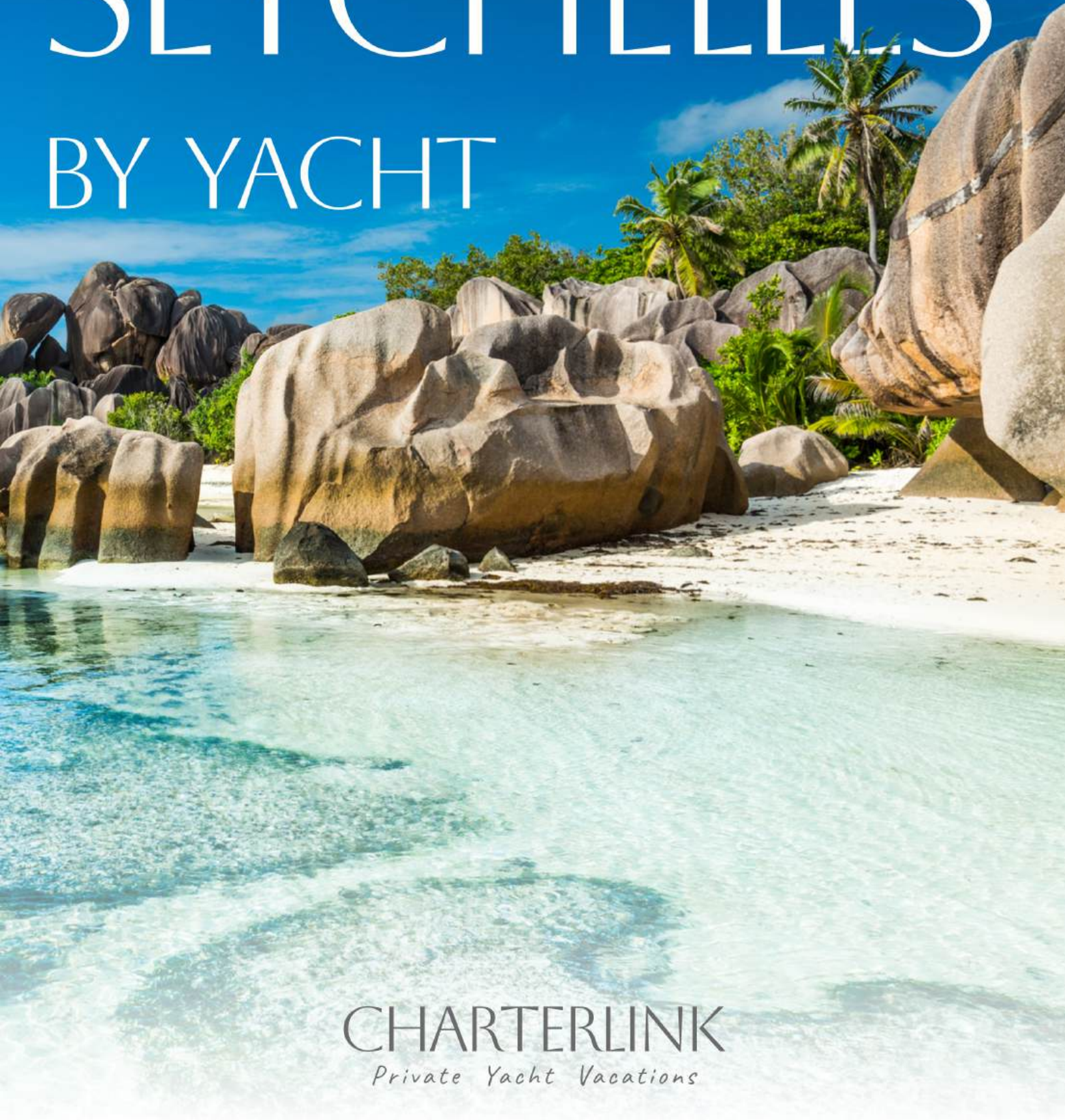


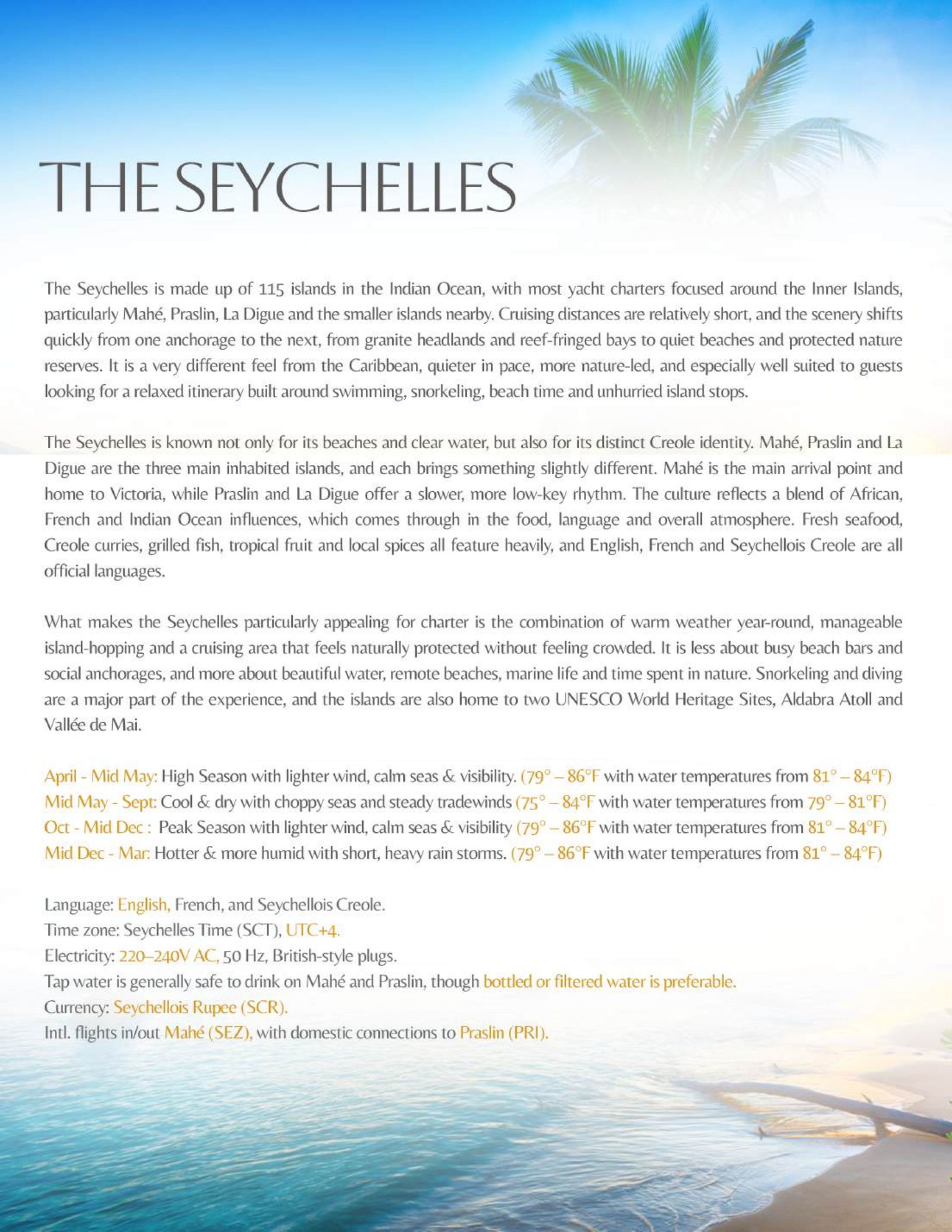
SEYCHELLES

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THE SEYCHELLES



The Seychelles is made up of 115 islands in the Indian Ocean, with most yacht charters focused around the Inner Islands, particularly Mahé, Praslin, La Digue and the smaller islands nearby. Cruising distances are relatively short, and the scenery shifts quickly from one anchorage to the next, from granite headlands and reef-fringed bays to quiet beaches and protected nature reserves. It is a very different feel from the Caribbean, quieter in pace, more nature-led, and especially well suited to guests looking for a relaxed itinerary built around swimming, snorkeling, beach time and unhurried island stops.

The Seychelles is known not only for its beaches and clear water, but also for its distinct Creole identity. Mahé, Praslin and La Digue are the three main inhabited islands, and each brings something slightly different. Mahé is the main arrival point and home to Victoria, while Praslin and La Digue offer a slower, more low-key rhythm. The culture reflects a blend of African, French and Indian Ocean influences, which comes through in the food, language and overall atmosphere. Fresh seafood, Creole curries, grilled fish, tropical fruit and local spices all feature heavily, and English, French and Seychellois Creole are all official languages.

What makes the Seychelles particularly appealing for charter is the combination of warm weather year-round, manageable island-hopping and a cruising area that feels naturally protected without feeling crowded. It is less about busy beach bars and social anchorages, and more about beautiful water, remote beaches, marine life and time spent in nature. Snorkeling and diving are a major part of the experience, and the islands are also home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Aldabra Atoll and Vallée de Mai.

April - Mid May: High Season with lighter wind, calm seas & visibility. (79° – 86°F with water temperatures from 81° – 84°F)

Mid May - Sept: Cool & dry with choppy seas and steady tradewinds (75° – 84°F with water temperatures from 79° – 81°F)

Oct - Mid Dec : Peak Season with lighter wind, calm seas & visibility (79° – 86°F with water temperatures from 81° – 84°F)

Mid Dec - Mar: Hotter & more humid with short, heavy rain storms. (79° – 86°F with water temperatures from 81° – 84°F)

Language: **English**, French, and Seychellois Creole.

Time zone: Seychelles Time (SCT), **UTC+4**.

Electricity: **220–240V AC**, 50 Hz, British-style plugs.

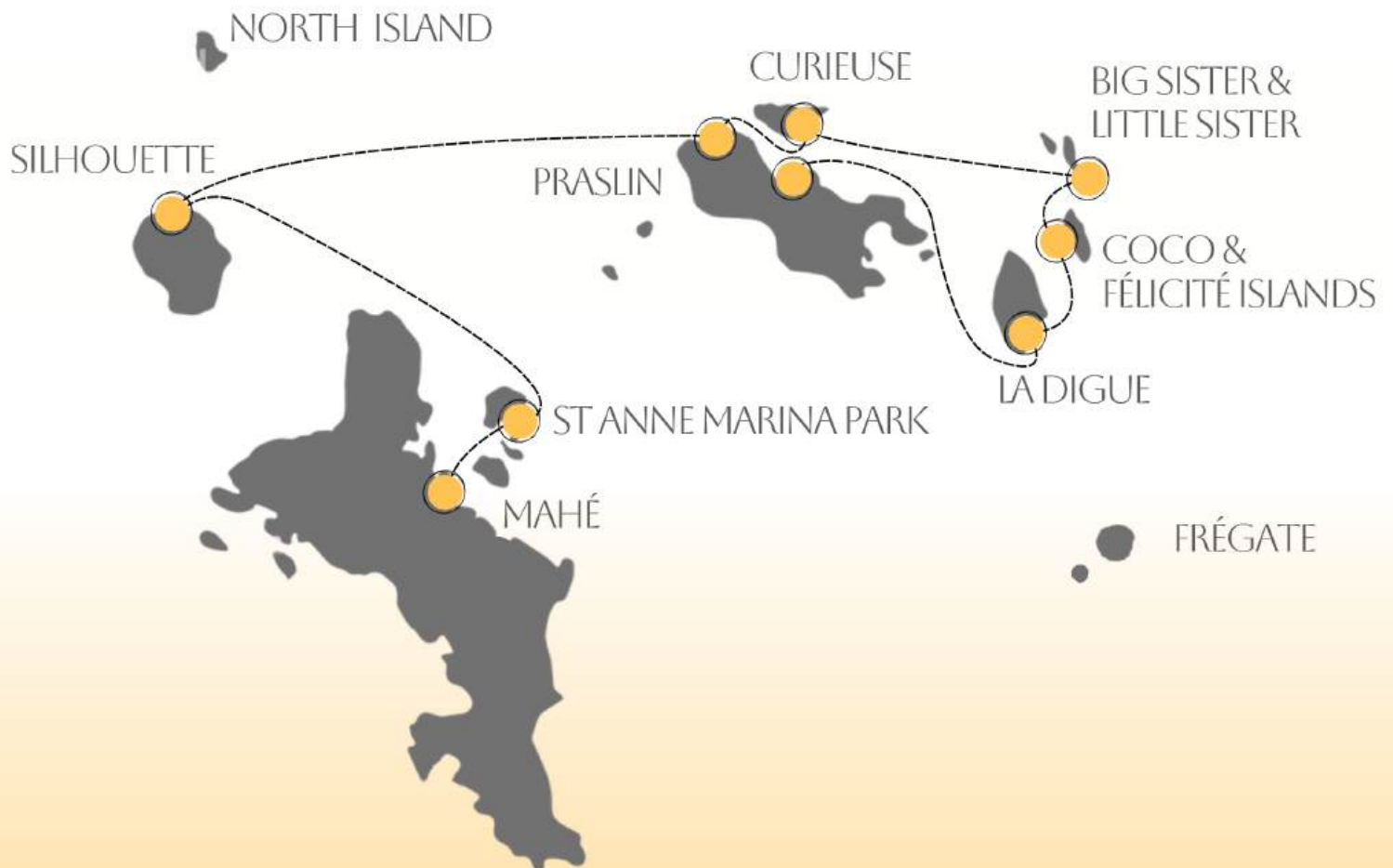
Tap water is generally safe to drink on Mahé and Praslin, though **bottled or filtered water is preferable**.

Currency: **Seychellois Rupee (SCR)**.

Intl. flights in/out **Mahé (SEZ)**, with domestic connections to **Praslin (PRI)**.

THE SEYCHELLES

7 NIGHTS





MAHÉ ISLAND

Mahé is the vibrant heart of the Seychelles and the place where the country's culture and daily rhythm are felt most strongly. In Victoria, the capital, you can wander through the lively market past piles of tropical fruit, spices, and fresh fish, browse for sarongs and local crafts, and pick up beautifully packaged vanilla products or spice blends to take home. It is a colourful, grounded introduction to the Seychelles before the pace softens as you move farther into the islands.

Beyond the capital, Mahé becomes greener, quieter, and more dramatic. The interior rises into the misty slopes of Mome Seychellois, where forested trails, granite outcrops, and sweeping viewpoints reveal another side of the island entirely. It is a place that lends itself beautifully to a first hike, a scenic drive, or simply taking in the lush landscape before stepping fully into island time.

Mahé also offers some of the richest Creole flavour in the Seychelles. Fresh seafood, curries, chutneys, grilled fish, and tropical fruit all feature strongly, whether enjoyed in a local restaurant or at a more tucked-away coastal stop. What makes Mahé so appealing is this balance of culture, cuisine, scenery, and atmosphere, giving guests both a sense of place and a memorable beginning to their time in the islands.





ST ANNE MARINE PARK

Sainte Anne Marine Park is one of the most accessible and rewarding natural areas in the inner islands, lying just off Mahé in brilliant turquoise water. Rather than being defined by one single island, it is a protected marine park made up of several small islands, shallow reef systems, and calm clear anchorages that immediately feel bright, tropical, and full of life. It has a gentler, more intimate character than some of the larger island stops.

The real draw here is the marine world. The park is known for easy snorkeling over coral and reef fish, with sea turtles often part of the experience, and the surrounding water tends to be calm and inviting. If the stop includes Moyenne Island, that brings in another very special Seychelles detail: giant tortoises wandering freely, along with walking paths and traces of the island's curious history.

Sainte Anne works so well because it introduces both the natural and playful side of the Seychelles. It is the kind of place where the day feels light and easy, with time spent in the water, on quiet trails, or simply enjoying the scenery of small green islands scattered across luminous shallows. It brings a sense of immediate escape while still feeling close to the life of Mahé.





SILHOUETTE ISLAND

Silhouette has a very different mood from the more populated islands of the Seychelles. Although relatively close to Mahé, it feels far more remote, with thick tropical forest, dramatic peaks, and a strong sense of preserved natural beauty. It is one of the islands where the landscape still feels dominant, giving it a wilder, more atmospheric character from the outset.

This is an island for guests who are drawn to the more untouched side of the Seychelles. Rather than markets or village life, Silhouette is known for its hiking, dense vegetation, remarkable biodiversity, and strong conservation identity. Forest trails, quiet beaches, fruit bats overhead, and even giant tortoise sightings all contribute to an experience that feels more nature-led and immersive.

Silhouette's charm lies in that feeling of stepping away from the busier world. The beaches are beautiful, but the island is really about the contrast between the calm shoreline and the deep green interior behind it. For guests who appreciate stillness, scenery, and a stronger connection to the natural environment, Silhouette is one of the most distinctive stops in the inner Seychelles.





PRASLIN ISLAND

Praslin is often regarded as one of the most beautiful and effortlessly appealing islands in the Seychelles. It has a softer, more relaxed feel than Mahé, with sweeping beaches, a slower rhythm, and a classic island elegance that makes it an easy favourite. The coastline is exceptionally pretty, but what gives Praslin its identity is that it offers far more than beaches alone.

Its most famous natural treasure is the Vallée de Mai, where the extraordinary coco de mer palms create one of the most distinctive landscapes in the archipelago. Walking beneath these ancient palms, with the possibility of spotting the rare black parrot, gives Praslin a depth and personality that feels uniquely Seychellois. It is one of the few places where the interior is just as iconic as the coastline.

Back by the sea, Praslin invites long beach walks, swimming, snorkeling, and easy lunches in beautiful surroundings. Beaches such as Anse Lazio and Anse Georgette are part of the island's reputation for good reason, but it is the combination of these celebrated shores with the coco de mer forest that makes Praslin such a rewarding stop. It feels polished, naturally beautiful, and unmistakably itself.





BIG & LITTLE SISTER

Grande Soeur and Petite Soeur, the Sister Islands, sit just off Praslin and feel like one of the most idyllic corners of the inner Seychelles. Small, quiet, and wonderfully unspoiled, they are defined by bright sand, clear water, tropical greenery, and those smooth granite boulders that give the Seychelles its unmistakable look. Together they offer a lovely sense of contrast, with Grande Soeur feeling softer and more open, and Petite Soeur a little rockier and more rugged.

These islands are all about simple pleasures. Guests come here to walk the beach, swim in clear turquoise water, snorkel just offshore, and enjoy the kind of scenery that feels almost untouched. There is very little to distract from the setting itself, which is exactly what makes them so appealing. The views back toward Praslin and the surrounding islands are particularly lovely.

The Sister Islands bring in that quieter, castaway side of the Seychelles. They do not rely on shops, village life, or inland attractions, but instead offer space, calm, and pure natural beauty. For clients drawn to a more hidden and gently wild island experience, they make a beautiful contrast to the better-known stops nearby.



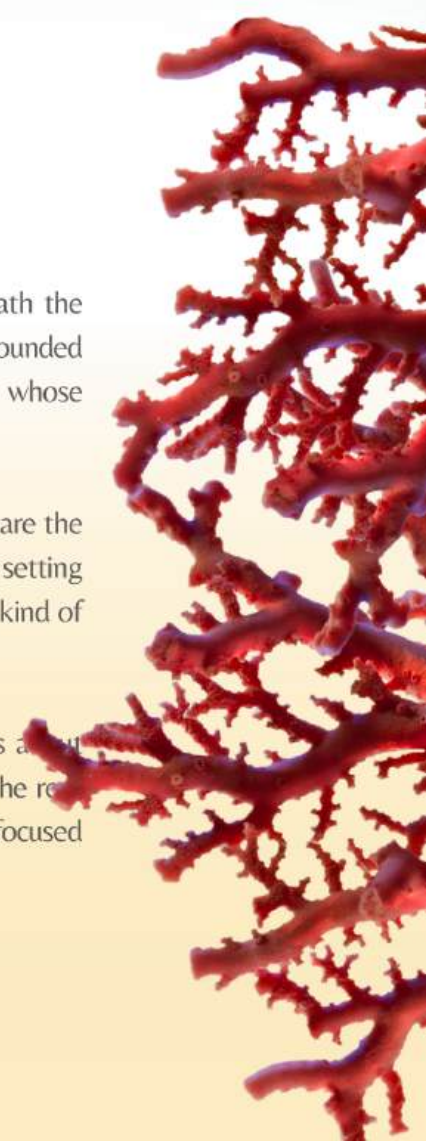


COCO ISLAND

Coco Island is one of those places in the Seychelles that is best known for what lies beneath the surface. Small, striking, and protected, it is made up of granite islets fringed with palms and surrounded by exceptionally clear water. It is not a large island to explore on foot, but rather a marine stop whose reputation is built around its underwater beauty.

This is one of the classic snorkeling areas in the inner islands. Coral, reef fish, and vivid visibility are the main attraction, and sea turtles are often part of the experience when conditions are right. The setting itself is also beautiful, with rounded granite rocks and bright tropical water creating exactly the kind of scene people imagine when they picture the Seychelles.

Coco works especially well in an itinerary because it adds that pure marine element. It is less about beaches, markets, or inland exploration, and more about slipping into the water and enjoying the reef life and clarity that make this part of the islands so special. It feels wild, natural, and wonderfully focused on the sea.





FÉLICITÉ ISLAND

Félicité has a stronger, more dramatic presence than many of the neighbouring inner islands. Its granite formations are larger, its slopes steeper, and the island rises from the sea with a bolder, more sculptural profile. Thick vegetation softens the landscape, but the overall impression is one of raw beauty and striking natural form.

The appeal here lies in the combination of clear water, tucked-away beaches, and excellent swimming and snorkeling. The surrounding sea is rich with marine life, and hawksbill turtles and rays are often associated with the area. It is the kind of stop where the scenery feels a little more cinematic, with the granite and the sea doing most of the work.

Félicité has a naturally exclusive feel, but its charm is rooted in the landscape rather than anything overly polished. It offers a beautiful contrast to the gentler beach-led islands nearby, bringing in something more dramatic and elemental. For those who respond strongly to scenery, scale, and a more rugged kind of beauty, Félicité is a standout.





LA DIGUE ISLAND

La Digue has one of the clearest personalities in the Seychelles and is often the island people remember most vividly. Life moves at a slower pace here, with bicycles, small shops, local takeaways, and a harbour village that still feels personal and lived in. There is a charm to La Digue that comes as much from its everyday rhythm as from its famous scenery.

One of the great pleasures of visiting La Digue is simply crossing the island itself. Riding through L'Union Estate brings in a whole different layer of interest, from old plantation history and traditional copra production to vanilla, giant tortoises, and the sense of stepping through a place with real texture and story. It feels more tangible and characterful than many of the more purely scenic stops.

And then, of course, there is the coastline. Anse Source d'Argent is iconic for good reason, with its extraordinary granite formations, shallow pools, and pale sand, but La Digue is more than one famous beach. It is the combination of bicycles, tortoises, plantation remnants, village life, and those instantly recognisable coastal views that gives the island such enduring appeal.

