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Joali Maldives, studded with 73 beach and water villas, is located on its own private island, Muravandhoo in Raa Atoll. Apart from the usual tropical pleasures of indulgent plunge pools and sun decks, this is the archipelago's first and only luxurious, art-immersive island retreat, curated by Zeynep Ercan and Ala Onur (of Istanbul-based art collective No LaB). The resort's founder-owner, Esin Güral Argat, envisioned Joali with a simple idea to reshape "the white-wall concept and curate unique experiences". With an impressive collection of carefully chosen artworks scattered across the property, guests can spend days exploring the interactive experiences created by 13 international artists (made in collaboration with local artists and artisans to support the surrounding community and revive local art forms) or sign up for art workshops that cover all age groups. Follow the Joali Art Map by bike, golf-style buggy or on foot, and as you go from one point to the next, don't miss dining at the Manta Tree House - Bushra by South African artist Porky Hefer, and snorkelling around Club Tropicana, an underwater coral sculpture garden by New York-based artist Misha Kahn. James Turrell fans should look no further than the new Patina Hotels in Fari Islands, where the American artist's Skyspace pavilion is just one of the many Instagram-worthy spots.—*Shahnaz Siganporia*

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Live in a bubble tent

Made for the times we live in, Finolhu's bulbous Beach Bubble tent is located on a quiet sandbank in Baa Atoll and comes with its own shower and washroom. Its see-through polyester fabric allows for a good night of stargazing complemented by a private barbecue on the beach. Reminiscent of Scandinavia's famous glass igloo hotels, the view from the starlit beach is as breathtaking as the Northern Lights.—*Megha Mahindru* >

