

THE SEYCHELLES PREMIUM SAILING CRUISE (MAY TO OCTOBER)

Isolated in the Indian Ocean and the only mid-ocean islands of granite formation to be found on earth, the Seychelles archipelago is often mentioned in the same breath as the lost 'Garden of Eden.' The highest peaks of a submerged mountain range that broke apart from the supercontinent of Gondwana millions of years ago, the Seychelles' inner islands are the most ancient islands on earth - no other mid-ocean isles of granite formation can be found anywhere else. This curious geological feature was one of several curiosities about the islands that led the famed British General, Charles Gordon, to declare Sevchelles the site of the biblical Garden of Eden. Situated some 1,500 kilometers east of mainland Africa, and northeast of the island of Madagascar, this tiny island group boasts a population of just 90,000 inhabitants, with a warm, tropical climate all year-round and some of the most stunningly beautiful beaches in the world. Mahe, the largest island, is home to the majority of the population and represents the archipelago's commercial and transportation hub, with the country's only international airport linking the islands to the rest of the globe. The island is characterised by its towering granite peaks, lush mist forests and dozens of striking coves and beaches. The second largest island, Praslin, is home to the legendary Vallee de Mai, the UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Coco de Mer grows in abundance. This double coconut, which curiously resembles the shape of a woman's pelvis, was another facet of General Gordon's theory about Seychelles as the Garden of Eden - he believed it to be the real forbidden fruit. La Digue, the third-most populous island, moves at an even slower pace: bicycles remain the most common mode of transportation, for

both its residents and visiting tourists. The huge granite boulders that adorn the coastline at Anse Source D'Argent have led some to believe that it could very well be the most photographed beach in the world. While Mahe, Praslin and La Digue may be the principal islands, dozens of smaller 'satellite' isles nearby offer further opportunity to explore and admire. Every island has a character and charm all of its own, with colorful individual histories and unique natural features, some with steep granite cliffs and others comprising pristine coral atolls. Together, they make up a surprisingly diverse destination of great natural beauty, rare flora and fauna that have been cocooned in isolation for millions of years, and a friendly multi-cultural people eager to welcome you to their shores. Your safety and comfort are our highest priority. In the event of adverse conditions, all itineraries are subject to change at the captain's discretion. - Be sure to bring plenty of coral reef safe sun-screen, a cap or hat and sunglasses - Seychelles is generally warm and sunny throughout the year and the sun's rays can be especially impactful onboard the vessel, due to the reflection from the sea. - Bring suitable footwear for walking on deck and on the beach, as well as in shallow water (some island visits require embarking & disembarking from dinghies in shallow water). There are numerous opportunities to dive on most days of the itinerary, and we can also conduct introductory dives for novices and PADI Open Water certification courses. Contact us for dive rates and equipment rental fees. - This cruise is full board - we serve a combination of International and authentic Creole cuisine. Please contact us for special dietary needs. - Bottled water, soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits are all



available on board. Price list available



on request.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Mahe - Embarkation

Embarkation at the Inter-Island Quay at 1030hrs for official welcome and briefing by the captain. Depart from Port Victoria at 1200hrs, sailing up and around the scenic coastline of Mahe's northern peninsula, past the beautiful bay of Beau Vallon, and along the dramatic backdrop of the northwestern coast of the island, with its opposing granite boulders, lush vegetation and striking blue water. In the evening, introduce yourself to Creole cuisine with a welcome barbecue onboard the

vessel.

Day 2 - Baie Ternay Marine Park and Nature Reserve

Sail to the beautiful Baie Ternay Marine Park and Nature Reserve on the western coast of Mahe, where calm, crystalclear waters provide for excellent snorkelling and diving during the day. An afternoon sail back to Beau Vallon Bay positions the vessel in one of the island's best places to watch the countless shades of pink and orange of a Seychelles sunset.

Day 3 - Cousin

Early morning sail towards Cousin island off the coast of Praslin, for morning visit of this strictly protected nature reserve, famed for its sea bird colonies and also as a sanctuary for Seychelles' rare endemic land birds and other native species. After lunch we sail to Praslin, for an afternoon of diving and water-sports.

Day 4 - Praslin

Disembarkation on Praslin, Seychelles' second-largest inhabited island, for the visit of the famous World Heritage Site, the Vallee de Mai Nature Reserve. This ancient forest is home to the curiously shaped double coconut, the coco de mer, as well as the Black Parrot, unique to Praslin. Explore the valley's eerie pathways beneath its canopy of massive palms, before returning onboard for afternoon opportunities to dive, snorkel or enjoy other water sports.



Day 5 - La Digue

A morning sail brings the vessel to La Digue, a sleepy island community where ox-carts and bicycles still remain the most common mode of transportation throughout the island. La Digue is home to the endemic Seychelles Paradise Flycatcher, and is perhaps most famous for its massive granite boulder formations at Anse Source d'Argent, which is thought to be the most photographed beach on earth. Explore the entire island by bicycle, perhaps stopping by Union Estate, a sprawling network of traditional island activities, including a copra mill, vanilla plantation, and shipyard.

Day 6 - Curieuse, St. Pierre & Praslin

In the morning disembark at Curieuse for a visit of this virtually uninhabited island. Experience the island's vast mangrove forests and its giant tortoise farm, along with the historic ruins of this former leper colony. After a barbecue lunch on the island, enjoy an array of water sports or simply relax and enjoy the island's beautiful beach and turquoise waters. In the afternoon, sail towards the tiny, picturesque granite outcrop of St. Pierre. It is an excellent site for snorkelling and diving, with the nooks and crannies of its granite boulders teeming with marine life. Sail to Anse Lazio, one of the most beautiful beaches of Praslin, and arguably, all of Seychelles - a perfect place for water-sports.

Day 7 - Ile Seche

After breakfast the vessel begins its sail towards Mahe,

anchoring in the Ste Anne Marine National Park with its cluster of lush granite islands for an afternoon of water-sports and diving. Overnight at Ile Seche.

Day 8 - Mahe - Disembarkation

Disembarkation at the Inter-Island Quay at 08.30hrs.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





YOUR SHIP: SEA STAR & SEA BIRD

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The SY Sea Star is a 40-metre custom-built yacht with three masts and five Bermuda sails, with classic wood finishings across its 9 spacious guest cabins and common areas. The SY Sea Bird was redesigned in 2007 to begin cruising in Seychelles, is a two-masted 42-metre yacht with four Bermuda sails, sleek contours and modern interiors across its 9 en-suite guest cabins and common areas. The SY Sea Star is a 40-metre custom-built yacht with three masts and five Bermuda sails, with classic wood finishings across its 9 spacious guest cabins and common areas. Air-conditioned Bar/Lounge and Dining Salon TV, DVD, stereo, ice-machine, washing machine, dryer Multiple spacious sun decks Covered back deck lounge and seating area Fully air-conditioned cabins with private bathroom: 4 double-bed cabins + 1 single bed 4 double-bed cabins 1 "Master cabin" with double bed SY Sea Bird is a two-masted 42-metre yacht with four Bermuda sails, sleek contours and modern interiors across its 9 en-suite guest cabins and common areas. Air-conditioned Bar/Lounge and Dining Salon TV, DVD, stereo, ice-machine, washing machine, dryer Multiple spacious sun decks Covered back deck lounge and seating area Fully air-conditioned cabins with private bathroom: 6 double-bed cabins + 1 single bunk 3 double-bed cabins Single cabins Sea Bird and Sea Star offer 1-2 cabins with no single supplements for single passengers on most

departures.





INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Double Cabin Single Occupancy Double Bed

Triple Cabin



PRICING

09-Aug-2025 to 16-Aug-2025		20-Sep-2025 to 27-Sep-2025	
Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp	Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp
Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp	Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp
Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp	Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp
16-Aug-2025 to 23-Aug-2025		27-Sep-2025 to 04-Oct-2025	
Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp	Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp
Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp	Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp
Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp	Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp
23-Aug-2025 to 30-Aug-2025		04-0ct-2025 to 11-0ct-2025	
Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp	Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp
Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp	Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp
Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp	Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp
30-Aug-2025 to 06-Sep-2025		11-0ct-2025 to 18-0ct-2025	
Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp	Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp
Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp	Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp
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06-Sep-2025 to 13-Sep-2025		18-0ct-2025 to 25-0ct-2025	
Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp	Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp
Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp	Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp
Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp	Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp
13-Sep-2025 to 20-Sep-2025		25-Oct-2025 to 01-Nov-2025	
Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp	Triple Cabin	£2154 GBP pp
Double Cabin	£2336 GBP pp	Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp
Single Occupancy Double Bed	£3505 GBP pp	Double Cabin	£2340 GBP pp





ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Conservation Fee 190 EUR pp