SEYCHELLES

EXPERIENCE
Underwater adventures & island hopping

EXPLORE
The most beautiful beaches in the world

DISCOVER
Untouched rare flora & fauna
LET THOMPSONS TAKE YOU THERE

Looking for untouched natural beauty that will blow you away, pristine beaches with no footprints on the white sand, lush tropical vegetation and sea that is so blue it matches the sky? You’ll find it all in the Seychelles, an archipelago of 115 tropical Indian Ocean islands that are unique, unspoilt, breathtakingly beautiful and offer private hidden coves for swimming, scuba diving or snorkelling.

Fly in to the island of Mahé, which boasts its own selection of secluded beaches reachable either by boat, on foot, or from a private yacht. Mahé and the nearby isles of Praslin and La Digue are the Seychelles’ most popular destinations to escape to with some of the best and most luxurious resorts in the world. There are plenty more remote islands just waiting to be discovered.

The Seychelles offers an unprecedented water world for you to explore, a fascinating Creole culture and a world of fabulous experiences just begging to be enjoyed.

NEED TO KNOW

LANGUAGE
The Seychelles has three official languages: Creole, French and English.

CURRENCY
Seychelles Rupee. Euros are also widely accepted at all resorts. South African Rands can be exchanged at Seychelles Airport. Payments for services / products outside the resorts are transacted in Seychelles Rupees.

VISA
SA Passport holders do not require a visa.

TIME
2 hours ahead of South Africa.

WEATHER

PLUG TYPE
British standard square 3-pin, 13-amp sharp electric plug. An international adaptor is advisable.

TRAVEL INSURANCE
For peace of mind contact Thompsons for more info.

Star gradings (***) vary from country to country around the world. This brochure features the star gradings of the host country and might not always reflect the same standards as in SA.

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE
With over 40 years of travel experience you know you’re in good hands. We offer expert advice for all your travel requirements. Thompsons Holidays is a division of Cullinan Holdings Group and a member of The Travel Corporation, a fourth-generation family-owned group. Our financial stability is the key to a hassle-free holiday. No request is too large, no detail too small.

UNRIVALLED VALUE FOR MONEY
As the largest South African tour operator, our unsurpassed buying power ensures the best holiday deals, unrivalled value for money and unexpected bonus offers.

WE ARE WITH YOU 24/7
With you all the way - our care line is your friend in an emergency.

WHY THOMPSONS SEYCHELLES?
THOMPSONS SEYCHELLES is unique for its outstanding service delivery.

• Meet & greet on arrival with a cold face towel and a bottle of water.
• Personalised assistance on the islands.
• Tourist service desks at many hotels and central points on the various islands.
• Book an array of excursions with transfers to/from your hotel.
• Information leaflet.
• 24/7 Emergency telephone number.
• All the vehicles and sea fleet are equipped with the latest safety features.
ISLANDS OF THE SEYCHELLES

MAHÉ
The largest island in the Seychelles and home to its international airport, Mahé also boasts the world’s smallest capital town, Victoria, filled with colonial mansions. The island is known for its pristine white sand beaches and lush, mountainous vegetation. There are more than 70 beautiful beaches, but the best of the best include Anse Major, Anse Jasmin, Petit Anse and Anse Du Riz. Visit the bustling market in Victoria and the island’s Botanical Gardens to see giant tortoises, Coco de Mer trees and exquisite orchids.

PRASLIN
The second largest island in the Seychelles, about an hour by boat from Mahé, Praslin is also home to the legendary Vallee de Mai, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It’s one of the only 2 places in the world, along with the Seychelles island of Curieuse, where one can see Coco de Mer trees growing in their natural habitat, and view their enormous fruit, shaped like a woman’s lower torso. Here visitors can hike one of 3 prehistoric forest trails to see some rare birds such as the black parrot. Praslin also boasts some of the world’s best beaches including Anse Lazio beach, favoured by none other than Italian designer Giorgio Armani. Legend has it that Praslin was the original Garden of Eden.

DENIS ISLAND
Remote and romantic, this tiny little island (just 375 acres in size) is ideal for honeymooners with its glimmering white sand beaches, thrilling deep sea fishing expeditions and excellent nature walks. Located 60km from Mahé, this is the northernmost island in the archipelago, a living, breathing island community where going back to nature is the order of the day. Snorkel in the island’s turtle sanctuary and spot some of the rarest birds in the world. This is the perfect spot to unwind and rediscover nature in all its beauty.

LA DIGUE
On this tiny island, the oxcart and bicycle reign supreme. La Digue features a languid pace of life (there are no roads or vehicles here), charming traditional architecture and breathtaking beaches, particularly Anse Source d’Argent. Take a short oxcart trip to the Rene Payet Veuve Reserve, the only place in the world that is home to the endangered Seychelles Paradise Flycatcher. You can also visit L’Union Estate, home to giant tortoises, one of the last working copra mills and a cemetery where the island’s original settlers are buried.
GET READY TO EXPLORE

**MAHÉ DISCOVERY TOUR**

On this full-day excursion, you explore Mahé's capital, Victoria, visiting places of interest such as the Victoria Clock Tower and the bustling market. Take a leisurely drive over the San Souci mountain pass, past lush forest and tea plantations, to historic Mission Lodge and stop to take photos of the breathtaking coastline below. Enjoy lunch in a traditional Creole restaurant and visit an historic herb and spice garden to learn all about the Seychelles' unique flora and fauna. Finally, visit a local craft village for an insight into Creole culture and architecture with time to purchase some traditional souvenirs.

**FULL DAY PRASLIN AND LA DIGUE TOUR**

An 11-hour tour to see the highlights of both islands in one day! On Praslin, an hour's journey by boat from Mahé, you visit the UNESCO-listed Vallee de Mai to view the giant Coco de Mer fruit, and take a walk through a prehistoric forest to listen to the trill of the rare Black Parrot. Praslin is also home to famous Anse Lazio beach, which you also explore. Then it’s time for the 30-minute boat crossing to La Digue Island, where life takes a slower pace. Timeless and unique, La Digue offers the comforts of the 21st century with the tranquillity of yesteryear. Visit L'Union Estate to see the copra sheds, giant tortoises and recently refurbished Colonial Plantation House, where the movie Goodbye Emmanuelle was filmed. Then travel in an open-sided truck with canopy called a 'camion' to Anse Source d'Argent, renowned as one of the most spectacular beaches in the world with its legendary granite rock formations.

**REEF SAFARI TOUR (FROM MAHÉ)**

Explore the spectacular St Anne National Marine Park on an exciting full day tour. You set sail to the Marine Park, then hop onto a semi-submersible vessel and dip below the waves to view a magical underwater world in the park’s colourful coral gardens. Enjoy snorkelling to really discover the underwater world, followed by a barbecue lunch and musical entertainment before heading to Moyenne Island to see the resident giant tortoises, visit old ruins and pirates' graves and relax on the beach.
Located on spectacular Beau Vallon Beach, this comfortable haven is a tropical paradise fringed with glorious white sand, calm turquoise waters and lush surroundings. The resort is close to a variety of attractions and shops.

**BERJAYA BEAU VALLON BAY RESORT & CASINO**

Located on spectacular Beau Vallon Beach, this comfortable haven is a tropical paradise fringed with glorious white sand, calm turquoise waters and lush surroundings. The resort is close to a variety of attractions and shops.

**ACCOMMODATION**
232 air-conditioned Standard, Superior and Deluxe Rooms plus Victoria, Garden, Junior and Royal Suites. Some rooms are inter-connected.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**
Casino | Business centre | Shuttle to Victoria once daily | Babysitting | Evening entertainment

**Free** Non-motorised water sports | Table tennis | Volley ball | Tennis | Mini gym | Darts

**Payable** Motorised water sports | Diving centre | Deep sea fishing | Para gliding

The location of the hotel is excellent. Hotel staff very friendly and attentive. We especially loved the food at their Indian restaurant. We loved our stay.

Mr & Mrs Williams

**CORAL STRAND SMART CHOICE HOTEL**

The best location on Mahe, in the middle of Beau Vallon Beach with its numerous motorised water sports, the resort is within walking distance of restaurants, shops and lively hot spots.

**ACCOMMODATION**
136 Standard, Mountain and Ocean View Rooms as well as 21 Superior Rooms, 4 Silhouette Rooms and one 2-bedroomed apartment.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**
Award-winning Mahék Indian Restaurant | 24-hour room service | Gift shop | Library/reading area | Lifeguard on beach | Live evening entertainment | Access to & discounts at selected facilities at sister hotel Savoy Resort & Spa next door: 3 restaurants, 1 bar (10% discount on food & drinks), Kids Club and Spa (10% discount on treatments)

**Free** Yoga group sessions next door | Gym next door

**Payable** Scuba diving offsite | Water sports offsite

Our 3 Bed Apartment was spacious and had everything we needed. Our kids were spoilt with waffles for breakfast every morning. Would definitely recommend for families with children. Baker Family
The perfect blend of European and Creole culture, this resort offers every ingredient for a relaxed tropical getaway. Top up your tan on the palm-fringed shore and enjoy pampering spa treatments and great dining options.

**AVANI BARBARONS SEYCHELLES RESORT & SPA**

**MAHÉ**

**ACCOMMODATION**

124 AVANI Standard Rooms, AVANI Garden View Rooms, AVANI Ocean View Rooms, AVANI Beachfront Rooms, AVANI Ocean View Suites and AVANI Family Room

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**

Seafood Terrace | Beachside private dining | Fitness centre | Cooking classes | 24-hour room service

Free Tennis | Use of snorkelling equipment

Payable (all offsite) Horse riding | Scuba diving | Fishing | Marine Park excursions | Yoga classes by the sea

The food was excellent, including their delicious vegetarian options. Honestly couldn’t fault anything. We loved our stay here. Mr & Mrs Mitchell

Beautiful & peaceful beachfront location.
**Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa**

This idyllic retreat nestles on a hillside amongst small beach coves on beautiful Beau Vallon Bay. Guests enjoy spectacular ocean views with North and Silhouette Islands on the horizon.

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**ACCOMMODATION**

56 sumptuous villas including Sunset Villas, Oceanfront Villas and Grand Ocean View Pool Villas with infinity pools. There’s also the Ian Fleming Suite, inspired by the Bond movie *For Your Eyes Only*.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**

Butler service on request for unique luxury experience | Beach shuttle to Beau Vallon Bay | No kids under the age of 13 | Helicopter service | Yoga on request | Fitness room | Weekly activities | Business centre | Boat hire

**Free** Use of snorkelling equipment | Kayaks | Hiking

**Payable** Deep sea fishing | Diving | Sunset cruise | Horse riding

What a wonderful and relaxing 8 days spent relaxing by the pool, snorkelling, kayaking, spa spoils and exploring the island. Mr & Mrs Sibiya

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**Carana Beach Hotel**

Overlooking one of Mahe’s dramatic and picturesque beaches, this boutique hotel offers spectacular views from every room – striking blue sea framed by lush jungle and massive granite pillars so indicative of the Seychelles.

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**ACCOMMODATION**

28 spacious Ocean View Chalets and 12 Ocean View Pool Chalets, each with stunning sea views and set just a few steps from the beach.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**

Relaxed bar/lounge with stunning ocean views | Bus stop at hotel entrance – buses every 30 min to Victoria | In-chalet spa treatments | Babysitting

**Payable** Diving offsite | Deep sea fishing offsite | Sightseeing

Beautiful hotel with lovely decor. Their amazing beach is secluded and excellent for swimming. Everyone is friendly and goes out of their way to ensure that you have the best holiday. Mr & Mrs Erasmus
Bordering 3km of white sand on one of the world’s most beautiful beaches, this inviting resort offers exceptional sea views and is ideally located, a short walk from bars, restaurants and scenic nature trails.

**ACCOMMODATION**
24 Ocean View Rooms and 6 Deluxe Jacuzzi Ocean View Rooms, all with balcony offering spectacular ocean views, DVD player, iPod docking station, satellite TV and more.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**
24-hour fitness centre | Room service 24/7 | Gift shop | Business centre | Wedding planner

Free Kayaks | Use of snorkelling equipment

Payable Scuba diving | Fishing excursions

What an unforgettable holiday we had here! Such a lovely hotel in a “paradise” location. The wonderful staff took care of our every need.

Mr & Mrs Carter

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**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SEYCHELLES - ALLAMANDA RESORT & SPA**

This family friendly, modern resort is ideally located in Anse Forbans, overlooking a beautiful private beach surrounded by untouched lush tropical foliage. Guests enjoy scenic ocean views from every balcony.

**FAMILY**

**COUPLES | HONEYMOON**

**GROUPS & INCENTIVES**

**WEDDINGS**

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**GUEST EXPERIENCES**
24-hour fitness centre | Room service 24/7 | Gift shop | Business centre | Wedding planner

Free Kayaks | Use of snorkelling equipment

Payable Scuba diving | Fishing excursions

Beautifully landscaped Resort which really made us feel that we were on a tropical island. Very quiet and laid back hotel, perfect for unwinding.

Mr & Mrs Naidoo

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**LE MERIDIEN FISHERMANS COVE**

Bordering 3km of white sand on one of the world’s most beautiful beaches, this inviting resort offers exceptional sea views and is ideally located, a short walk from bars, restaurants and scenic nature trails.

**ACCOMMODATION**
68 Rooms and Suites including 19 Superior Room, 12 Deluxe, 13 Junior Suite, 4 Garden Suite, 18 Executive, 2 Deluxe Suites. All feature stunning ocean or garden views, private balcony/terrace and open plan bathrooms.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**
Steam Room | Fitness centre | Live evening entertainment | Gift shop | 24-hour room service | Car rental

Free Snorkeling equipment, canoe & pedalo | Guided snorkeling trail with underwater post box

Payable Water sports (offsite)
KEMPINSKI SEYCHELLES RESORT – BAIE LAZARE

MAHÉ

This indulgent retreat offers a vast array of facilities and activities. Guests enjoy adventure holidays exploring the unique natural landscape or a romantic break in a beautiful setting. You’ll find whatever you’re looking for here.

MAIA LUXURY RESORT & SPA

MAHÉ

An Indian Ocean jewel on secluded, untouched Anse Louis beach, this exceptional resort offers a signature experience when it comes to services and facilities to ensure that one’s time at Maia is quite unique.

ACCOMMODATION
148 Rooms and Suites including 142 Rooms with hill, sea or sea and garden views and 6 one-bedroom Suites, 4 with hill views and 2 with sea and garden views.

GUEST EXPERIENCES
Olympic-size pool | Pool at kids club | Lounge & library | Daily entertainment programme | Live evening entertainment | Bicycles | 2 floodlit tennis courts | Helipad | Wedding planner

Free Use of snorkelling equipment | Beach volley ball | Badminton | Nature walks

Payable PADI Dive Centre | Stand up paddles | Surfing | Fishing | Kayaks | Hilltop yoga | Water sports pavilion

We had an amazing Honeymoon spoilt with a bottle of champagne in our room, which was a lovely touch. The pool was never overly busy and the sea lovely and warm. Mr & Mrs Bester

ACCOMMODATION
30 spacious MAIA Signature and Ocean Panoramic Villas, each with its own dedicated butler.

GUEST EXPERIENCES
Romantic dining on the beach, helipad or in your Villa | Fitness centre | Tour of the gardens | Hiking trails in nearby forest and national parks | Beyond All-inclusive basis on our whatever, whenever, wherever concept

Free Use of snorkelling equipment | Canoes | Kayaks | Snorkelling

Payable Fishing | Customised trips by private boat or helicopter | PADI certified scuba diving (unlimited group dive)

What a special hotel! Our Villa had the most exquisite views across Anse Louis and was very comfortable. Overall, Maia was a little hidden gem that truly knows the meaning of customer care!

Mr & Mrs De Souza
Be charmed into this exquisite slice of seaside life, where lush palms and tropical forests bloom, a glorious beach and spectacular ocean views abound. This is island life in lush technicolour.

**BANYAN TREE SEYCHELLES**

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**ACCOMMODATION**

160 Villas including Ocean View, Beachfront, Sanctuary Pool, Spa Sanctuary, Royal Banyan Pool Villas and One & Two Bedroomed Villas. All offer spacious veranda.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**

In-villa dining | Tennis | Turtle nesting (Oct – Feb) | Thai cooking classes | Live entertainment twice weekly | Complimentary bikes

Free Use of snorkelling equipment
Payable Big game fishing | Diving

We got to celebrate our 10 year anniversary at this amazing hotel which we will forever cherish. We would highly recommend Banyan Tree to those who value their privacy and are looking for that personalised touch. Mr & Mrs De Jager

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**SAVOY SEYCHELLES RESORT & SPA**

This is one of the Seychelles’ most prestigious beachfront resorts, offering superlative customer service and top of the range facilities that include a spectacular array of globally inspired and locally sourced dishes.

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**ACCOMMODATION**

163 Rooms and Suites including Savoy King/Twin Rooms, Junior Suites, Savoy Suites and a Savoy Penthouse. All feature furnished private terrace.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**

In-room dining | Live evening entertainment (most nights) | Library | Boutique | Access to facilities at next door sister hotel, Coral Strand, including 4 restaurants, poolside bar and pool | Tennis court | Fitness centre

Free Yoga group sessions
Payable Water sports activities offsite | Scuba diving

We loved the Seychelles and can’t wait to go back again. The hotels lovely beach was a big plus as well as their huge pool. Please take us back to Paradise! Mr & Mrs Courtenay

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CONSTANCE EPHELIA RESORT

Situated on 2 of Mahe’s most beautiful beaches overlooking a Marine National Park, this family friendly and casual luxury resort offers dazzling, vibrant beauty and endless options for sports and activities.

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ACCOMMODATION
42 Tropical Garden View Rooms, 184 Junior Suites, 40 Senior Suites, 17 Family Villas, 16 Beach Villas, 8 Hillside Villas, 5 Spa Villas and 1 Presidential Villa. All villas feature private pools.

GUEST EXPERIENCES
Yoga Pavilion at the U Spa by Constance | Gym | Tennis | Squash | Bicycles | Climbing wall | 5 Boutiques | Bicycles to rent
Free Pedal boats | Wind surfing | Kayaks | Catamaran
Payable PADI Scuba diving | Fishing | Yoga lessons | Zip line

If you’re looking for somewhere to escape to and relax, then look no further… My wife and I loved our stay here and came back home refreshed and a few kilo’s heavier! Their lobster evenings were to die for. Mr & Mrs Steffen

EDEN BLEU HOTEL

On Eden Island, off the coast of Mahe, next to Eden Plaza, the Seychelles’ only purpose-built retail centre and home to a Casino. Popular for a short getaway, a stopover before island hopping and conferences.

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ACCOMMODATION
6 Standard Rooms, 74 Deluxe Rooms, 6 Luxury Suites and one Presidential Suite. All offer balconies with views over Eden Island or the Marina.

GUEST EXPERIENCES
Specialises in conferences & meetings | Business centre | 5 Min drive to the Capital Victoria | Eden Plaza retail centre and Star Casino nearby | The island boasts many restaurants and nightlife
Free Buggies available at the villas to drive around the island

We had the most wonderful holiday. Superb location and the friendliest team ever. All our requests from check-in to check-out were promptly attended to. This is my new “Happy Place”. Mr & Mrs Govender
This exclusive deluxe resort is a secluded paradise with an 18-hole championship golf course, the only one in the Seychelles. Elegantly nestled in tropical surroundings, it offers luxury and comfort in harmony with nature.

**ACCOMMODATION**
The hotel offers 40 Standard & Superior Rooms. There is also an adults-only (no kids under 14) wing, The Black Parrot Suites, featuring 12 Junior Suites.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**
Fitness room | Private bus shuttles to Anse Lazio Beach several times a week | Bicycles | Relaxation zones in the gardens | Private beaches | Kids paddling pool | Guided nature trail | Library

Free Canoes | Stand up paddle boards
Payable Snorkelling equipment

The hotel was not as big and crowded like some of the other places we have visited. The warm welcome, quality accommodation and yummy food at the Mango Tree restaurant all added to a great holiday.

Walker Family

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This exclusive deluxe resort is a secluded paradise with an 18-hole championship golf course, the only one in the Seychelles. Elegantly nestled in tropical surroundings, it offers luxury and comfort in harmony with nature.

**ACCOMMODATION**
105 Suites and Villas including 88 Junior and 8 Senior Suites, 8 Villas and one Presidential Villa. Villas feature private pools.

**GUEST EXPERIENCES**
State-of-the-art gym | Tennis | Turtle sanctuary | 18-hole golf course (only 1 in Seychelles) | VIP lounge | Boutique | Mountain bikes | Hairdresser | Podiatrist | Library

Free Green fees at golf course | Pedalo boats | Hobie cats | Laser boats | Kayaks | Wind surfing | Body boards
Payable PADI Dive centre | Deep sea fishing | Golf, diving & tennis lessons

Wish we had stayed longer! The hotel grounds are lush, green and gorgeous. Food was excellent. We will definitely be back. Mr & Mrs Van Wyk
Nestled along the secluded Anse Volbert beach on Praslin island in the Seychelles, Paradise Sun is an escape to beautiful white beaches, gently lapped by turquoise waters and friendly Creole hospitality.

ACCOMMODATION
80 Ocean Facing Rooms with en suite shower including 10 Family/Deluxe Rooms with baths.

GUEST EXPERIENCES
Daily themed buffet dinner with entertainment most evenings | Beach service | Gift shop | Volley ball | Table tennis | Nature walks (Mon & Fri) | Board games | Daily kids recreation programme | Free afternoon tea/coffee & cake daily | Sunset cruise (Wed)

Free Kayaks | Stand up paddle boards | Use of snorkelling equipment

Payable Diving centre

Beautifully kept grounds and beach. The food was tasty with different menu themes every night. Kids loved the kayaks and stand up boards. Paradise Sun is a dream resort. You will not regret it. Dhladla Family
Situated within a Marine National Park on Silhouette Island, the third largest island in the Seychelles. A very family friendly secluded haven, nestled in lush mountains and offering magnificent beach views.

**Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa**

**Accommodation**
111 Expertly designed Garden, Beachfront, Sanctuary Pool Villa and Deluxe Beachfront Pool Villas. There’s also the Silhouette Estate.

**Guest Experiences**
- Yoga centre
- Creole cooking classes
- Fitness centre
- Nature walks
- Gift shop
- Archery
- 9 Holes fun mini golf
- Kids train
- Kids center
- Giant chess
- Genga
- Free 30-Min trial yoga session
- Tennis
- Water

**Payable**
- PADI Dive centre
- Fishing
- Kayaks
- Snorkelling equipment

Stunning location on an idyllic island. The resort is well-designed and suitable for family fun filled holidays. Reminds me of the original Robinson Crusoe island! – Croft Family

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This luxury villa resort on a private island embraces nature whilst offering every possible creature comfort. An ideal choice for discerning travellers who enjoy a secluded tropical Eden.

**Six Senses Zil Pasyon**

**Accommodation**
33 Villas/Residences with a choice of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms, each with its own plunge pool.

**Guest Experiences**
- 24-hour Butler service
- Cooking classes
- Cinema under the stars
- Turtle hatching viewing (Oct – Feb)
- Hiking tours
- Helipad
- Library
- Babysitting
- Yoga
- Fitness centre
- Petanque
- Free Kayaks
- Snorkelling equipment
- Stand up paddle boards

**Payable**
- Diving offsite
- Boat excursions
- Golfing on Praslin island

Heavenly rooms, picturesque views, untouched beauty are but a few words that come to mind. Not to mention the wonderful food. What an unbelievable experience. Mr & Mrs O’Riley
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