





Seychellois fruit seller



Coco Island



Anse Source D'Argent



Vallee de Mai

# The Seychelles Islands

Just south of the Equator, encompassing **115 pristine islands**, lies one of the world's greatest treasures. Blessed with a **stunning natural environment** protecting diverse and remarkable life forms, time spent here gives cause for wonder whilst revitalising the soul. You will be planning the time of your return from the moment you arrive.

Immaculate beaches - World-class diving & snorkelling - Boat excursions - Bird sanctuaries

## Activities and Attractions

Once landlocked in the heart Gondwanaland, it was the seismic event that led to the demise of the dinosaurs which gave birth to the Seychelles. It is the one place on earth where granite rocks are found mid-ocean and together with coral formations this stunning archipelago is completed.

The islands were uninhabited until the French decided to expand their Indian Ocean empire in the late 18th Century, from which point the tales of piracy and sea battles with the British commence. Today the Seychellois people are a harmonious fusion of mixed ethnicity, speaking a communal language of Creole.

The principal islands of Mahe, Praslin and La Digue are blessed with verdant peaks soaring skywards from virgin forests and immaculate beaches, whilst the outer islands, generally reached by air, remain un-touched worlds offering a unique experience. Many visitors choose to combine the two, although

easy access between the inner islands by public ferry or private cateraman enables explorers to still enjoy a real taste of these magical islands whilst staying in any one location.

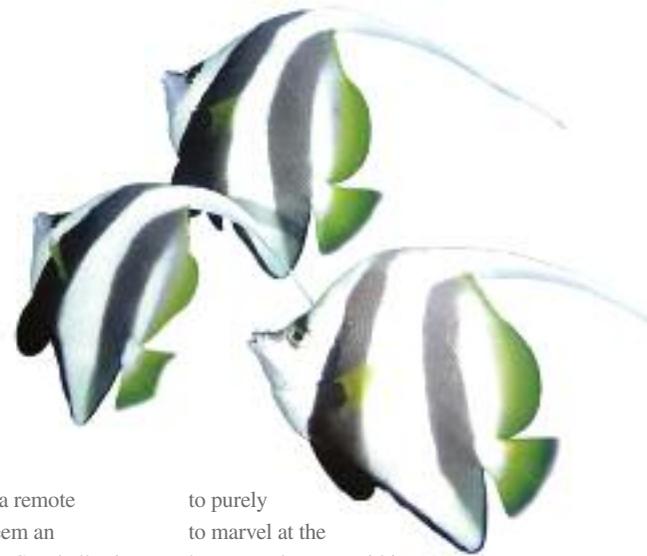
Whatever your itinerary, travelers can marvel at the powder-soft beaches interspersed with impossibly smooth granite rocks, a signature of The Seychelles Islands. Unsurprisingly the cobalt sea teems with marine life, including the 40 foot whale shark, turtles and dolphins, creating exceptional snorkeling and diving. Safe inside one of nature's last sanctuaries you will also find the largest population of giant tortoises and some of the most spectacular seabird colonies in the world.

Praslin is also home to the Vallée de Mai, an Eden famous for its abundance of 'Coco de Mer' palms. Nearby on La Digue, more traditional modes of transport such as bicycles and ox-carts carry visitors to remote locations of breathtaking beauty such as Anse Souce D'Argent.

## Accommodation

Exceptional hotels on a remote paradise island may seem an impossibility, but in the Seychelles it can be delivered. Whilst in the past travelers have come to the archipelago

to purely to marvel at the beauty and nature within, this can now be combined with a stay at a luxurious yet charming resort.



Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Min temp °C	24	25	25	25	25	25	24	24	24	24	24	24
Max temp °C	28	29	29	30	29	28	27	27	28	28	29	28
Rainfall (mm)	386	267	234	183	170	102	84	69	130	155	231	340



# Seychelles

## Accommodation

### Sainte Anne Resort & Spa ★★★★★ 🌿

This refined resort, a 10 minute boat ride from Mahe, is set on its own 200-hectare tropical island which can be explored by bicycle. All 87 air-conditioned villas, featuring outdoor showers, private gazebo, mini-bar and tea & coffee facilities, are hidden amongst the palms and frangipane trees or displayed alongside one of the 3 pristine white beaches fronted by a protected Marine Park. Some boast a separate sitting room and several bedrooms, providing extensive space and privacy for the most privileged guests.

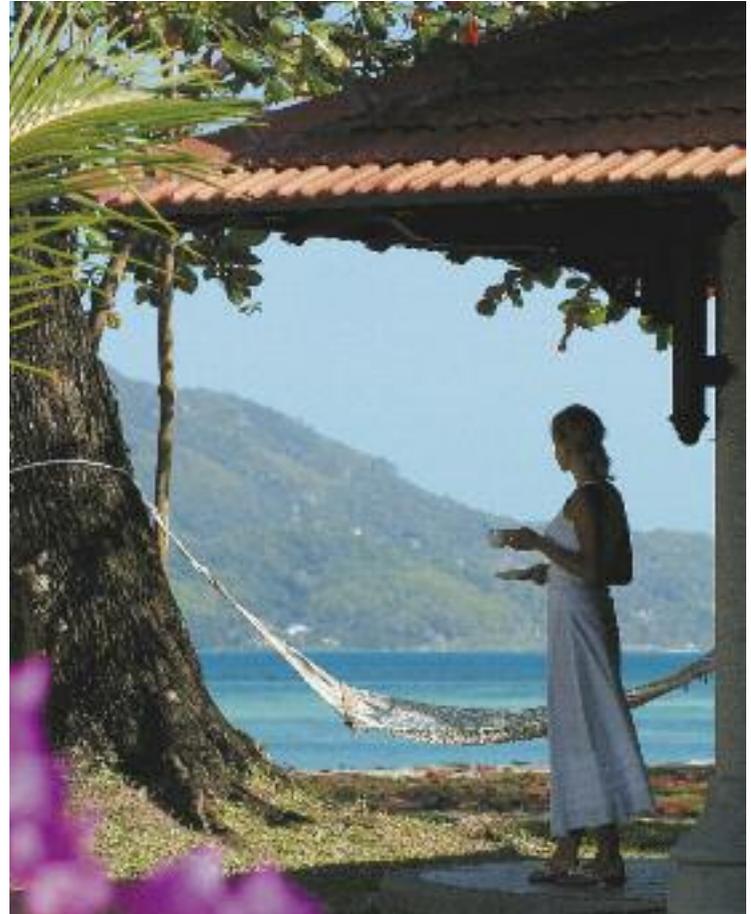
Pool - Spa - Gym - Tennis Courts - Mountain Bikes - Watersports - 2 Restaurants - Bar



#### Family

The fun of exploring your own island by foot of bicycle will not be lost on children or grown-ups!

The Bob Marlin Mini Club also offers supervised activities for younger guests from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. Whilst only 1 child under 18 can be accommodated with parents in a standard villa, 2 children can share those with separate sitting room. Interleaving villas can also be requested.



### Lemuria Resort ★★★★★ 🌿

Perched on a lush promontory, Lemuria offers stylish accommodation combined with exceptional service. Those seeking a Robinson Crusoe experience should head for Anse Georgette, whilst active guests can take to the tropical golf course. 96 air-conditioned sea-facing Suites offer satellite TV, tea & coffee facilities, mini-bar and DVD whilst Senior Suites feature separate sitting room and double size terrace.

Pool - Spa - Watersports - Golf course - Tennis Courts - Gym - 5 Restaurants & bars



#### Family

The resort offers long stretches of stunning coastline for beachcombing, whilst the Turtle Club is available for crafts and other activities from 9 am – 9 pm. Although only 1 child in a cot or bed can share a Junior Suite, rooms connected by communal lobby are also available.

“It was enormous fun exploring this stunning island that offered so much for guests”

Sainte Anne Resort & Spa



**La Reserve \*\*\*\***

Situated in the heart of a Marine National Park, this intimate hotel offers stunning views from its unique jetty restaurant. After enjoying the excellent programme of complimentary excursions on offer, guests can retire to one of 40 air-conditioned, sea-facing rooms decorated in true Seychellois style with mini-bar, tea & coffee facilities and satellite TV, with balcony or terrace.

Pool - Snorkelling - 2 Restaurants - 2 Bars

**Paradise Sun \*\*\*\***

The resort occupies a breathtaking location, fronted by an extensive beach and within walking distance of a village. 80 air-conditioned, sea-facing rooms occupy low-rise buildings, nestled amongst the tropical palms. All offer tea & coffee facilities and fridge and feature sliding doors leading to spacious verandas with wooden privacy blinds.

Pool - 2 TV Lounges - Watersports - 2 Restaurants - Bar



**Family**

The expansive swimming pool includes several excellent shallow areas. The resident giant tortoises will also delight younger guests! Up to 2 children can share a Superior Room whilst several with interlinking terrace are also available for larger families.



**Family**

The lovely location makes this a favourite with children who can join in organized ‘nature activities’ during the school holidays, such as making jewellery from shells, as well as games on the beach. 2 children under 12 can share a sofa bed in a Deluxe Room.

**Desroches Island Resort \*\*\*\*\***

A short flight over turquoise waters brings fortunate guests to their own paradise island, hallowed with outstanding beaches and superlative dive sites. The exclusive resort is home to only 20 air-conditioned suites which not only offer satellite TV, mini-bar and tea & coffee facilities but also show-case four poster beds, outside showers and deep baths with a tropical view.

Pool - Tennis Courts - Watersports - Spa - Restaurant - Bar

**Labriz Silhouette \*\*\*\*\***

The stunning island of Silhouette prides itself on powder-soft beaches set against the forested backdrop of Mount Dauban. After arriving by boat or helicopter, guests can luxuriate in one of 105 air-conditioned villas featuring TV, DVD, mini-bar, tea & coffee equipment and outdoor shower, whilst Pavilions also feature private pools and spa treatment areas.

Pool - Tennis Courts - Gym - Watersports - Spa - 5 Restaurants - Bar



**Family**

Families seeking an away-from-it-all experience will delight in this remote tropical setting, where days can be spent beachcombing and snorkeling off the island. 1 child can share a Suite with parents or adjacent rooms can be booked for those requiring further space.

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Parents and children alike will revel in the opportunity to trek through the tropical jungle or explore the 2 km stretch of beach. Rooms can accommodate up to 2 children sharing with parents whilst new 2-Bedroom Villas are now also available.