

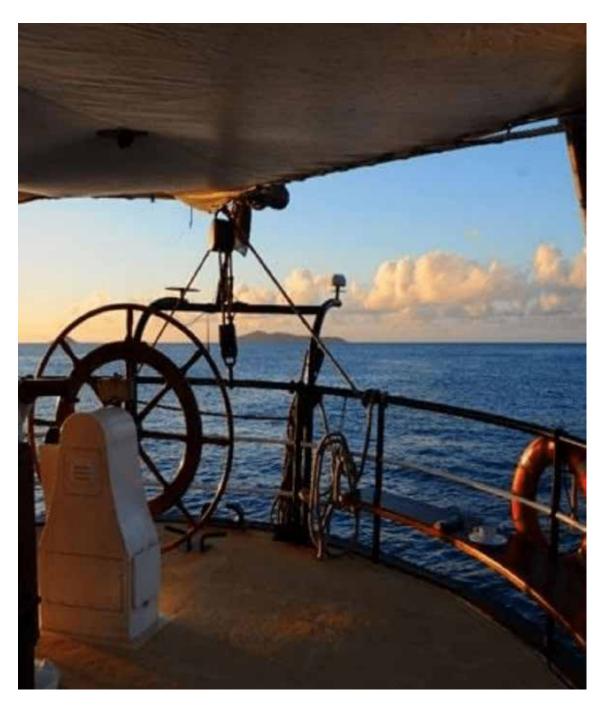
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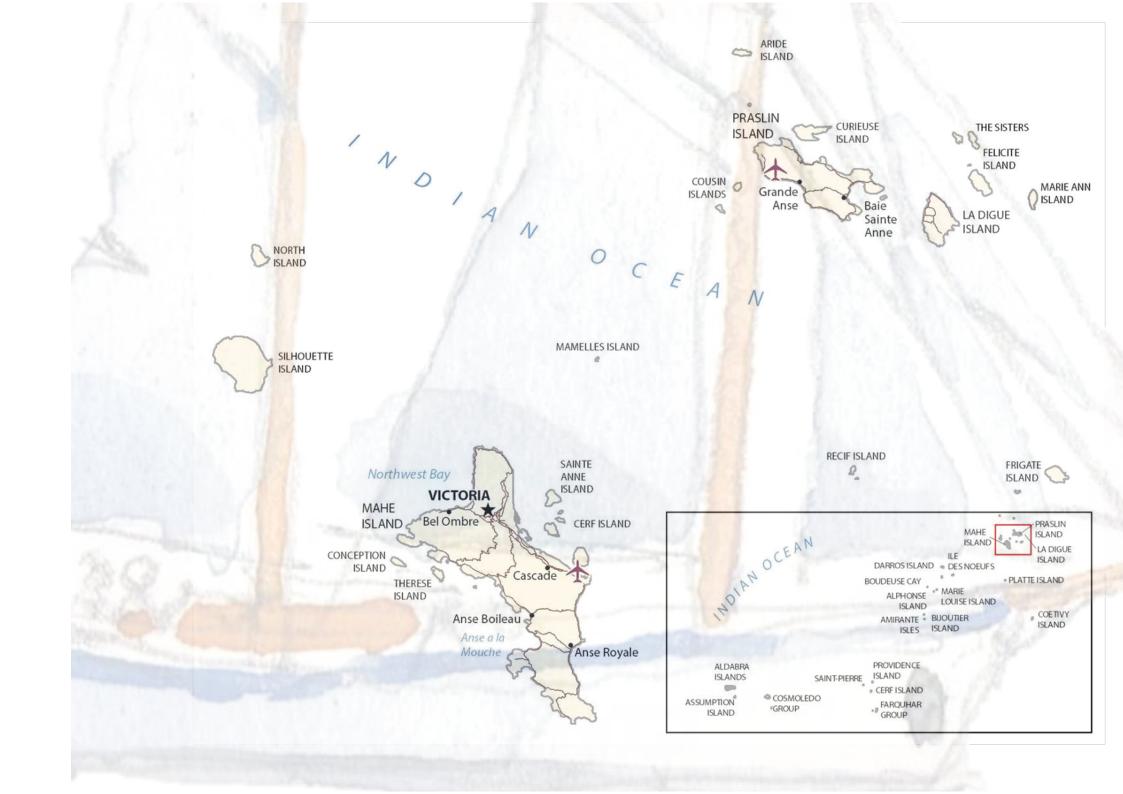
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#### About Us

Silhouette Cruises, established in 1997 in a partner-ship between Seychelles and international stakeholders, offers a distinctive way to explore Seychelles' pristine beauty and aquatic wonders. The company combines the allure of sailing with the natural and cultural charm of the tropical islands.

Silhouette Cruises provides a weekly iconic experience itinerary and personalized journeys tailored to guests' preferences, incorporating local influences. Expert guides lead each expedition to hidden gems and natural wonders across the archipelago.

The fleet comprises six custom-fitted sailing vessels and yachts, featuring well-designed rooms, social spaces, sundecks, dining areas, and panoramic views of the ocean and greenery. The aim is to deliver an exceptional floating hotel experience through nature.





### About Us

Our on-board team, including a private chef, deck-hands, and scuba diving instructors, ensures a seamless blend of expertise, comfort, and adventure. With a keen awareness of guests' needs 24/7, they embody sensitivity and professionalism, complemented by warm local hospitality.

Yachts are available for private charter for 7-10 days or more, even offering an exclusive itinerary to Aldabra, the world's second-largest coral atoll and one of the seven unsung natural wonders. The company, led by co-founder and CEO Amit Wassenberg, is dedicated to maintaining high service standards while responsibly and sustainably coexisting with the natural ecosystems visited.





# Environmental Protection & Sustainability

Silhouette Cruises derives its essence and strength from nature and its surroundings. Thus, the company's core value revolves around environmental protection, sustainable practices, education, and research.

The commitment extends to minimizing the impact on marine and land ecosystems through initiatives such as reducing carbon emissions, managing energy consumption, implementing water and waste management, and promoting the judicious use of natural resources. The goal is to safeguard these resources for future generations.

An integral part of the sailing experience involves fostering environmental awareness among both guests and employees to ensure minimal impact on marine life, flora, and fauna.

To contribute directly to island preservation and long-term sustainability, a "conservation fee" is charged to enter many of the marine parks.













Seychelles National Parks Authority



# Environmental Protection & Sustainability

Under the leadership of Amit Wasserberg, and Chairman Mr Adrian Skerrett, Silhouette Cruises proudly cooperatres in several key organizations dedicated to the protection, discussion, and action on sustainable practices among the islands:

- 1. Seychelles Islands Foundation: A government conservation body managing Seychelles' two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Aldabra and the Vallée de Mai.
- 2. Seychelles National Parks Authority: A government agency safeguarding all national parks, including marine park reserves visited on itineraries such as the Ste Anne Marine National Park, Baie Ternay Marine National Park, Curieuse, St Pierre, and Coco islands.





# Environmental Protection & Sustainability

- 3. Nature Seychelles: An NGO responsible for managing Cousin Island Special Reserve.
- 4. Island Conservation Society: An NGO, of which Mr Adrian Skerrett is Chairman, that owns and manages Aride Island, providing consultancy to the government on environmental conservation for islands like Silhouette Island and the coralline outer isles.





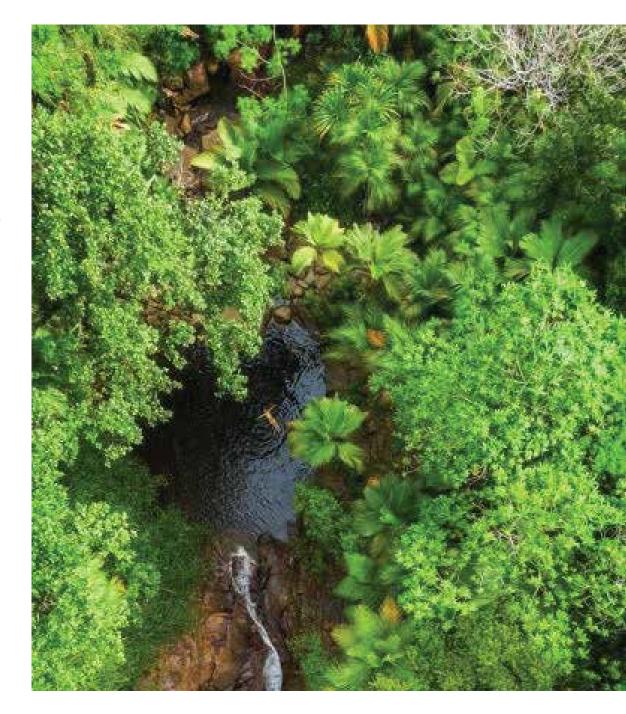
# Environmental Protection & Sustainability

Silhouette Cruises partners with the Marine Conservation Society of Seychelles, an NGO dedicated to marine research and conservation. Additionally, Executive Director Amit Wasserberg contributes as the Grand Committee Chairman, and SeyCCAT board member. Together, spearheading initiatives aimed at the preservation and protection of sea turtles, sharks, whale sharks, and marine mammals.

SeyCCAT envisions Seychelles' ocean and islands stewarded by its people, generating sustainable benefits for future generations.

Silhouette Cruises, over years, has collaborated with universities, professors, independent researchers, and entertainment industry professionals. Carefully chosen individuals join cruises for sustainable research and insights into the area.







## Seychelles

The Republic of Seychelles, an Indian Ocean archipelago with 155 islands, gained independence from the UK in 1976, evolving into a presidential republic. The Seychellois, a cosmopolitan community, reflect a vibrant mix of African, European, and Asian roots, contributing diverse customs to the islands.

The charming Creole culture, a fusion of continents, is expressed through three official languages: English, French, and Creole. Creole, a blend of 17th-century French with African and Malagasy influences, holds national language status, fostering creativity in written and spoken forms.



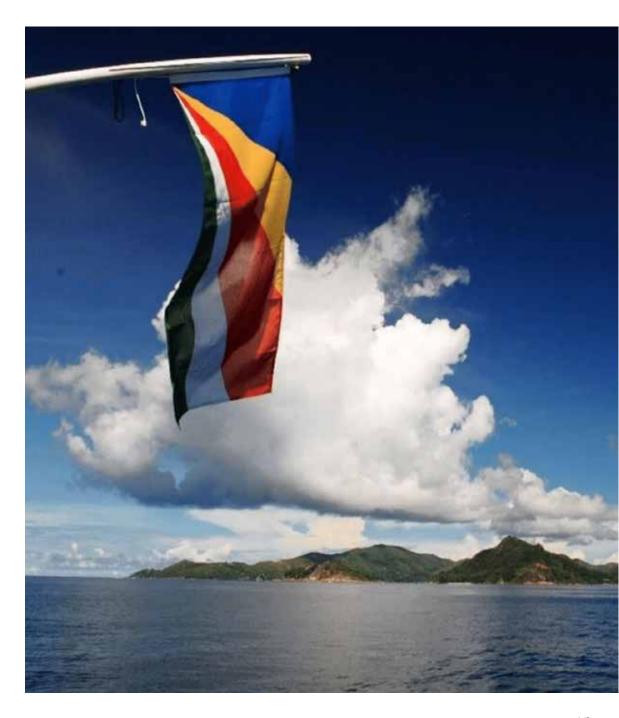


# Seychelles

With a population of 100,000, the majority resides on Mahe, around the capital Victoria, while others inhabit Praslin, La Digue, and scattered islands. Roman Catholicism prevails, alongside Anglican, Protestant, Muslim, Hindu, and Baha'i communities on Mahe, Praslin, and La Digue.

Seychelles boast a consistently tropical and warm climate throughout the entire year, characterized by average temperatures ranging between 26 and 32 degrees Celsius. Positioned near the equator, the Seychelles exhibit minimal temperature fluctuations, ensuring delightful and agreeable weather conditions year-round.





### **Our Cruises**

#### Iconic Silhouette Cruise

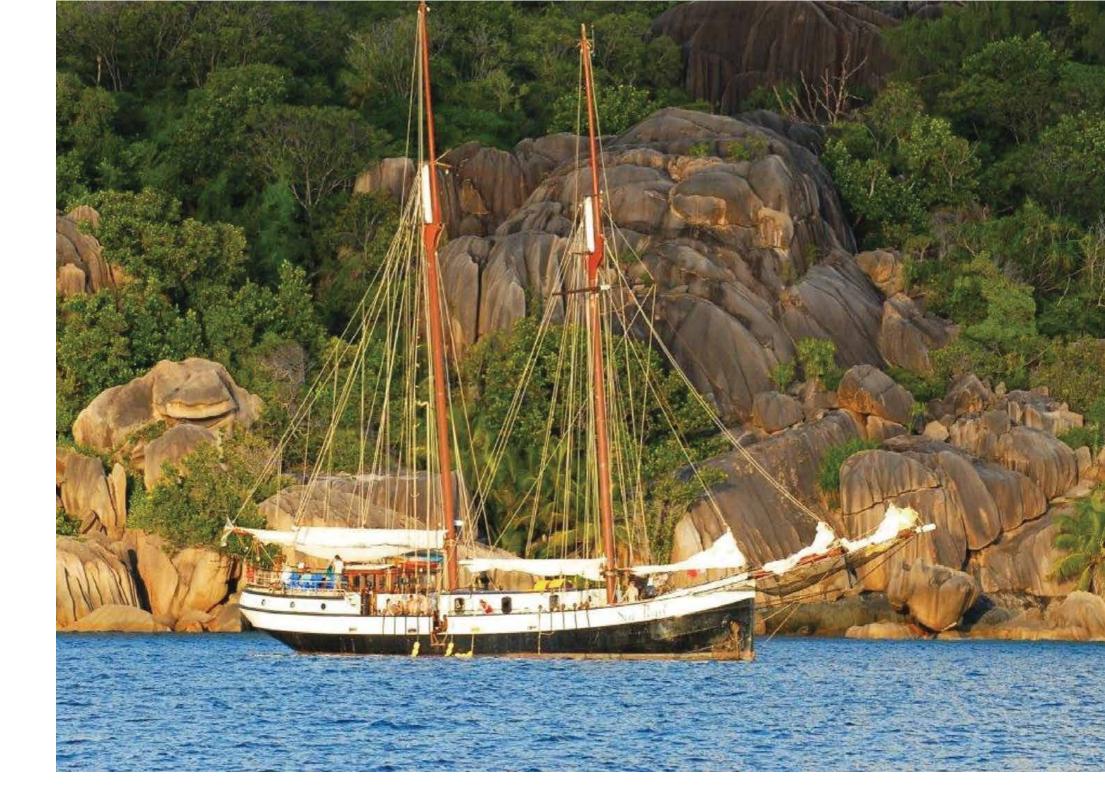
Offering an extraordinary experience in the vast Indian Ocean, surrounded by the world's finest beaches and stunning islands. Enjoy water sports, sailing, diving, relaxation, and mindfulness throughout the year.

#### Sail Away Cruises

Featuring special cruises and whole boat charters of varying lengths. Options include dive safaris, professional sea kayaking, eco safaris, dolphin and whale shark safaris, bird-watching, photography, open water swimming, yoga and wellness retreats, culinary adventures, art cruises, expeditions to Aldabra and other Seychelles outer islands, and flyfishing in remote atolls.







#### SV Sea Pearl

The SV Sea Pearl seamlessly blends the rustic charm of a traditional early 1900s schooner with modern amenities, offering comfortable accommodation. Ideal for adventure, discovery, and relaxation in the Seychelles, this vessel provides a unique, true-to-Seychelles island experience, enriched by its special history.

Guests aboard the SV Sea Pearl have the opportunity to explore the islands' most exclusive and hard-to-reach places, ranging from tiny granite islets to beautiful hidden coves.



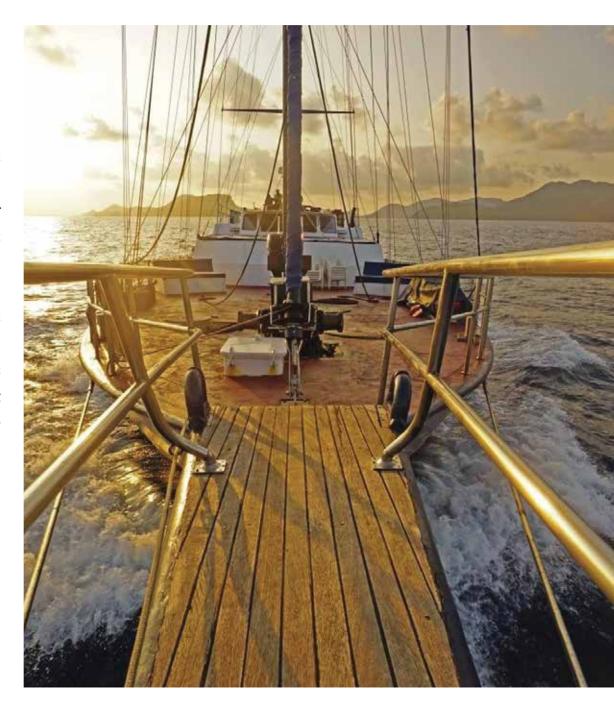


#### SY Sea Star & SY Sea Bird

The SY Sea Star and SY Sea Bird, modern custom-built yachts, offer spacious and comfortable accommodations with private-ensuite facilities, providing authentic hospitality at sea during our weekly live-aboard cruises and private charters around the inner Seychelles islands.

The 40m SY Sea Star features three masts and five Bermuda sails, while the SY Sea Bird is a two-masted 42m yacht with four Bermuda sails. Both vessels are ideal platforms for exploring the islands' most exclusive and hard-to-reach places, from tiny granite islets to beautiful hidden coves.





## Weekly Cruises

Weekly 7-night cruises aboard all 3 vessels are available all year, departing every Saturday and covering most of the inner island archipelago. This option is ideal for individuals, couples, and small families seeking a yacht experience without the full charter costs.

Charters accommodate up to 18 passengers for groups of friends, family, or executives wanting a private island discovery. Specialized programs cater to specific activities like sea kayaking, bird-watching, sport-fishing, cycling, hiking, and diving. Cruises can be tailored to almost any special interest.





## Food & Beverage Onboard

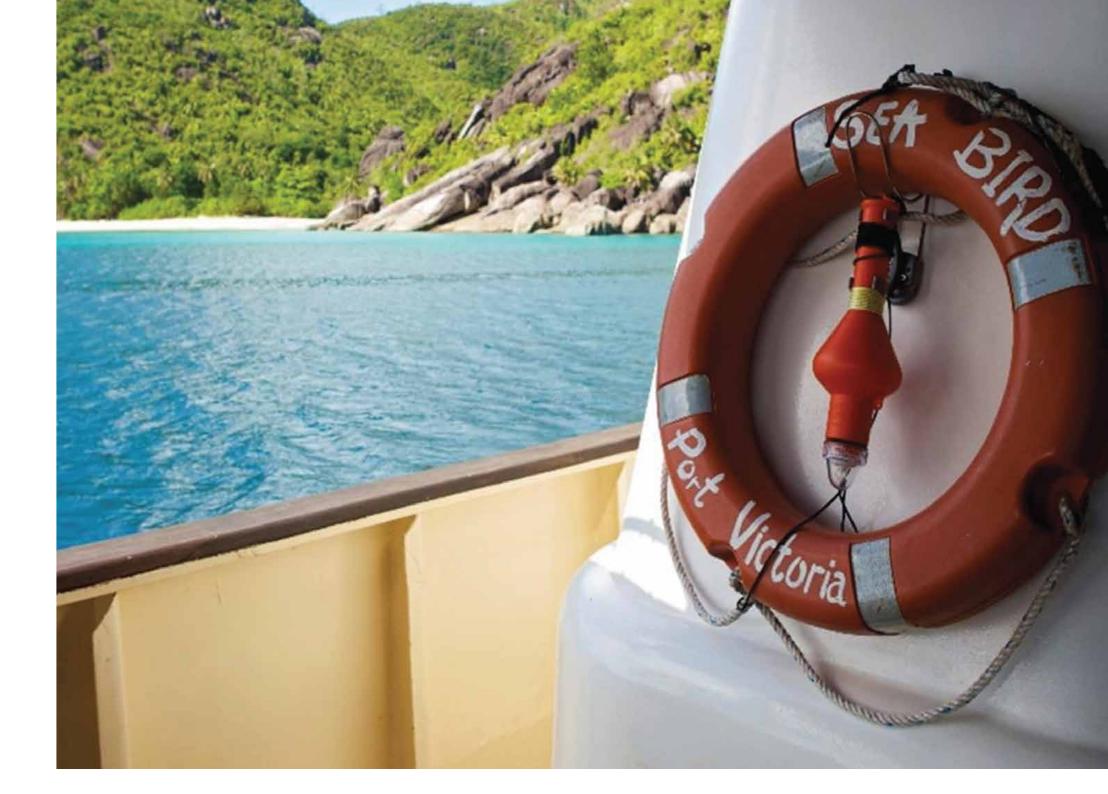
Seychellois cuisine stands as a proud testament to its rich blend of diverse cultures. Shaped by influences from Africa, India, and Europe, Creole cuisine emerges as a vibrant reflection of the nation's people.

Onboard, our chef and their skilled team curate a culinary experience that embraces both Creole and Western flavors, with an abundance of fresh fish, a nod to our ocean location.

We prioritize accommodating diverse dietary requirements, ensuring that everyone aboard can savor and delight in the cruise experience.













"To desire nothing beyond what you have is surely happiness. Aboard a boat, it is frequently possible to achieve just that. That is why sailing is a way of life, one of the finest of lives."

- Carleton Mitchell



#### Cruise Schedules

Cruises of 6 or 7 nights are offered each week throughout the year, with guaranteed departures. Reservation is open for individuals, couples, families or groups on any given week.

During the southeast monsoon - May to October

- Sea Pearl cruises for 6 nights with embarkation on Saturdays and disembarkation on Fridays from Praslin Island.
- SY Sea Star and SY Sea Bird cruises for 7 nights with embarkation on Saturdays and disembarkation on Saturdays from Mahe Island.

During northwest monsoon - November to April

- Sea Pearl cruises for 7 nights with embarkation and disembarkation on Saturdays from Mahe
- SY Sea Star and SY Sea Bird cruises for 7 nights with embarkation on Saturdays and disembarkation on Saturdays from Mahe Island.





### Cruise Activities

#### Sailing

For sailing enthusiasts, the SV Sea Pearl provides the experience of sailing on a traditionally rigged Dutch topsail schooner, while the SY Sea Star and SY Sea Bird feature a modern furling system.





### Cruise Activities

#### Snorkeling & Water Activities

All our cruises include complimentary equipment for kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), and snorkeling (masks and fins). Traditional bottom-line fishing is also available in certain areas, with our chef prepared to craft fresh Seychelles-style sashimi or grilled fish in case of a successful catch.





### Cruise Activities

#### Diving

Explore the mesmerizing underwater world of the Indian Ocean with diving and snorkeling in the Seychelles. The cruises provide access to some of the best dive sites in Seychelles' inner islands, featuring unique granite boulder formations, coral reefs, and wrecks inhabited by colorful tropical fish, turtles, sharks, rays, and more.

Each vessel is certified as a PADI dive resort, with a dedicated PADI dive instructor onboard to cater to the needs of both seasoned and novice divers.







# Island Hopping

Every day onboard unveils new opportunities to explore isolated bays, vibrant marine parks, protected nature reserves, and uninhabited islands. Witnessing the incredibly rare Seychelles Magpie Robin and other endemic birds, visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vallee de Mai, or encountering giant tortoises are just a few of the unique experiences awaiting you on the islands we visit.



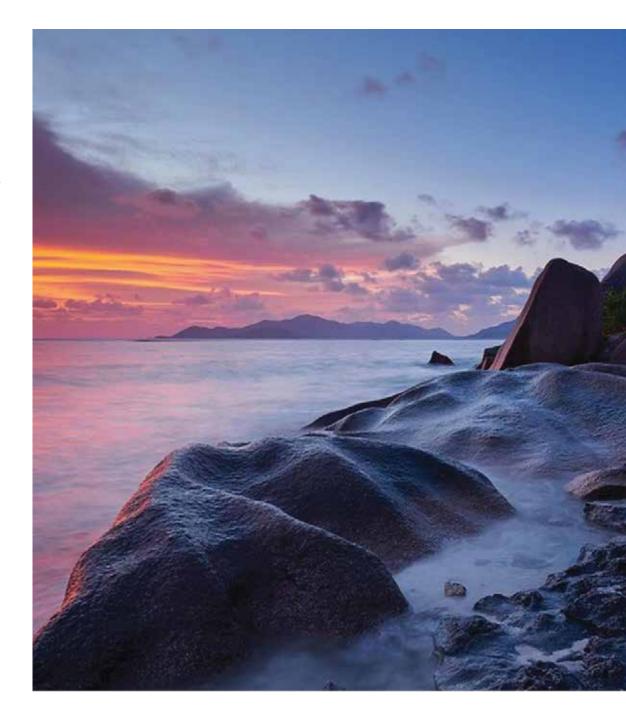




# Island Hopping - Praslin

Seychelles' second-largest granite island is renowned for the Vallée de Mai, a unique World Heritage Site. This primeval forest hosts all six of Seychelles' endemic palms, including the legendary Coco de Mer, found only here and on Curieuse. General Gordon of Khartoum considered it the true Garden of Eden. The reserve is a stronghold for the Seychelles Black Parrot, the national bird breeding exclusively on Praslin.

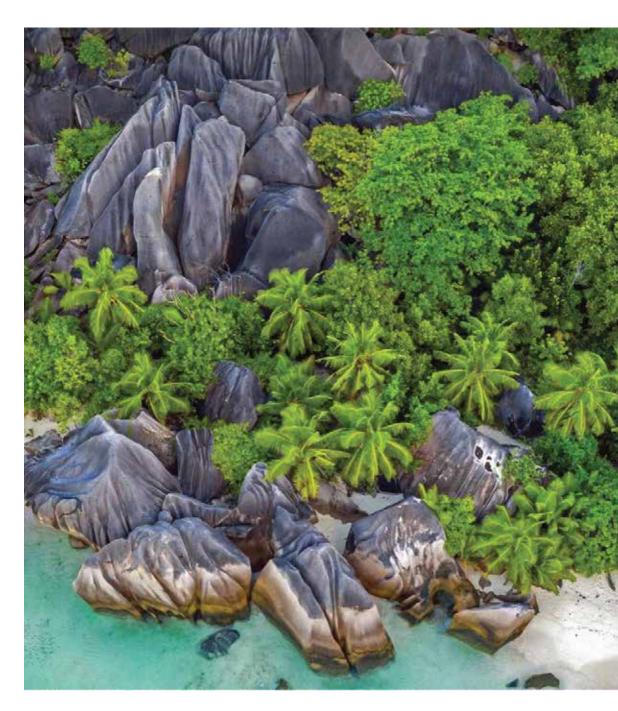




# Island Hopping - La Digue

Known as the island of the Seychelles Paradise Flycatcher and home to reputedly the world's most beautiful beaches, La Digue is framed by gigantic weathered granite boulders. Explore the island by ox-cart or bicycle to discover old colonial houses, craft shops, La Digue Rock, and the La Passe Flycatcher Reserve.





# Island Hopping -Curieuse Island

Disembark here to explore the mangrove forest on a raised boardwalk and visit the Giant Tortoise Conservation Project. The island's rangers showcase young tortoises in pens and free-range adults, known for their huge size and longevity.

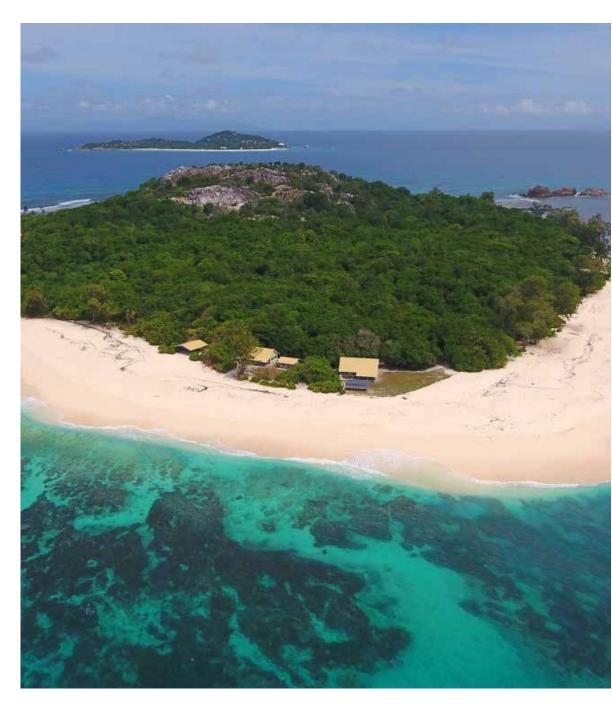




# Island Hopping - Cousin Island

Managed by Birdlife Seychelles, this nature reserve hosts massive seabird colonies and rare land birds, including the Seychelles Warbler and Seychelles Magpie-robin, among the rarest birds globally. During breeding season, Hawksbill Turtles come ashore to lay eggs. Wardens and staff guide visitors on this island that truly belongs to wildlife.





# Island Hopping - St Pierre

A jewel among Seychelles Inner Islands, St Pierre is a tiny tropical island in the Curieuse marine park, perfect for snorkeling and diving.

Discover the local residents, a family of small White Tip Reef Sharks who call a cave off St Pierre their home.

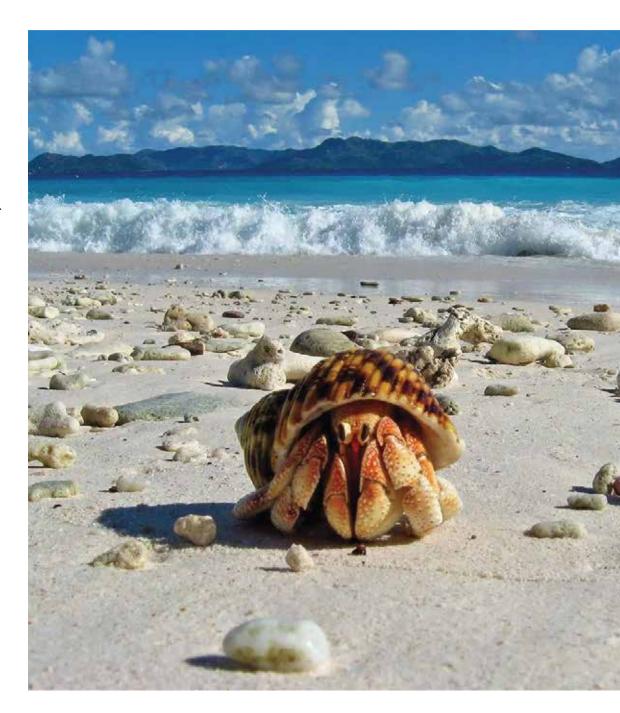




# Island Hopping - Aride

Home to more seabird species than all other granite islands combined, Aride features the White-tailed Tropicbird, world's largest colonies of Lesser Noddy and , and five endemic land birds, including 75% of the world population of Seychelles Warbler. Historical interest includes one of Seychelles' last timber plantation houses.

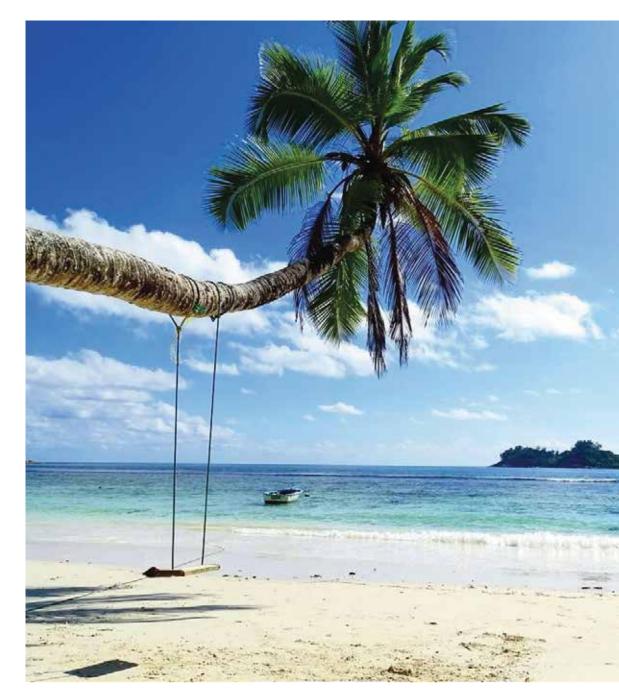




# Island Hopping - Sister Islands

Grand Soeur, and neighboring Petit Soeur resembling Robinson Crusoe's small tropical island, is surrounded by abundant nature. A few caretakers live on the island, and guests consider it the most beautiful in the Seychelles, offering a unique exploration experience.







"I wanted freedom, open air, adventure. I found it on the sea." - Alain Gerbault, Sailor



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