



BAROS
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The Essence of the Maldives®

A Distinguished History

The third resort to ever open in the Maldives, Baros is a leading Maldivian entrepreneurial success story. Beginning in the 1970s, Baros is a part of Universal Enterprises Private Ltd, a pioneer of tourism within the nation.



- 1973**
Baros Holiday Resort opens with 28 rooms. Prior to the completion of the resort, the island was an uninhabited palm tree plantation.
- 1983**
12 more beach rooms are added to the property.
- 1985**
The first desalination plant in the Maldives is installed on Baros island. The resort's first 10 coral-walled beach rooms are built.
- 1993**
The first 12 overwater bungalows are built over the lagoon. Baros is the second island in the Maldives to feature overwater bungalows.
- 1994**
An additional seven coral-walled beach rooms are added to the island.
- 1996**
Baros Holiday Resort undergoes major construction and refurbishment. 59 individual wooden beach cottages and four more overwater bungalows are built.
- 2005**
Construction begins on the new Baros Maldives resort. Baros Maldives is officially launched as a 5-star boutique resort.
- 2006**
Baros Maldives is recognised by the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.
- 2007**
The Baros Residence receives the Indian Ocean's Leading Villa award by World Travel Awards.
- 2008**
For the second year in a row, the Baros Residence receives the Indian Ocean's Leading Villa award by World Travel Awards.
- 2009**
Baros Maldives is selected by TripAdvisor for their 2009 Travelers' Choice awards in three categories: Best Romance (Asia), Best Luxury (Asia), and Best Luxury (Worldwide).
- 2010**
Baros Maldives is chosen by TripAdvisor for its 2010 Travelers' Choice Awards, and is ranked Top10 Best Luxury in Asia. For the third time, Baros Residence is honoured with the Indian Ocean's Leading Villa award by Word Travel Awards. Baros Maldives becomes the first eco diving resort in the Maldives.
- 2011**
By opening the Maldivian Lounge, Baros Maldives seeks to recreate the days and ways of traditional Maldives; to give a sense of Maldivian culture and a taste of the essence of the Maldives. Baros Maldives is selected by Trip Advisor for its 2011 Travelers' Choice Awards, and has been ranked Top10 Best Luxury Worldwide, Best Romance (Asia) and Best Luxury (Asia).





“ Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair: ”

Kahlil Gibran





Welcome to Baros

Footsteps quietly tread over a boardwalk, across a brilliant blue. Land beckons, as soft sands touch your feet. Wide smiles and cheerful eyes. A chilled drink and cold towel bid you an island welcome. Green fronds overhead and hibiscus peeking through palms set the stage. You have arrived.



Deluxe Villa

Secluded luxury, hidden away beneath swaying palms. Wake up to ocean vistas at your feet. Saunter outside, then lie back and relax to the rustle of leaves in the gentle breeze, on your private day bed outside your villa. An aromatic outdoor bath ready for you, the setting sky as your roof, teak arches and pillars towering alongside. A waterfall shower in the midst of nature, yet a part of your villa. Contemporary design amidst the raw beauty of the island.



Baros Villa

Traditional thatched roofs. Settle into the comfort of outdoor teak furniture on a spacious wooden veranda, or spread out on the day bed, drink in hand, toasting to the unending horizon. Discreet pleasures – an outdoor shower in a secret garden – await discovery. King sized beds invite a long and restful sleep, with dreams of the beautiful days to follow.



Water Villa

Step out to sun, step in to sea. Life over water, surrounded by sky and sea and nothing else. Private wooden decks for lazy days, sunbathing in the exclusivity of your villa. Starlit nights for romantic meanderings in the ocean breeze.



Baros Pool Villa and Premium Pool Villa

Hide away. With ocean panoramas that are yours alone. A private space on the beach with lush tropical foliage provides the setting for the pool villas. Exclusivity within a world all your own, set amongst the beauty of Baros. Swim into the illusion of forever in infinity-edged plunge pools. Double pleasures with a Jacuzzi at the Premium Pool Villa. Local flavours entice, served as you please, where-ever you like, with a dedicated villa host to take care of all your needs 24 hours a day.



Baros Residence

A beautiful morning. Awaken to bird-of-paradise blossoms by your door. Breakfast outdoors surrounded by local flora. A dip in your private pool afterwards, then a massage in your very own garden retreat. Cosy loungers indoors, and out. Custom-made furnishings adding to the splendour of this tropically elegant residence. Finishing touches, a private butler to attend to your every whim. Warmth and romance. The essence of Baros.



Original Dining Experiences

Tables at water's edge. Savoured in the midst of the ocean. 360-degree sea- and sky-scapes. Candlelit cuisine under domed teak roofs. Thai, Indian, Maldivian, Continental. Creative flavours, fresh seafood from the atoll. A chef grilling, enticing smells wafting in the open air. The essence of tropical dining.

"One of the many highlights of our holiday at Baros was the food. The setting, the cuisine, the variety available, the quality, the expert sommeliers and their recommendations...we could not have been more satisfied, in every way."

- Juliana M.



The Lighthouse Restaurant

Views of the sunset, creative cuisine, exquisite service. Chardonnay and yellow-fin tuna carpaccio, herbs and ginger. Take your pick from our wine cellar, panelled in glass. Gentle waves, jazz and blues, the warmth of the Maldives in every detail.



The Lighthouse Lounge

The peak of perfection with panoramic views. The upstairs lounge of The Lighthouse with its sundowner gallery. A soothing setting for sipping Champagne or martinis as the sun slips below the horizon.



Cayenne Grill

Thatched gazebos for two and a pavilion over the water. Al fresco or under shade. Teppanyaki, freshly cooked before your eyes. Kitchen under a Maldivian sala. Try Maldivian flavours one afternoon, Japanese or Indian the next. Lobster. Lemongrass and kaffir lime leaves. Sirloin. Sashimi. Slow-cooked tandoori, fragrant smells from entrée to the main. A Satay Bar with spiced offerings to cater to all fancies – prawn, chicken, market vegetables, and much more. Global cuisines enjoyed with island elegance.



Lime Restaurant

Tables on the edge of a lagoon, by a coconut grove. Contemporary tastes and a Maldivian approach. Indian Ocean lobster and brie panini. Rich entrées or light dishes. Crème brûlée, mousse, cheesecake from our Patisserie. Snapper and wahoo delivered that morning. Relaxed luxury all day, all night. At dawn, at dusk, and throughout the day.



Sails Bar & The Maldivian Lounge

Tropical and contemporary luxury. Alcoves, sand underfoot. Time to unwind – reflect, relax. Forget the days at home, and live in the moment. In natural surroundings, designed to soothe and calm. Tables amongst a grove of palms. A chat with the bartender about island life. Taste pomegranate or dragon fruit margaritas. A classic on the rocks or Champagne to live music.

Teakwood floors reminiscent of the Dhoni. Handcrafted traditional Maldivian furniture. Artifacts and antiques dot the settings of this cultural venue. The Maldivian Lounge will reveal history of this nation in photographs and ancient maps.



Island Dining

A surprise dinner, anywhere on the island. Candlelit under the palms, on the boardwalk, on a secluded sandbank. Intimate and in the middle of it all. Tide just out. The sunset. Plan with the chef and personal attendant. Seafood flamed before your eyes for the freshest flavours. Maldivian curries. Exotic desserts. Wine chosen together.

"Jim bringing me here for our anniversary was special enough. The staff have been so lovely. What made it even more special was our romantic dinner all alone on the beach. It was set up so beautifully. I felt like we were on our own island with no-one else in the world. It made our anniversary even more memorable."

- Anna L.





Diving and Snorkelling

A magnificent house reef sloping down, a few metres from the shore. Waters alive with colourful fish, gentle turtles, magnificent rays, corals that shimmer. Snorkelling amongst schools of fish. Go deeper, with a PADI course. Diving by Design – explore from your private boat, with all the comforts and luxury expected of Baros. The undersea wonders of the North Malé Atoll. Your team chooses the dive site according to the moon, tides and currents. A reef to yourself is what you end up with.

"I had been told that no trip to the Maldives would be complete without some diving. I decided to take the plunge, and went for a course. I could not have chosen a better place to do so. The instructors were so helpful and knowledgeable. And the house reef. Simply amazing. I can't believe I got to see all that I did, while learning to dive!"

- James T.



Baros Excursions

Dolphins, the dhoni with a white curved bow. A leaping sailfish, two metres of fins. Relaxed or active adventures. Eco-conscious explorations with the Baros eco-dive centre, the first in the Maldives. The island's marine biologists guide you through the atoll's vast array of underwater life. Coral planting – restore and watch it grow, thanks to you. The ocean's iridescence, from a glass-bottomed boat. Glide above in a sea plane. Sunset sails on 'Nooma', luxury accommodation on a traditional dhoni. Lush islands, untouched beauty, and discoveries beckon you.



The Spa

Personalised attention. Spa journeys in a serene atrium. This time, a full body exfoliation. Next, rose, chamomile and jojoba essences. Silk washes. A private soak for two. Seaweed wrap and island coconut scrub as your therapist suggests. Sunrise stretches in the yoga pavilion. Sandbank massages at sunset – feast your eyes while soothing your body. Island traditions, a luxurious retreat.





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