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Celebrate the festive season in style

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HOT NEWS

NEW DIMENSIONS FOR DIVING & WATER SPORTS

Taking the underwater and overwater experiences to new dimensions, Divers Baros Maldives opened its new diving & water sports centre in August 2008. The centre now offers personalised, hassle-free experiences for over-and underwater enthusiasts. Available under one roof are all diving and water sports facilities, with the new addition of Doo Sea Scooters and

Molokini Clear Canoes. Snorkelling and other equipment is available for sale or hire from the dive shop, and a resident Marine Environmentalist is on hand with expert information and insights. There are classrooms and a lounge area with reference books on marine life as well as a plasma screen for all-day slideshows.

iPOD DOCKS AT BAROS

iPod has arrived at Baros with the introduction of iPod docking stations in all villas. Guests can plug in their personal iPod or borrow one from the reception for exclusive use during their stay. The Baros iPods feature a repertoire of 1,000 tunes played in The Lighthouse Lounge and The Sails Bar. A slideshow of excursions and activities unique to Baros is also loaded on the iPods.





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DISTINGUISHED DINING

Wine buffs at Baros Maldives can enjoy a sensational experience with Executive Chef Damian's specially created five-course degustation menu, complemented by distinguished wines selected by resident sommelier, Joost Folkers.

Described as "a journey of the palate encompassing the marriage of selected cuisine and wines", this superb degustation dinner with four different wines is served in the unique setting of the Lighthouse Restaurant, available only to a select few and through advance reservation only.

INTRODUCING ECO-FRIENDLY BATHROOM ESSENTIALS

Specially selected personal care bathroom essentials that evoke the philosophy and spirit of Baros Maldives are the newest in-room enhancements. Baros has joined with Acca Kappa, the Italian legend of luxury, to give guests a classic complement to an elegant lifestyle, created with hand-distilled natural ingredients designed for discerning individuals. All raw materials respect the environment these delightful Acca Kappa essentials are presented in deluxe stainless steel dispensers to eliminate plastic that could be harmful to the island's precious environment.

BAROS RESIDENCE WINS TOP AWARD

At the World Travel Awards held in Shanghai in 2008, travel agents around the world voted the Baros Maldives Residence as the "Indian Ocean's Leading Villa", against strong competition from the Seychelles, Mauritius and other resorts in the Maldives. The 268 sqm Baros Residence shares the contemporary elegance and lavish comfort of the island's overwater and beach villas, in addition to spacious design, a private pool and expansive deck for ensuite spa treatments, intimate dining and total relaxation in ultimate privacy.

ROMANCE IN THE MALDIVES

Stroll hand in hand along a fine white sandy beach, the ripple of the lagoon lapping at your feet as stars twinkle in the cloudless sky, sharing the romantic silence of a perfect moment for two. These secluded sandbanks at Baros Maldives are where romance seems to blossom forever. Come for your honeymoon, a special vacation with your partner, or to renew your wedding vows. Baros Maldives features lavish accommodation that inspires love, whether you stay in a private villa built over the lagoon or in a secluded beach villa.



Exchange vows on an enchanting beach, under a shaded arbour designed with a tropical touch. As honeymooners, cherish memories with special mementoes of your stay. For couples, enjoy a lavish experience with a massage for two at Aquum Spa. Retreat to shared privacy for two with a candlelit dinner on the beach and champagne toasts at sunset at The Lighthouse Lounge. For the love of your life, nothing compares with the romance of a seductive evening cruise and dinner for two on Nooma, the luxury dhoni exclusive to Baros Maldives.



YEAR-END FESTIVITIES...



At Baros Maldives, there is a special reason to celebrate in December: the second anniversary of the renovated resort falls on Friday, 26 December 2008. Join us for the year-end parties and unwind amidst nature's warm embrace and tranquil surroundings. Indulge in a selection of gourmet food, fine wines, great company, and make this Christmas and New Year a memory to treasure.

From Monday, 22 December 2008 to Thursday, 1 January 2009, the daily festivities include glass bottom boat journeys, guided reef tours, daybreak and sunset yoga sessions, dolphin-watching and sunset cruises. Take part in cooking demonstrations, wine tasting, Martini and Mojito samplings, or champagne evenings with complimentary canapés, serenaded by easy-listening music to keep the spirits high.

24 & 25 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve begins with a champagne breakfast at Lime Restaurant. For a day of total relaxation, visit Aquum Spa for a luxurious body or facial

treatment. Savour your favourite cocktails in The Sails Bar, before enjoying the festive set menu dinner at Lime Restaurant or a Maldivian feast – the Mud-Crab extravaganza at the Cayenne Grill. The Lighthouse Restaurant features complimentary champagne and canapés prior to the sumptuous Christmas Eve dinner.

On Christmas Day, the celebrations start with a champagne breakfast at Lime Restaurant. Enjoy a stroll on the beach and a dip in the lagoon, followed by a revitalising Christmas Day lunch at Lime. In the afternoon, head to the Lighthouse Restaurant for our Seasonal Champagne Wishes cocktails, before joining in the fun at Cayenne Grill for Cayenne Goes Live, where fabulous cooking performances and succulent grilled seafood and meat await you.

26 DECEMBER

Celebrate the day of Baros Maldives' second anniversary in style and enjoy all that we have to offer. Join our staff in the evening at the Palm Garden for champagne, cocktails, canapés, cake and cookies. Taste a variety of martinis at Sails Bar before dinner, then dance under the stars during the Unplugged Jazz Night in the Palm Garden.

31 DECEMBER

Commemorate the last day of 2008 with a champagne breakfast and a special seafood dinner at Lime. In the evening, swing by The Lighthouse for a "grand affair" with champagne, canapés and the New Year's Eve gala dinner. Join us in the Palm Garden at midnight to welcome the year 2009 with a champagne party.

1 JANUARY 2009

Start the New Year at leisure. At Lime, the champagne breakfast is served until midday. Ponder your New Year's resolutions over one of our delicious smoothies. We hope you will return to Baros Maldives as soon as possible.



WHAT'S A DHONI?

Dhonis are locally handcrafted, wooden vessels that serve as fishing boats and inter-island ferries. They have been sailing among the atolls of the Maldives for millennia, since the first inhabitants wanted to go fishing or get from one island to another.

Dhonis were developed as shallow-draft vessels with a minimal keel to allow entrance into shallow lagoons. They had no superstructure and were made of shaved coconut boards fastened together with wooden plugs or copper rivets, no steel. Rope was made of plaited coir fashioned from the fibre of coconut husks, and the lateen sail was originally composed of mats woven from screwpine leaves.

Mechanisation introduced in 1974 brought about a change in the design, with longer vessels and broader beams, a hold for the engine, and a transom at the stern platform for the helmsman to

stand and control the tiller with his foot. Dhonis became the taxis of the Maldives, used for ferrying guests from the airport island to Male', the capital, or for scuba diving and excursions from the resorts.

Baros Maldives has redefined the dhoni with the addition of a luxuriously-appointed cabin, a large saloon, galley and sun deck. Our dhoni, called Nooma, is available for sunset cruises and moonlight dinners.



BAROS IN THE MEDIA



BRIDES GREAT ESCAPES – NOVEMBER 2008

In her 'My Maldives hideaways' column, the magazine editor Deborah Joseph chooses Baros as one of her favourite resort destinations in the Maldives. "One of the Maldives' first tourist spots, Baros had a major post-tsunami transformation from a good four-star to a fabulous five-star," she says. The article also features the resort's "incredible house reef" where guests can swim amongst docile baby sharks, diving journeys with manta rays, "private" experiences on fine white sandy beaches, and indulgent hot stone massages at the innovative Aquum Spa.



COSMOPOLITAN BRIDE – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

Honeymooners behold, the pure shores of the Maldives are "guaranteed to melt away leftover wedding stress", says Cosmopolitan Bride's 'Honeymoons' column. The article unveils "the world's sexiest holiday spots to get away from it all", including five-star resort destinations around the world for newlyweds. It recommends Baros for its stunning panoramas and complete privacy. "For an added dash of romance, take a sunset cruise for two on the resort's traditional Dhoni."



WOMAN AND HOME – MARCH 2008

In travel expert Jo Foley's search for the perfect spa for two, she discovers Aquum spa at Baros as "a perfect cocoon of just four treatment suites offering every type of massage, wrap, exfoliant and beauty therapy." She recommends Aquum's Balinese Vital Force treatment after a long flight, to unknot shoulders and leg muscles. Her article also describes Baros as "Robinson Crusoe chic" and "a lovers' paradise". "For that extra-special memory, arrange an excursion to an uninhabited island nearby, with a picnic and total privacy," she says.



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