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Seychelles Grand Island Discovery

“Creole heartland, mountain rainforest, Coco de Mer palms and three protected islands — the definitive Seychelles introduction”

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Overview

The definitive Seychelles introduction — an expertly curated journey that moves from Mahé's Creole heartland and mountainous interior to Praslin's UNESCO-listed forests and world-class marine reserves. Culture, rainforest, legendary beaches, endemic wildlife, fine dining and romance, at a deliberately unhurried pace.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Nine suites only at AQUA Boutique Hotel, on a Glacis hilltop above the Indian Ocean
- Mission Lodge at Venn's Town — the ruins of a 19th-century school for the children of liberated slaves
- A guided mountain trail inside Morne Seychellois National Park
- Vallée de Mai — a UNESCO World Heritage forest, the Coco de Mer and the Seychelles black parrot
- A private boat day on Curieuse, where roughly 250 giant tortoises range freely
- Victoria's market, Clock Tower and the National Botanical Garden with its Aldabra tortoises
- Dinner at Marie Antoinette, serving Creole cooking from a colonial mansion since 1972
- Paragliding over Beau Vallon Bay with tourism-authority licensed operators
- Anse Lazio, Anse Georgette and Fond Ferdinand's protected Coco de Mer forest
- Cousin Island Special Nature Reserve, walked with the resident wardens

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The Itinerary

01

GLACIS, NORTHERN MAHÉ

Day 1 | Arrival in Mahé

Arrive at Seychelles International Airport, where your private representative meets you for the transfer north through Mahé's coastal districts to AQUA Boutique Hotel in Glacis. The drive is the island's introduction: a mountainous, forested interior falling away to granite headlands and water that changes colour every few hundred metres. The rest of the day is deliberately unhurried. Settle into your suite — there are only nine — and let the infinity pool and its uninterrupted ocean panorama do the work of arrival. A private sunset experience over the Indian Ocean closes the day, and the Seychelles' legendary evening light needs no introduction after that.

- AQUA Boutique Hotel
- Dinner

02

GLACIS, NORTHERN MAHÉ

Day 2 | Victoria, Creole Culture & the Botanical Gardens

A guided morning in Victoria, one of the smallest capitals in the world and easily walked. The Sir Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke Market fills with produce and spice stalls; the Clock Tower, a replica of the one on London's Vauxhall Bridge, has stood here since 1903; and the Hindu temple speaks to how mixed these islands have always been. Continue to the Seychelles National Botanical Garden for endemic plants and the Aldabra giant tortoise enclosure. The afternoon climbs into the mountains to Mission Lodge at Venn's Town, on the forested ridge inside the Morne Seychellois corridor. The ruins here were a 19th-century missionary school built to educate the children of liberated slaves — one of the very few places on Mahé where that chapter of Seychelles history is formally interpreted. The views west over the coast are worth the drive on their own. Dinner is at Marie Antoinette, a colonial mansion with a red roof and white shutters that has served Seychellois Creole food since 1972 — grilled parrotfish, tuna steak, chicken curry, slow-cooked fish stew, aubergine fritters, and ladob of plantain and sweet potato in coconut milk to finish. The family recipes are now in the hands of the founder's granddaughter.

- AQUA Boutique Hotel
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

03

GLACIS, NORTHERN MAHÉ

Day 3 | Morne Seychellois & Beau Vallon

A nature day, beginning inside Morne Seychellois National Park — Mahé's largest protected area, covering the mountainous spine of the island. Your guide selects the trail to match the group's fitness and the morning's weather, climbing through highland forest thick with endemic plants. The descent brings you to Beau Vallon, the island's best-known beach and one of the recognised areas in Seychelles for paragliding. Licensed operators certified by the tourism authority fly here, and the bay's conditions make it an unusually forgiving place to try it. The afternoon then slows into beach time and sunset cocktails — Beau Vallon faces exactly the right way for it.

- AQUA Boutique Hotel
- Breakfast

04

ANSE KERLAN, PRASLIN

Day 4 | Mahé » Praslin

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the domestic flight to Praslin — around 45 kilometres and roughly fifteen minutes in the air, with the granite islands laid out below you the whole way. On arrival, transfer to Constance Lemuria, set across 101 hectares on Praslin's northwest coast. Spend the afternoon walking its three beaches, including Petite Anse Kerlan and the long sweep of Grand Anse Kerlan, where sea turtles come ashore each year to nest. Cocktails over the ocean close the day.

- Constance Lemuria
- Breakfast, Dinner

05

ANSE KERLAN, PRASLIN

Day 5 | Vallée de Mai & Anse Lazio

An early start for Vallée de Mai, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the most famous place on Earth to see the Coco de Mer — the palm that produces the largest seed of any plant. Nineteen and a half hectares of ancient forest also shelter the endangered Seychelles black parrot, found nowhere else. Gates open at 8:30, and being through them before nine makes a considerable difference to the experience. A British general in the late 1800s left convinced he had found the Garden of Eden; on a quiet morning it is not a difficult position to argue with. The afternoon runs north to Anse Lazio — turquoise water, powder sand and the granite boulders that appear on every photograph ever taken of these islands. Swim, snorkel, and do very little. Dinner is back at Constance Lemuria, across one of its three restaurants.

- Constance Lemuria
- Breakfast, Dinner

06

ANSE KERLAN, PRASLIN

Day 6 | Anse Georgette & Fond Ferdinand

Begin next door at Anse Georgette, one of Praslin's most secluded and photogenic beaches, reached through the resort. Mid-morning, continue southwest to Fond Ferdinand Nature Reserve for a guided walk through protected Coco de Mer forest — a steeper, wilder and far quieter complement to Vallée de Mai, with viewpoints out over the island. Last entry is before 1pm, so this is a morning rather than an afternoon. Return by way of Côte d'Or at Anse Volbert for an afternoon swim and optional snorkelling.

- Constance Lemuria
- Breakfast, Dinner

07

CURIEUSE ISLAND

Day 7 | Curieuse & the Giant Tortoises

A full-day private boat excursion to Curieuse Island, twenty minutes off Praslin: protected coastline, mangrove forest, and roughly 250 Aldabra giant tortoises ranging freely across the island. During mating season they can be tracked by call alone, and several are usually found near the coastal pond. The day continues to a nearby snorkelling site before returning to Praslin. Bring swimwear, a towel, a waterproof bag and cash — the Curieuse entry fee is SCR 300 for ages twelve and up, and cards are accepted here though not everywhere. Observation only: no touching, feeding or handling of animals.

- Constance Lemuria
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

08

COUSIN ISLAND

Day 8 | Cousin Island & Marine Life

A private island-hopping day to Cousin Island, a Special Nature Reserve managed for conservation rather than recreation, and one of the great seabird islands of the Indian Ocean. Shearwaters and bridled terns nest in the plateau forest in enormous numbers, while magpie robin, sunbird, fody, blue pigeon and warbler move through the undergrowth with almost no fear of visitors. Giant tortoises have settled here too. Walks are warden-led and mandatory — independent access to the interior is not permitted, and groups are deliberately small. Depending on sea conditions this can be combined with Curieuse and St Pierre as an established three-island run, with a beach barbecue and snorkelling. Closed or sturdy shoes are essential on the rooted, rocky paths, there are no commercial facilities on the island, and the SCR 600 entry fee is cash only.

- Constance Lemuria
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

09

COUSIN ISLAND

Day 9 | Praslin at Leisure & a Romantic Finale

A deliberately slower day, and the last chance at everything Constance Lemuria offers: the only 18-hole championship golf course in the Seychelles, complimentary for guests; the Shiseido Spa with its steam room and sauna; three beaches; floodlit tennis; kayaks, windsurfers and body boards; and snorkelling straight off the resort's own shoreline. The evening is a private beach dinner, timed around sunset. Grand Anse Kerlan — where the turtles come ashore — is the setting, and it is a difficult one to improve on.

- Constance Lemuria
- Breakfast, Dinner

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COUSIN ISLAND

Day 10 | Departure

Breakfast at leisure, then a private transfer to Praslin Airport for your onward flight.

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- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$9,400

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Pricing is an estimate subject to confirmation based on season, room category, and final accommodation selection.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$8,900
Calmer seas, lush inter-monsoon greenery		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$9,950
Dry, cooler trade-wind season		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$9,300
Inter-monsoon transition, quiet beaches		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » Private representative and transfers throughout
- » 9 nights accommodation — 3 at AQUA Boutique Hotel, 6 at Constance Lemuria
- » Domestic flight Mahé – Praslin
- » Daily breakfast, plus dinners as detailed in the itinerary
- » Private guided Victoria city tour and National Botanical Garden entry
- » Mission Lodge (Venn's Town) visit with interpretation
- » Dinner at Marie Antoinette Restaurant, Victoria
- » Guided trail within Morne Seychellois National Park
- » Beau Vallon beach afternoon and sunset session
- » Vallée de Mai guided walk and entrance fees
- » Anse Lazio and Anse Georgette beach visits
- » Fond Ferdinand Nature Reserve guided walk and entry
- » Full-day private boat excursion to Curieuse Island

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from Seychelles
- Paragliding at Beau Vallon (arranged and quoted separately)
- Nature reserve cash entry fees where cards are not accepted (Cousin Island, SCR 600 per person)
- Spa treatments, premium wines and imported spirits
- Gratuities for guides, boat crew and lodge staff
- Items of a personal nature

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Tell us what you have in mind.

This itinerary is a starting point, not a fixed departure. The pace, the lodges, the length, the dates and the party travelling can all be reshaped around you.

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