

SEYCHELLES CRUISE

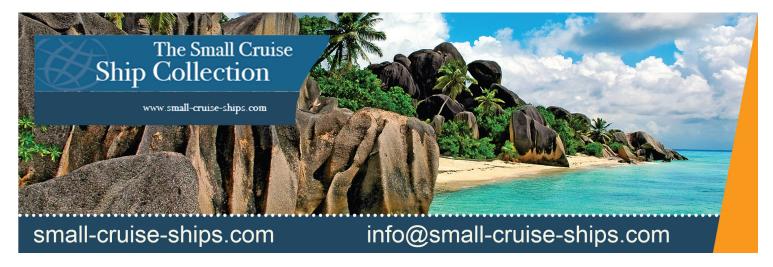
On the Seychelles Enchantment luxury cruise, guests embark on a breathtaking round trip beginning and ending in Victoria, Mahe Island. This 11-day journey unveils the splendors of the Seychelles archipelago, visiting iconic islands such as Praslin, La Digue, Curieuse, and Bird Island, each offering a unique tapestry of natural beauty and cultural heritage. Travelers will explore enchanting locations like Praslin's famed Anse Lazio beach and the UNESCO-listed Vallee de Mai, home to the rare coco de mer palm. On La Digue, Anse Source d'Argent boasts picturesque settings, while the rugged landscapes of Curieuse Island are adorned with red-earth mountains. Bird Island offers a conservational sanctuary for diverse avian species and the world's largest land tortoise, Esmeralda. Throughout the "Seychelles Enchantment" cruise, guests can engage in a range of optional activities. Kayaking with the expedition team offers possible sightings of marine life such as dolphins and sea turtles. Hiking trails on Grande Soeur lead to panoramic island views, enhancing the adventurous experience. Whether marveling at bustling markets in Victoria or meditating on secluded beaches, this cruise promises unforgettable escapades.



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DAY 1 Mahe

Victoria, the capital of Seychelles, is a vibrant city on Mahe Island's northeastern side, blending diverse cultures and traditions. Attractions include the bustling stalls of Victoria Market, the Hindu shrine of Arul Mihu Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple and the colourful "Jivan Imports" store. The Victoria Botanical Garden features Aldabra giant tortoises and 200 plant



species, including unique trees like the coco-de-mer.

DAY 2 Curieuse

Curieuse Marine National Park's captivating landscape is made up of red earth mountains and granite hills. The Coco de Mer palm, which produces the world's largest nuts, grows only here and Praslin. Baie Laraie is home to all seven mangrove species in Seychelles, while the area is also the site of a tortoise sanctuary. Once a leper colony, Curieuse hosts giant Aldabra tortoises and sea turtles.

DAY 2 Aride

Aride Island, one of Seychelles' finest nature reserves, offers a glimpse into the islands' unspoilt past. The uninhabited granitic island hosts vital seabird colonies, with 10 breeding species, including the world's largest populations of two frigatebird species and the roseate tern subspecies arideensis. Reptile density is among the highest globally. Rare native plants like Wright's Gardenia grow in their natural state only on Aride.

DAY 3 Praslin

Praslin has some of the Seychelles' finest beaches, like Anse Lazio and Anse Georgette, with granite boulders dotting the soft sands. Busy Anse Volbert-Cote D'Or offers views of Chauve Souris islet. Inland, Praslin National Park's rugged jungle hosts rare flora and fauna. The Vallee de Mai, a UNESCO site, features a coco de mer forest, one of only two populations of these

enormous trees, bearing the world's largest fruit and heaviest seeds.

DAY 4 Bird Island

Bird Island, the northernmost in the Seychelles archipelago, is a coral cay surrounded by over 5 km of pristine beaches and turquoise waters. The island is famous for its birdlife, including sooty terns, fairy terns and common noddies. A haven for nature lovers, it focuses on wildlife conservation such as protecting the critically endangered hawksbill and green turtles. It's also home to Esmeralda, the world's largest land tortoise.

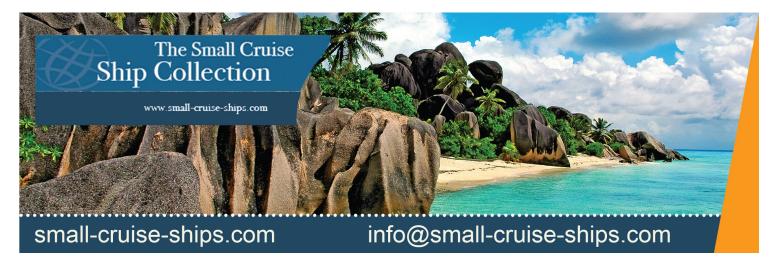
DAY 5 Grand Soeur

Grande Soeur, the slightly larger of the Sister Islands, is a peaceful spot known for its granite rocks emerging above palm-fringed beaches, creating stunning landmarks like Table Rock. Grande Soeur East, the most picturesque beach on the island, claims the crown as Seychelles' finest. The island is also one of the archipelago's best snorkelling spots with sea turtles, tropical fish and small reef sharks. Hiking trails lead to panoramic views.

DAY 6 La Digue

La Digue is renowned for idyllic beaches dotted with granite boulders like Anse Source d'Argent on the west coast. Secluded beaches like Anse Bonnet Carre and Anse Cocos on the east are accessible only on foot, featuring calm, shallow waters. Hikers





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enjoy the ascent to Nid d'Aigle, the 333-m high island peak, with a restaurant halfway up. The Veuve Nature Reserve protects the rare Seychelles Black Paradise Flycatcher's breeding habitat.

abitat. NB itineraries are subject to change

Day 7 Cousin Island

Cousin Island, a land and sea special reserve, is a conservation success story. In 1959, just 26 Seychelles warblers remained, clinging to life in a mangrove swamp. An intensive program cut back coconuts, allowing the warbler's native forest to recover. Cousin's restoration also benefited the endangered Seychelles magpie robin. The island is now a thriving indigenous forest and wetland, attracting birds, giant tortoises, lizards and more.

The tiny Moyenne Island in the inner Seychelles covers just 9 hectares. The 2km shoreline features white sand beaches and granite boulders characteristic of the Seychelles. Despite its size, Moyenne hosts high biodiversity. Moyenne Island National Park, the world's smallest, was established in 2009 by Brendon Grimshaw to preserve the ecosystem. Densely covered in trees and plants, it represents 40 native species, many unique to Moyenne.

Day 8 Victoria

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

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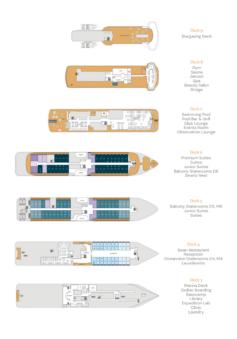
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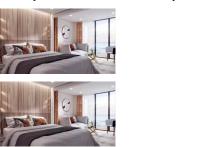


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