



Seychelles Excursions 2018

For Guests Staying on Mahe

Full day Reef Safari	Euro 108 per adult	Euro 55 per child
Full day Peaks of Paradise	Euro 108 per adult	Euro 55 per child
Full day Discovery Tour of Mahe	Euro 75 per adult	Euro 35 per child
Full Day Praslin and La Digue	Euro 200 per adult	Euro 102 per child

For Guests Staying on Praslin

Half day Vallee de Mai Guided Tour	Euro 64 per adult	Euro 29 per child
Full day Cousin, Curieuse & St Pierre Islands	Euro 148 per adult	Euro 72 per child
Full day Boat & Bike Independent Tour of La Digue	Euro 74 per adult	Euro 36 per child

Prices are valid until 31 October 2018 and apply to excursions pre-booked with the Holiday Factory up to 21 days prior to excursion date. All excursions are subject to weather and each requires a minimum number of passengers in order to proceed.

Full Day Reef Safari

The day starts with a transfer to Victoria's Marina to board the catamaran for a trip to the middle of the harbour where you stop to feed the fish and then time to explore the fascinating underwater world by snorkelling and swimming with the fish. There is ample time for marine enthusiasts to explore the reefs through the windows of the semi-submersible vessel or for those more geared to relaxation, to take a swim. A mouth-watering buffet lunch prepared in traditional creole style is served on board. After lunch, a visit to Moyenne Island to just swim or take a nap on the beach. For a perfect ending to the day, a "petit rum punch des Iles" is served on board before returning to the Marina.



Full Day Peaks of Paradise

An opportunity to experience a thrilling adventure trekking and cruising back on our catamaran. Starting from 'Danzilles', the palm-fringed trail along the deserted northwest coast is bordered with granite boulders. Our experienced guides talk about the wonders of the flora and fauna along the way. The 1.5 hour walk ends at 'Anse Major', where the catamaran is moored in the sheltered bay.

After boarding from the pristine beach by dinghy, the day's excursion continues with a cruise to the Bay Ternay marine park, stopping at some beautiful snorkelling sites, where guests not wishing to swim can spend time feeding the fish or sunbathing on the spacious deck. A delicious Creole buffet lunch is served on board. Full day Cruise: Instead of participating in the walk, tourists may choose to board the catamaran from its mooring in Victoria, and enjoy the sights relaxing on a day-long cruise along the coast.



Full Day Discovery Tour of Mahe

The tour begins with a transfer from the hotel for a stop in the colonial centre of "the world's smallest capital", Victoria. Highlights to visit are the court buildings, museum, post office, Clock-tower [twin of the one outside London's Victoria Station]. A turn around the corner takes one to the 'Codevar' building where local crafts, including the renowned Kreol Or [Creole Gold] are on display for sale.

A walk across Albert Street leads one to the focal point of the town, its colourful market where stalls of fresh fish, tropical fruits & vegetables, herbs & spices, are displayed in an abundance of fragrances. This is followed by a drive across the Sans Soucis mountain pass, with a photo stop at the historical Mission Lodge, en-route to a Creole restaurant for lunch. After lunch, the tour continues around the southern tip of the island to the restored colonial plantation of 'Jardin du Roi', which is steeped in the short history of the Creoles as well as the Georges family, whose family tree apparently carries a link to Louis XVII of France.



A cold drink of home-grown fruit welcomes visitors, before they tour the surrounding plantation of vegetables, exotic fruits, herbs and spices. The rest of the afternoon is for relaxation, with a stop at the Craft Village on the way back to the hotel, at around 16h00.

Full Day Praslin & La Digue

Praslin, the second largest island in Seychelles, lies approximately 1 hour by boat from Mahe. Visitors will be able to visit the Vallee-de-Mai, the only place on earth where the giant Coco de-Mer nut grows in its natural state - a walk along the tended paths of this primeval forest, listening to the trill of the rare Black Parrot, transports one to the beginning of time; giving credence to the legends of this World Heritage Site being the original Garden of Eden.

The tour includes a visit to the famous Anse Lazio beach, before the 30-minute crossing to La Digue, during which one has a good chance to spot dolphins. Visitors to La Digue island will marvel at the timeless atmosphere, with the comforts of the 21st century blending smoothly with the tranquility of yesteryear, where life is lived mainly at the pace of the oxen. Transfer from the jetty is by ox-cart to L'Union Estate for a tour of the copra sheds, the giant land tortoises and the recently refurbished colonial plantation house, location of the film "Goodbye Emmanuelle".

The tour of La Digue resumes by 'camion', an open-sided truck with canopy, stopping at Anse Source d'Argent, one of the most spectacular beaches in the world, allowing you ample time to photograph the impressive granite rock formations. This 11-hour tour, which sometimes starts on La Digue, is an attractive opportunity to visit the highlights of both islands in one-day.



Half Day Vallee-de-Mai Guided Tour

Starting with a coach transfer from the hotel, this half-day excursion is dedicated exclusively to the renowned Vallee-de-Mai Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This extraordinary primeval forest, known as the Garden of Eden, is the unique habitat in the universe where the Coco-de-Mer palm grows in its natural state. The Vallee-de-Mai is also home to one of the world's rarest birds, the Black Parrot.



Full Day Cousin, Curieuse & St Pierre Islands

This tour starts with a transfer to Baie Ste Anne jetty for the 2-km crossing at 09h00 to the Special Nature Reserve of Cousin island. Our cruiser moors off-shore and tourists are taken to the island on a Reserve boat to prevent accidental introduction of pests to the island. It is highly recommended that tourists come prepared to wrap their belongings in water-proof bags, and that they respect the safety regulations of donning life jackets and remaining seated until the craft is beached.



A warden leads the tour of the island with its abundance of species and habitats, from the coast with its protective mangroves, to the wetlands which attract dragonflies, moorhens, caecilians & Seychelles terrapins; on to the rejuvenated forest on the hill plateau which provides ideal nesting sites for large populations of shearwaters and bridled terns amongst its endemic trees - mapou, Indian mulberry and bwa sousouri. Endemic birds found on Cousin Island are the Magpie Robin, Sunbird, Fody, Blue Pigeon and the Warbler.

The tour continues with a 30-minute boat ride to Curieuse Island, where a splendid BBQ lunch is served on the beach. Curieuse island has a large population of giant tortoises, some can be seen next to the natural pond on the coast, whilst the majority range across the island freely and can sometimes be tracked by their vociferate calls of intimate congress. The tour ends with an hour's snorkelling off the tiny island of St. Pierre. For the uninitiated, our crew is on hand with lightweight snorkelling vests to ensure that no-one misses the chance to view the abundant marine life.

Full Day Boat & Bike Independent Tour of La Digue

This tour is ideal for the adventurous seeking to explore La Digue island on their own and includes return coach transfers to the hotel and Praslin Jetty, a ferry crossing at 09h00 to La Digue, where tourists are greeted by our island representative for a short briefing on the most popular sites, best routes and lunch venues, before our guide hands over a map and the bicycles for the day's adventure.

The boat trip back to Praslin departs at 16h30, the end of a perfect day - most guests with another day to spare choose to return to the magic of LaDigue island.

