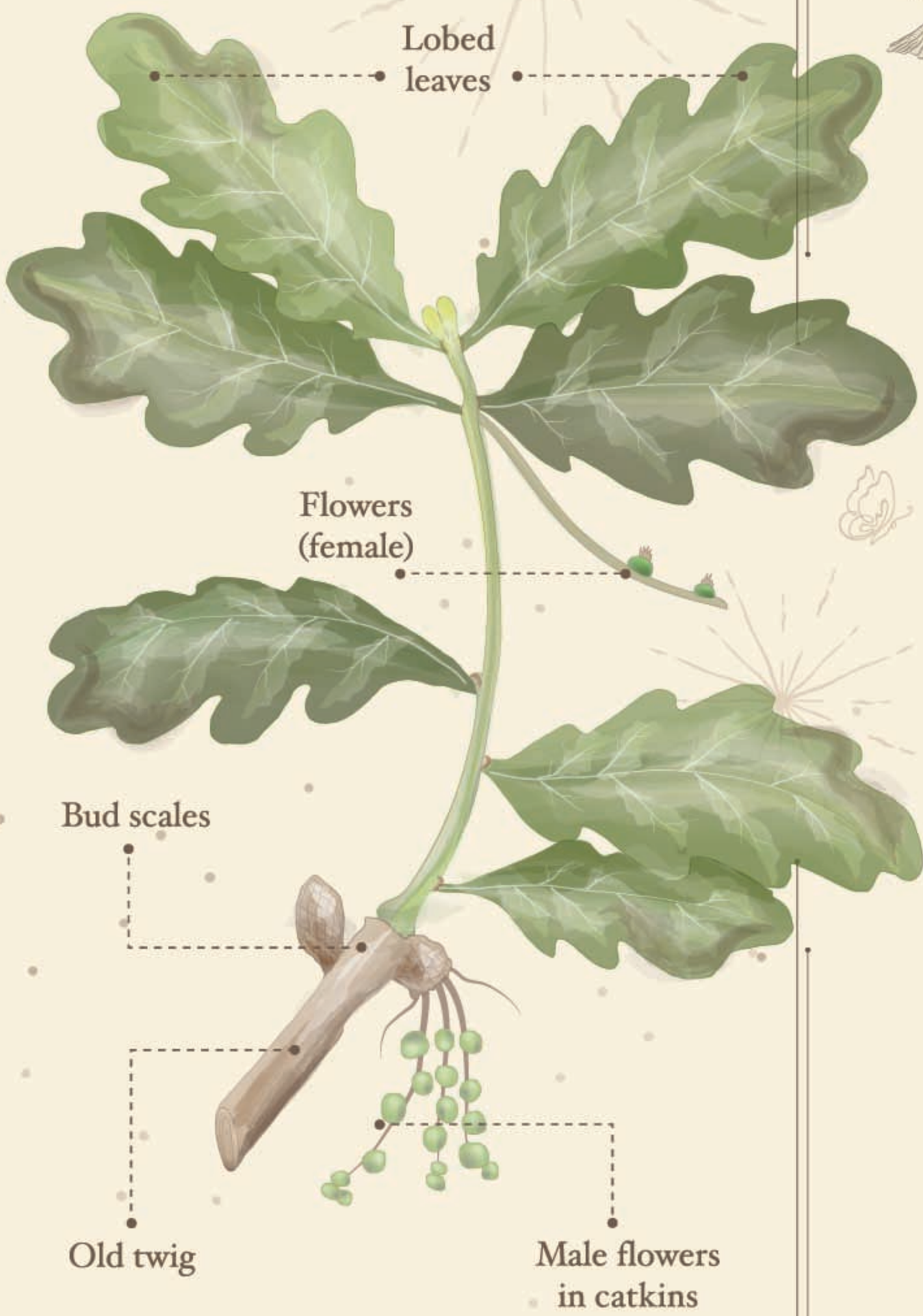
Monday





Green

The oak grows lush green leaves



Lobed leaves

Flowers (female)

Bud scales

Old twig

Male flowers in catkins

"Ancient trees are precious. There is little else on Earth that plays host to such a rich community of life within a single living organism."
- Sir David Attenborough



Island Explorer Challenge

Family Friendly Activity


Explore the island's lush groves and winding trails, as you solve riddles, uncover hidden clues, and seek out nature's treasures beneath the canopy. Gather your family and friends, form teams, and set off on an unforgettable, tree-filled adventure!

 All day

 GILI VESHI

Wooden Christmas Ornaments Decoration


Make your own ornaments using recycled wood!

 2:30pm - 3:30pm

 GAME CHAMPA

Tennis with Santa


A group introduction to the basics of Tennis with our resident Tennis pro. Will he be sporting a Santa hat?

 4:00pm - 5:00pm

 TENNIS COURT

A Green Gili Christmas

Tonight, we enjoy a bountiful meal on the beach, as we celebrate the most festive of occasions, surrounded by family and friends.

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 GILI MEMORIES BEACH



Tuesday



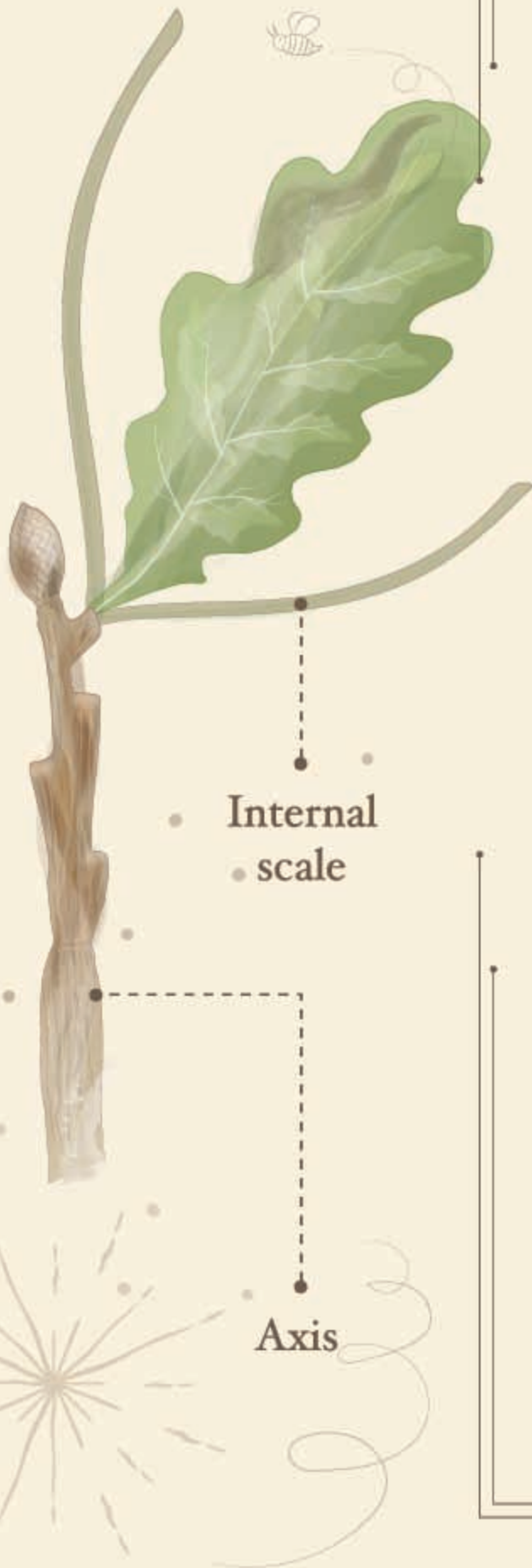
Bud in winter



Bud in the spring



Wednesday



Tree of Life Breathwork

A transformative practice that connects you deeply with yourself and with nature. Breathe, Ground, and Grow.


 7:00am - 7:45am

 YOGA CHAMPA

Gardening with the Organic Gardener

Kids Activity

Our head organic gardener is looking for some new apprentices. Come and discover the wonder of growing your own food!

 4:30pm - 5:30pm

 ORGANIC GARDEN

Sunset Cocktails "A Touch of Green"


Enjoy a picturesque sunset as you sip on Gili signature cocktails and festive blends. Don't forget to wear something green!

 6:30pm - 7:30pm

 HORIZON BEACH

Churrascaria

Brazilian Barbecue with a Gili twist. Savour an assortment of mouthwatering meats, seafood, and vegetables, served churrascaria style.

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 OVER WATER BAR



Thursday

Jungle Pirates Parade - Costume making

Kids Activity

Prepare for the last Pirates Party of 2024! This year we delve into the magical world of the jungle, and all of the incredible creatures within. Create your accessories from coconut leaves, and other natural materials.

🕒 11:00am - 12:30pm

📍 GAME CHAMPA

Soak in the Sun!

If there is one thing that trees do well, it's soaking in the sun! Its time to emulate our arboreal friends, with the addition of some beach games, extensive cocktail options and music!

🕒 1:00pm - 3:00pm

📍 FINI FONI POOL

🐛 Twig (winter)

"Sunset Rite" Pop-up Bar

Relax and unwind with cocktails as the sun sets with a playful bonfire. Enjoy live music, good vibes, and a fun ritual to "toast" to tomorrow's fruity adventures!

🕒 5:30pm - 7:30pm

📍 JETTY 3 BEACH



Old twig

Water Fight & Dinner

Kids Activity

Kids can gear up for an epic water battle. Dinner to follow all of the excitement!

🕒 7:30pm - 10:30pm

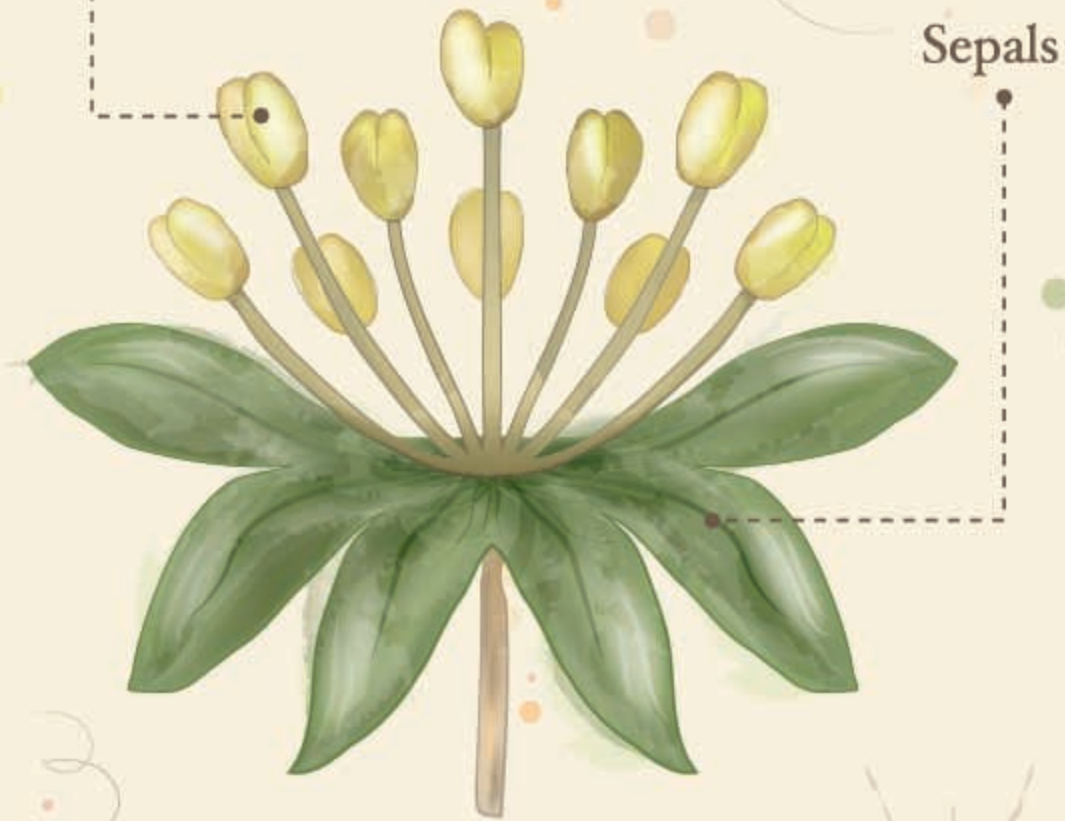
📍 GILI MEMORIES BEACH



Terminal bud



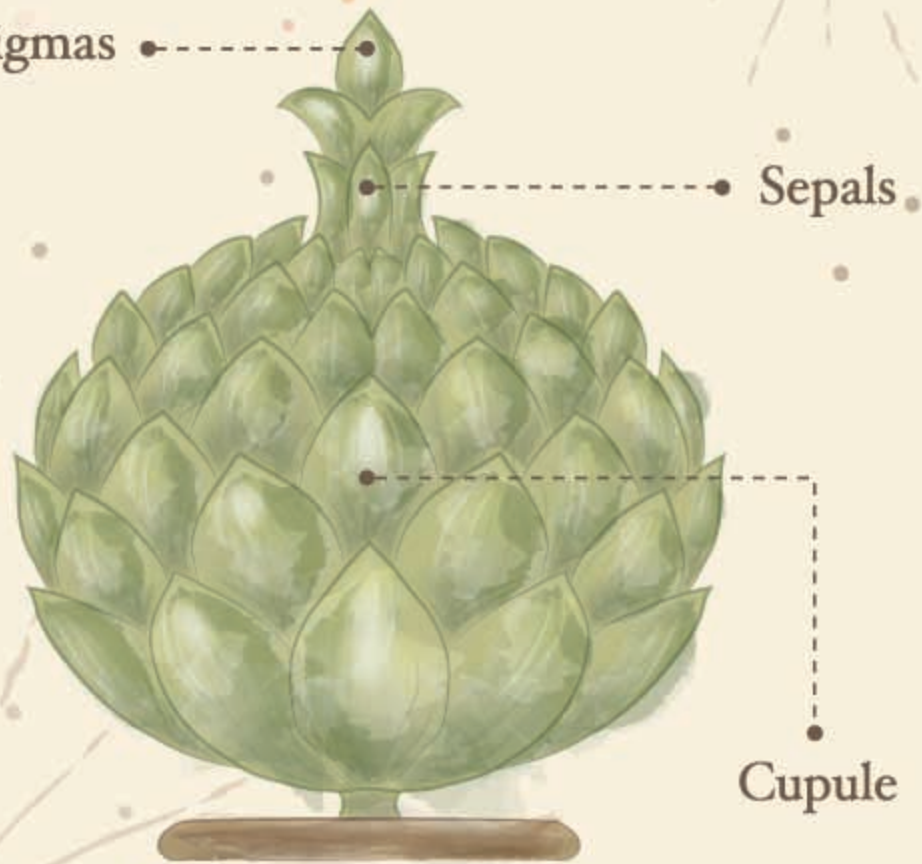
Stamens



Sepals

Male flower

3 Stigmas



Sepals

Cupule

Female flower

Flower

The oak bears two kinds of flowers

"The symbolism – and the substantive significance – of planting a tree has universal power in every culture and every society on Earth, and it is a way for individual men, women and children to participate in creating solutions for the environmental crisis."

- Al Gore



Coconut Shell Dreamcatcher making

Kids Activity


Did you know that the coconut is in fact a fruit, and not a nut? Today we turn The Maldives' most abundant fruit into decorations using strings and paint!

 2:00pm - 3:00pm

 GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Gili Football Match


Show off your skills in our annual festive football match. This year "Banana FC" take on "Coconut United" for the title of "2024 Champions".

 4:30pm - 6:30pm

 FOOTBALL GROUND

Mediterranean Spice Souk


Partake in a true Mediterranean market experience. Enjoy a sensory journey through a colourful and vibrant Souk as you stroll past freshly made pastas, charcoal grilled fish, and mouthwatering shawarma.

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 KASHIVELI

Feel Animistic

Every flourishing plant has to start somewhere (and its usually in the Organic Garden). Unwind after dinner with a few drinks, as you take in the beauty of nature, accompanied by the sounds of Local Drums.

 9:00pm - 10:30pm

 ORGANIC GARDEN

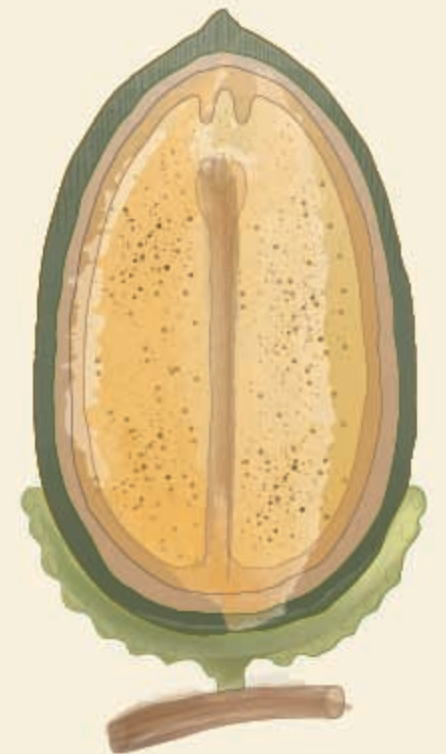


Friday

Acorn



Cupule






Saturday

Jungle Pirates Parade

Kids Activity


All our young guests are invited to join our Jungle Pirates Parade, a highlight of our festive celebrations! Embark on an unforgettable adventure as we search high and low for lost treasure!

 11:00am - 12:30pm

 GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Mangroves of the Maldives - Local Island Visit USD140 PER PERSON

Visit one of our neighboring local islands, Bodu Huraa, and kayak through the Mangrove swamps which play an integral part in the island ecosystem.

 3:00pm - 6:00pm

 DIVE CENTER

"Wood can make Fire" Pop-up Dinner USD250 PER PERSON

Just like early Homo sapiens and Neanderthals, we too cook with fire! Join us for a unique beach dinner, comprised of live stations, where nature takes center stage. Its time to celebrate nature's flavors in a serene beachside oasis, complete with a bonfire and live music.

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 SURPRISE LOCATION

Story Time with Dinner

Kids Activity

Settle in for an evening where captivating tales come to life in the garden, accompanied by a scrumptious dinner spread to delight young palates!

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 ORGANIC GARDEN

Dive into Nature

USD140
PER PERSON

A short boat ride to one of the most famous and vibrant dive sites in the country - HP Reef! Colourful soft corals, which resemble plants or trees, are in abundance here! Certified divers only.

8:00am - 10:00am

DIVE CENTER

Fun Games

Kids Activity

From a sack race to Tug-of-war, to three-legged races; a delightful blend of competition and camaraderie await the participants.

10:00am - 11:00am

GAME CHAMPA

Haveeru Sai' Traditional Maldivian Afternoon Tea

A Local treat! Indulge in an afternoon tea experience, with a series of stalls showcasing local foods & traditions. "Haveeru Sai" is invariably enjoyed with tea, usually black, and at least one type of hedhikaa.

3:00pm - 4:30pm

GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Passage through Indian Tandoor

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OVER WATER BAR

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DECEMBER

Sunday

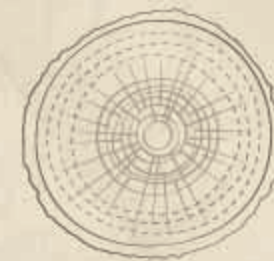


Senescent

Stands as a mighty
and ancient tree

"At first I thought I was fighting to save rubber trees, then I thought I was fighting to save the Amazon rainforest. Now I realize I am fighting for humanity."

- Chico Mendes



Miracle Moringa Journey at Meera Spa

Available throughout festive

USD265
90MIN - PER PERSON

Pamper yourself with the healing and hydrating properties of the Moringa leaf. Body & Face treatment.


 All day

 MEERA SPA

Puzzle Time

Kids activity

Join us as we assemble a huge wooden jigsaw puzzle. What will it turn out to be?

 2:30pm - 3:30pm

 KIDS PLAY GROUND

Asian Street Market


If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around, does it make a sound? We're not sure. All we know is that tonight's dinner is unmissable!

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 KASHIVELI

Tree of Souls

Today the flowering tree adopts more of an ethereal look. Meet us at the beach for local boduberu and a bonfire, followed by local Maali dance rituals.

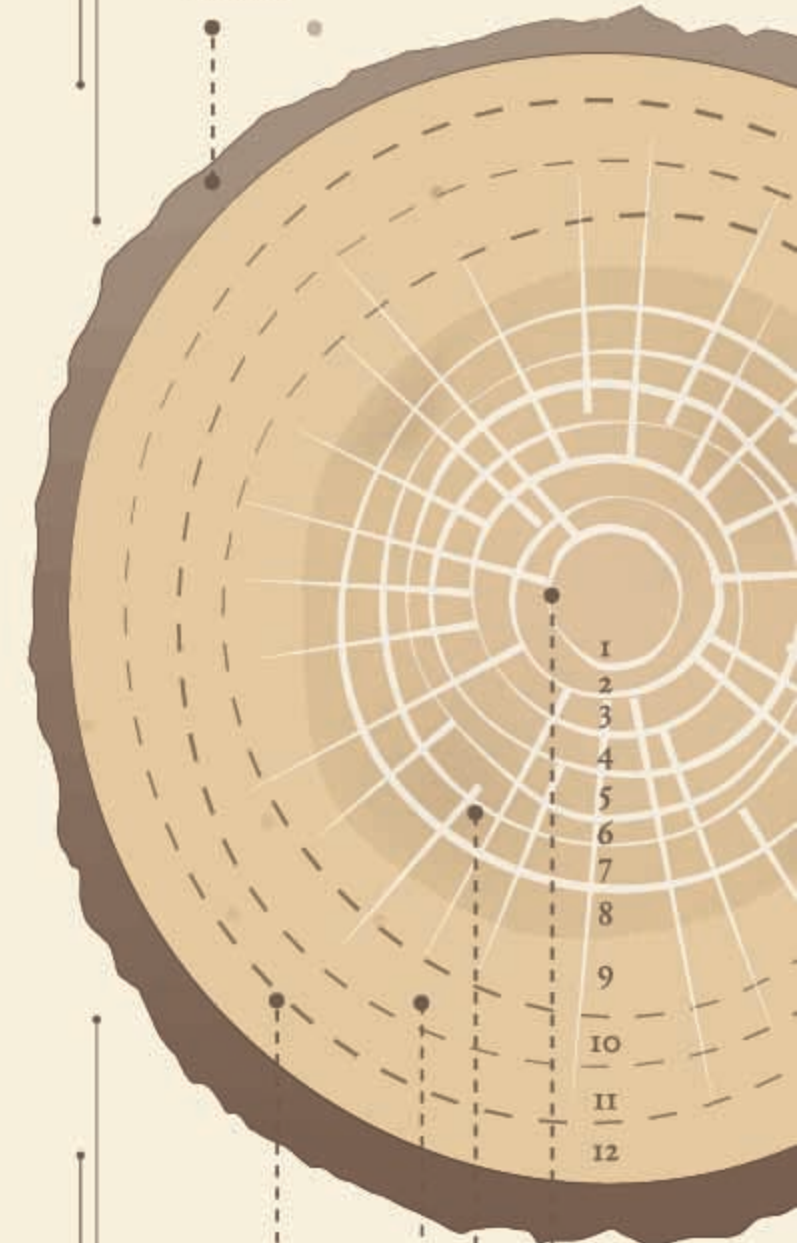
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 GILI MEMORIES BEACH



Monday

Bark



Annular rings

Pith ray

Heart

Pith




Tuesday



USD95
PER PERSON

Shark Snorkel

Join us as we search for one of the most iconic animals living in the ocean. An unforgettable snorkel awaits!


 10:00am - 12:00pm

 DIVE CENTER

Dry Leaves Collage

Kids Activity


Leaves fall from the trees to make way for green shoots. Today we use those dry leaves to make beautiful collages!

 1:00pm - 2:00pm

 GAME CHAMPA

Pre-Gala Cocktail beneath the Banyan Tree


Join us around our iconic Banyan Tree, as we prepare to usher in the New Year in style. Don't forget your white outfits!

 7:30pm - 9:00pm

 BANYAN TREE

New Years Dinner - A New Beginning

Indulge in a lavish selection of Gili gourmet creations and culinary classics. Tonight we draw inspiration from mother nature herself, as we see out the year surrounded by good company and good food.


 From 9:00pm

 PALM BEACH



Good Morning 2025

Wake up to a brand new year, and start the very first day of 2025 with a hearty breakfast.

 8:00am - 12:00pm

 KASHIVELI



Hypnotherapy Workshop - A fresh start


Learn powerful techniques to embrace the new year with clarity, confidence, and a positive mindset.

 11:00am - 11:45am

 YOGA CHAMPA

Churrascaria


Brazilian Barbecue with a Gili twist. Savour an assortment of mouthwatering meats, seafood, and vegetables, served churrascaria style.


 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 OVER WATER BAR

Dinner in the Jungle Cinema - Avatar

Pre-order your dinner, snacks, or drinks, and venture to the lush moon of Pandora on the big screen.

 8:30pm - 11:30pm

 JUNGLE CINEMA



Wednesday



"In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow."

- Amit Ray



Acorn Sprouting



Leaf Growing



Mature Oak



Acorn Return



Rebirth

The life cycle
starts again





Thursday



Step 1

Find an acorn -
Healthy, undamaged acorn



Step 2

Prepare the soil -
Depth of 2-3 cm, well-drained soil



Step 3

Plant and water -
Cover with soil and water regularly

Bubble Bonanza: Kids Bubble Maker

USD200
PER PERSON

A chance for kids to have some fun blowing bubbles in the shallow waters of the sparkling Gili Lagoon. An introduction to scuba diving for those between the ages of 8-9.

11:00am - 12:00pm

DIVE CENTER

Soak in the Sun!

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1:00pm - 3:00pm

FINI FONI POOL

New Year's "Coral Tree" Celebration

Join our Marine Biologists in crafting our Gili Coral Tree, a vibrant start to the new year!

2:30pm - 4:00pm

GILI VESHI



"Roots" Wine Dinner


Delve below ground as the Chef and the Sommelier curate an exquisite paired dinner inspired by a trees life-giving and anchoring "Roots".

7:00pm

WINE CELLAR

Gili Water Plant Tour


Today we pay homage to the true Elixir of life! Explore how we turn ocean water into clean drinking water through reverse osmosis.

 11:30am - 12:30pm

 HOST VILLAGE

Afternoon Tea "By The Sea"


Taking time for tea is a luxury, an indulgence, and a worthwhile endeavour! Join our tea expert for an afternoon of flavours as we explore the differences between green, black, and herbal teas.

 3:30pm - 5:00pm

 BY THE SEA

Volleyball Match: Redwood vs Spruce


Today our teams draw inspiration from the fierce competition of trees vying to reach the canopy first. When it comes to volleyball, its all about towering above your opponents. Which team will stand tallest?

 5:30pm - 6:30pm

 FOOTBALL GROUND

Mediterranean Spice Souk

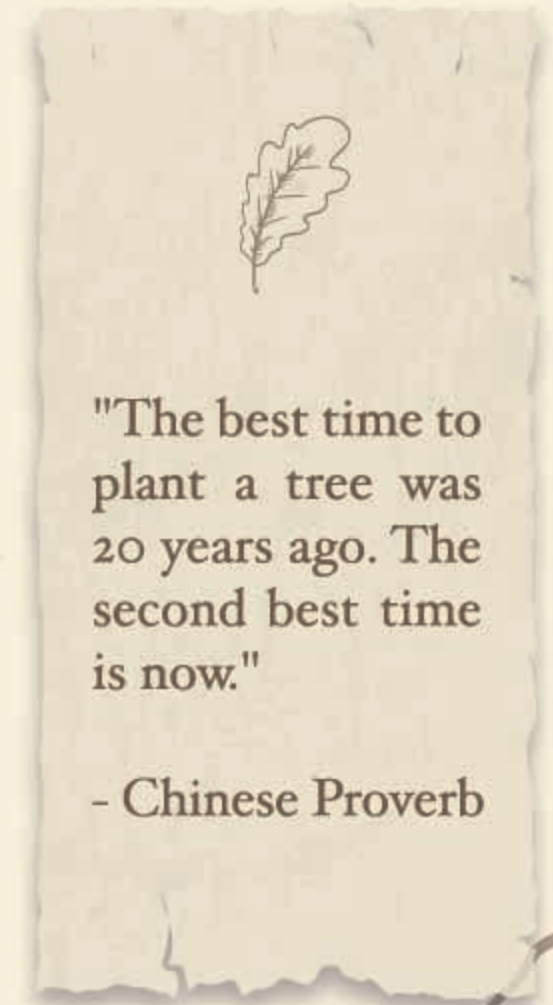
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 KASHIVELI



 Friday



"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

- Chinese Proverb



Saturday



Musical Chairs & Zumba

Kids activity


Where better to enjoy musical chairs and Zumba than at the Yoga Champa!

 10:30am - 11:30am

 YOGA CHAMPA

Tree Grafting

Join our Workshop to learn the fascinating technique of grafting, where you can create new trees by combining parts from different plants.


 4:00pm - 5:00pm

 ORGANIC GARDEN

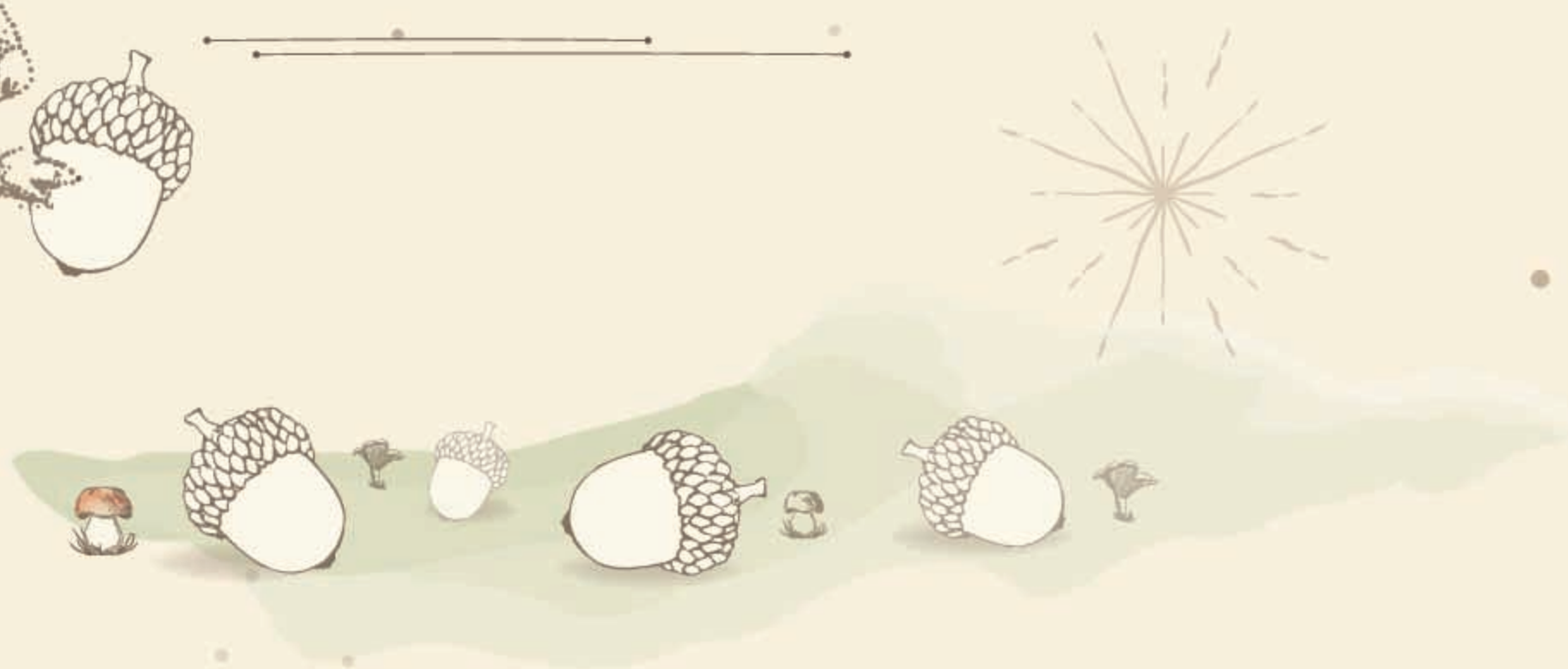
Dolphin Cruise

 USD125
PER PERSON

Sail into the Indian Ocean as you watch the acrobatic performance of spinner dolphins in their natural element, with a picturesque sunset over the Maldivian Horizon.

 5:00pm - 7:00pm


 DIVE CENTER



Make a Flower Card

Kids activity


Use flowers and leaves to create a beautiful decorated card. Let your creativity bloom this festive season.

 2:00pm - 3:00pm

 GAME CHAMPA

Passage through Indian Tandoor

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 OVER WATER BAR

"Rite of Passage" After dinner event

A "rite of passage" marks a significant life transition, such as coming of age or marriage. Deeply rooted in cultural or religious traditions, these rituals celebrate and support an individual's new role or status within their community.

Join us tonight for a cultural celebration, the rhythmic beats of Boduberu drums set the tone, while the Maali dancers, adorned in traditional costumes, bring the ritual to life.

 9:00pm - 10:30pm

 GILI MEMORIES BEACH



Sunday






Monday

Tree Expedition

Explore the island's diverse trees on our Tree Discovery Tour! Learn and discover fascinating facts about their ecological roles. Perfect for all nature lovers, this guided walk is a fun and educational way to connect with the island's natural beauty.

 10:30am - 11:30am

 GILI VESHI

Kids Beach Cinema


Join "Flik" the ant, as he journeys to save his colony from a gang of grasshoppers!

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Pop-up Dinner: Orthodox Christmas Dinner USD250 PER PERSON

Tonight, we gather beneath the towering trees, embracing nature's beauty as we celebrate this special occasion. Surrounded by the warmth of family and friends, we will enjoy a bountiful meal under the stars, accompanied by live music and the rhythmic beats of local drums.

 7:30pm - 10:30pm

 PALM BEACH



"A seed hidden in the heart of an apple is an orchard invisible."

- Welsh Proverb

Private Breakfast

USD150
PER PERSON

Witness the dawn of a new day as you enjoy our unique sunrise breakfast, in a location of your choosing. This private breakfast experience is available any day during festive.

7:00am - 11:00am

LOCATION:
YOU DECIDE!

Sunset Cocktails - Coconut Edition

Join our management team as we pay homage to this most ubiquitous of Maldivian fruits - the coconut. Grab your coconut glass, and take in the sunset! Tonight we will be joined by some local Environmentally focused NGO's!

6:30pm - 7:30pm

HORIZON BEACH

Asian Street Market

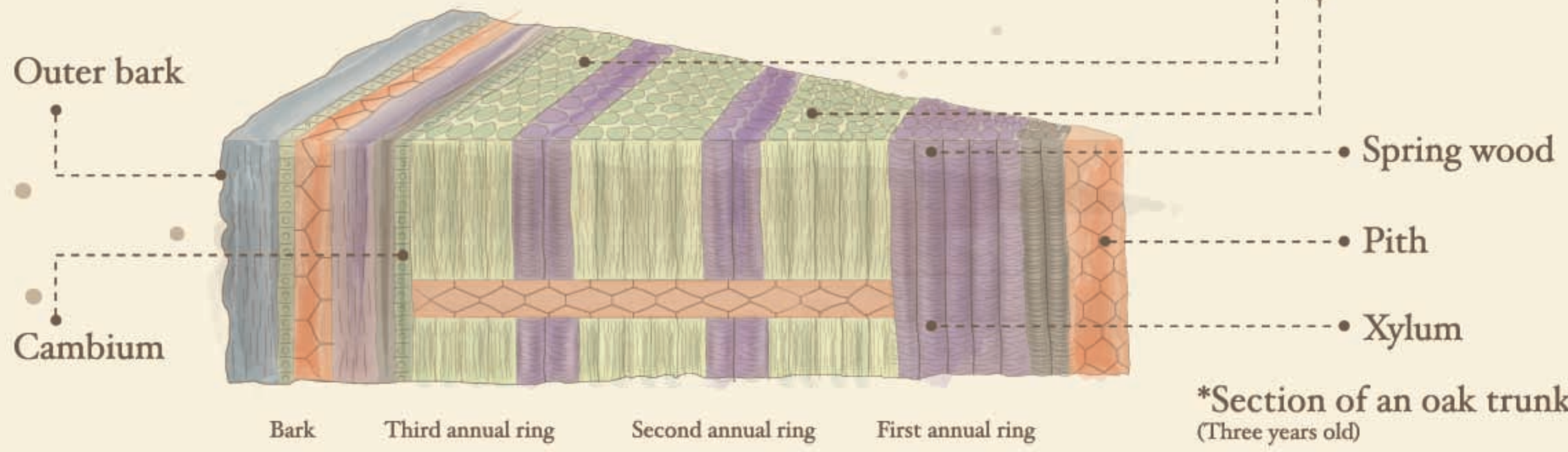
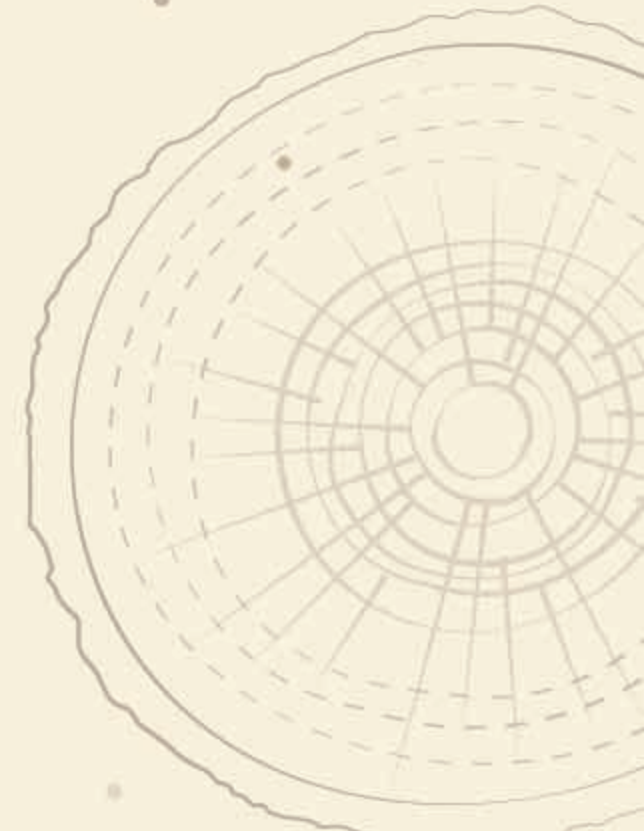
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Tuesday





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Farewell

We extend our heartfelt thanks for joining us on this magical journey. May the memories you've created here at Gili Lankanfushi continue to grow, like the branches of the Tree of Life, bringing you strength and inspiration long after you've left our shores. Wishing you joy, peace, and a new year filled with growth and adventures as meaningful as the moments we've shared together.



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GILI LANKANFUSHI
MALDIVES

