Eritrea

Facts:

Eritrea extends to about 117 thousand square kilometers in northeastern Africa on the Red Sea coast.

It borders with Sudan in the northwest, Ethiopia in the south, and Djibouti in the southeast.

Population is about 5 million inhabitants, who belongs to different ethnic groups and cultures.

The largest and capital city -Asmara- is situated at an altitude of 2325 meters on the northwest edge of Valley of big rocks.

Massawa: Timeline:

1. Pearl archipelago

Popular tourist attraction is the Dahlak archipelago – the largest in the Red Sea – which belongs to Eritrea. It consists of two larger and a hundred smaller islands which offer many fun activities. Here you can swim, dive, sunbathe … or discover how to emerge from the sea pearls.

Official language: Arabic, English and Tigrinya are used  
Religion: Christianity (60 percent), Muslim (40 percent)  
Currency: Nakfa (ERN)  
Visa: required – it can be obtained through the Embassy of Eritrea in Berlin (Tel: 00 49 30 446 7460  
e-mail: embassyeritrea@t-online.de)  
How to travel: by plane – the main airport of Eritrea is Asmara International Airport near the capital.  
Disease and prevention: One should be vaccinated against yellow fever. There is a great danger of contracting malaria and it is necessary to take preventive steps.  
When to travel: From October to March.  
Accommodation: Hotel Asmara Central and [**Hotel Sunshine**](http://www.sunshinehotelasmara.com/) are a good choice.  
Restaurants: In Asmara there are a few decent Italian restaurants (Bistro Alba, Spaghetti & Pizza House), but if you want to eat African cuisine go to the restaurant Hidmona.

References

[Eritrea – Wish](https://www.wish.hr/eritrea/)