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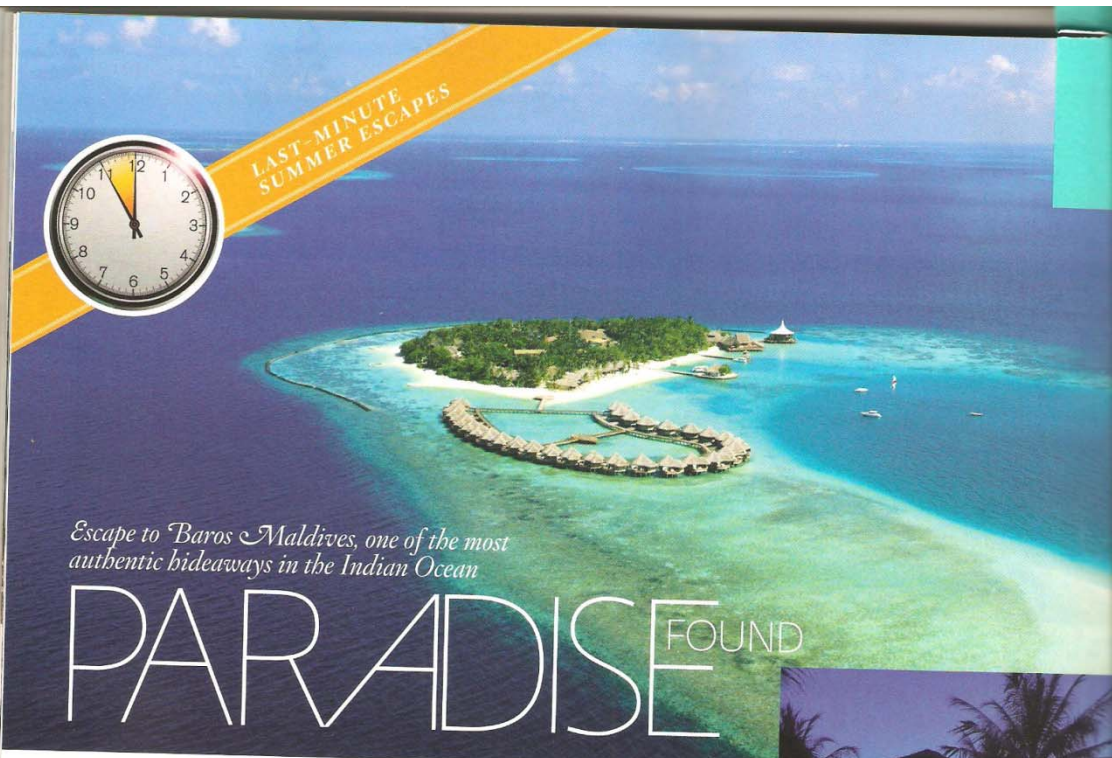
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A secluded, palm-covered island ringed by dazzling white sands; a lapis lazuli-coloured expanse of tropical waters stretching away to the horizon; a translucent lagoon where you can see fish jumping as your private boat glides through the water; a ringlet of thatched villas set over the water. It can only be the Maldives.

But this is the Maldives with a difference: a resort owned and managed by Maldivians. Which means that, from the moment you arrive, you are ensconced in the very essence of cultured Maldivian elegance and hospitality.

Baros, after all, has been setting the standard in this archipelago close to paradise for four decades – not only in five-star luxury but also in sustainable tourism.

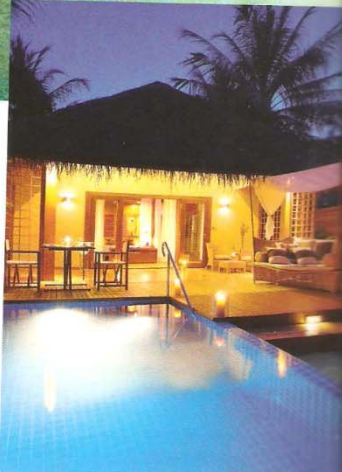
Step inside contemporary timber and sandstone villas, complete with teak-floored bedrooms and open-air bathrooms that segue into gorgeous gardens. Take a Baros Villa for tropical bloom-enveloped seclusion; take a Water Villa for aqua-centric escapism, complete with private deck; or take a Baros Pool Villa for private dipping overlooking that swathe of sands.

Dining is a sensory overload, whether at the Cayenne Grill, on a favourite sandbank or at the landmark Lighthouse Restaurant, a gastronomic revelation set over the sea. Diving is equally

sensational, with the Marine Centre's exclusive Diving by Design programme offering à la carte diving in this glorious oceanographic environment – be it on the house reef or at over 30 dive sites, all easily accessible by boat.

And as if five-star dining and diving weren't enough to whet your appetite for pleasure, there's everything from blissful rituals at the dreamy Spa At Baros, to romantic sunset sailing, dolphin cruises, night snorkelling, and even a private dinner for two under the stars while cruising the lagoon on the luxuriously equipped traditional local dhoni, Noorna. A pure Maldivian moment indeed.

FROM TOP: BAROS ISLAND FROM ABOVE; A POOL VILLA; SCUBA DIVING TO SEE THE MALDIVIAN FLORA AND FAUNA



CONTACT DETAILS

Readers can enjoy a complimentary upgrade (Deluxe Villa to Baros Villa, or Baros Villa to Baros Pool Villa), 6pm check-out and a Dolphin Cruise for two with a minimum seven-night stay (offers subject to availability). This offer is valid for bookings made directly to the resort by 15 September 2010, for visits between 1 August – 30 November 2010. Email reservations@baros.com.mv or reservations@universalsorts.com, stating 'Condé Nast Summer Getaway', or visit baros.com.