

THE MARINE CENTRE AT  
**BAROS**  
maldives



*The Marine Centre at Baros Maldives operates all year long and plays an important role in providing our guests with information about the Maldivian environment.*

*We open for you every day from 09.00 until 18.00 and ensure that you are aware of your own safety while snorkelling on the reef and the protection of the species that live in it.*

*Come to us if you seek knowledge, if you want to browse through literature or take a look at our marine specimen. You can hire snorkelling equipment free of charge here and book unforgettable trips with our Marine biologists.*

## PRESENTATIONS

### ABOUT THE MALDIVIAN MARINE LIFE

If you are interested in learning more about the Maldivian ecosystem, join our Marine biologist for the weekly lectures in the Pavillion.

**“Beauty & Diversity of the Maldives “** will take you on a visual journey below the sea surface and dives with you into the visible and hidden world of marine creatures, starting from the most primitive invertebrates and ending with the predators of the oceans.

**“Structure & Ecology of the Maldives“** begins with a journey through the geological history of the Maldivian Atolls and islands. It teaches about the current status of our reefs, their threats and how everyone can contribute to their conservation. Besides interesting facts about artificial islands, the terrestrial fauna and flora will be covered in this lecture too.

## EDUCATIONAL MARINE BIOLOGIST SNORKELLING

This tour will begin in the Marine Centre with a relaxed 30-minute class about marine organisms that are expected to be seen. If you have tried snorkelling at Baros' house-reef on your own and want to learn more, or if you feel too insecure and need a guiding hand, this is the right excursion for you.

Our Marine Biologist will show you the best spots around the island, take photos of you during snorkelling and will give you the opportunity to ask questions before, during and after the snorkel. Since we have a strict “do not touch“-policy on the island, this is your only chance to touch a few selected marine species under the supervision of a professional.

## SNORKELLING SAFARI

If you have already explored all the little corners, the nook and crannies of Baros' stunning house-reef, it is time to join a Snorkelling Safari by boat and discover the underwater beauty. This will offer you to comfortably explore at least two more reefs together with your Marine Biologist.

Boat excursions allow you to venture out to reefs where colourful tropical fish surround you, while the boat will always drift along with the snorkellers. Isolated reefs with cliffs and caves for animals to feed and live in are perfect spots for snorkellers to peep into this hidden fascinating world. Our Marine biologist will take photos of you during snorkelling.

## NIGHT SNORKELLING

Have you ever wondered what happens in the reef when the sun sets? Nocturnal creatures come out of their hiding places and make the reef their own for the night. Witness an astounding adventure that you can only experience during a night snorkelling trip.

Armed with a powerful underwater flashlight, let yourself be amazed at how intense the reef becomes as night. By shining on the marine animals directly with an artificial light source, you can view their natural colours.

Switch off your torch for a few seconds, stir the water in front of you and observe the magical experience of underwater bioluminescence. Our house-reef is the perfect setting for a night snorkel tour; it is sheltered and thus makes it a delightful and safe experience.

## CORAL TRANSPLANTATION WORKSHOP

During the „El Niño“ coral bleaching event in 1998, which stressed corals due to elevated sea surface temperatures around the world, 90% of the Maldivian coral reefs were severely affected. Reefs are still recovering since then, but the ecosystem needs our care and attention. Here at Baros Maldives we have developed a reef regeneration program that aims at enhancing our natural house-reef and creating nursery areas for the local marine life. At the same time we would like to build greater awareness about the crucial role of the ocean in our lives and the ways people can help.

You are invited to come, learn and participate in this project by cultivating your own coral fragments. Take home a lasting memory and we will keep you updated on the growth of your coral tray via email every 6 months.

## PRIVATE SNORKELLING EXPERIENCES

Whether you would like to learn snorkelling in privacy, or join one of our excursions; we can customize your snorkelling experiences according to your wishes and our time schedule.

For beginners, we offer private snorkelling lessons on our house reef. Our Marine Biologist will be there for you only and ensure that you learn snorkelling up to the level that you can venture out to the reef together with your snorkelling partner.

Besides that, we offer Private Educational Marine Biologist snorkelling and Night snorkelling at Baros' house reef and can arrange an intimate Snorkelling Safari by boat for the two of you as well. If you wish to conduct the Coral Transplantation Workshop without any other participants, let us know and we will organize a private workshop for you and your partner or family only.

## TAKE YOUR MEMORIES HOME!

Our Marine Centre staff will make sure that you can take your unique snorkelling excursion memories back home in the form of a Photo CD.

We take digital underwater photos of you during the Educational Marine Biologist snorkelling excursion, as well as during your first snorkelling lesson or on the Snorkelling Safari while you discover two more reefs other than our own beautiful house reef. After your excursion you are invited to take a look at the photos we have taken of you and you get the option of purchasing a photo CD which you can take home as your snorkelling memory of Baros Maldives.