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## Seychelles Itineraries

Two suggested itineraries

TYPICAL 8 DAY ITINERARY WITH NORTH WEST WINDS : DECEMBER TO MARCH



**Day 1 Praslin to Curieuse. 7 miles**

Short sail in the afternoon to Bay Laraie, Curieuse island. Part of the Marine National Park, Curieuse is home to a hundred or so giant turtles.

**Day 2 Curieuse to Anse Lazio, Praslin. 22 miles**

Sail to St Pierre islet, a mass of rounded rocks crowned with a clump of tall palms swaying gently in the wind typical and superb scenery of the Seychelles photographed on countless occasions and printed a million times in tourist magazines ! Excellent spot for snorkelling with magnificent underwater scenery. Sail to Chauve Souris islet and head up west to Anse Lazio, the most comfortable mooring in Praslin and maybe the most beautiful beach in the Seychelles.

**Day 3 Anse Lazio to Victoria, Mahé. 28 miles**

After a quiet morning enjoying the beach and the beautiful surroundings

of Anse Lazio, sail to Victoria harbour.

**Day 4 Victoria to Anse Royale, Mahé. 13 miles**

Visit the picturesque marketplace in the morning. Good opportunity for fresh provisioning. Less than 3 mile sail to the Sainte Anne National Park and anchor at the island au Cerf. Lovely beaches of sand as white and thin as talcum powder line the shores of most of the islands in the Park. Snorkelling is particularly good in the rocky shallows to the North West and South East of Ste Anne.

You can enjoy lunch in one of the small restaurants shaded by palms on Cerf island shores. Then a 10 mile sail to Anse Royale for night anchorage.



**Day 5 Anse Royale to La Digue. 30 miles**

Anchorage in Petit or Grande Anse, South East of the island. Rent a bike to visit this beautiful island never overrun with tourists , thanks to the lack of accommodation. With its white tracks winding under tall palm trees, houses with roofs of palm leaves, small copra factories, fine white sand beaches and large polished rocks, La Digue might be the most beautiful island in the Seychelles. No cars, only bicycle or carts drawn by oxen. Horse rides are also possible.



**Day 6 La Digue to Cocos Island and Grande Sœur. 15 miles**

Made of large rocks with strange regular stripes carved by the sea, Cocos island forms a beautiful sight with a great harmony of shapes and colours . The ochre colour of the rocks is in contrast with the bright green palms of the coconut trees and the white sand of beaches lined with deep turquoise water. Mooring on buoys installed south of the island. Under the sea , the vision is equally attractive with large arborescent corals where thousands of many coloured fish swim in front of narrow breaks and dark caverns. Unforgettable snorkelling. Anchorage on the west coast of Grande Sœur.

**Day 7 Grande Sœur to Bay Ste Anne, Praslin**

A short sail to Praslin, home of rare species of trees and particularly the famous coco de mer, a unique palm tree. Don't leave Praslin without visiting Vallée de Mai, a valley protected by UNESCO. A walk in the Vallée de Mai is enchanting. The path wanders in the near obscurity created by enormous palm leaves of the cocos de mer. The trunks are 40 m high and sway gently in the breeze, making a strange rustling sound as they rub against one another. Wherever you look the foliage seems to go on and on as the path winds up through dark, damp clefts before coming out onto the ridge where there are magnificent views over a dense sea of green.

**Day 8** Check in at the base at 1000 am.

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## TYPICAL 8 DAY ITINERARY WITH SOUTH EAST WINDS APRIL TO NOVEMBER

### Day 1 Bay Ste Anne to Pointe Zanguilles, Praslin. 7 miles

Leave Bay Ste Anne and sail to Pointe Zanguilles on the north coast. Peaceful anchorage on the west bank in front of a nice white sand beach and a romantic restaurant.



### Day 2 Pointe Zanguilles to Victoria, Mahé. 31 miles

Three miles sail to St Pierre islet, a mass of rounded rocks crowned with a clump of tall palms swaying gently in the wind typical and superb scenery of the Seychelles photographed on countless occasions and printed a million times in tourism magazines ! Excellent spot for snorkelling with magnificent underwater scenery. Sail to Chauve Souris islet and stop in Bay Laraie, Curieuse island, for lunch . Part of the Marine National Park Curieuse is home of hundred or so giant turtles, you can not miss them ! Leave before 1 pm for Mahé and Victoria harbour, a 28 miles crossing.

### Day 3 Victoria to Beauvallon Bay or Anse Major, Mahé. 13 miles

Visit the picturesque marketplace in the morning. Good opportunity for fresh provisioning. Sail up to Beauvallon Bay, the most popular tourist spot of Mahé, fringed by a superb beach lined with tall trees overshadowing small restaurants. If you prefer a quieter area head up to Anse Major, in the heart of the natural park of Morne Seychellois. Inaccessible by car the coast, surrounded by steep hills, is particularly wild. Highly recommended for snorkelling.



### Day 4 Mahé to La Digue. 42 miles

Sail along the coast to Thérèse island through Ternay Bay , great spot for snorkelling, and Port Launay, limited to the south east by the Pointe de l'Escalier, a strange geological phenomenon that has built up a giant stairway leading to the sea with steps consisting of regular flat layers of rock. Back to Anse Ternay and 32 miles sail to La Digue harbour.

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