BAROS
MALDIVES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

WHY SHOULD I DIVE WITH DIVERS BAROS MALDIVES?

Baros lies at the heart of the North Malé Atoll, home to marine protected areas and some of the Maldives' most spectacular dive sites. The Baros House Reef is one of the country's most highly regarded house reefs, located just metres from your villa and the shoreline. Few resorts in the Maldives offer such immediate and privileged access to thriving marine life.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO SEE MANTA RAYS?

Thanks to Baros' position in the southern area of North Malé Atoll, manta rays can be encountered almost all year round.

- During the northeast monsoon (February to April), mantas are found northwest of Baros, approximately a 60-minute dive boat journey away. Here, they move into shallower waters to feed on plankton. This area serves as both a feeding ground and a cleaning station.

- During the southwest monsoon (May to November), mantas are located east of Baros, around a 45-minute boat ride away. At this time, they visit cleaning stations at depths of 12 to 25 metres.

For snorkellers, manta rays are most accessible during the northeast monsoon, when they feed just below the surface. In March, particularly around the first full moon, there is also the possibility of encountering whale sharks.

As manta movements depend on currents and lunar phases, sightings cannot be guaranteed. However, the Divers Baros Maldives team carefully plans each dive and snorkelling excursion to ensure the best possible opportunity for an encounter.

CAN I SNORKEL AT THE BAROS HOUSE REEF WITHOUT A GUIDE?

The Baros House Reef is easily accessible from most villas and welcomes both beginners and experienced snorkellers. Its natural formation provides a safe and practical environment for exploration.

Guests may snorkel independently, at leisure, from sunrise to sunset. Guided tours and snorkelling lessons are available daily.

For safety reasons, independent snorkelling or diving after sunset is not permitted. Evening guided tours are offered daily.

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WHAT WATER TEMPERATURES CAN I EXPECT?

The water temperature usually ranges from 27 to 31 degrees Celsius (81 to 88 degrees Fahrenheit) year-round.

Snorkelling and diving can be enjoyed in rash guards or protective skin suits; however, a 2- or 3-mm shorty or full wetsuit is recommended for divers.

WILL I NEED A MEDICAL STATEMENT FOR DIVING?

A medical questionnaire (issued by recognised international associations such as DAN, WRSTC, CMAS and the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society) is mandatory for all divers, regardless of certification level, including non-certified and first-time divers.

The form is usually provided during registration, but may also be requested in advance by contacting the Divers Baros Maldives team.

The questionnaire is available in multiple languages and must be completed carefully. If any response requires medical clearance (a 'YES' answer on the statement) or if the participant is taking medication, a physician's certificate confirming "fit for diving" will be required.

CAN I STILL DIVE IF I LOST OR FORGOT MY CERTIFICATION CARD/LICENCE?

Yes, provided proof of certification can be shown. This may include a log book, verification letter from your certifying organisation, screenshot, photograph or any document displaying the diver's certification number.

As a PADI 5-star Resort, we are able to verify PADI certifications online.

If no proof of certification is available, the diver will be treated as non-certified and must complete a Discover Scuba Diving programme.

WILL I NEED TO DO AN ORIENTATION DIVE?

In accordance with the Maldivian Diving Regulations, an Orientation Dive is mandatory for divers who cannot provide proof of at least 30 logged dives and/or who have not dived within the past three (3) months prior to joining a boat trip.

The ReActivate programme is highly recommended for divers with extended periods of inactivity, entry-level divers with minimal logged dives or anyone who would benefit from a refresher.

The Orientation Dive is conducted on the Baros House Reef and does not require a boat. The reef offers an easy dive profile suitable for all levels, along with vibrant marine life.

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WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE FOR DIVING?

Eight (8) and nine (9)-year-olds can participate in Bubblemaker.

Participants aged 10 years and above may join Discover Scuba Diving and the Open Water Course.

CAN I PRE-BOOK?

Yes, you can. It will be our pleasure to assist with pre-booking all diving, snorkelling and watersports experiences. Please contact the Divers Baros Maldives team at:

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WHAT IS THE DAILY SCHEDULE FOR THE DIVES?

- 8:30 am to 12:30 noon: 2-tank boat dive
- 9:30 am to 11:30 am: house reef dive (fun dive, orientation or refresher dive)
- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm: house reef dive (fun dive, orientation or refresher dive)
- 2 pm to 4 pm: 1-tank boat dive
- 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm: house reef dive (fun dive, orientation or refresher dive)
- 6 pm to 8 pm: night dive

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