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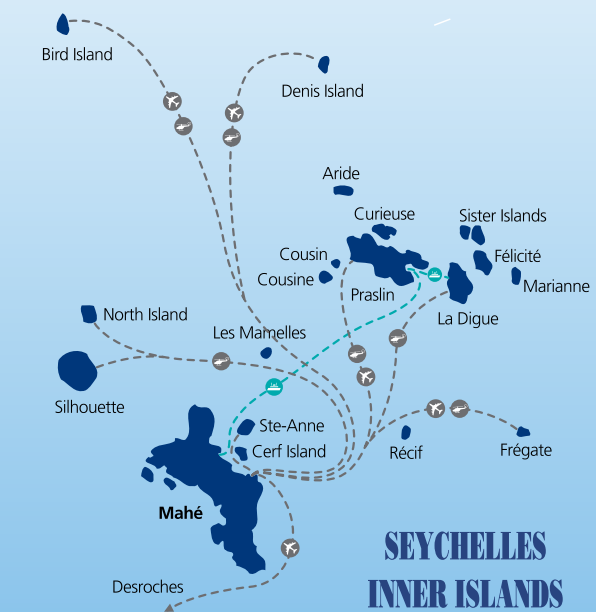
*Excursions and Activities in Seychelles*

*Live the Seychelles Experience...*

**MASON'S**  
TRAVEL

# Live the Seychelles Experience...





# Why choose Mason's Travel?

- An array of excursions available on a daily basis
- All Excursions include transfers to and from your hotel
- Tourist Service desks at main hotels and central points on the various islands
- A Duty Manager is available 24/7 for all your needs and queries
- All our staff members are equipped with mobile phones to liaise with our Head Office
- Our Catamarans are catered with life vests and snorkelling gear (free of charge)
- Our tours include the service of English and French speaking guides – other languages are available upon request
- Our Catamarans are equipped with toilet facilities
- All our vehicles and sea fleet are equipped with the latest safety requirements recognized by international standards and appropriately insured
- We include local businesses in our excursions to support the Seychelles economy
- Our team consists of more than 250 dedicated people at your disposal throughout the main islands

## *Please note:*

- For your safety and comfort, we reserve the right to cancel or postpone the excursion due to bad weather or if the minimum number of participants has not been reached
- Some excursions may include a wet landing, please take the necessary precautions to protect your valuables
- Prior to purchasing any excursions, please advise us of any medical conditions or dietary requirements you may have



Please call us on **428 88 88** for any queries and information



Full day excursion



Cultural visit



Tortoises



Walking



Softdrink charged



Snorkelling



Mosquito repellent



Half day excursion



Sight seeing



Swimming



Shopping



Sailing



Swim wear



Walking shoes



Lunch Included



Bird watching



Softdrink included



Free Water



Photo Video



Sun protection



Beach towel



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# Seychelles Destination

Welcome to Seychelles, the world's most prestigious island getaway. 115 Breathtakingly beautiful islands, each with their own unique charm, float situated in the Indian Ocean – far from the cyclone belt and even further from any continent – Seychelles remains a paradise, an oasis, an exclusive destination where the rich and famous play undisturbed and the discerning traveller finds the island getaway of their dreams, no matter what their budget. From the luxury deserted island getaways to the allure of the rich cultural heritage inherent in the country's inner islands, Seychelles is the perfect location for your dream wedding!

## The Different Islands of Seychelles

Seychelles is made up of 115 islands, divided between the inner and outer islands. The three main islands – which all form part of the inner island group – are Mahé Praslin and La Digue, which are surrounded by various other islands such as Silhouette, St. Anne, North, Round, Fregate, Cerf, Curieuse, Cousin islands, among others. The inner islands are more frequented by travellers, with the three main islands being the most popular in terms of accommodation.

The outer islands are more exclusive as they involve additional transfers and more secluded. Most of these remain deserted islands, but many, such as Denis Private Island and North house luxury resorts.



**Where it is:** Seychelles lies in the Indian Ocean, 3731km from the African continent.

**Climate:** Seychelles is out of the cyclone belt and enjoys a stable weather system. Temperatures range from 26 – 31 degrees Celsius year round.

**Diseases and Immunisation:** Seychelles is Malaria and Yellow fever free and no immunisations are necessary.

**Visa requirements:** Pre-arranged visas are not necessary as all travellers will be granted a visa on entry provided they hold a valid passport and can provide proof of return/transit flight books, accommodation in Seychelles and sufficient finances for the duration of their stay.

**Currency:** Seychelles Rupee (SCR) **Language:** English, French and Creole.



# Reef Safari



Explore the **Sainte Anne Marine Park** on this exciting **full-day excursion**, jam-packed with activities. Set-Sail aboard Anahita as you head off to discover Mahé's inner islands. Next, hop aboard a **semi-submersible** vessel as you dip below the waves to explore the depths of the Marine Park. Enjoy feeding the tropical fish surrounding the boat and then get up close and personal with the creatures that inhabit the park's colourful coral gardens for a refreshing snorkel or swim.

Be treated to a **BBQ lunch and musical entertainment** before heading ashore **Moyenne Island**. Visit the island on-foot as you get to meet the **Giant Tortoises** that freely roam here, as well as visit old ruins and pirate graves – or simply relax on the island's private beach. The day ends with a tropical cocktail and a leisurely cruise around the Marine Park before returning to Mahé.



What to bring :    

**Departure:** Marine Charter Association, Mahé

# Peaks of Paradise



Explore the untouched splendour of **Mahé's north coast** as you enjoy a guided hike through the **Morne Seychelles National Park**. The easy going 1 ½ hour hike takes you along a palm fringed path that meanders across the heights of the rocky coast, in between giant granitic boulders and lush deposits of forest. The walk ends at the beautiful and secluded **Anse Majore** bay where Anahita awaits.

For those that would prefer a more leisurely outing, you can choose to board Anahita in Victoria and enjoy a sail to Anse Majore, soaking in the splendour of Mahé from the sea.

Leaving Anse Majore by boat, Anahita will cruise to the secluded bay of the **Baie Ternay National Marine Park**. Here guests can continue swimming, snorkelling, sunbathing or feeding the fish in this natural aquarium. A delicious **BBQ** lunch will then be served on board, before Anahita begins the gentle cruise back to Victoria.



What to bring :    

**Departure:** Marine Charter Association, Mahé

# Mahé Discovery Tour



Experience the diversity and inspiring scenic beauty of Mahé, Seychelles' largest and most populated island, when you set off in air-conditioned comfort aboard this **Bus Tour**. Begin with a tour of the capital, **Victoria**, and visit places of interest such as the Victoria Clock Tower and the colourful **Sir Selwyn-Selwyn Clark Market place**, whilst our experienced guides share the country's rich culture and history with you. Moving on, pass through Sans Souci as you travel through lush forest and tea plantations along one of the most scenic routes in **Seychelles**.

After a stop at the historic Mission Lodge, with its weathered ruins and awe-inspiring views of the coast below, set off to enjoy a **Creole Buffet in a Seychellois local restaurant**. Soak in the breathtaking scenery of the many idyllic bays along the **Southern coast** before heading to a historic herb & spice garden and our Guides are sure to enlighten you on the unique flora and fauna only found in the Seychelles.

End the day with an insight into **Creole culture** and architecture by visiting the local village for an opportunity of purchasing local souvenirs, viewing Creole houses and meeting local artisans making their crafts.



What to bring :



**Departure:** Marine Charter Association, Mahé

# Island Combo - Praslin & La Digue



Join an unforgettable action-packed, **full-day** guided tour of two of Seychelles most enchanting islands, **Praslin and La Digue**, to experience their unique character and their breath-taking natural beauty.

**Praslin**, Seychelles' second biggest island is sparsely populated and offers magnificent coastal, mountain and forest scenery. The island is home to the **Vallée de Mai**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the endemic home of the Coco de Mer palm and the rare Seychelles Black Parrot.

Visit this natural wonder and be mesmerised by this prehistoric forest frozen in time – there is no other place like it on Earth – before heading to the world-renowned **Anse Lazio** for a chance to swim at this picturesque beach. Included in your Praslin adventure is a delicious Créole lunch.

On the historically and culturally rich **La Digue**, a true island experience is guaranteed. Visit the quaint and picturesque harbour and La Passe village, experience fine examples of Créole architecture, visit historical sites such as L'Union Estate, the Copra Mill and – of course – visit the world famous beach, Anse Source d'Argent, the most photographed beach in the world with its unique granite scenery.



What to bring :



**Departure:** Marine Charter Association, Mahé

# Escape to La Digue



**Experience La Digue;** the laid back atmosphere of island living, here the **bicycle** is the favoured mode of transport and time moves slowly in the light of sunny island charm. La Digue is home to the **Paradise Flycatcher**, one of the rarest birds in the world. There is a very good chance of sighting one on this tour.

Arrive at the quaint and picturesque harbour before setting off on a leisurely guided tour through the village of La Passe and along the narrow island streets and pathways to the historic L' Union Estate. Here a traditional Créole estate house sits amongst towering coconut palms as a restored copra mill is powered by an ox. These, along with the old boatyard, offer a unique glimpse into the early days of Seychelles' history.

From there you will be guided to the world famous **Anse Source d'Argent** – the most photographed beach in the world – with its magnificent granitic boulders creating a unique landscape set on white sands and lapped by crystal clear waters.



What to bring :



**Departure:** This can be arranged from various departure points

# Praslin - Vallée de Mai/Anse Lazio



Explore the wonders of **Praslin**, Seychelles' second largest island. With a small population, life on Praslin is relaxed and the breath-taking scenery pristine.

Visit the famous **Vallée de Mai**, a unique biosphere well deserving of its allocation as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Once believed to be the original site of the **Garden of Eden**, this magical place offers a forest of larger than life palms which play host to an array of rare and endemic species. Discover the **Coco der Mer** palm and its iconic seed, the largest on earth, as you take a leisurely guided tour through this awe-inspiring primeval forest.

Next, visit the world famous **Anse Lazio**. This pristine beach, with its white sands and clear waters, is fringed by lush vegetation and bordered by magnificent granite boulders. Here you can swim, snorkel or relax on the soft sands of one of Seychelles' finest strands.



What to bring :



# *Vallée de Mai Tour - Half day*



**Visit Praslin's Vallée de Mai, a UNESCO World Heritage site** and untouched biosphere like none other on Earth. Here giant palms rustle overhead as you meander through this ancient forest filled with many endemic species of palm and rare fauna, such as the **Seychelles Black Parrot**, the tiger chameleon and the diminutive Seychelles tree frog.

Vallée de Mai is also home to the **Coco de Mer**; the seed is the largest nut in the world and has been treasured as a collectable and mystical aphrodisiac for centuries. Let our Guides unravel the secrets of this magical forest to you.



What to bring :



# La Digue by Boat & Bike



Let Masons Travel make all the necessary arrangements; arrival by ferry and receive your **bicycle** at the jetty for a day of discovery of the beautiful La Digue island. Create your own itinerary or follow our recommendations. This island offers **spectacular beaches**, an abundance of **Creole architecture**, a **Nature Reserve** and the famous **I'Union estate**. Enjoy at your own pace.

What to bring :



**Departure:** Available from Mahé, Praslin and La Digue

# Cousin, Curieuse, St.Pierre



Enjoy a sailing adventure from Praslin as you island hop between **Cousin, Curieuse, St.Pierre** islands each with its own diversity and beauty.

Starting at **Cousin Island**, this beautiful nature reserve and pristine ecosystem plays host to some of Seychelles rarest birds and other endemic species. Experienced guides will share all the secrets of this magical island with you. Then hop to **Curieuse Island** National Marine Park where a unique island eco-system awaits. Be guided along twisting walking trails through the mangrove swamps, dotted with giant crabs, as you make your way to a breeding population of Giant Tortoises. Anchored here, enjoy the scenery whilst savouring a delicious **BBQ onboard**.

Next on the list is Isle **St. Pierre**. This little island offers you the perfect chance to swim or snorkel in the crystal waters surrounding the island, offering a unique perspective of the colourful life beneath the surface. Finally, **Catalina** will slowly make her way back to Praslin as you enjoy a relaxing cruise to end off the day.



What to bring :



**Departure:** Baie St. Anne jetty, Praslin

# Sister & Coco Islands



Island hop between two of Seychelles' inner island gems, **Sister Island** and **Isle Coco**. A short boat ride from **Praslin** and you'll be stepping foot onto one of Seychelles' finest beaches, located on the deserted (except for the warden and his wife) **Sister Island**. Here explore the coconut plantation, **relax on the beach**, snorkel on the pristine reef or swim in the sea before enjoying a traditional **Créole Barbeque lunch**.

Moving onto **Isle Coco**, a small granitic outcrop sporting but a few palm trees, you will have a chance to swim and snorkel at one of the most magnificent locations in Seychelles – a living aquarium filled with colourful marine life and an experience second to none.



What to bring :    

**Departure:** Baie St. Anne jetty, Praslin and available from other islands

# Coco, Félicité, Curieuse



This trip guarantees unique treasures in the marine life between Coco, Félicité and Curieuse islands for you to experience.

On Isle Coco, discover the beautiful marine life of this heavenly ecosystem as you swim or snorkel in the calm, clear waters around the island. Next stop is **Félicité Island**, where you will disembark and have the opportunity to explore this uninhabited island sanctuary. After some leisure time lazing on the beach, swimming or snorkelling, set sail for **Curieuse**.

Admire the coastline of Praslin whilst sailing to Curieuse Island **National Marine Park** where a unique island eco-system awaits. A BBQ Lunch will be served on-board before disembarking to explore the island. Be guided along twisting trails through the mangrove swamps, dotted with giant crabs, majestic Coco de Mer palms or simply choose to spend time with the friendly Giant Tortoises by the shore.



What to bring :    

**Departure:** Baie St. Anne jetty, Praslin and available from others islands





## *Private Tours & A La Carte Service*



At **Mason's Travel**, we pride ourselves on our individual and personalized approach to clients, as well as our intimate knowledge of the islands, culture, heritage and people of Seychelles.

We can perfectly design and create tailor-made itineraries to suit every need or interest.

Whether you wish to visit the finest beaches of the island, cultural sites or cruising on board a private catamaran to carefully selected snorkelling spots, being whisked off on a helicopter or simply have our guide regale the secrets of our islands in your own language - our team can make it come true.

*Private Tours available for full or half day.  
Contact us today on **+248 428 88 88** to book.*



# *Other Activities in Seychelles*

## **Scuba Diving**

Discover the wonders of the deep when you explore the colourful coral gardens and meet the fascinating marine life that calls Seychelles' waters home. Mason's Travel works with various dive companies to offer dive excursions from Mahé, Praslin and La Digue, and live-aboard dive charters can be arranged.



## **Sailing**

Explore Seychelles by yacht or boat and discover the magic of the islands. Mason's Travel can arrange the perfect vessel to suit any budget, whether it is for a day sail or a live aboard adventure.



# *Other Activities in Seychelles*

## **Rock Climbing & Zip-Lining**

Try your hand at scaling the magnificent granite cliff faces of Port Launay or enjoy a tree-top adventure as you zip-line your way through the forest. Contact Mason's Travel to plan your adventure.



## **Hiking**

Discover the mountain peaks and forest trails of Seychelles' main islands, Mahe, Praslin and La Digue. Various national trails can be found on these islands making for a great self-guided tour or if you would prefer a private guided tour, leave it to us to make it happen.



# *Other Activities in Seychelles*

## **Fishing**

Enjoy a world-class fishing adventure with Mason's Travel. Guided fishing tours can be arranged to suit any budget, and live-aboard fishing adventures offer the ultimate fishing getaway.



## **Surfing / SUP**

Learn to Surf or Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP) with Mason's Travel and our dedicated water-sports partners.



# Top Ten Beaches of the Seychelles



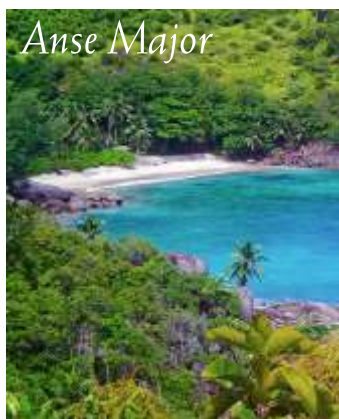
*Farquar*



*Anse Lazio*



*Anse Volbert*



*Anse Major*



*Anse Kerlan*



*Beau Vallon*



*Port Launay*



*Petite Anse La Digue*



*Anse source D'argent*



*Anse Intendance*



# Must see places in Seychelles

Clock Tower - Mahé



Local Market - Mahé



Beau Vallon - Mahé



Mission Lodge - Mahé



Grand Anse Sunset - Praslin



Valleé de Mai - Praslin



Anse Lazio - Praslin



L'Union - La Digue



Anse Source D'argent - La Digue



Intendance Beach - Mahé






# Excursions Timetable

<div> <div>MASON'S TRAVEL</div> <div>Excursions List</div> </div>						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Island Combo <i>Air/Air on demand</i> Boat/Boat 	Island Combo <i>Air/Air on demand</i> Boat/Boat 	Island Combo <i>Air/Air on demand</i> Boat/Boat 	Island Combo <i>Air/Air on demand</i> Boat/Boat 	Island Combo <i>Air/Air on demand</i> Boat/Boat 	Coco, Félicité, Curieuse Islands * 	Reef Safari * 
Praslin - Vallée De Mai/Anse Lazio 	Reef Safari * 	Peaks of Paradise (Seasonal) 	Reef Safari * 	Reef Safari * 	Escape to La Digue 	
Mahé Bus Tour 	Mahé Bus Tour 	Mahé Bus Tour 	Mahé Bus Tour 	Mahé Bus Tour 	Sister & Coco Islands 	
	Cousin, Curieuse, St-Pierre * 	Coco, Félicité, Curieuse Islands * 	Cousin, Curieuse, St-Pierre * 	Praslin - Vallée De Mai/Anse Lazio 		
		Escape to La Digue 	Praslin - Vallée De Mai/Anse Lazio 	Cousin, Curieuse, St-Pierre * 		
		Sister & Coco Islands 				
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- Please note:**
- La Digue by boat - boat is available daily.
  - For your safety and comfort, we reserve the right to cancel or postpone the excursion due to bad weather or if the minimum number of participants has not been reached.
  - Excursion with an asterisk include a wet landing, please take the necessary precautions to protect your valuables.
  - Prior to purchasing any excursions, please advise us of any medical conditions or dietary requirements you may have.
  - Please note that the excursions are available also in:  Chinese  Spanish  Russian at an additional cost.



# Excursions Price List

EXCURSIONS FROM MAHE	ADULT	CHILD	EXCURSIONS FROM PRASLIN*	ADULT	CHILD
Praslin / La Digue – Boat / Boat (Cat Cocos)	2900	1500	Full Day Cocos / Sister Islands	2100	1100
Praslin / La Digue – Air / Boat	5150	2600	<b>EXCURSIONS HALF DAY</b>		
Praslin / La Digue – Air / Air	5500	3000	Half Day Vallee de Mai	1000	400
Full Day Discovery Tour	1100	500	Half Day Cocos / Felicite Islands	1000	450
Full Day Peaks of Paradise	1700	800	<b>PRIVATE GUIDED TOURS</b>		
Full Day Reef Safari	1700	800	Full Day With Driver	3200	
<b>EXCURSIONS FROM PRASLIN*</b> Clients departing from other islands will incur additional transportation costs			Half Day With Driver	2100	
Full Day Cousin / Curieuse / St Pierre	2250	1050			
Full Day La Digue Boat / Bike	1100	500			
Full Day Escape to La Digue Island	1600	750	<p>* Please note that Private Guided Tours are inclusive of Car Transport and Guide/Driver only, any additional expenses such as entrance fees and ferry tickets will be payable direct by the client.</p> <p>* All prices are in Seychelles Rupees, capacity controlled and subject to change without notice.</p> <p>* Prices include meals, refreshments as indicated in the tour description, plus guide and entrance fees, unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>* Children under 2 years are free of charge.</p> <p>* Child rates apply for age 2-11 years inclusive.</p> <p>Contact Mason's Travel today to book your excursions on <a href="mailto:webreservations@masonstravel.com">webreservations@masonstravel.com</a></p> <div>   </div>		
Full Day Cocos / Sister Islands	2100	900			
Full Day Coco / Felicite / Curieuse	1900	800			
Full Day Vallée de Mai / Anse Lazio (Coach)	1200	450			
Full Day Vallée de Mai / Anse Lazio (Boat)	1900	1200			
Full Day Curieuse / St Pierre	1800	900			
Full Day La Digue / Cocos Islands	1900	900			
Full Day Vallee De Mai / Curiese / St Pierre	2100	1200			

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