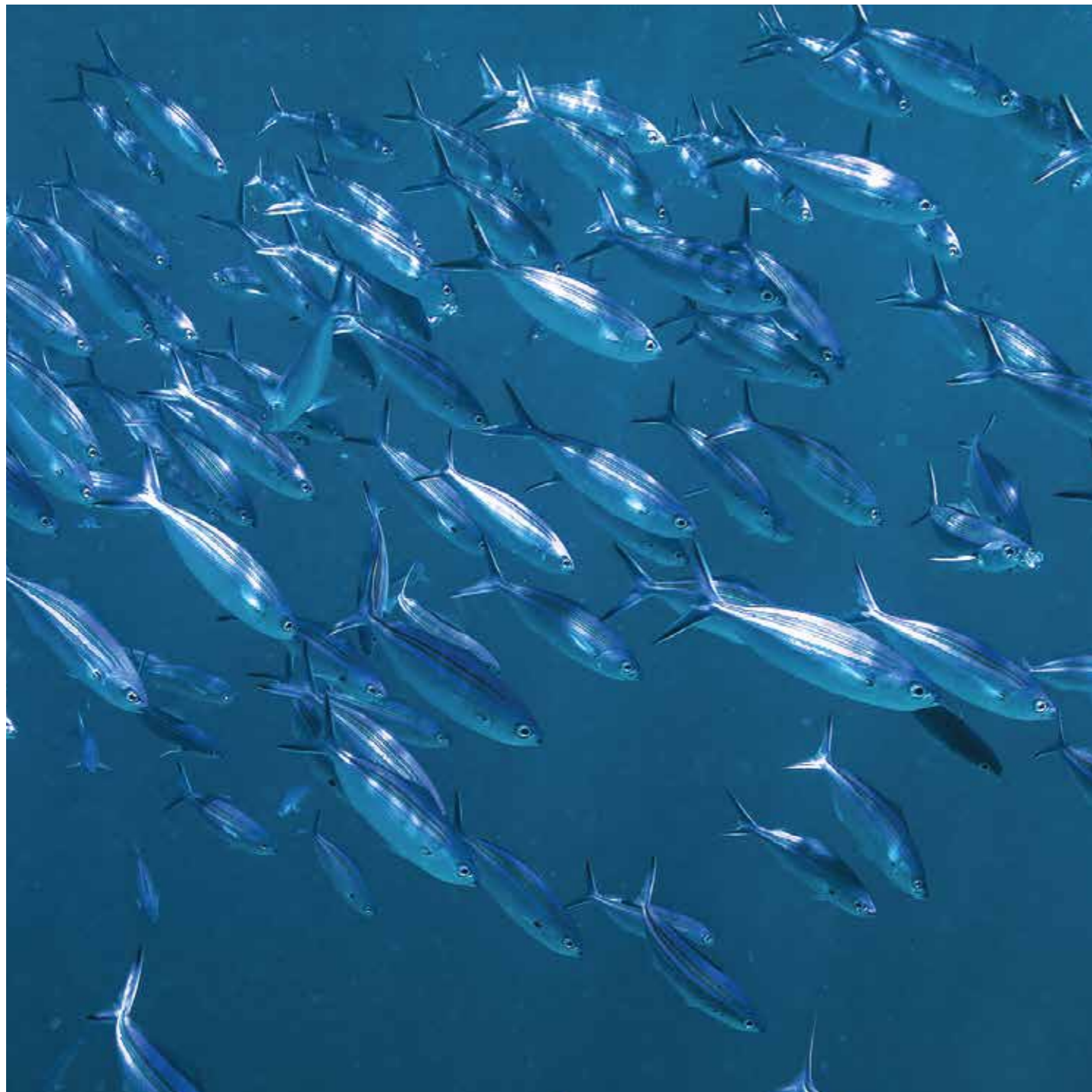




# DIVE BROCHURE



## DIVERS BAROS MALDIVES

Divers Baros Maldives invites you on a captivating journey of marine discovery. As a PADI Five-Star Gold Palm Resort Dive Centre and one of the very first dive centres in the Maldives, Divers Baros Maldives offers an extensive array of underwater and water sports activities.

Immerse yourself in a vibrant marine world by delving into the world-class Baros house reef, just steps from your villa, or explore nearby dive sites through one of our curated experiences with a member of our expert marine team. Enjoy guided snorkelling tours, night snorkelling and exhilarating excursions to witness majestic turtles and manta rays in their natural habitats. For water sports enthusiasts, we offer non-motorised activities such as kayaking, paddleboarding and catamaran sailing, along with thrilling adventures such as fun-tubing and wakeboarding.

Our dedicated team at Divers Baros Maldives ensures that every underwater adventure is safe and unforgettable, all the while promoting preservation and eco-awareness. Join us for an enriching and exciting marine experience that is tailored just for you.



Discover the vibrant marine life at Baros, from our stunning house reef to thrilling snorkelling excursions.



## DISCOVER THE BAROS HOUSE REEF

Whether you are looking for a beginners snorkelling orientation lesson or a leisurely recreational outing, let our expert snorkelling guides share the most iconic areas of our house reef with you. Enter into a magical underwater world where hawksbill sea turtles, harmless reef sharks and plenty of colourful fish await you.

For beginners, snorkelling lessons are available on a private basis upon request, personalising the teaching based on your needs.

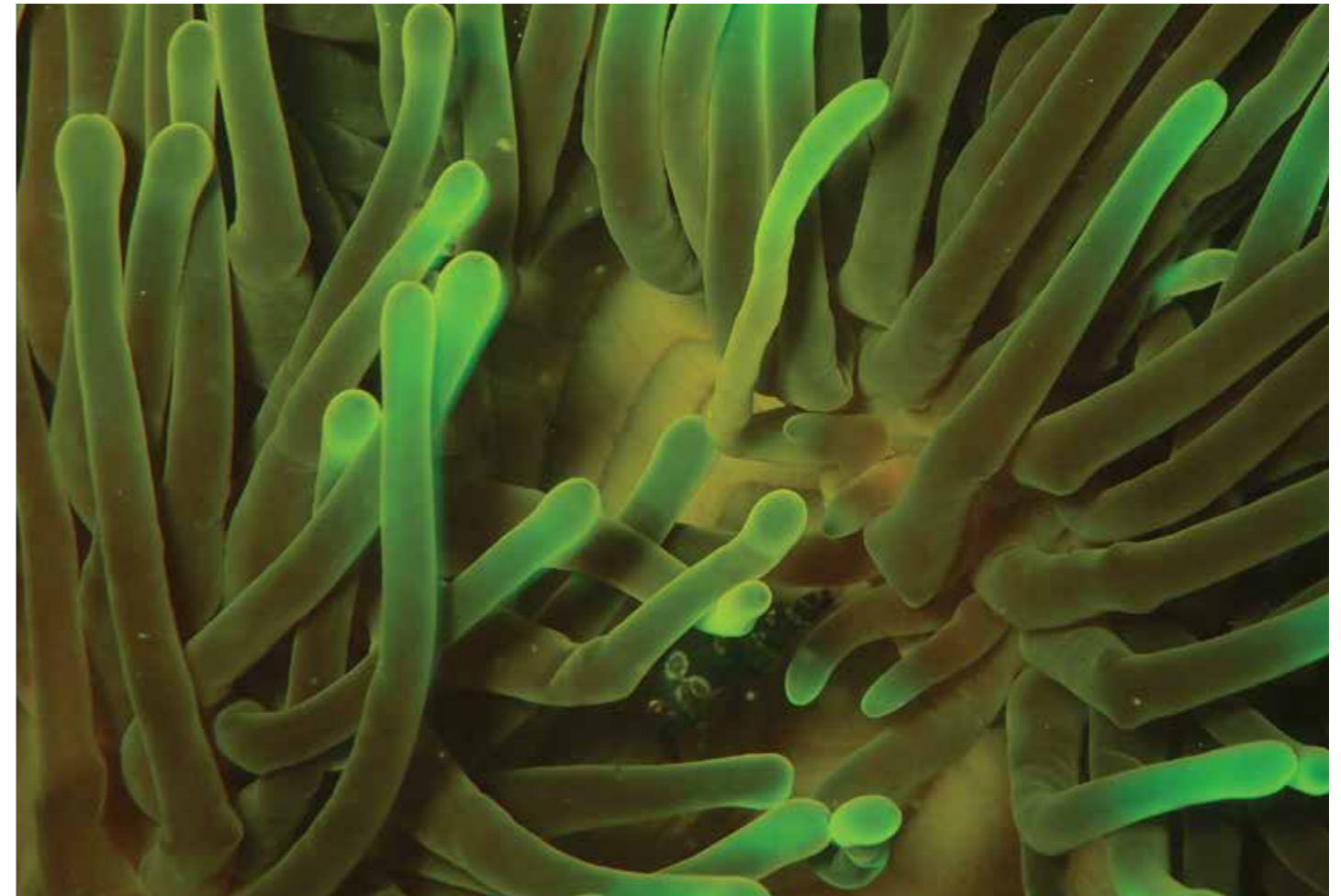
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## NIGHT SNORKELLING

Discover a whole new world through night snorkelling. After dark many nocturnal marine species come out to play, including crabs, lobsters, sea stars and lionfish. By using a white light torch, discover the hidden beauty of the sea after dark.

It is recommended to have an introductory snorkel in the day at our house reef before your night snorkelling adventure, to acquaint yourself with the reef. Although this activity is suitable for all skill levels, previous experience snorkelling our house reef, whether guided or at leisure, is recommended.



## GLOW IN THE DARK

Embark on an extraordinary night-time adventure like no other at Baros, as you swap white lights for blue UV torches and witness the reef transform into a glowing spectacle. After an insightful presentation on the wonders of fluorescent marine life, dive into a captivating underwater world where vivid colours illuminate the darkness, revealing nature's hidden treasures.

It is highly recommended to participate in a white light night snorkelling experience before exploring this dazzling glow-in-the-dark adventure. Suitable for confident snorkellers only.



## STING RAY CITY

For a unique snorkelling experience, surround yourself with gently soaring, splendid stingrays, curious and harmless as they glide around in search of food.

In addition, encounter various species of moray eels and vibrant marine life, all just 20 minutes by speedboat from Baros.

This activity is suitable for all skill levels, although previous experience snorkelling our house reef, whether guided or at leisure, is recommended.



## SNORKELLING SAFARI

Explore the stunning underwater landscapes and vibrant coral formations of nearby reefs, only 20 minutes from Baros. Teeming with diverse fish and other marine life, this is an exciting exploration of waters further afield.

For the best experience, we recommend snorkelling at our house reef before setting off on your adventure.



## TURTLE QUEST

Take a short 25-minute speedboat trip and explore neighbouring reefs where sea turtles are the star attraction. Whether privately or in small groups, this adventure promises an unforgettable experience with one of the Maldives' most beloved marine species.

Although this activity is suitable for all skill levels, previous experience snorkelling our house reef, whether guided or at leisure, is recommended.



## MAJESTIC MANTA RAYS

February to April is feeding season for manta rays. Witness this enchanting spectacle on our exclusive manta ray excursions, just 25 minutes from Baros. Experience the magic in intimate small groups or opt for a private excursion. This experience is suitable for all skill levels, although previous participation in snorkelling our house reef, whether guided or at leisure, is recommended. Manta ray diving is available all year round.



Experience the wonders of diving at Baros, where personalised dives are tailored to your preferences, exploring vibrant coral gardens and exciting encounters with marine life.

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## DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING

For your first dive experience, whether you are exploring a new possible hobby, or simply want to experience the underwater world for the first time, this programme is the perfect way to begin. For approximately two hours, prepare to be mesmerised as you focus solely on vibrant sea life. Our experienced PADI dive instructors will guide you on an unforgettable underwater journey around the Baros house reef.



## GET CERTIFIED

To get your diver's certification, or to advance your education as a recreational diver, our Dive Centre offers the full range of PADI courses.

Our professional dive instructors will guide your journey from beginner to expert, ensuring you achieve your diving goals at Baros.

## FOR CERTIFIED DIVERS

Join our daily boat trips to explore over 20 breathtaking dive sites around Baros, available year-round for certified divers of all levels. Our expert dive team carefully selects each site based on weather, certification, and currents, ensuring a safe and exhilarating experience amidst vibrant, marine-rich reefs.

If you're looking to refresh your skills, we offer refresher and orientation dives at the Baros House Reef.

For more information, please refer to the Maldivian Diving Law guidelines.





# DIVING BY DESIGN

Experiences perfectly curated for you.

Baros offers a bespoke dive experience, Diving by Design. Choose from one to three dive trip options, with our PADI expert dive instructor guiding you on the best dive spots based on local recommendations, weather conditions and underwater currents. Enhance your dive experience by hiring your private diving dhoni or luxury yacht. For novice divers, the journey starts from our house reef and progresses to gentle reefs, paced at your comfort.



## PRIVATE DIVE PACKAGES FOR CERTIFIED DIVERS

**KAAFU PACKAGE**  
1 DIVE TRIP

**INFINITY PACKAGE**  
2 DIVE TRIPS

**SAFARI PACKAGE**  
3 DIVE TRIPS

## DISCOVERY ESCAPE FOR NON-CERTIFIED DIVERS

**DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING AND REPEAT**  
1 BOAT DIVE TRIP

**DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING AND REPEAT**  
2 BOAT DIVE TRIPS





## SWEET SERENITY

### The sea beckons

Whether you're diving or snorkelling, enhance your adventure with the luxurious comfort of your own yacht, *Serenity*.

Cruise the North Male' Atoll in search of turtles, manta rays and vibrant reefs — a thrilling journey of discovery on the high seas, aboard your private, luxury yacht.



## ISADORA SNORKELLING

### Explore at your own pace

Our excursion boat, *Isadora*, offers a relaxed and personalised journey as you explore up to three snorkelling sites, with a serene stopover at a sandbank.

Enjoy cool refreshments and fresh fruits as you admire the sapphire hues of the Indian Ocean, and as you head to the next snorkelling spot take a moment to sunbathe on the rooftop.

Reach out to our Marine Team to arrange bespoke half-day or full-day excursions, tailored to your sense of adventure.



## NOOMA SNORKELLING EXPERIENCE

### Traditional Maldivian elegance.

Our traditional wooden sailing boat, *Nooma*, is the perfect vessel for your snorkelling experience. Relax on the wooden deck between snorkelling spots, while our experienced crew raises the cotton lateen sails, and you head off on a romantic snorkelling cruise.



Plunge into our crystal-clear lagoon and discover an exciting array of water sports waiting for you at Baros.



## STAND UP PADDLING (SUP)

Perfect for calm seas, paddleboarding becomes even more enjoyable when tackling the challenge of expansive, vibrant waters, offering a full-body workout and a lesson in balance. Rent a board, take a lesson or join a guided tour to explore the colourful sea from the surface.



## KAYAKING

Explore the shimmering waters of our lagoon with ease in a kayak. Choose from transparent canoes for calm days as you languidly watch fish flit beneath you, or sturdy ocean kayaks, with single or double seats, for added stability on wavier waters.



## TRANSPARENT KAYAKING

Glide across the shimmering lagoon in a transparent kayak - with every stroke, be mesmerised by the vibrant fish darting beneath you, creating a captivating underwater spectacle. Experience the magic of the lagoon where every moment brings you closer to the enchanting marine world.



## WINDSURFING

Baros is perfect for windsurfing, whether you are a beginner or an expert. Rent top-quality gear and obtain expert guidance from our water sports instructors.



## CATAMARAN SAILING

Embark on a romantic sail across our lagoon on a sunny day as the wind fills the sails, or let our skilled skippers guide you around the island as you bask in the sunset's glow.

Experienced sailor orientations and beginner lessons are available upon request.





## POWER SPORTS

Our water sports boat is ideal for thrilling water sports adventures. Experience water skiing, wakeboarding and knee boarding - all available at the water sports centre, and perfect for all skill levels. For all water sports activities, checking the weather conditions is crucial to determine what the best activities are for that day. We welcome last-minute reservations and on-the-go bookings to ensure you make the most of your time on the water.



## WATER SKI

Experience the thrill of this legendary sport on the tranquil waters of our lagoon. Whether you're seeking your first lesson or simply want to relish the joy of riding, our expert water sports instructors are here to share their knowledge and tips, ensuring you make the most of your adventure.



## WAKEBOARDING

Embrace a modern adventure designed for those seeking a challenge. With lessons and exhilarating rides available, our water sports instructors are ready to recommend the best equipment and guide you through essential safety rules, ensuring your experience is as thrilling as it is safe.



## FUN-TUBE

For a delightful experience filled with laughter, join your loved ones on an inflated tube as it is towed across the sea. Hold on tight and enjoy the exhilarating 20-minute bounce and slide, creating unforgettable moments of joy!



*marine  
conservation*

Join us in our commitment to marine conservation at Baros. Discover coral sponsorship opportunities and engage in eco-friendly activities that foster awareness and protect the vibrant marine ecosystem surrounding our paradise.



## FISH IDENTIFICATION WITH THE MARINE BIOLOGIST

Curious about the secrets of our marine life? Join our introduction to tropical fish found in the Maldivian waters, and specifically at our house reef. Learn to identify species and their fascinating behaviours, followed by a guided snorkelling tour to observe them in their natural habitat.

Perfect for adventurous snorkellers and marine biology enthusiasts alike.

Explore bespoke marine biology programmes tailored to your preferences, from fish identification to coral planting techniques, or join our complimentary weekly talks uncovering the secrets of marine life.



## CORAL SPONSORSHIP

Join us in rebuilding coral reefs by providing a second chance to broken corals. Coral restoration programmes effectively preserve reefs, and the islands they protect against waves. Own your own coral garden and plant a personalised frame under the expert guidance of our resident marine biologist.



## ECO EXPLORER EXPERIENCE

Embark on an immersive conservation journey with our Eco Explorer Experience. Led by our resident marine biologist, explore coral planting techniques and join a guided fish identification tour, as you deepen your understanding of marine ecosystems. And add an element of adventure by delving into night snorkelling adventures, including fluo-night snorkelling.

Join us in preserving coral ecosystems and adopting practices to protect our fragile aquatic world, while enjoying the beauty of our underwater environment.





*marine life  
and etiquette*

Discover the vibrant underwater world of Baros with care and respect. By embracing mindful snorkelling practices, you help preserve the delicate marine ecosystem, ensuring its beauty remains untouched — for you to enjoy today and for generations to come.



## BAROS HOUSE REEF SHARKS

Our vibrant house reef is home to a variety of tropical fish as well as common reef sharks, including Blacktip Reef Sharks, Whitetip Reef Sharks and Nurse Sharks. Many of these graceful predators have been patrolling these waters for years, recognising snorkellers and divers as harmless and simply going about their daily routines.

Just as we are naturally cautious around sharks, they are equally wary of us. That's why our behaviour in the water should be as respectful and non-intrusive as possible.

Reef sharks play a vital role in maintaining the health of the reef by preying on weak and sick fish, preventing the spread of disease. To preserve this natural balance, it is essential never to feed sharks or any marine life.



## THE NO-FEEDING POLICY

Sharks and rays have an incredible biological memory and quickly adapt to new habits. If regularly fed by humans, they may abandon their natural hunting instincts, disrupting the food chain and the overall health of the reef.

Offering food from our plates — such as bread or cooked meat — might seem harmless, but it is not part of their natural diet and can have lasting consequences. By allowing marine life to feed as nature intended, we help sustain the delicate equilibrium of the ocean.

Feeding marine animals is strictly prohibited under Maldivian law.



## RESIDENT SEA TURTLES

Hawksbill Sea Turtles are a common sight around Baros and are remarkably at ease among snorkellers and divers. However, these protected creatures require our utmost respect to ensure their continued presence.

Always keep a safe distance, especially when they surface for air — a particularly vulnerable moment.

Each turtle on the Baros house reef has a unique identification number and name. If you capture a clear side-profile photo, our Divers Baros Maldives team will be happy to help identify them for you.

To learn more about sea turtles in the Maldives and their conservation, join our weekly marine presentation!

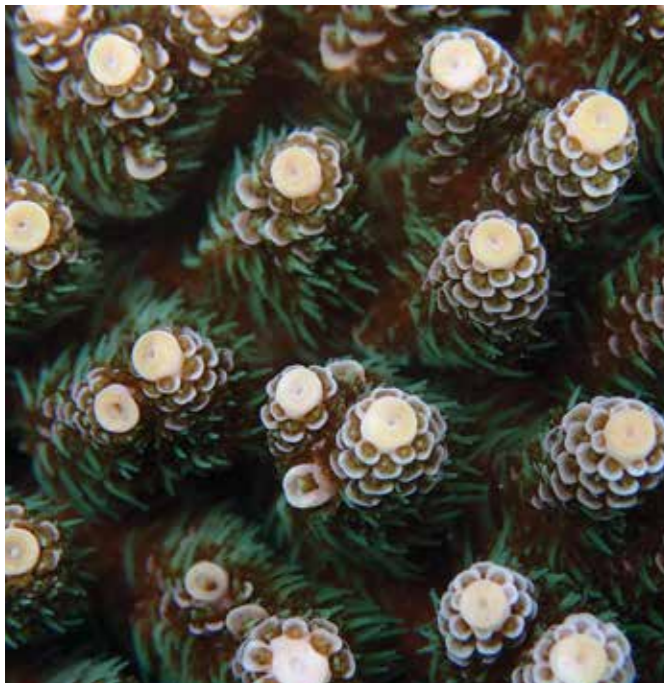


## IF YOU HAVE TO STAND, STAND ON THE SAND

Coral reefs are living structures that provide shelter and sustenance to countless marine species. As corals grow slowly, even a single misstep can cause significant and lasting damage.

Avoid touching or stepping on the reef, and be mindful of your fin movements. If you need to rest while snorkelling, consider using a life jacket to stay afloat without disturbing the seabed.

Our Divers Baros Maldives team offers snorkelling tips, lessons and coral restoration programmes — helping to protect reefs that have taken centuries to form.



## SUNSCREEN AND MARINE LIFE

In tropical climates, sun protection is essential. However, many sunscreens contain chemicals that are harmful to coral reefs and marine life.

Choose reef-safe sunscreens and apply them indoors at least 30 minutes before swimming, allowing full absorption into the skin. A last-minute application will wash off easily in the water, impacting the delicate marine ecosystem.

For an eco-friendly alternative, opt for UV-protective swimwear such as rash guards or wetsuits, which provide sun protection without the need for lotions.





## MONSOON CHANGES AND DRIFTING CREATURES

While following simple snorkelling guidelines — such as keeping a safe distance from marine life and being mindful of your surroundings — helps protect both you and the environment, certain seasonal changes bring unique ocean conditions.

During monsoon shifts, ocean currents carry drifting marine life known as plankton. These tiny organisms do not possess the capability to swim against the currents, and simply move with the water's flow. Plankton includes both plant and animal life, from fish eggs and larvae to young crustaceans, invertebrates and microscopic organisms. These microscopic organisms form the foundation of the marine food chain, sustaining species from small fish to manta rays and whale sharks.

In the west monsoon (summer), plankton accumulates along the eastern coasts and channels of the Maldives, while in the east monsoon (winter), it shifts westward. This seasonal bloom sometimes causes the water to appear greenish and less clear, but it also attracts an abundance of marine life.

Some planktonic organisms may cause mild skin irritation upon contact. Wearing a protective layer, such as a wetsuit or rash guard, is recommended to prevent discomfort.



## NOTABLE DRIFTING CREATURES:

### Blue Button (Chondrophore, Cnidaria group) *Porpita porpita*

Though resembling a jellyfish, this is actually a colony of hydroids. It occasionally drifts to shore during December and February, but its sting is weak and harmless. If needed, our Divers Baros Maldives team can assist with identification and treatment.



### Blue Bottle, also known as Portuguese Man O' War (Siphonophore, Cnidaria group) *Physalia physalis*

More potent than the Blue Button, this species has floating polyps with trailing tentacles. Though the species found in Maldivian waters are smaller and less venomous than those in open oceans, its sting can be painful. Avoid contact, even when washed up on the sand. If stung, vinegar and warm water provide effective relief. If needed, please contact our team at Divers Baros Maldives for accurate identification.



## Other Siphonophores (Cnidaria)

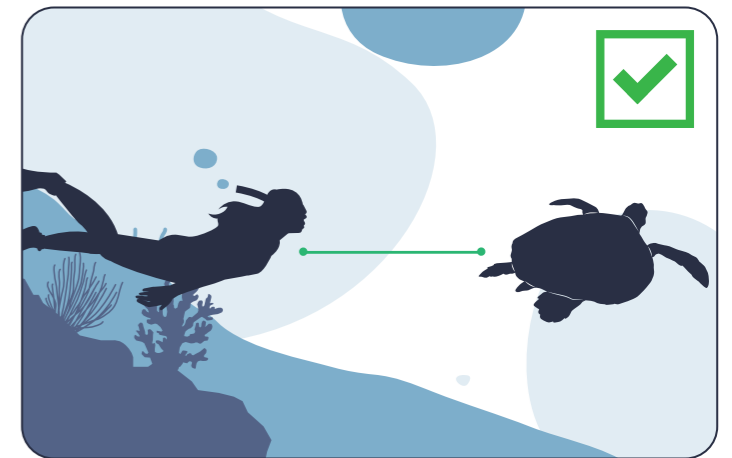
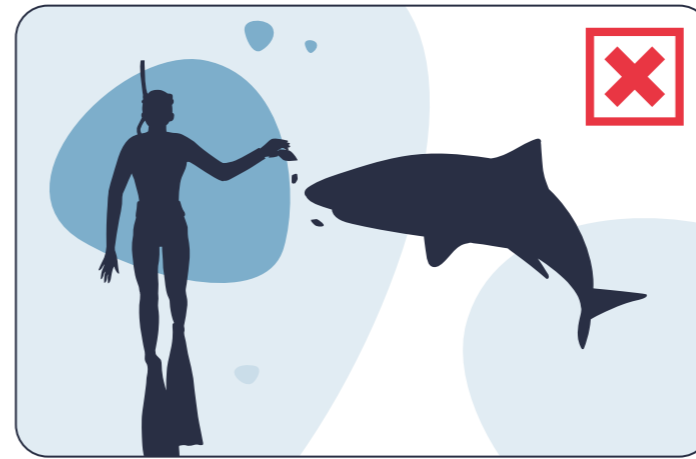
Though difficult to identify precisely, these organisms belong to the same group as jellyfish. While not dangerous, their stings can cause irritation in sensitive individuals. Vinegar is the best remedy for relief.



## Comb Jellies (Various species of the Ctenophore group) Ctenophore













Unlike jellyfish, these harmless invertebrates lack stinging cells and instead drift using tiny hair-like cilia. Often seen in mid water, they are a beautiful reminder of the ocean's biodiversity.

For assistance or identification of any marine species, please reach out to our Divers Baros Maldives team.





# WATER SPORTS AND SNORKELLING MAP

-  Piano Deck
-  Boat Movement
-  Swimming Restricted
-  Boundary for Activities
-  Water Sports
-  Water Sports Entry / Exit Point
-  Coral Nursery
-  Sunken Boat
-  Access Restricted
-  Snorkelling Areas
-  Snorkel with Caution / Shallow Waters
-  Divers Baros Maldives









## HOUSE REEF DIVE

Max Depth: 12m (beginner) | 18m (open water) | 30m (advanced)

Max Time: 60min/50bar

Safety Stop: 5m/3min

NO DECO DIVES

-  Sharks:  
Black Tip, White Tip, Nurse Shark
-  Clownfish  
& Anemones
-  Coral  
Nursery
-  Turtle
-  Sunken  
Boat
-  Diver's  
Buoy



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