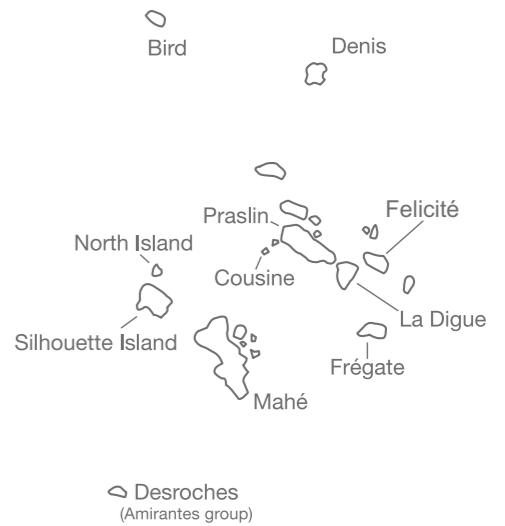




BEACHCOMBER TOURS

# SEYCHELLES





## The Seychelles

*Long, tranquil beaches, where yours are the only footprints in the white velvet sand; seas teeming with rare marine turtles and shoals of jewel-bright tropical fish; dramatic peaks wreathed with verdant forests of rare, coco de mer palm trees — the Seychelles is a unique and enchanting place.*

There are 115 beautiful granite and coral islands, each with a unique, captivating character and charm. Island hopping is the perfect way to discover the Seychelles, and with our carefully selected collection of relaxing hotels and cruising, we can help you create your own exotic adventure.

Whatever your island dream, our exceptional first-hand knowledge of the Seychelles is at your fingertips. We'll tell you all you need to know to get the most from your stay — from the best coves for snorkelling, to heavenly castaway havens.

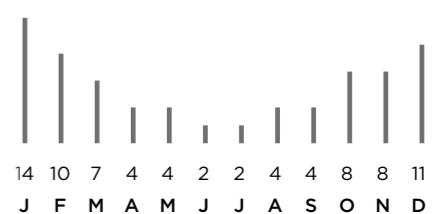
**GMT:** 4 hours ahead   **Flight Time:** 11 hours

**VISA:** British Passport holders do not require a visa for entry into the Seychelles, however, all visitors must complete a digital Travel Authorisation form prior to arrival.

**CURRENCY:** Seychelles Rupee, however it is not advisable to purchase Seychelles Rupees as they are rarely required. The Euro is the most widely accepted foreign currency.



Average temperature (°C)



Average rainfall (inches)

# SEYCHELLES CRUISING

A cruise is an ideal way to explore the Seychelles' many facets, and Variety Cruises offer you a luxurious floating home you can relax in. Choose from three great island-hopping itineraries. The three night option begins on the island of Praslin and ends on Mahé, the four-night cruise begins on Mahé and ends on Praslin, whilst the seven-night option starts and ends on Mahé.

## THE DETAIL

Pegasos double hull yacht - length 45 metres • 3 decks - sun, upper and main • 21 cabins • 16-18 crew • indoor/outdoor restaurant/bar • mini-spa • on-board entertainment • complimentary fishing and snorkelling equipment (subject to availability)



### DAY 1 - Saturday

#### Mahé to Sainte Anne

Embarkation commences from 14:00 to 15:00 hours. After your welcome cocktail and safety drill, Pegasos will leave Port Victoria and sail to the nearby Marine National Park of Sainte Anne. Here the boat will anchor, allowing you to have your first opportunity for a refreshing swim before dinner and overnight.

### DAY 2 - Sunday

#### Sainte Anne to Curieuse

It's an early morning start as the boat sets sail for Curieuse, an uninhabited island and former leper colony, now home to giant tortoises and the rare Seychelles Black Parrot. Enjoy a walking tour on the island with your park guide, exploring the mangrove forests. Return to the beach for a leisurely lunch-time BBQ and the afternoon at leisure, before returning on-board for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 3 - Monday

#### Curieuse to Anse Lazio

Today Pegasos sails for Cousin Island, located to the south-east of Praslin. Here you can enjoy an excursion to the bird sanctuary, where 250,000 birds breed each year. In the afternoon, you'll sail to Anse Lazio, one of the most photographed beaches in the world, for some time to swim and relax. The boat will anchor here for the evening.

### DAY 4 - Tuesday

#### Anse Lazio to Praslin

In the morning, you will visit the island of Aride, home to the Wrights Gardenia, a critically endangered tree found only on the island of Aride. Your ranger will guide you to the top of the island for amazing views, before getting back on board and sailing to the island of St Pierre. You'll have lunch on St Pierre and the opportunity for swimming or snorkelling. In the evening, you'll sail to Praslin, where you will anchor and overnight.

### DAY 5 - Wednesday

#### Praslin to La Digue

For those on the four-night cruise, you will disembark here and continue your holiday on land or opt to fly home. If you're starting the three-night cruise, you will embark here.

In the morning, there is an optional excursion to visit the Vallée de Mai before sailing to Félicité, or Grand Soeur for an afternoon at leisure before sailing onto La Digue.

### DAY 6 - Thursday

#### La Digue to Moyenne Island

There's an optional excursion in the morning to visit the island of La Digue. La Digue is a laid-back island, and just 3 miles long and 2 miles wide. You will visit the L'Union Estate Farm, with a tour of the old plantation house, coconut mill and old copra kiln, before going to one of the most photographed beaches in the

world, Anse Source d'Argent. You'll also visit La Passe, the island's main village, before getting back on board for your late afternoon sailing to Moyenne Island, where you will anchor and overnight.

### DAY 7 - Friday

#### Moyenne Island to Mahé

Today you'll enjoy a guided tour around the island of Moyenne, with some extra leisure time to enjoy your last opportunity for swimming or snorkelling before getting back on board. A BBQ lunch will be served on board, before sailing to Mahé and the Captain's farewell dinner in the evening.

### DAY 8 - Saturday

#### Mahé

Disembarkation is at 09:00 after breakfast, where you can extend your stay on land or fly home.



## GETTING AROUND

Pegasos Mega Yacht provides a sleek and comfortable base for your stunning Seychelles adventure. At 45 metres long, this double hulled yacht has 21 spacious cabins all with windows. Enjoy the stunning views and lots of on board facilities, including a relaxing lounge and bar area, upper deck dining room and sundeck complete with bar, serving delicious sundowner cocktails.



## MARVELLOUS MAHÉ

This is where your holiday begins. Mahé is the largest island in the Seychelles archipelago. As well as being home to the international airport, it's a fantastic destination in its own right, with beautiful beaches, bustling markets, exotic botanical gardens and tempting Creole restaurants.

A visit to the capital, Victoria, is a must, with the Sir Selwyn Clarke market one of the highlights. Immerse yourself in the Seychellois culture and join the hustle and bustle of the fresh fruit, vegetable and fish market on the ground floor. Upstairs, you'll find a myriad of tourist shops and a small café to escape if you need a respite for a thirst-quenching drink.

20% of Mahé is under the stewardship of the Morne Seychellois National Park. With a mixture of mangroves, lush tropical forests and tall mountain passes, the park's role is to protect and nurture the indigenous fauna and flora of the islands. There are several rewarding hikes through the park, best done with a guide, that vary in length and difficulty.

For a taste of the local rum, visit Takamaka Distillery and enjoy one of their free daily tours. The distillery is set on a historic site with its own museum, medicinal gardens, snack shack, and two Giant Aldabra tortoises called Taka and Maka.

## ISLAND-HOPPING ADVENTURE

For your perfect island-hopping experience, we recommend combining the buzz of Mahé and Praslin with the natural beauty of smaller, more remote islands. Travel between them by plane, ferry or boat to enjoy paradise from all perspectives and choose from romantic retreats, barefoot honeymoons and idyllic family escapes – all part of our exquisite Seychelles collection.





## CARANA BEACH

There's a view from every room at this chic boutique hotel, magnificently situated on one of Mahé's most beautiful beaches.

The 40 luxurious chalets accentuate the wild, dramatic landscape, with the hushed greys and soft earth tones of the interiors creating a soothing contrast to the striking turquoise and verdant greens of the bay. The 12 Ocean View Pool Chalets each have a private plunge pool, offering the most spectacular views of all. A perfect choice for couples or Honeymooners, although families are welcome too.

Carana Beach makes the perfect setting for your wedding, honeymoon or special occasion. The resort also offers a range of Emotions packages for couples, all evoking the gentle spirit of the islands and designed to help you make happy memories together. And don't miss visiting the seductive Sens Spa. It uses only natural, locally found ingredients for its treatments, each revealing a unique, signature scent native to the islands.

Dining offers a variety of experiences, including à la carte, buffet, and set menus - crafted using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, some of which come directly from the family owned farm. Begin your evening with a delicious cocktail at the bar, setting the tone before your dining experience.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 25 minutes from Mahé Airport, 40 chalets, half-board, 2 restaurant/bar

### INSIDER TIP

We recommend booking an Ocean View Pool Chalet. Start your day with the ultimate morning indulgence, with a beautifully arranged floating breakfast delivered to your private pool. Savor fresh tropical fruits, pastries, refreshing juices - all while you soak in the serenity of your surroundings.



## STORY SEYCHELLES

Basking on the powder white sands of stunning Beau Vallon Bay - one of Mahé's best beaches - lies the enchanting STORY Seychelles. And this intimate resort has everything you need to create your own, unforgettable Seychelles story. The colonial-inspired architecture and authentic Seychellois touches offer a welcoming haven of relaxation from the moment you arrive.

The opulently appointed suites each have a balcony or terrace, while 16 spacious villas offer private pools and direct access to the beach. Plus, a number of Junior Suites interconnect to make family suites.

Dining is a treat at STORY Seychelles, with an extensive choice for the resort's size. The main restaurant, Vasco's, serves a fusion of delicious international and creole buffets, or you can enjoy fresh seafood and BBQ meats at the beachside retreat, Eden. Listen to live music while you dine at Trader Vics, or head to Seyshima for superb Japanese cuisine. There's also a great selection of light bites and snacks at 1502 bar and Ripples Pool Bar.

Activities include a range of water sports, a gym, and Treetops Kids Club for 3- to 12-year-olds. You can also indulge in the gorgeous Sesel Spa, which has two dedicated couples' suites.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 20 minutes from Mahé Airport, 100 suites/villas, bed & breakfast, 5 restaurants/2 bars

### INSIDER TIP

Upgrade to All Inclusive, giving you breakfast daily at Vasco's, lunch at Ripples Pool Bar or 1502 Bar and dinner at selected restaurants, some restaurants need a prior reservation. Drinks are also included with a selection of soft drinks, Seybrew beer, cocktails, international spirits and an extensive wine list.





## CANOPY BY HILTON SEYCHELLES

Located along the serene Anse La Mouche bay, Canopy by Hilton Seychelles offers direct access to a white-sand beach perfect for swimming and snorkelling, with sweeping views of the western coastline enhancing its tranquil charm. Guests can take the complimentary courtesy bus to the nearby Mango House, a sister LXR Hotel, enjoying access to additional restaurants and amenities.

The resort features 120 spacious, modern guestrooms, including suites and apartments, each with floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies showcasing vibrant island views. Rooms typically accommodate two adults and one child, with family-friendly connecting options for two adults and two children, a rare feature in the Seychelles. A dedicated kids' club adds to the family appeal.

Dining highlights include one main restaurant and the Segá Bar, offering relaxed meals, cocktails, music, and entertainment, alongside all-inclusive options. Guests can enjoy Creole and French buffet and à la carte cuisine, plus swim-up bar bites. Recreation includes three outdoor pools, a spa, 24-hour fitness centre, water sports, and a boutique, with babysitting and interconnecting rooms for families.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 30 minutes from Mahé Airport, 120 rooms, bed & breakfast, 3 restaurants

### INSIDER TIP

Catch the sunset from the Segá Bar. While the beach and main restaurant are beautiful, the Segá Bar offers a slightly elevated vantage point with chilled cocktails, light bites, and often live music, perfect for a relaxing, less crowded sunset experience.



## KEMPINSKI SEYCHELLES RESORT

Immerse yourself in luxury at this stunning five-star resort, which has recently undergone an extensive renovation. It is set beneath the famous Baie Lazare granite rock formation, to the south-west of Mahé island. Nestling in a secluded sandy bay against the magnificent mountain backdrop, it's an idyllic beachfront paradise for both couples and families.

There are 24 lovely Superior Hill View Rooms, which offer thrilling views of the granite slopes bedecked with tropical vegetation. Or wake up to the sounds of the ocean in one of the generously appointed Deluxe Ocean View Garden Rooms, each with its own private terrace.

You'll find a tantalising choice of dining at Kempinski Seychelles Resort, including the laid-back luxury of Windsong Beach Restaurant, where you can lunch with your feet in the sand.



Kempinski The spa offers a tempting array of rejuvenating treatments designed to relax. For a serene start to your day, we recommend participating in the hilltop Yoga. But if you can't sit still, there are plenty of activities to keep you entertained, including complimentary tennis, padel courts, exploring scenic nature trails, snorkelling and at a charge, scuba diving, stand-up paddle boards and kayaking.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 35 minutes from Mahé Airport, 148 rooms/suites, bed & breakfast, 4 restaurants/bars

### INSIDER TIP

The night sky in the Seychelles is exceptional, especially in Baie Lazare in the south-west of the island. Grab a bottle of Lady in Red Bottega Prosecco and lie-back and take the opportunity for a bit of stargazing with the chance to see Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, with the sound of the waves in the background.



## CONSTANCE EPHELIA

You'll feel surrounded by nature in this peaceful, family-friendly haven on Mahé's north-west coast. It's set on two of the island's most beautiful, pristine beaches and overlooks the picturesque Port Launay National Marine Park - famous for its whale shark sightings between September and November. Laze under the shade of a takamaka tree or enjoy snorkelling from the reefs on either side of the bay.

This is family-friendly, casual luxury at its best. The resort's airy, modern accommodation includes spacious Junior Suites, Family Villas with private pools, and tranquil Hillside Villas with breathtaking views across the marine park. There are five restaurants and bars, spread across the two sides of the resort, offering menus to suit all tastes, including Mediterranean and à la carte Asian cuisine. There's even gourmet baby food!

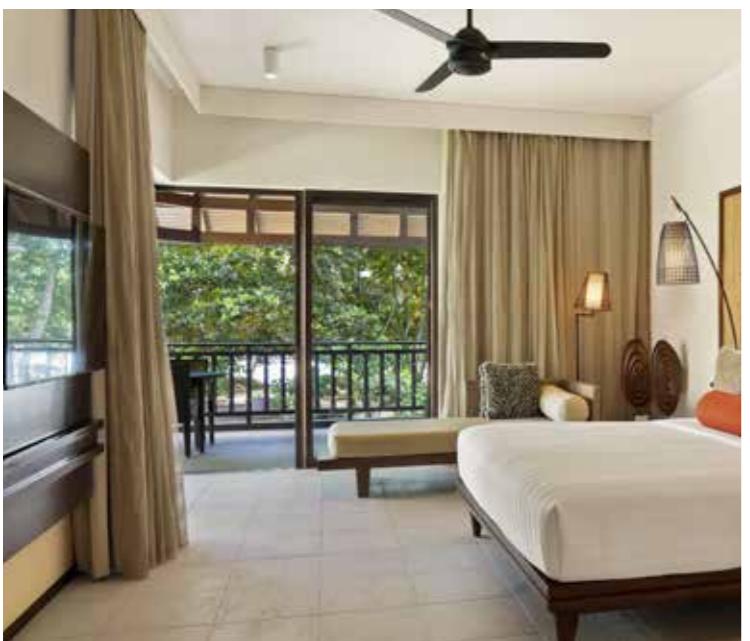
Activities are amazing at Constance Ephelia. Unleash your adventurous side as you zip line through the tropical treetops, or tackle the climbing walls built into granite boulders. If relaxation is more your style, head to the resort's heavenly spa set in stunning tropical gardens. Indulge in a soothing massage while your children enjoy the action-packed programme of island trips, arts & crafts, and other fun adventures at the popular Constance Kids Club.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 40 minutes from Mahé Airport, 373 suites/villas, bed & breakfast in the villas and half-board in the Junior & Senior Suites, 5 restaurants

### INSIDER TIP

Visiting the spa? Your personal Spa Experience Card records your wellness goals and preferences, so all of your treatments can be tailored accordingly.

Children also receive bracelets during their stay, which they can exchange for drinks and ice-cream.





## HILTON SEYCHELLES NORTHOLME RESORT

Built into the granite rocks and treeline, this secluded retreat exudes the charm of a secret hillside hideaway, with just 56 villas. Ian Fleming is said to have drawn inspiration from this very stretch of coastline - and it's easy to see why, with spectacular views over Beau Vallon Bay and Silhouette Island on the horizon. Offering an intimate escape for guests aged 13 and over, the resort is just 10 minutes from the gentle buzz of capital, Victoria, where you can explore the harbour, vibrant markets and the nearby Sainte Anne Marine National Park.

Nestled with lush tropical gardens, these stilted villas are thoughtfully positioned to offer uninterrupted ocean views. The King Sunset Villas feature serene interiors and breathtaking sunsets - perfect for unwinding on your private balcony. For an elevated escape, upgrade to the superb Grand Oceanview Pool Villas where guests can enjoy their own private swimming pool with stunning panoramic views.

Three inviting restaurants serve a mouthwatering array of cuisine. Dine à la carte at the signature restaurant Mahé, offering Creole-inspired. Enjoy magical sunsets from the split-level deck of Oceanview Bar and Restaurant, or savour Mediterranean flavours in the relaxed setting of Wave where you can watch the world go with its stunning ocean views.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 25 minutes from Mahé Airport, 56 villas, bed & breakfast, 3 restaurants/bars

### INSIDER TIP

Make sure to stop by at Lower Deck - the only pop-up gin bar in the Seychelles. Savour their 28 hand crafted gin cocktails and enjoy breathtaking views. Not a fan of gin, then try the Jumanji - Northolme's signature mocktail with pure island ingredients such as passion fruit, coconut, mango and mint.



## MANGO HOUSE, LXR HOTELS & RESORTS

Mango House was originally built by the celebrated Italian photographer Gian Paolo Barbieri for his Seychelles residence. Perched on the edge of Anse a la Mouche Bay, the house now forms the centrepiece of this intimate retreat.

Accommodation is found in just 41 rooms, suites, and villas dotted around the garden. All have views over the beach and ocean beyond, and are decorated to reflect the natural beauty of the Seychelles.

For a small retreat, Mango House has much to offer on the dining front, with four superb eateries and a great cocktail bar in the main house. Muse offers brasserie-style Italian cuisine, Azido is a beachside Japanese restaurant, Moutya offers a delectable Creole menu and drop by Soley for poolside snacks and drinks.

With three sun-kissed pools, a fully equipped gym and exercises classes, there is plenty to keep you active. But, if that's not your thing, then the Anape Spa is the perfect retreat to spoil yourself.



**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 25 minutes from Mahé Airport, 41 rooms/suites, bed & breakfast, 5 restaurants/bars

### INSIDER TIP

With a home away from home concept, Mango House Seychelles is cleverly arranged in four separate houses and different clusters of rooms. There are lots of inter-connecting options available, creating intimate spaces for a more private getaway for families or groups of friends.



## ANANTARA MAIA SEYCHELLES VILLAS

Anantara Maia is set within 30 acres of tropical forest overlooking the Indian Ocean. Home to just 30 Bill Bensley-designed villas located on the hillside or the beach. Each villa has a private infinity pool, where you can enjoy your complimentary bottle of Champagne on arrival. Internally, each villa offers luxury interiors, plus you receive the added benefit of a dedicated villa host. For families, we advise choosing one of the Premier Beach Pool Villas.

Dine anytime, anywhere, including in the comfort of your own villa. The main restaurant Tec-Tec offers a choice of Creole, Asian and Indian inspired specialities. Plus, there's a selection of Dining by Design venues, including the wine cellar, offering private dining with Mediterranean/Creole fusion chef specials.

If you want to get active, enjoy free snorkelling, kayaking and paddle boarding, make the most of the fitness centre or join one of the group yoga or qi gong lessons. For families, the resort offers a VIK (Very Important Kids) programme, and for those who want to relax, immerse yourself at the exquisite Spa, where the open-air pavilion treatment rooms allow you to escape the outside.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 35 minutes from Mahé Airport, 30 villas, bed & breakfast, 1 restaurant/2 bars.

### INSIDER TIP

Upgrade to a Premier Ocean View Pool Villa or Premier Beach Pool Villa for 3 nights or more and receive: complimentary early check-in or late check-out (until 18:00 hrs) subject to availability. Plus one voucher worth EUR 100, per villa per stay, to choose one of the relaxing massages in the Spa.



## FOUR SEASONS RESORT SEYCHELLES

Four Seasons Resort Seychelles is nestled overlooking the beautiful, secluded Petite Anse bay. Accommodation is arranged on the hillside or footsteps from the beach. You have the choice of villas, suites or private residences. There's a luxury option for just the two of you, or for larger families or parties, three or four-bedroom suites or residences.

The superb cuisine includes Asian sharing menus from Zez, Japanese from Koi, Creole and seafood favourites from Kannel, or enjoy the Steak Shack and dine with your feet in the sand.

For families, the kids club, for 4- to 12-year-olds, is a hub of activity and offers a fun and educational programme. The open-air spa's hillside setting offers first-class treatments and a stunning view over the Indian Ocean.

There's also a fitness centre, Yoga classes, and a selection of complimentary water sports, including surfing, kayaking, sailing and paddle boarding. Further afield and at cost, go diving or deep sea fishing, or practice your swing with biodegradable golf balls whilst watching the sun go down.

**THE DETAIL** | Mahé Island, 30 minutes from Mahé Airport, 94 villas, bed & breakfast, 3 restaurants/2 bars.

### INSIDER TIP

Installed with an ethic of personal service, staff are attentive and friendly, always there to help. Plus, there is an easy WhatsApp service to help arrange details like booking your spa treatments, making dinner reservations, or even just to book a buggy to get you around the resort.





# Praslin



## PICTURESQUE PRASLIN

Praslin is the second largest of the Islands in the Seychelles. It is a 15-minute flight or a 50-minute fast boat ride away from Mahé. Flights are the more comfortable option, but add to your holiday's cost. To keep costs down, however, you could consider a flight and ferry combination, and experience both modes of transport, which offer different viewing perspectives.

Praslin is quieter and less developed than Mahé. The island is home to just over 8000 permanent residents and offers holiday makers the perfect welcome with rolling hills, lush forests, stunning beaches and crystal-clear Indian Ocean waters.

One of the island's main attractions is Vallée de Mai National Park. Located inland, the UNESCO World Heritage site looks into the past and shows what the islands may have looked like when they were first discovered in 1744. Explore lush forests, look out for the endemic bird life, and marvel at one of the world's most unique and rare plants, the Coco de Mer Palm.

Away from the lush forests of the interior, Praslin is also famed for its beaches, some of the world's finest. The best beaches are found in the northeast, with Anse Lazio and Anse Georgette worth visiting. These sandy beaches are protected by a coral reef and are perfect for swimming and snorkelling. Anse Lazio has a little restaurant at the end of the beach, so it is our firm favourite. If you visit Anse Georgette, from another hotel, it is worth checking in with Constance Lemuria before your visit to ensure there is adequate space for you,

Praslin is also a great base for visiting other islands, such as La Digue, Cousin or Curieuse. Curieuse is a Marine National Park to protect the turtles and abundant sea life, plus a prominent nesting ground for the Aldabra Giant Tortoises.





## INDIAN OCEAN LODGE

Recently renovated, Indian Ocean Lodge is a charming boutique hotel - an established property with a fresh new look, offering warm and inviting interiors, just five minutes from the airport. With a genuine passion for hospitality, the lodge provides a personal and culturally authentic experience. Nestled along one of Praslin's longest beaches, guests enjoy direct access to soft white sands and clear turquoise waters, perfect for peaceful walks along the shore.

The lodge features 32 air-conditioned rooms in eight blocks of four, each with a private balcony or terrace overlooking the lush tropical gardens towards the Indian Ocean. Every wing has an infinity pool, providing a refreshing spot to relax. Accommodating two adults and two children under twelve, with Interconnecting options available, Indian Ocean Lodge is ideal for families, while couples can enjoy quiet corners and secluded ocean views to enjoy together.

The main restaurant and bar are a true highlight, perfect for a leisurely lunch, dinner, or a refreshing cocktail while watching the sunset. The restaurant serves Island-inspired cuisine, celebrating local flavours, complemented by theme nights and curated set menus. With its relaxed charm, prime beachfront location, and friendly service, Indian Ocean Lodge is the perfect base to experience the best of Praslin.

**THE DETAIL** | Praslin Island, 15 mins flight from Mahé to Praslin and 5 minutes from Praslin Airport, 32 rooms, half board, 1 restaurant/1 bar.

### INSIDER TIP

For an unforgettable evening, plan your stay to include a Friday night. Guests are treated to a Creole themed buffet, where the air comes alive with the sounds from Island Vibrations - Praslin's renowned six-piece band. With lively entertainment and authentic cuisine, it's the perfect way to enjoy the spirit of the Seychelles.



## HOTEL L'ARCHIPEL

If you're dreaming of a secluded escape in a truly breathtaking setting, then Hotel L'Archipel could be exactly what you're looking for. This romantic boutique hotel is tucked away in a glorious corner of north-east Praslin, on the shimmering beach of Anse Gouvernement.

The informal yet intimate atmosphere makes it a popular choice for couples and honeymooners, although families are welcomed too.

Rooms and suites are spacious and restful, nestling in exotically scented tropical gardens, overlooking the resort's private beach. Interiors are airy and refreshing, and each room has a sea-facing verandah. The range of accommodation includes Family Suites, Senior Suites, Deluxe Rooms and Superior Rooms.

A sparkling infinity pool lies on the rooftop of the main building offering breathtaking views of the beach below. Two renowned restaurants await, each offering international flavours and local Creole traditions. For an intimate dining experience, retreat to La Feuille d'Or on the first floor, or embrace the open-air charm of La Gigolette, where the soft sea breeze and stunning ocean views create an unforgettable setting.

**THE DETAIL** | Praslin Island, 15 mins flight from Mahé to Praslin and 25 minutes from Praslin Airport, 32 rooms/suites, bed & breakfast (compulsory half-board for select dates), 2 restaurants/1 bar.

### INSIDER TIP

A family run property who go above and beyond to deliver a great service at an affordable price. The resort is extremely popular, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Just a 10-minute drive from Côte d'Or Bay, where you can hop on a bus and enjoy an evening meal at one of the local restaurants.





## COCO DE MER HOTEL & BLACK PARROT

Feel at one with nature in this secluded four-star hideaway, lying in over 200 acres of lush tropical landscape on the south-west coast of Praslin. Accommodation is spacious, modern and comfortable. Superior rooms are ocean fronted, while Standard rooms lie in the lovely hotel garden, and the Black Parrot Suites are reserved for adults only.

Perched on an imposing granite outcrop, the serene Black Parrot Junior Suites offer magnificent views of the Indian Ocean and beyond. They also have a private lounge, bar and swimming pool – all exclusively for adults – where you can relax and unwind. Suspended under the pool terrace, the ocean-facing Spa provides a soothing, restful sanctuary offering holistic healing using locally sourced essential oils.

There are two further pools at the resort, providing tranquil alternatives to the beach. The natural salt water infinity pool cascades back into the ocean and has a lovely, shaded pavilion where you can sip a cocktail and watch one of the incredible Seychelles sunsets. Afterwards, stroll to the delightful Hibiscus Restaurant or the Mango Terrace Bar and Grill for a host of culinary treats.

**THE DETAIL** | Praslin Island, 15 mins flight from Mahé to Praslin and 15 minutes from Praslin Airport, 52 rooms/suites, bed & breakfast, 2 restaurants.

### INSIDER TIP

The hotel offers a selection of extras during your stay, including a guided nature walk, complimentary shuttle transportation to and from the serene Anse Lazio Beach – which operates several times a week, along with afternoon tea and coffee daily from 16:00 to 17:00.



## RAFFLES SEYCHELLES

Part of the Raffles group, renowned for service and luxury, this fabulous resort lies on a 500-metre stretch of white sand. It's close to the beautiful beach of Anse Lazio and the forests of Vallée de Mai – home to exotic Coco de Mer.

Recently having a facelift in 2022, the accommodation is stylishly set into the hillside. Each villa has a contemporary feel, with a private plunge pool and outside pavilion. Opt for a private Hillside Pool Villa hidden within the lush landscape, or an Oceanview Pool Villa with stunning views of the Indian Ocean.

Guests can dine privately in their villas or at the resort's excellent range of restaurants and bars. Don't miss the signature cocktail, 'Praslin Sling', the sushi and sashimi at the Sushi Room, or enjoy the eclectic mix of Indian, Chinese and South East Asia cuisine from Curieuse Restaurant.

For families, the Sugar Palm Kids Club team is on hand to create a personalised programme for children and teens to ensure the whole family gets the most out of their stay here. In addition, there's an impressive double-decker infinity pool and a luxurious spa with panoramic ocean views.

**THE DETAIL** | Praslin Island, 15 mins flight from Mahé to Praslin and 25 minutes from Praslin Airport, 86 villas, bed & breakfast, 4 restaurants/2 bars.

### INSIDER TIP

Raffles is home to some Aldabra tortoises, enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and feed them their breakfast. Later in the day, visit the renowned Anse Lazio, just 5 minutes away, famed for its white sand beaches and turquoise waters, where the hotel can arrange a private sundowner.





## CONSTANCE LEMURIA

A haven of elegant luxury, this stunning five-star hotel is home to the only 18-hole championship golf course in the Seychelles. With three paradise beaches to relax on and your every need taken care of, you'll want to stay forever.

The refreshing accommodation makes the most of the resort's exquisite location, with 88 Junior Suites and eight Senior Suites positioned just 15 metres from the shore. Eight two-bedroom villas at the southern tip of Anse Kerlan offer the ultimate beachside retreat.

The golf is as outstanding as you'd expect, and there are many other activities too, including complimentary snorkelling, tennis and mountain bikes. Your little ones will love the fun activities at Constance Kids Club, and visit the turtle sanctuary with all its fascinating wildlife.

After all that enjoyment, you deserve to be pampered, and the spa haven at Constance Lemuria offers a wonderful range of facials and body treatments to relax and rejuvenate. Afterwards, sip a cocktail in the bar and watch the sun go down before you dine in one of four fabulous restaurants.

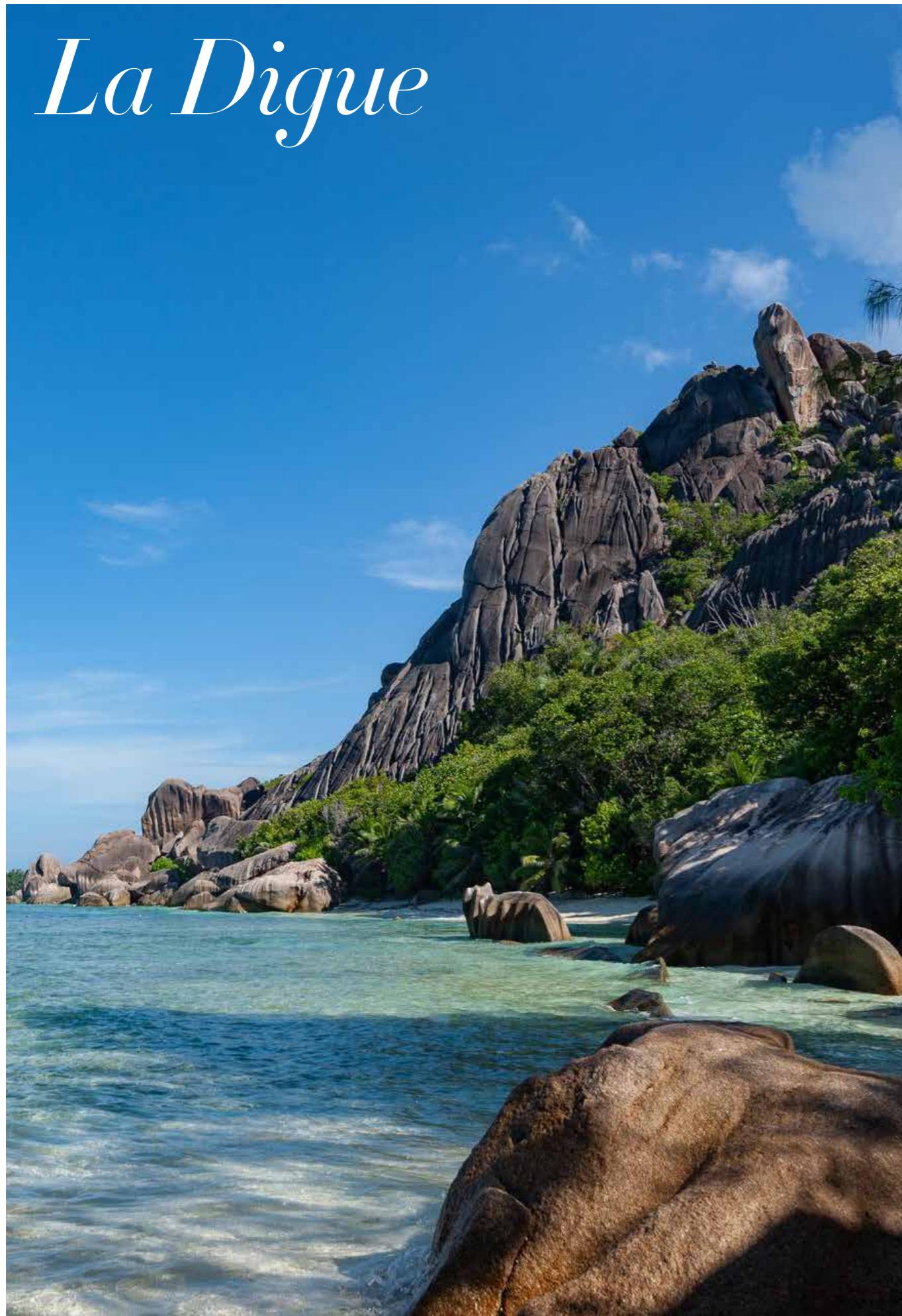
**THE DETAIL |** Praslin Island, 15 mins flight from Mahé to Praslin and 5 mins from Praslin Airport, 96 suites/9 villas, bed & breakfast, 4 restaurants/5 bars.

### INSIDER TIP

The resort offers complimentary transportation to and from serene Anse Georgette beach – one of the most beautiful beaches on Praslin. To fully appreciate the amazing views, we recommend you walk either there or back, which takes around 15 minutes.



# La Digue



## LANGUID LA DIGUE

La Digue is the third largest inhabited island in the Seychelles, at just 10 square kilometres. It may be small in stature, but it is big on beauty. There's no airport on the island, so arriving is a journey made by boat, either a pleasurable 15-minute ride from Praslin, or the 75-minute fast Cat Coco service from Mahé.

You'll feel like you've stepped back in time on this lovely, laid-back island - Once on the island, settle back and enjoy all the charms of the Seychelles wrapped up in one small La Digue package.

There are no towns or cities on the island, just a couple of villages. There are very few vehicles (most of which are buggies to transport guests to and from their hotels). The locals get around on foot or by bike, using the many paths that criss-cross the island. Therefore, the only way to explore the colonial architecture, verdant jungles, and lush vanilla plantations is to do it like a local, and take a leisurely walk, or hire a bike for the day, as everything is within easy reach.

We recommend visiting L'Union Estate Farm to see the old plantation house. Or visit the most famous La Digue beach, the spectacular Anse Source d'Argent - reputed to be the most beautiful beach in the world! - with its ancient granitic boulders, shallow waters and sandy beach. A top tip is to continue walking round the beach where you will leave the tourists behind.

A coral reef surrounds most of La Digue, so swimming and snorkelling from most beaches is fantastic. However, tides on the east coast can be strong, so take note of any warning signs.

There are a few restaurants dotted around the island, so make a day of it or return to the village of La Passe for dinner in one of the B&B's dotted along the walk.





## LE NAUTIQUE, LUXURY WATERFRONT HOTEL

The rich history and colourful culture of La Digue and the Seychelles are echoed in this family-run, boutique hotel, located in the peaceful village of La Passe. And whichever room you stay in, you'll be just steps away from the sparkling sandy beach and glistening Indian Ocean.

Accommodation is contemporary and sometimes quirky, with many distinctive features of Creole architecture, such as high ceilings, breezy verandahs, and floor-to-ceiling doors. Inside, you'll enjoy every modern comfort, including handmade king-size beds, luxury linens and walk-in rain showers.

Dining is inspired by the family's travels around Europe, Australia, the Americas and South-east Asia. You'll find a host of lovingly crafted personal favourites on offer at the waterside restaurant or around the pool, along with hand picked wines, beers, spirits and speciality 'twisted' cocktails – perfect for watching the golden sunset over the azure Indian ocean.

Excursions include fishing and diving trips, and you can also hire a bicycle, tricycle or even a tandem to explore the many delights of La Digue.

**THE DETAIL** | La Digue Island, flights to Praslin and ferry options available, 5 minutes from La Digue jetty, 9 rooms, bed & breakfast, 1 restaurant/bar

### INSIDER TIP

Family run, with only 9 rooms, this small boutique property is extremely popular, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Ideally located in the centre of La Passe, you will want to rent a bike to explore this beautiful island, or simply relax and enjoy the swimming pool, restaurant and shack bar.



## LE DOMAIN DE L'ORANGERIA

Lying on the picturesque island of La Digue, this exquisite boutique resort offers peace and serenity for couples and families. Its 63 beautiful villas are just steps away from Anse Severe beach and a mere stone's throw from Anse Source d'Argent – said to be the most beautiful beach in the world.

Interiors are sleek and serene, with zen-style features adding dashes of energy to the restful, earthy tones. The 20 Garden Villas and eight Garden Suite Residences are set amidst exotic gardens, while the 31 Villas de Charme and three Villas de Charme Élégance are scattered on the hillside, providing stunning ocean views.

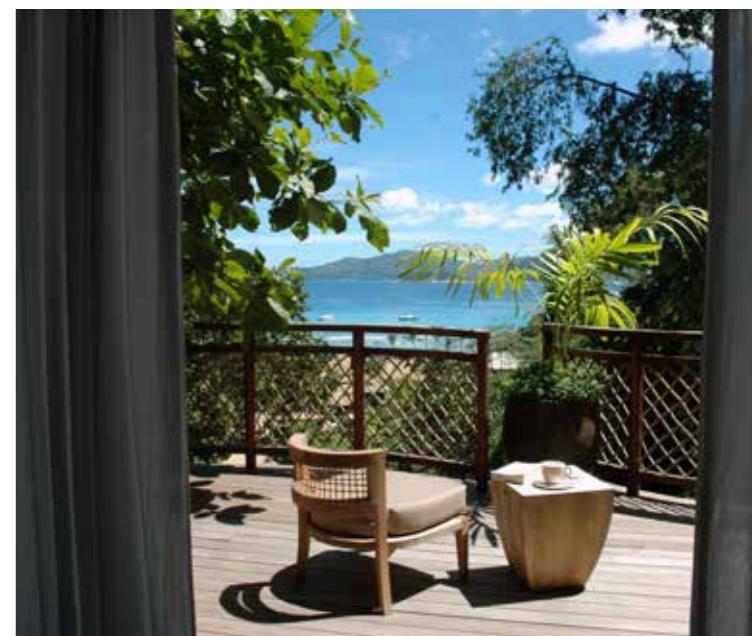
All-round enjoyment is the byword of this resort, and that includes wining, dining and relaxation. Two restaurants and two bars offer a tempting array of cuisine, including special Mediterranean signature menus with Creole and Asian accents. Fancy some pampering? The heavenly Eden Rock Wellness Centre offers magnificent views over the lagoon and its own range of wellness products.



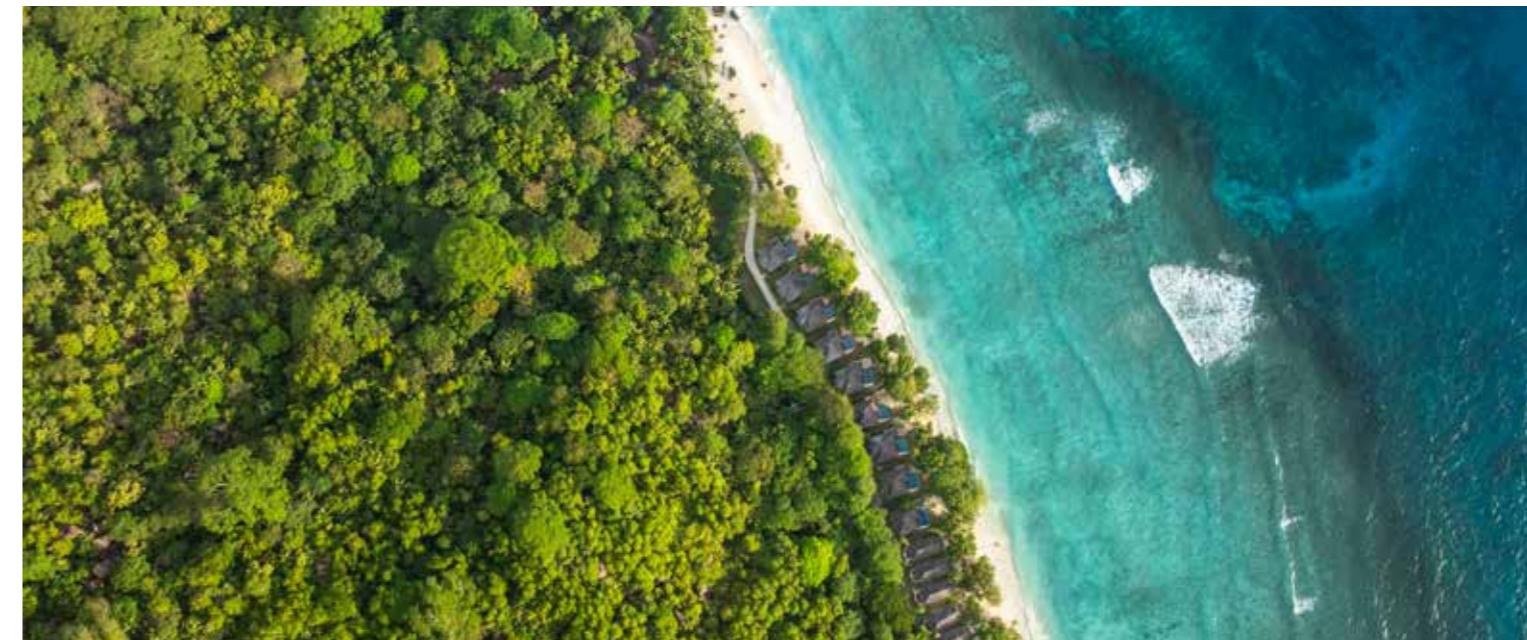
**THE DETAIL** | La Digue Island, flights to Praslin and ferry options available, 5 minutes from La Digue jetty, 63 villas, bed & breakfast (compulsory half-board for select dates), 2 restaurants/2 bars.

### INSIDER TIP

After a leisurely day on the beach or dipping in and out of the infinity pool, you'll find you are in no better place than to sit and enjoy a sundowner cocktail and watch the sunset. Continue your evening with dinner, and if you can, request a table close to the edge of the ocean and enjoy listening to the waves.



# Other Islands



## NIVA LABRIZ SEYCHELLES

This idyllic resort is the only one on tranquil Silhouette Island. It lies within a protected National Park that's one of the richest biodiversity hotspots in the western Indian Ocean and it's a nature lover's dream. You'll stay in one of the resort's spacious villas, featuring either a serene garden, beachfront location or stunning jungle views. Upgrade to a Pool Villa for the ultimate in privacy with your own pool. Whatever size or type of villa you choose, you can look forward to a truly blissful stay, with luxurious extras such as outdoor showers, private patios and generous bathtubs for a gorgeous, scented soak.

At Niva Labriz Seychelles, you can make your holiday as chilled or as lively as you wish. Go snorkelling in the crystal waters or just relax and enjoy some pampering in the resort's jungle spa. There's a fun Kid's Club for children aged between 4 and 12, and the whole family will be spoilt for choice when dining, with no less than seven fabulous restaurants.

If you are on a late flight home, you can take the ferry from Silhouette to Mahé and spend the afternoon at the resort's Gastro Lounge, where you can have dinner, take a shower, or visit Beau Vallon beach, before heading off to the airport.

**THE DETAIL** | Silhouette Island, 20 minutes transfer by private car to jetty and 40 mins by boat, 111 Villas, bed & breakfast, 7 restaurants/bars.

### INSIDER TIP

Something you cannot miss is one of the island hikes. Visit the activity centre and ask for Prajeesh and he will put a personal itinerary together to suit your capabilities and wishes, depending on whether you want to visit the hidden beaches, see giant tortoises or stumble upon the iconic Coco De Mer trees.





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## DENIS PRIVATE ISLAND SEYCHELLES

No phones, no keys, no shoes — no worries! You'll feel like you're marooned in paradise on this castaway coral island, swathed in lush tropical vegetation and fringed by pristine beaches and sparkling waters. Denis Island is a magical place where you can embrace the enchanting nature around you, swim in crystal clear waters, snorkel in a marine turtle sanctuary, and spot some of the rarest birds. Endangered hawksbill turtles nest on the beaches from October to February and green turtles between May and September.

Nestled just steps from the ocean, your cottage features a private verandah, overlooking the tropical gardens that lead directly to the ocean. With only 23 cottages and villas on the island, you'll enjoy an exclusive and uncrowded stay. Each cottage is thoughtfully designed to connect you with nature, with mosquito nets draped over the bed and open-air bathrooms with outdoor showers set within a peaceful courtyard garden.

Dining on Denis embraces a farm-to-table concept, with the island's own farm supplying the majority of the fresh produce served. Guests are welcome to visit the farm and witness firsthand where their food journey begins before it is transformed into culinary delights, from themed evenings, including Japanese buffet, to BBQ under the stars.

**THE DETAIL** | Denis Island, 30 minutes flight from Mahé, 22 cottages and 1 villa, full-board, 1 restaurant.

### INSIDER TIP

Try to book your stay over a Friday night, where guests are collected from their cottages and taken to a secret location. The beach has atmospheric bonfires for a night of dining under the stars and a lavish buffet of fresh-island ingredients inspired by the traditional Creole cuisine.



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## WALDORF ASTORIA PLATTE ISLAND

Tucked 130km south of Mahé, Waldorf Astoria Seychelles Platte Island embodies remote luxury, a modern sanctuary framed by a turquoise lagoon and pristine reef. Arrival is part of the experience: guests fly via ADC aircraft, the same fleet serving Alphonse and Desroches, on a smooth 20-minute journey with a private-jet feel and flexible scheduling.

Small enough to explore on foot, Platte is a haven of natural beauty and biodiversity, home to resident and migratory birds, Aldabra giant tortoises, and nesting hawksbill and green turtles. Its seagrass meadows nurture rays, sharks, and juvenile fish.

The resort's 57 villas combine understated elegance with sustainability, each offering a private pool, direct beach access, bicycles, and a dedicated butler. Dining spans three venues: La Perle, an all-day cosmopolitan restaurant; Maison des Épices, a Creole-inspired evening spot; and Moulin, a soil-to-soul concept showcasing island ingredients.

Wellness and recreation include tailored programs at the Coco de Mer-inspired spa, world-class diving, guided snorkelling, yoga, and tennis and padel courts.

**THE DETAIL** | Platte Island, 20 minutes transfer by private car to jetty and 40 mins by boat, 111 Villas, bed & breakfast, 7 restaurants/bars.

### INSIDER TIP

When the tide rises, the lagoon bursts into life. Snorkelling behind the spa reveals a kaleidoscope of marine beauty, rays gliding gracefully and curious turtles swimming close beside you, moments that make Platte feel utterly personal and untouched.



## ALPHONSE ISLAND SEYCHELLES

The Alphonse Atoll is located 400km south-west of Mahé. So if you are looking for seclusion and a paradise setting of miles of pristine shoreline, lagoons and sea flats, you've found your perfect paradise.

The Atoll is home to three islands, Alphonse, St Francois and Bijoutier. The Alphonse island is your base and is one of the most remote inhabited islands in the Seychelles, home to just 22 beach bungalows, 5 beach villas and 2 luxury beach retreats.

With its remote location, Alphonse is a treasure trove for those wanting to explore the Indian Ocean. To name just a few of the water activities; includes World-class fly fishing and deep-sea fishing, superb diving and snorkelling around Alphonse and St. Francois islands, plus kayaking, paddle boarding, and sunset cruises are also available.

On land, explore the secluded beaches of Alphonse, St Francois and Bijoutier, look out for nesting turtles (mainly from September to March), join a guided nature walk, or cycling tour or enjoy a relaxing massage followed by a cool cocktail on the beach while watching the picturesque sunset.

**THE DETAIL** | Alphonse Island, 1 hour flight from Mahé, 22 beach bungalows, 5 beach villas & 2 retreats, full board (all inclusive from 06th December 2023), 1 restaurant/3 bars.

### INSIDER TIP

If you know this island, then you know the island is famed for fishing, but this island gem has so much more to offer. Join the complimentary cycle tour and explore the forest trails, go for a run through the coconut groves, explore the secluded beaches or go for a delicious buffet lunch on the amazing sand flats.





## SIX SENSES ZIL PASYON

Félicité is one of the most dramatically beautiful gems of the Seychelles, and the private-island home of Six Senses Zil Pasyon. Accessible by helicopter, or a 20-minute speedboat journey from Praslin, this is where you can escape from the everyday and feel at one with nature, whilst being cocooned in luxury.

The spacious Hideaway Pool Villas, Panorama Pool Villas and Ocean Front Pool Villas come complete with private infinity pools, while the Two-bedroom Pool Villas are just a stone's throw from the beach and main public area.

Dining is sensational, with no fewer than four distinctive restaurants serving dishes for all tastes, or enjoy the comfort of dining on the terrace of your home away from home, for either breakfast, lunch or dinner. There's an exceptional spa nestled between granite boulders, and so much to see and do! Take a walking trail and explore the nature on Félicité, play tennis, or take the boat to Praslin and enjoy a round of golf, or visit the UNESCO World Heritage site Vallée de Mai. That's if you can tear your youngsters away from the fun Kids Club for 4- to 11-year-olds!

**THE DETAIL** | Félicité Island, 20 minutes transfer by helicopter from Mahé or 20 mins by boat from Praslin, 30 Pool Villas and 3 Residences, bed & breakfast, 6 restaurants/bars.

### INSIDER TIP

Did you know that Félicité is also home to some rare Coco De Mer palms, mainly found on the island of Praslin? Ask your GEM (Guest Experience Maker) to help you find these beautiful palm trees, or they can help make a reservation for cooking classes to discover recipes inspired by Seychellois spices.



## FOUR SEASONS RESORT DESROCHES

Four Seasons Desroches is located among a remote coral atoll called the Amirante Islands. A short 35-minute flight southwest from Mahé, Desroches Island is edged by 14 kilometres of white sand beaches and home to this luxury retreat. The resort consists of just 71 villas and suites with their own plunge pools and luxury furnishing throughout.

As would be expected of a Four Seasons resort, the cuisine is superb. Enjoy Mediterranean at Claudine restaurant, Japanese Izakaya at the Deli, or fresh-caught seafood and grills at the lighthouse. Then, drop by the Castaway Bar with its delightful beach setting for the perfect sundowner.

Learn to surf, snorkel, paddle board or kayak around the island. Adventure out to sea and go diving, snorkelling or on one of the different fishing trips available, from fly fishing to deep sea fishing. Get active in the fitness centre, play a set or two of tennis. Each villa has its own bicycles, so hop on and explore the 15 km of biking trails, find the Tortoise sanctuary, or find one of the special beaches, which have the Four Seasons attention to detail, with fresh towels and cold water waiting in a cool box for you.

**THE DETAIL** | Desroches Island, 35 minutes flight from Mahé, 71 villa, bed & breakfast, 3 restaurants/3 bars.

### INSIDER TIP

Upgrade to the Castaway All Inclusive Package. All meals, either a la carte or themed buffets are included. So too are a selection of non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages, with house wines, local beers and premium house spirits and cocktails. Your mini-bar is replenished daily with house beer, wine and soft drinks.





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