

DIVE SITES

Nasimo thila



This thila offers one of the most spectacular dives in the Maldives. A large section of the reef has broken off, leaving huge coral boulders in a depth of 18-30 meters covered with astonishing soft and hard corals. Where the reef has broken off a long series of overhangs and crevices remain. These ceiling of these overhangs are beautifully covered with thick layer of blue soft corals. The fish life is inexhaustible.

Location: 45 minutes east of Baros Maldives

High lights: Marine Protected Area, overhangs overgrown with amazing blue soft corals, pinnacles of soft corals scattered at various depth from 18 – 25 meters. One of the most spectacular dive sites in the Maldives

Marine life: Excellent, shark, tuna, trevally, turtle, schools of snapper and fusilier, violet soldier fish

Reef: Big thila with overhangs, inside the atoll

Diving Depth: Min. 8 meters – Max. 30 meters

Experience: For the more experienced diver

Okobe thila



This spectacular site has many different features. The smallest point at the reef is no more than 10 metres in diameter, while the larger one is about 50 metres in length. Off this reef is a continuous line of ledges and overhangs which are covered with a thick layer of soft corals. On the north end of the reef is an outcrop with an abundant fish life, large groups of blue striped snappers, oriental sweetlips and fusiliers can be found here.

On the eastern side is a bigger outcrop and often barracudas, napoleon wrasses, big tunas and trevally are seen here. The reef is also well known for its excellent coral growth.

Location: 35 minutes east of Baros Maldives

High lights: A broken off coral block, overhangs, covered in soft corals, abundance of fish life

Marine life: Shark, tuna, trevally, turtle, schools of snapper and fusilier, violet soldier fish

Reef: Small thila with overhangs inside the atoll

Diving Depth: Min. 8 meters – Max. 30meters.

Experience: For the more experienced diver.

Kuda Haa



This reef is a protected marine area, which is known by the Baros divers as fish “soup”. It owns this knick name due to its abundant fish life. The fairy basslet with their colourful males dominate the reef. In some seasons the glass fishes are taking over. The reef is then covered with a thick layer of fish, which is a thrilling experience.

The reef consists of two peaks, rising up from the atoll bed, looking like a camel’s back. The larger of the two humps is about 30 meter in diameter with steep sides; its top is at 8 meter. The second hump has its shallowest depth at 13 meters. Both peaks are covered with newly grown hard corals, which offer protection for a diversity of colourful fishes.

Location: 25 minutes south of Baros Maldives

High lights: Marine Protected Area and abundance of fish life.

Marine life: Napoleon, turtle, moray eels, large groups of blue stripped snapper, red toot triggerfish and basslet, scorpionfish, stonefish

Reef: 2 Small thilas, inside atoll

Diving Depth: Min. 6 meters – Max. 27meters.

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Baari Thila



Located at the inside of the atoll lays this thila and is about 20 meters away from the main reef. The thila can be reached by crossing over from the main reef. The top of this thila starts at 15 meters and on the east side often rays and sharks are sleeping in the sand. Barracudas and eagle rays are regularly seen on the deeper end of the thila. The school of oriental sweetlips is always a good objective for photographers.

Location: 30 minutes southwest of Baros Maldives

High lights: This reef is exclusively dived by the divers Baros Maldives

Marine life: Sharks, ray, tuna, barracuda, napoleon, oriental sweetlip

Reef: A small thila detached from the main reef, inside of the atoll

Diving Depth: Min. 6 meters – Max. 27meters.

Experience: For the more experienced diver.

Rameez Place



This reef lies to the west of Baros and offers lots of surprises. Many of the interesting marine features have been spotted here. In changing seasons, mantas are “flying” graceful over the reef. Sting rays, nurse shark and lobster made themselves at home in the overhangs. Tunas, trevally, eagle rays and sharks are an often visitors of this reef. Good changes to see grey reef shark are with incoming tides. Smaller marine life such as ghost pipe fish, frog fish, and leaf fish has caught the eyes of the divers.

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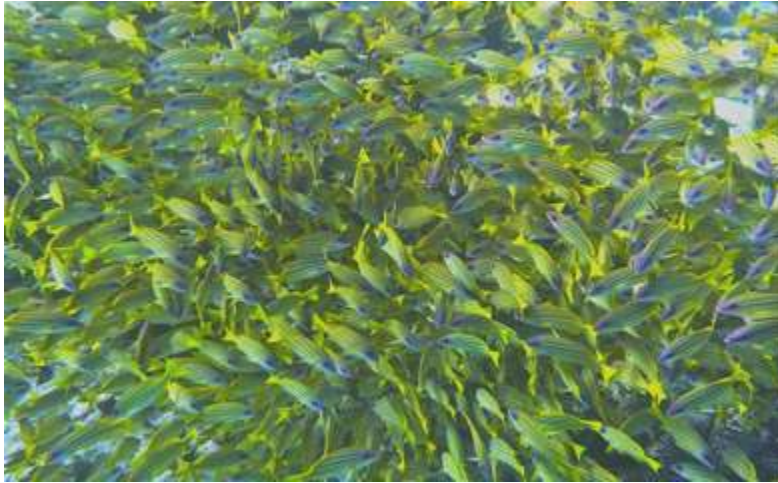
Marine life: Grey reef shark. White tip shark, nurse sharks, eagle- and sting rays, Napoleon wrasse tunas and trevallies

Reef: Thila with overhangs lies in a channel. Mainly stony corals

Diving Depth: Min. 8 meters – Max. 30meters.

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Banana reef



This reef is one of the first dive sites discovered in the Maldives and is a protected marine area. This reef is very popular among photographers due to the amazing marine life and reef shape. On the north east side are big spectacular rocks, caves, canyons and precipitous overhangs. The scenery is spectacular around these rocks and canyons, with predatory fish like shark, barracuda, trevally and black snapper. Also a school up to 1000 yellow snapper, humpback red snappers and oriental sweetlips are lighting up the reef.

Location: 45 minutes east of Baros Maldives

High lights: Marine protected Area. A big overhang at the southern end of the thila fully packed with blue striped snappers. Large blocks, creating canyons and gullies

Marine life: Excellent, green turtles, napoleon, snappers, fusiliers,

Reef: Medium size thila with overhangs

Diving Depth: Min. 4 meters – Max. 25meters.

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Manta Point (Lankanfinolhu faru)



In the southwest monsoon season an astonishing number of Manta rays can be seen here when they come to be cleaned. The reef slopes gently down to 40 meter. It is interspersed with massive Porites corals which are homes to colonies of cleaner fish. The manta rays come in from the deep water and hover over the coral heads while the wrasses are set to work. Should you be unlucky enough not to see mantas, this is still a tremendous dive site: huge schools of fuseliers, oriental sweetlips, napoleon wrasses, turtles and moray eels.

Location: 60 minutes east of Baros Maldives

High lights: This is a feeding and cleaning station for Mantas from May till December. (Southwest monsoon) Even Whale sharks have been spotted here.

Marine life: Mantas, napoleons, turtles, reef shark, fish live is average

Reef: Big thila, outer reef

Diving depth: Min. 9 meters – Max. 28 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Boduhithi Thila



“Bodu Hithi Thila” is a formation a huge thila (circular reefs) located in the middle of the inner atoll just 55 minutes from the resort. The reef top is 8-10 meters and there are three bays in the reef with sandy bottom between 15-25 meters. These sandy bays on the top reef are sometimes known as ‘Manta Road’, as this is where mostly they gather for cleaning. This is a long reef with the best diving in the southern end. On one point there is a huge cave at 17 meters where divers can look into. On many occasions nurse sharks have been spotted in this cave and on the top reef underneath the blocks. Manta rays are seen over here from January to May. It is not uncommon to see ten or more manta rays at a time, this dive has become a big attraction

Location: 70 minutes North of Baros Maldives

High lights: This is a cleaning and feeding station for Mantas from January till May. (Northeast monsoon) Even Whale sharks have been spotted here.

Marine life: Mantas, napoleons, turtles, reef sharks. Fish life is average

Reef: Huge thila, inner reef

Diving depth: Min. 9 meters – Max. 25 meters

Experience: For the more experienced diver

Furana Thila



You can easily swim around the whole thila in a single dive. The top of the thila is at 4 meters and gently slopes down to the atoll bed at 25 meters. The reef consists of healthy hard corals and is home to a colony of thousands of red-tooth triggerfish and basslets. A group of blue striped snappers hang around the overhang at the Northeast corner of the reef. Often a huge Napoleon wrasse comes curious along the reef.

Different types of moray eels can be found here like the beautiful honeycomb moray eel with its amazing pattern, but also the giant moray eel often as a couple, the bearded moray eel and undulated moray eel can be found here.

Location: 40 minutes east of Baros Maldives

High lights: Abundance variety of Marine life

Marine life: Schools of basslets and red-tooth triggerfish, scorpion fish, lionfish, Honeycomb moray eel.

Reef: A small thila, inside of the atoll

Diving Depth: Min. 4 meters – Max. 24meters.

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable).

Baros House reef



The Baros House reef encircles the island and is known as one of the best house reefs in the Maldives. Just a few meters from the beach lays the 300 meter long house reef which can be easily reached. It gently slopes down to 20 meters where large coral outcrops with an astonishing variety of Marine life contribute to the amazing scenery. There are two wrecks which attract marine life. The house reef is a nursery ground for black tip sharks and therefore the black tip sharks is an everyday seen habitant. Turtles are often seen in shallower depth.

Buddy pairs can benefit from a whole day access to the house reef (9.00-17.00 hours), even night dives can be done straight of the reef

Location: Just a few meters from the beach

High lights: Nurse Sharks, Blacktip Sharks, turtles, ray, two small wrecks, an abundance of Marine life

Marine life: Sharks, ray, batfish, groupers, Tuna, schools of fusilier-surgeonfish,

Reef: 2 reefs connected through a sandy bottom, where one of two the wrecks can be found

Diving Depth: Min. 2 meters – Max. 30meters.

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Night Dive



It is spectacular to explore the reef by night. You will find that corals open up and extend their colorful flower like tentacles. Lionfish, lobster, shrimps and other nocturnal species leave their holes at night to look for food. The Maldivian waters come alive at night, phosphorescent plankton light up the ocean with their blue bioluminescent effect...

Night dives are conducted regularly and are done by boat at the Black Coral reef as well as on the house reef.

Location: At the Baros House Reef or by Boat at the Black coral reef

High lights: Nocturnal marine life

Marine life: Lobster, squid, lionfish, scrimps, flatworm, nudibranchs,

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meters – Max. 18 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Black Coral Reef



The reef top is at 3 meters and drops quite steeply to the bottom at 30 meters. Throughout the reef you can find overhangs and swim-troughs in a depth of 5-25 meters. At 25 meters are large overhangs with leather corals, whip corals and black coral bushes. In a depth of 5-15 meters are many ledges and overhangs undercutting the reef. The ceilings are covered with different coloured sponges and falkner's coral, also excellent for night diving as this gives a great yellow/ orange color explosion. Falkners corals polyps are yellow and only extend at night. The black coral is a protected coral species, and thanks its name to its black internal skeleton. On the outside it is has beautiful fine branches with small polyps Coming close to the Black corals you often can find the black coral scrimps inside (great for macro photography).

Location: 5 Minutes South East of Baros Maldives

High lights: Wall with overhangs, Black corals, Night dive

Marine life: Turtle, Humpback Snapper, School of bannerfish,

Reef: Steep wall with overhangs and ledges from 5-25 meters

Diving Depth: Min. 2 meter – Max. 25 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Rasfari Corner



Lies in the channel to the northwest of Baros Maldives. This dive spot is in January until April a good place to see the Manta rays gliding into the cleaning station in the shallow water. The dive starts at the drop of where the reef is gently sloping down to 20 meters. Keep an eye into the blue water as Manta Rays and eagle rays might fly by. In the middle of the dive we slowly ascent to the Plateau on top of the reef where we look for the cleaning station. When the Manta Rays are at the cleaning station keep close to the reef and keep as calm as possible. You will be amazed how close they will come towards you or even “fly” over your head.

Location: 60 Minutes to the North of Baros Maldives

High lights: Manta rays from Jan-April

Marine life: Manta rays, Napoleon Wrasse, sting ray, eagle ray

Reef: A Plateau with a sharp drop off in the Channel

Diving Depth: Min. 2 meters – Max. 15 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Kuhla Faru



This reef lies on the outside of the atoll and reef comes up, from the ocean depths, to 8 meters and has a gentle reef sloop.

The reef structure is mainly a hard coral with in a very good conditions.

Fish life is abundant and you will see hundreds of red tooth triggerfish. Fusilier in big school shoot often along the reef when they are hunted by the tunas or trevallies. Because it is the outside of the atoll bigger marine life can be expected as well, such as eagle ray, sting rays, sharks, like the white tip sharks, gray reef sharks, leopard shark and even an oceanic white tip has been spotted her. Don't keep you face only along the reef as it is worth looking out for the bigger marine life in the blue waters.

Location: 30 minutes to the west of Baros Maldives

High lights: A reef with a very healthy coral growth, outer reef

Marine life: Clouds of triggerfish, fusilier, tuna, trevally, sharks, rays

Reef: Outer reef

Diving Depth: Min. 8 meters – Max. 23 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Dhigu Tila



It has a gentle reef slope and it is recommended to dive here in a shallower depth, max.15 meters. You will find here table corals and branching corals in a very good condition. These corals are a home for many schooling fishes, like gold spot emperor, two spot snapper, blue stripped snapper and fusilier. Because of the beautiful corals, it is favorable to spend extra time on the reef top at 3-5 meters. The reflection of the sun on those corals is magnificent.

Location: 25 minutes to the south of Baros Maldives

High lights: An excellent coral growth

Marine life: Two spot snapper, gold spot emperor, fusilier, white tip shark, eagle ray

Reef: Reef slope

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meter – Max. 15 meter

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Alibaba Cave



This reef is a steep wall to 20 meters, where you can find at 15-20 meters large overhangs. The overhangs are large enough to dive inside and swim through. Inside the overhangs, stingray's or nurse sharks are often sleeping. There is plenty of invertebrate life, like colorful nudibranchs, flatworms, and scrimps to find in the overhangs. And in some seasons the whole reef is covered in a thick layer of sweeper fish and you see tuna's and trevallies hunting them which give the waters a vibrant atmosphere. After 30 – 40minutes it's recommended to dive further between a depth of 3 and 8 meters. The reef top is at 3-5 meters, where you can find many marine life like schooling banner fish surgeonfish, parrotfish, butterflyfish and triggerfishes, moray eels, pufferfish are all inhabitants of this reef.

Location: 10 minutes to the North east of Baros Maldives

High lights: Steep wall with large overhangs

Marine life: Nurse shark, sting ray, schooling bannerfish, nudibranch, flatworm

Reef: Steep wall

Diving Depth: Min. 3 meters – Max. 15 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Anemone Reef



Is an oval shaped thila which can easily rounded. The reef top starts at 5 meters drop slowly down to a depth of 20 meters. Spectacular in this dive is, what the name already suggested, the number of anemones on this reef. Different anemone can be found here such as Bulbtenticle-, Haddon's- and Mertens anemone. However, the magnificent sea anemone is the dominant anemone on this reef and it is one of the largest single structured tropical anemones. The outside of the single column has vibrant colors, like orange red and purple. The reef even shows a more impressive view in overclouded weather conditions, as the magnificent sea anemone close and shows of the colorful outside. Often turtles, white tip reef sharks, scorpion fish, lionfish and schools of fusilier can be found on this reef.

Location: 20 minutes to the south west of Baros Maldives

High lights: Different species of anemones

Marine life: Clarks anemone fish, Maldivian anemone fish, turtle, scorpion fish, lionfish

Reef: A thila inside the atoll

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meters – Max. 20 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Koddiparu



The south east part of Koddiparu is a steep wall, as more to the North the reef is sloping down with a few ledges in a depth of 5-10 meters. This reef is good for macro photography.

When you find cushion sea star, often you can find the sibling sea star shrimp on it, as this scrimp is associates with the sea stars.

You can find the amboin scrimps and the thin armed shrimp close to the anemone. In front of the steep wall there are some outcrops covered with anemones, often lionfish hang around here and you have a great opportunity come close and take macro shots of them.

Also the spear manta shrimp has a home on this reef.

Location: 20 minutes southwest of Baros Maldives

High lights: Macro marine life, including, different shrimps, nudibranchs, flatworm

Marine life: Lionfish, scorpion fish occasionally frogfish a group of blue strip snappers

Reef: Wall inside the atoll

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meters – Max. 20 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Moon Valley



This dive is often a gentle drift along a wall. Moon Valley reef lies in the channel and has a steep drop off starting at 10 meters.

In the North east monsoon Mobula Mantas are regularly spotted here, also eagle rays are “flying by and huge napoleons wrasses are cruising along the wall.

On the afternoon dive tuna are often hunting the schools of fusilier.

On the reef top you find schools of emperors and sweetlip and lots of schooling fish

Location: 25 minutes to the south of Baros Maldives

High lights: Gentle drift dive

Marine life: Napoleon wrasse, turtle, tuna Mobula Manta

Reef: channel dive

Diving Depth: Min. 10 meters – Max. 30 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Furana North



This is a thin thila with the reef top at 10 meters. Its eastern point faces the ocean and slopes down to the atoll plate. When the currents are funneling through the channel it attracts all type of pelagic fish. Following the thila on the right you drift along the southern wall, which is interspersed with caves and overhangs. Here you can find often nurse sharks or a turtle.

Location: 50 min east of Baros Maldives

High lights: Pelagic fish

Marine life: Trevally, tuna, barracuda shark,

Reef: Thila in the channel

Diving Depth: Min. 10 meters – Max. 25 meters

Experience: For the advanced divers

Kandu Oiy Gery



The reef starts at 5 meters and drops steadily down to the oceans bottom at 25 meters. Where at the north side the reef makes a sharp corner to the left. On the reef slope often honeycomb moray eels can be found, where you drift towards the corner. At the corner, in front of the overhangs, a large coral block has broken of the main reef and creates protected for plenty of marine life. It is worth to spend extra time at this corner as you can see schools of snappers, batfish, and fusilier. Looking from inside the cave into the blue waters with all the marine life give a spectacular view.

Location: 40 minutes to the east of Baros Maldives

High lights: overhangs with coral boulders

Marine life: school of snappers, batfish, fusilier, honey comb moray eel, jackfish, basslets

Reef: Reef slope

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meters – Max. 25 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Lankan Caves



The Lankan Caves dive site is an extension of Manta Point Lankan Caves and it features a collection of impressive overhangs and caves, where parrotfish, trevally, surgeon and emperor fish drift among the hard and soft coral in large numbers.

Divers can also expect to catch a glimpse of tunas, jacks and the occasional napoleon wrasse and sea turtles.

Location: 60 minutes to the east of Baros Maldives

High lights: Big overhangs

Marine life: Trevally, surgeon fish and tunas

Reef: Reef slope with caves

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meters – Max. 25 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Shallow Point



This is a circular reef that rises gently up to a shallow plateau at 8 meters.

You can easily swim around this small thila. Twinspot snapper and blue striped snappers can be found on the current point. Stonefish and scorpion fish hide between the boulders on the reef top where anemones shelter their clown fishes.

Location: 5 minutes to the south east of Baros Maldives

High lights: offers often lots of surprises in seldom Marine life

Marine life: stone fish, scorpion fish, lionfish, snappers

Reef: small thila

Diving Depth: Min. 8 meters – Max. 25 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Giraavaru Caves



Divers can experience some picturesque, unique views of the spectacular blue sea from within the caves...A truly magical experience!

The dive site features an incredible drop off with large overhangs and caves, the perfect place for large schools of playful fish to zip to and from the hard and soft corals. Midnight snappers, pelagic fish and eagle rays are common visitors to the caves.

Location: 30 minutes to the south of Baros Maldives

High lights: Caves and overhangs

Marine life: eagle ray, white tip shark, tuna, trevallies, fusilier and snappers

Reef: Channel

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meters – Max. 25 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers (when conditions are suitable)

Himmafushi



This reef drops steeply away in the channel from 5-6 meters to 30 meters. When the currents are flowing into the Atoll we drift with the reef on left shoulder. On the corner into the channel a lot of marine life can be expected such as whitetip reef sharks, eagle rays, napoleon wrasse.

Location: 70 minutes north east from Baros Maldives

High lights: drift dive

Marine life: Schools of red tooth triggerfish, napoleon, white tip shark.

Reef: Channel

Diving Depth: Min. 5 meters – Max. 30 meters

Experience: For the more experienced divers, only for private excursion

Aquarium



The Aquarium Dive Site is located along the southern edge of Lohifushi Island. It has an abundance of marine life, which features an enormous selection ranging from the very smallest underwater creature to large pelagics. Outcrops of coral rocks scattered along the reef and provide shelter for many fish. During southwest monsoon there is a good chance to see Manta ray. Scuba divers can also expect to see napoleon wrasse, oriental sweetlips, turtles, and other large pelagic!

Location: 80 minutes North East of Baros Maldives

High lights: abundance of Marine life, Southwest season chance to see Manta rays

Marine life: Napoleon, tuna, barracuda, trevally, moray eels, turtle and oriental sweetlips

Reef: Channel

Diving Depth: Min. 2 meters – Max. 30 meters

Experience: For beginners and advanced divers, only for private excursion

HP Reef



Located just off the main reef of Himmafushi Island. The thila is made up of huge coral boulders with plenty of overhangs / caves and crevices. The whole area is covered in blue, orange and yellow soft corals. Many sea fans and black coral bushes can be seen as well here. In the current you can see a spectacular variety of fish life like sharks, eagle rays, tunas and barracudas.

Location: 70 minutes north east of Baros Maldives

High lights: overhang covered with blue, orange and yellow soft corals

Marine life: Sharks, eagle rays, tunas, barracudas, abundance of reef fish

Reef: Thila in the channel

Diving Depth: Min. 7 meters – Max. 30 meters

Experience: For the more experienced diver, only for private excursion