

**Location:**

Southwest of Sri Lanka, on the equator.

**Geography:**

1,190 coral islands, forming an archipelago of 26 major atolls. Stretches 820 kilometres north to south and 120 kilometres east to west. 202 are inhabited, 87 are exclusive resort islands.

**Climate:**

Generally warm and humid. Sun shines all year through. Average temperature around 29 - 32 degrees Celsius.

**Language:**

Dhivehi is the language spoken in all parts of the Maldives. English is widely spoken by Maldivians and visitors can easily make themselves understood getting around the capital island. On Amba a variety of languages are spoken by the staff including Dhivehi, English, German and Italian.

**Currency:**

The Maldivian currency is the Rufiyaa and Laaree. The exchange rate for US Dollar at the time of writing is MRF 15.25 for the dollar. One Rufiyaa is equivalent to 100 laarees. The Euro and US Dollar is the most commonly used foreign currency. Payments on Amba can be made in US Dollar and Euro. Credit cards we can not accept.

**Local Time:**

GMT + 3-4 hours.

**Telecommunication:**

Almost all mobile phone networks on Amba. WIFI on Amba, if breakdown no regress.

**Entry:**

Free 30 days Visa upon arrival for all visitors. No prior visa is required to enter the Republic of Maldives. Entry permit will be granted to visitors on arrival at designated ports of entry, based on the immigration requirements.

**Duty free:**

Duty free shopping is only available in the departure terminal of the Male international airport. The lounge has specialized shops for electrical goods, watches, cameras, fashion, liquor, jewelry, tobacco and more.

**Alcohol:**

Alcohol is prohibited on the Maldives, as well pork and pornographic Material. An board the Amba, there are of course alcoholic beverages.