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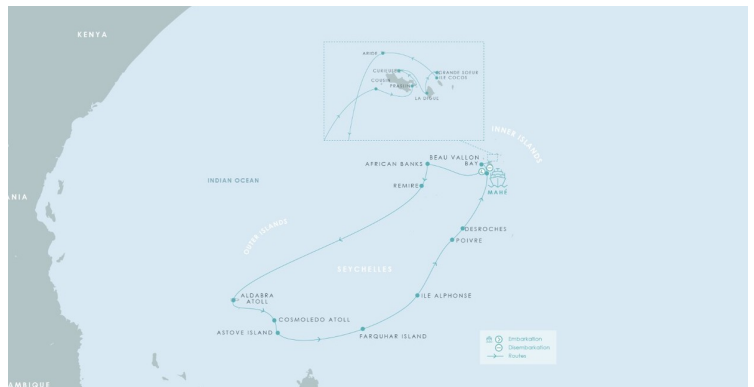
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THE CORALLINE SEYCHELLES & INNER ISLANDS CRUISE

This 15-day East African expedition combines Seychelles' remote outer islands with its iconic inner gems. Starting at Mahe's L'Escale Marina, you'll sail to the isolated African Banks and Remire before crossing open sea to the UNESCO-listed Aldabra Atoll, home to giant tortoises and pristine reefs. Continue to Cosmoledo, Astove, Farquhar, Ile Alphonse, Poivre, and Desroches for world-class diving, birdwatching, and untouched beaches. Returning to Mahe, the journey explores Beau Vallon's famous shoreline, then the lush islands of Cousin and Praslin, Curieuse and La Digue, Grande Soeur and Ile Cocos, and the seabird haven of Aride before concluding back at L'Escale Marina.



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Day 1 East Africa L'Escale Marina (Mahe)

Embark on the voyage of a lifetime from Mahe, the largest island in the Seychelles archipelago. Settle into your luxurious design suite on board Aqua Lares and meet your Cruise Director and Naturalist Guides. Enroute to our first destination, enjoy panoramic views from the sundeck as we sail past neighboring islands of the Sainte Anne National Marine Park.

Day 2 East Africa African Banks & Remire

Wake up to views of the remote African Banks, a destination rarely visited by cruises in Seychelles. Unlike the mountainous islands we passed by on the first day, the African Banks are defined by their flat coralline sand cays and atolls. Experience a true sense of Seychelles tranquility on these pristine shores and cool off with a swim in the surrounding crystal-clear waters. After lunch, we head to Remire Island to observe sea and land birds

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around the coastal vegetation, while keeping an eye out for giant tortoises. Remire also presents an ideal scuba diving opportunity for those interested in a closer look at the region's marine life. We cap off the day with a sundowner on the island's pristine white-sand shores.

Day 3 East Africa At Sea

As we spend the day sailing south towards Aldabra, treat yourself to some R&R; at the onboard spa or jacuzzi. For the avid birdwatchers, being out at sea presents the opportunity to spot red-footed boobies soaring overhead in their hunt for flying fish. If you wish, sit in for presentations by our expert naturalist guides to learn more about the Seychelles' unique geology, flora, and fauna. Savor world-class dining throughout the day and end the evening with stargazing from the sundeck.

Day 4 East Africa Aldabra Atoll

Wake up to views of Aldabra, a coral atoll known to harbor one of the world's most isolated ecosystems. Aldabra is home to the largest population of giant tortoises on the planet, with more than 100,000 of these incredible creatures roaming the atoll's four islands. The surrounding waters are home to a thriving population of tropical fish, sharks, and sea turtles, coupled with occasional manta ray sightings as well.

Day 5 East Africa Aldabra Atoll

We continue our exploration of Aldabra with guided walks along the coast accompanied by coconut crabs and frigatebirds. On board private tenders, explore Aldabra's lagoon and rich mangrove forests made up largely of endemic flora. The coral

atoll also offers incredible snorkeling and scuba diving opportunities, characterized by an abundance of marine life all year round.

Day 6 East Africa Cosmoledo Atoll & Astove Islands

Start the day with a guided tender excursion along Cosmoledo Atoll's lagoon, in search of seabirds such as masked gannets and brown boobies, both of which aren't found anywhere else in the Seychelles. After lunch, we make our way to Astove, known to be one of the best snorkeling and diving spots in the Indian Ocean courtesy of the Astove Wall. Often described as the underwater Grand Canyon, this four-mile-long wall is covered in soft corals and frequented by marine life including rays, sharks, and reef fish. It features plunging depths and incredible visibility that can extend up to 40 meters. Astove is a bucket-list item for every avid underwater explorer.

Day 7 East Africa Farquhar Island

Start the day exploring Farquhar Island with its vibrant azure waters, rich marine life, and abundance of seabirds including red-footed boobies. Snorkelers and divers get a chance to be among the few to explore undiscovered coral reefs around these islands. This is also a great spot for flyfishing and kayaking for those who wish to partake.

Day 8 East Africa Ile Alphonse

In the morning, we head out on tenders for a scenic ride to Alphonse Island. While there, explore a lush coconut forest and enjoy snorkeling along the shore to discover stunning hard coral formations teeming with marine life. Cool off at the pristine

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white-sand beach and if conditions are favorable, embark on a serene kayaking adventure in the lagoon.

Day 9 East Africa Poivre & Desroches

Spend the morning exploring Poivre atoll, made up primarily of two islands. The northern island features a coconut forest and the ruins of an old distillery. Occasionally, migratory birds such as whimbrels and ruddy turnstones can be spotted here. Over in the south, we find a completely uninhabited island ruled by nature. The lagoons around the southern island are home to an abundance of sea turtles, juvenile sharks, and stingrays. After lunch, we head to Desroches Island for encounters with giant tortoises. There will also be opportunities to snorkel and discover the island's reef system.

Day 10 East Africa L'Escale Marina (Mahe) & Beau Vallon Bay

We dock in Mahe as the ship replenishes itself for the next leg of the journey. Spend the day partaking in R&R; on board Aqua Lares. Enjoy an outdoor workout, relax in the jacuzzi, or book yourself a spa session. In the afternoon, welcome aboard the new guests who will be joining us for the rest of the expedition.

Day 11 East Africa Cousin & Praslin

In the morning, wake up to views of Cousin Island, designated a Special Nature Reserve in Seychelles. Cousin Island has a flourishing ecosystem with bird species such as the Flycatcher and Moorhen coexisting with colonies of Hawksbill Turtles, giant tortoises and other fauna endemic to the archipelago. Upon arrival, experience a guided walk around the island that shelters over 250,000 birds. After lunch, we head over to Praslin Island,

the second-largest granitic island in the Seychelles archipelago. This island presents the opportunity to visit and hike through the ancient Vallee de Mai palm forest.

Day 12 East Africa Curieuse & La Digue

We begin the morning at Curieuse Island, a national marine park on the northwest coast of Praslin. Embark on a guided hike to discover the island's rich mangrove forest, home to Coco de Mer palm trees and giant tortoises. Afterwards, jump into the water for a snorkel to explore the vibrant reef system and observe the diverse marine wildlife. We continue the day's activities with an excursion to La Digue Island in the afternoon. La Digue is unspoiled by the passage of time, steeped in tradition and history. Discover the island's beautiful vistas and stunning beaches. At L'Union Estate, visit local hallmarks such as the coconut distillery, art gallery, and museum.

Day 13 East Africa Grande Soeur & Ile Cocos

In the morning, we explore Grand Soeur Island, one of the best deep-sea diving sites to observe sharks and other marine life. The island offers excellent snorkeling opportunities along the reef and granitic coast, where you can spot parrotfish and sea turtles. After lunch, visit Ile Cocos, renowned for its crystal-clear waters and remarkable rock formations.

Day 14 East Africa Aride

The day begins with an exciting beach landing on Aride, the northernmost island of the archipelago. Aride Island is a Special Ornithological Nature Reserve that boasts one of the largest populations of birds in the Indian Ocean. Enjoy a walk through

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the forest that a myriad of seabird species, such as the white-tailed tropicbird, call home. The island also houses rare endemic flora including Wright's Gardenia which can only be found in its natural state on this island.

Day 15 East Africa L'Escale Marina (Mahe)

Enjoy a hearty breakfast on board before bidding farewell to Aqua Lares and the crew.

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Superyacht sailing in Seychelles & Tanzania An awe-inspiring presence in the Indian Ocean, Aqua Lares is the first superyacht to offer both charter and individual cabin bookings for expeditions to Seychelles & Tanzania. Featuring 15 bespoke cabins, a one-to-one crew-to-guest ratio, and expert-led excursions, Aqua Lares offers a superyacht experience unlike any other in East Africa. While sailing on this small-ship expedition, guests have the opportunity to discover biodiversity hotspots such as Aldabra and La Digue, as well as remote islands including the African Banks which are generally inaccessible to larger cruises. Aqua Lares pairs days of adventure with all the comforts of a five-star hotel, including a curated fine dining experience, highly personalized service, and a range of social spaces for rest and relaxation. Whether it's sipping cocktails on the sun deck, cooling off at the jacuzzi, or indulging in a spa treatment, moments on board can be just as special as those spent exploring the pristine beaches and island towns of Seychelles and Zanzibar. Spread across six decks, Aqua Lares offers a bespoke blend of grandeur and elegance, creating an extraordinary oasis for adventurous exploration and world-class luxury. Accommodating a total of 30 guests, Aqua

Lares features 15 elegant design cabins across five categories, including three Owner's Suites sized between 419 and 710 sqft (39 and 66 sqm). The remaining cabins are sized between 139 and 322 sqft (13 and 30 sqm), each one individually designed and custom-furnished down to the smallest detail. Every room features warm interiors, creating an inviting atmosphere, complemented by solid wood veneers, as well as wallpaper and fabrics sourced from Italian renowned Dedar. Their sophisticated, artistic patterns subtly tie into the natural surroundings, reflecting the vibrant cultures and rich textures of both Europe



and Africa.

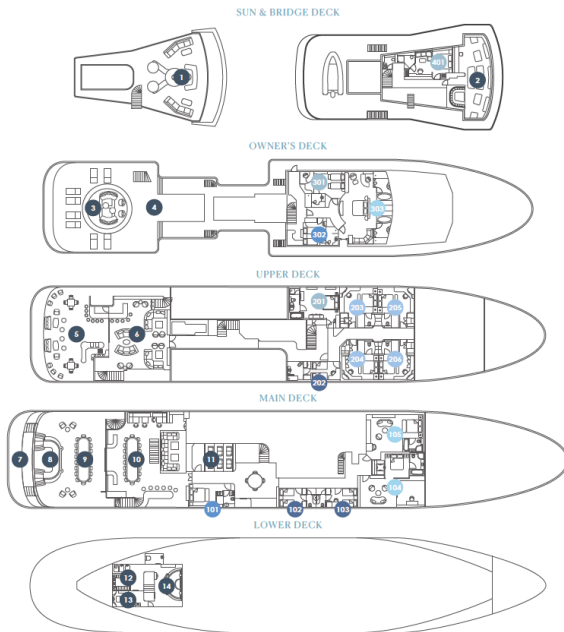
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