



The Maldives is a group of very small islands in the Indian Ocean, near Sri Lanka. There are about 1200 islands: Huraa, Malé, Baros, Kagi and other islands. The Republic of Maldives is the smallest Asian country and it also has the smallest population: about 400,000 people live in the Maldives, 75,000 of them are on the capital island, Malé. Malé is different from the other islands in the Maldives, because it doesn't have any beaches. In fact, there is a wall that goes around the whole island.

Eighty-seven of the islands in the Maldives have different types of hotels on them. Tourists can go and enjoy their holidays. They can even stay in a Bangalore: a small cabin right over the water where they can enjoy the clear water. It's very easy to get around the islands. When you arrive on the airport island, you can take a Dhoni taxi and go to Malé. This is a small boat used for transportation around the islands. Dhoni taxis go from the airport island to the capital island every 15 minutes and after midnight every half hour. You can use these boats to visit other islands, too.

The Maldives are a popular place for scuba-diving, because there are many wonderful fish in the water to see. Also, the water is very clear so when you are underwater you can see for more than 50 metres! There are many professional diving schools with instructors who speak many languages. Of course, that's not all you can do on these magnificent islands. You can go whale and dolphin watching, fishing, surfing, snorkeling, hiking or you can explore the towns.



**A- Give complete answers to the following questions:**

1. Where is the Maldives?

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2. How many islands are there in the Maldives?

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3. Does Malé have beautiful beaches?

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4. How many metres can you see underwater?

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**B- What is a:**

1. Dohi taxi .....

2. Bangalore .....

**C- Give 2 examples for:**

1. Islands in the Maldives

a) .....

b) .....

2. Activities you can do in the Maldives

a) .....

b) .....

