



The Seychelles, 115 outstandingly beautiful granite and coral islands fringed by sparkling white sandy beaches and encircled by coral reefs teeming with fish, lies in the Indian Ocean a few degrees south of the Equator. The archipelago comprises the main islands of Mahé, Praslin and La Digue; the inner, granitic resort islands, including Sainte Anne, North, Frégate, Denis, Bird and Anonyme; and the outer coral islands, of which Desroches is one of the most popular.

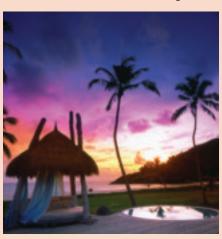
Uninhabited until the arrival of French planters in the late 18th century, they remain sanctuaries for unique flora and fauna – the coco de mer palm, the insect-eating pitcher plant, giant tortoises and flying foxes – and are a haven for holidaymakers too.

The islands' resorts and hotels offer high standards of accommodation, facilities and services, yet have been considerately developed to ensure protection of the indigenous animals and birds, the colourful marine life, and the exceptional natural beauty of the forests, beaches and mountains.

The Seychellois, predominantly of Créole and European origin, display an easygoing friendliness. English and French are the official languages, but the vast majority speak Créole, a local patois based on French. Seychellois food is even more eclectic, based on a blend of French, Indian and Chinese influences.

Because the Seychelles remained uninhabited for so long, a unique assembly of plants and animals developed on these tiny fragments of land. As a result, the islands are of immense botanical and zoological

interest and conservation is a high priority, with all development carefully regulated and controlled. Seychelles is also home to two **UNESCO** World Heritage sites: Aldabra, the world's largest raised coral atoll and Praslin's Vallée de Mai, once believed to be the original site of the Garden of Eden.





For visitors who can rear themselves away from the beaches and water sports, the Seychelles offers a wide variety of other things to see and do. There are great walks on Mahé Island, where the interior has mountains rising to nearly 1,000 metres, their slopes rich with tropical foliage; you can try your luck at the casino at Beau Vallon; there is excellent shopping for handicrafts, curios and original art in dozens of little shops and galleries; or you can sample the tasty local cuisine in a typical Seychellois restaurant.

Add to all this, the warm, genuine hospitality of the people and it is easy to see why the Seychelles attract discerning visitors from around the world.

### Island-hopping tours and cruises

Explore Seychelles on one of our fantastic island hopping tours that cover a combination of inner and outer islands, or on one of our catamaran cruises that visit many of the inner islands.

### Sightseeing

Seychelles is renowned for the careful conservation of the environment and the beauty of its national parks.

### Accommodation

The islands' wide range of resorts offers everything from sophisticated luxury and romantic getaways, to good family accommodation with lots of activities. Sainte Anne and Frégate Islands each have just one resort.



### Family activities

Some resorts offer activities catering to children aged four years and above. Children and adults, will be fascinated by the giant tortoises that have lived for hundreds of years on these paradise islands. Attractive walking trails are found on most islands and the magnificent beaches make idyllic picnic spots.

### Shopping

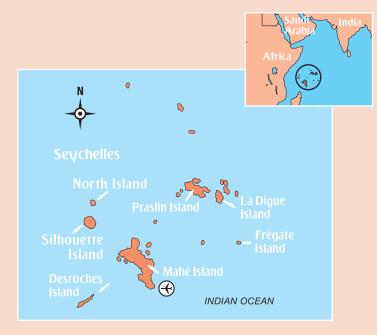
Local crafts, curios and beach wear are available in the gift shops of most resorts.

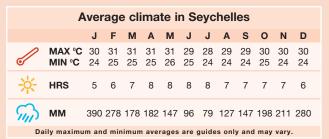
### Sports and leisure

Water sports – snorkelling, scuba diving, sailing, deep sea fishing and boat cruising; golf, trekking and bird watching. Washed up seaweed can hinder swimming at certain times of the year.

### Honeymoon

The islands are perfect for a honeymoon – and are ideal for any romantic couple!







# Mahé

### The principal island

Although Mahé is the largest of the islands, it is, paradoxically, the least well-known to visitors, since many just pass through it to reach the other islands

Mahé is one of the few islands to have sealed roads and a regular bus network, making it easy to explore. There are excellent walks into the interior, where there are forests and plantations; to the north of the capital is where some of the island's most popular beaches are located; to the south the landscape and vegetation are virtually untouched by

modern times and there are many beautiful deserted beaches skirting underwater coral gardens. Just off the west coast on Thérèse Island is a colony of giant tortoises.

Victoria is one of the smallest capitals in the world. It is also a prime area for shopping where you will find superb local markets and numerous galleries. The city's star attraction is the lovely Botanical Garden with its 500 different species of exotic and native plants.



Places of interest: Victoria Clock Tower, Natural History Museum and Botanical Gardens; Beau Vallon beach – one of the most beautiful on Mahé; the National Museum dedicated to island history, folklore and music; graceful colonial mansions and old plantations; Morne Seychellois National Park; day excursions to Sainte Anne Marine Park, Cerf Island, Moyenne Island and Round Island.





# Wild south

# Full-day chauffeur-driven private car excursion from Mahé

This tour takes you to some of the most fascinating and historical places in Mahé.

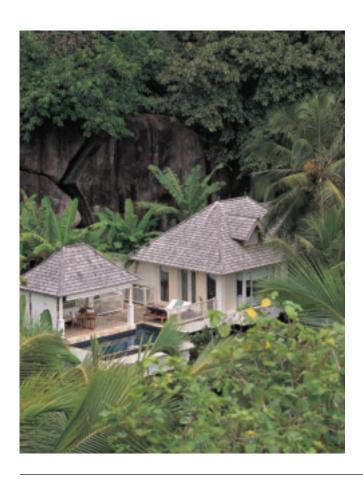
We start with a short guided tour of the tiny capital of Seychelles, **Victoria**, with its quaint streets and attractive colonial architecture. From **'Little Ben'**, a miniature version of London's Big Ben, that was installed here in 1903, we continue to **Kenwyn House**, a restored traditional French colonial house that provides an insight to the way of life on the islands a couple of hundred years ago. Visit **Bel Air Cemetery**, the first official burial ground to be opened on Mahé soon after the establishment of the French settlement in the late 18th century. The tombs, vaults and shrines contain the remains of some of the islands' most famous personalities, including the renowned corsair Jean-Francois Hodoul.

En route to **Cap Lazare Nature Reserve**, we have magnificent views of the island and coast, as well as pausing at **Pineapple Studio**, a noted

workshop producing local arts and crafts. At Cap Lazare, where you can enjoy a traditional Créole lunch, you will see a colony of giant tortoises before taking time to stroll along the splendid beach or perhaps dip into the crystal-clear waters for a refreshing swim.

Excursion not available on Saturdays.





## Banyan Tree Seychelles

Location: Mahé - South-west coast.

Nestled on the shores of the lovely Intendance Bay on Mahé's picturesque south-west coast, this resort, is a fusion of colonial and contemporary designs and overlooks one of the world's most beautiful beaches. Mahé International Airport is 15 kilometres away.



Offering complete privacy, each Banyan Tree villa features its own swimming pool as well as a pavilion with sun loungers. The resort's restaurants offer an enormous variety of enticing dishes. In Saffron, guests can explore some of the culinary arts of South-East Asia. Au Jardin d'Epices has a homely, ethnic African atmosphere and offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Banyan Tree Spa an Eden of lush greenery, is set between the spectacular backdrop of magnificent granite mountains and the azure waters of the Indian



Facilities: 60 villas, three restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shop, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre and

Hillside Pool Villas: Situated on a hill, these villas provide a beautiful view of the ocean, private plunge pool, verandah with sun loungers

and pavilion with living and dining area. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Ocean.

Sports and leisure: Snorkelling, canoeing, windsurfing, deep sea fishing, outdoor pool, fitness centre, tennis court and island-hopping excursions. Check-in: 1400 hours



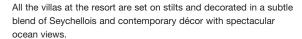


## Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa



Location: Mahé - Beau Vallon Bay.

Situated on the north-west coast of Mahé and overlooking a private sandy cove, the Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa, is a favourite for those who prefer the charms of a long-established retreat. Mahé International Airport is 15 kilometres away.



Les Cocotiers Restaurant, with spectacular views of the surrounding ocean provides the ultimate 'under the stars' dining experience. The à la carte menu features Créole cuisine and fresh seafood. The Hilltop Restaurant is casual and provides buffet-style breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Duniye Spa is a perfect place to soothe the body, stimulate the mind and enliven the senses.

Facilities: 40 villas, two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes and shop.

Ocean View Hillside Villas: These spacious villas are elevated above the ground on stilts and offer a sea view and a jacuzzi.



Balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, TV, DVD, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Sports and leisure: Snorkelling, outdoor infinity pool, fitness room, table tennis, spa and massage.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.





### Maia VVVV

Location: Mahé - West coast, Anse Louis Beach.
Situated on 12 hectares of prime beachfront property, Maia is a pure, tranquil refuge from the cares of the world. Designed as a haven of true relaxation and pampering, Maia offers many facilities and services that will help you ease into the island life. Mahé International Airport is 20 kilometres away.



Each villa is designed to offer the utmost privacy and has uninterrupted 180 degree views of the sea. The décor is in warm, earthy tones which help create an essence of comfort. The world-class Boutique Spa has been designed as a haven for pure relaxation, with transcendental meditation and pampering



Facilities: 30 villas, restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, shop, beauty salon and butler service.

Ocean View Villas: These villas are nestled on the slopes of the hill offering a direct view of the ocean, a secluded outdoor gazebo

Air-conditioning, TV, CD, DVD, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

and a private infinity pool.



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Windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing, snorkelling, outdoor pools, spa and massage.

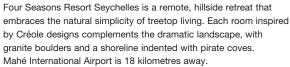
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## Four Seasons Resort Seychelles

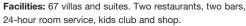


Location: Mahé - Petit Anse Bay.





With refreshing warmth and devoted attention, Four Seasons Resorts Seychelles awakens the joy of fresh discovery. The hilltop spa epitomises the sense of tranquillity found throughout the resort.

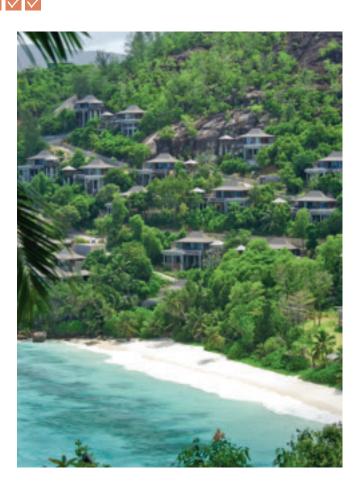


Hilltop Ocean View Villas: Créole-style villas overlook the Indian Ocean, located on the hill, in the upper section of the resort. Large infinity plunge pool, outdoor shower, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, DVD, iPod docking station, wireless connectivity, minibar, walk-in closet and in-room safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Scuba diving, water sports, outdoor pool, children's pool, fitness centre and spa.

Check-in: 1400 hours/Check-out: 1200 hours.





### Constance Ephelia Resort of Seychelles



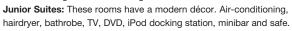
Location: Mahé - Port Luanay.







Facilities: 267 suites and villas. Five restaurants, five bars, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, kids club, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.





Sports and leisure: Padi Dive centre, snorkelling, canoeing, fishing, outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, tennis courts and squash courts.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



### Le Méridien Fisherman's Cove

Location: Mahé - Beau Vallon Bay.



Le Méridien Fisherman's Cove is located at the southern end of Beau Vallon beach amidst stylish elegance and relaxed informality. The traditional palm-thatched roofs are in keeping with the hotel's tropical gardens and natural surroundings. A spacious high-roofed lounge offers panaromic vistas of the ocean. Mahé International Airport is 15 kilometres away.

Facilities: 70 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shops, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Hibiscus Rooms: These rooms offer a sea view and are decorated in contemporary-style. Balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, minibar,

tea and coffee and safe.

Sports and leisure: Windsurfing,
water-skiing, kayaking, snorkelling,
outdoor pool, fitness room, spa, steam

bath, massage and tennis court.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



## Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Resort & Casino ✓✓✓



Location: Mahé - Beau Vallon Bay.

This hotel located in the renowned Beau Vallon Beach, has a casual atmosphere that makes a truly relaxing holiday. The spacious grounds, which include a large swimming pool, children's pool and the lovely beach, make this a perfect choice for families. In addition to the main restaurant where traditional themed buffet dinners are offered as well as Indian and Japanese cuisine, there is a Chinese Cantonese restaurant and a Pizzeria (Italian cuisine). Mahé International Airport is 15 kilometres away.



Facilities: 232 rooms, three restaurants, three bars, shop, safety deposit boxes and interconnecting rooms.

**Superior Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Diving school, kayaking, snorkelling, outdoor pool and casino.

Check-in: 1200 hours Check-out: 1000 hours.





# Praslin

### The paradise island

Just a brief 15-minute flight or a three-hour boat ride from Mahé lies the lovely island of Praslin. This island, the second largest of the Seychelles' granite islands, is surrounded by beautiful bays and secluded beaches protected by coral reefs. The beaches at Anse Lazio and Anse Georgette have frequently appeared in the top-10 list of the world's best in recent years and both offer a wide range of water sports.

The Vallée de Mai National Park, a World Heritage site situated in the heart of the island, is the indigenous home of 4,000 'Coco de Mer'

palms. Visitors can explore the beauty of the park via trails and paths that meander through the natural flora and fauna, where you may be fortunate enough to spot the rare black parrot as well as the fruit pigeon.

The island was named after Duc de Praslin, the French minister of Marine, in 1768 when the original 'Stone of Possession' was erected on the island at what is still known as Anse Possession.



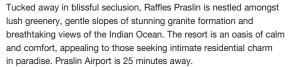
Places of interest: Vallee de Mai National Park is a major attraction for nature lovers; the famed Anse Lazio beach is a stunning retreat; excursions to nearby Curieuse and Aride Islands.



## Raffles Praslin VVVV

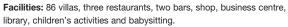


Location: Praslin - Anse Takamaka.





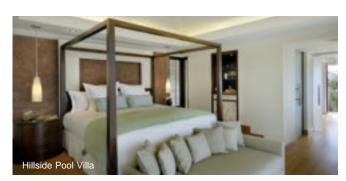
The villas of Raffles Praslin are beautifully designed in contemporary residential-style and offer personalised butler service. The dining experience in the resort is exquisite and also offers a private dinning option, at a location preferred by the guest within the resort. The Raffles Spa treatment pavilions provide spectacular sea views.



Hillside Pool Villas: These villas are located in the slope of the hill with a private plunge pool. Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, DVD, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, fitness room, spa, sauna, yoga, floodlit tennis court and water sports.

Check-in: 1400 hours/Check-out: 1200 hours.





### Constance Lémuria Resort of Praslin



Location: Praslin Island - Anse Kerlan.



Located on the north-western tip of Praslin Island, this luxurious resort is perfectly integrated into the extraordinary natural beauty offering total privacy. The hotel suites and villas are sea-facing. Guests can energise body and mind with Shiseido's Qi method in a place of exceptional beauty and comfort at the Shiseido Spa. Praslin Airport is three kilometres away.



Facilities: 105 suites and villas. Three restaurants, four bars, 24-hour room service, babysitting and private helipad on site.

Junior Suites: All the suites are sea-facing, with balcony or terrace.

Air-conditioning, TV, CD, DVD, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee





Sports and leisure: Scuba diving (PADI school), snorkelling, sailing, windsurfing, deep sea fishing, outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, massage, 18-hole golf course and two floodlit tennis courts.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



### La Reserve

Location: Praslin - Anse Petite Cour.



Facilities: 40 rooms, two restaurants, two bars, limited hours

of room service and babysitting. **Deluxe Rooms:** These rooms

offer a garden view. Balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Snorkelling, kayaking and outdoor pool.

Check-in: 1200 hours Check-out: 1000 hours.



## Le Domaine de L'Orangeraie



Location: La Digue - Anse Severe.

La Domaine de L'Orangeraie is nestled between giant granite boulders, the white sandy beaches and the pristine coral reef. The tropical setting, local architecture and the warmth of wood in a pure Zen-style combine harmoniously to celebrate the 'home-away-from-home' unique experience, for couples and families. Le Domaine de L'Orangeraie is the perfect retreat to capture the true essence of exotic lifestyle on La Digue.

Facilities: 45 villas, restaurant, a bar and safety deposit boxes.



Garden Villas: These villas offer a garden view. Balcony and separate sitting area, air-conditioning in the bedroom, ceiling fan in the lounge area and hairdryer.

**Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, spa, bicycle rental and excursions.

Check-in: 1200 hours Check-out: 1000 hours.



## Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa











Location: Silhouette Island.

A member of 'Small Luxury Hotels of the World', the resort is set amidst the lush greenery of Silhouette Island, home to unspoiled nature. Mahé International Airport is 45 minutes by speedboat or 15 minutes by helicopter.

The villas are spacious, luxuriously-appointed and offer a tropical feel with modern amenities and comforts. Dining at Labriz is a truly splendid experience - Grann Kaz is a restored plantation house converted to a café serving traditional Créole cuisine. Portobello offers modern Italian cuisine. Sakura, the grill and Teppanyaki restaurant, offers enchanting views of the stream and the pool. The grills are served with a Japanese twist. Café Dauban serves buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner in a stylish laidback atmosphere. The Aquum Spa, situated on the rocks features treatment suites set on stilts amidst massive boulders and appears to emerge from the lush green island foliage.

Facilities: 110 villas, four restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser and beauty salon.

Garden Villas: These villas have a contemporary design and are set amidst the lush beauty of the gardens. Terrace, air-conditioning,

hairdryer, TV, DVD, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Sports and leisure: Scuba diving, big game fishing, windsurfing, snorkelling, outdoor pool, fitness centre and tennis court.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



### Desroches Island Resort











The Desroches Island Resort is located on Desroches Island which is a pristine tropical haven, with acres of shady palm-fringed sandy beaches lapped by the clear turquoise waters of its vast lagoon and sheltered by the encircling coral reef. Mahé International Airport is a 30 minute flight away.



The resort's Créole-style restaurant provides a sophisticated and romantic setting. The less formal beach restaurant offers a simple setting of tables set below individual thatched roofs, where you can enjoy a "feet in the sand" lunch as well as the magnificent barbecues that are regularly organised.

Facilities: 20 suites, restaurant, bar, boutique shop and library. Beach Suites: These rooms are built along the west-facing beach. Veranda, lounge area, air-conditioning, outdoor shower, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Sports and leisure: Scuba diving, snorkelling, specialised fishing, windsurfing, kayaking and cycling tours.

Check-in: 1200 hours/Check-out: 1000 hours.







### Frégate Island Private VVVVV

Location: Frégate Island.

Frégate Island Private is where guests leave the cares of the world behind them. On this 720-acre island, with its secluded white sand beaches and thickets of cashew, bamboo, palm and citrus, you will enjoy complete privacy, tranquillity and luxury. Frégate is reached by helicopter or small plane from Mahé International Airport, a 25 minute flight away.

With no more than 40 guests at any time, the resort's 16 delightful thatched-roof villas are decorated with Balinese and Thai architecture. Inspiring and intriguing cuisine can be enjoyed at the island's two restaurants, one in Frégate House and the other in Plantation House or in the privacy of your own villa. Frégate Island also offers a range of activities from water sports to meandering through the Frégate luxuriant vegetation or simply taking a relaxing massage on your villa's deck.

**Facilities:** 16 luxurious villas, two restaurants, bar, island museum, 24-hour room service, boutique, children's activities, kids club and babysitting.

Villas: The luxurious villas are cliff-facing with a private sun deck and an infinity pool with jacuzzi. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe,

TV, CD, DVD, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Sports and leisure: The island features a marina from where a variety of water sports are offered. Scuba diving, snorkelling, outdoor pool, lap pool, fitness room, spa, massage, tennis court and mountain bikes.

Check-in: 1500 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.











### North Island



Location: North Island.

Situated north of Mahé', the island epitomizes all that is Seychelles. A sanctuary and natural habitat for Seychelles fauna and flora, the resort is also a haven for guests seeking peace and tranquillity in a refined, sophisticated ambience, Mahé International Airport is a 15-minute helicopter flight away.

North Island is an exclusive hideaway comprising just 11 deluxe thatch-roofed villas hand-crafted from carved wood, local stone and glass, each with a luxurious bedroom, huge bathroom, study, outdoor shower and a small kitchen. North Island offers the finest cuisine with an innovative no-menu concept where-by the chef personally consults with each guest and develops the daily choices accordingly.

Facilities: 11 villas, restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, shop, safety deposit boxes, laundry service and babysitting on request.

Presidential Villas: These two bedroom villas have a large wooden deck and a separate sitting area with sea view. Air-conditioning, hairdryer,



bathrobe, TV, DVD, data ports, fully-equipped kitchen and separate bath and shower. **Sports and leisure:** Diving school, kayaking, game fishing, snorkelling outdoor pool, fitness room, spa, massage and mountain bike or buggies.

Check-in: 1500 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.

