



# A THOUSAND MILES **FROM ANYWHERE**

*115 Reasons to Visit Seychelles*

Since the time of its separation from Gondwana until the present day, Seychelles has remained all but untouched by the ravages of modern living and its ever-increasing pressures.





Being literally 'a thousand miles from anywhere', and being settled less than 250 years ago, has allowed Seychelles to retain its ecological integrity, its breathtaking natural beauty and much of its innocence.

For this reason, Seychelles has been branded 'another world' in recognition of one of the most pristine natural environments on the planet, whose



numerous attributes together represent a powerful antidote to the demands of everyday living.

Among these are what are widely regarded as the world's most stunning and uncrowded beaches fringed by the warm, crystal waters of the Indian Ocean. Imposing granite boulders stand like sentinels guarding the timeless national treasures of the spectacular strands of La Digue Island's Anse Source D'Argent, Praslin's magnificent Anse Lazio and many others besides.

#### WHERE LIVING COUNTS

Seychelles comprises 115 pristine tropical islands between four and ten degrees south of the equator and 1,600 km from the east coast of Africa. With a near-perfect climate, this beautiful archipelago is practically disease-free and situated well outside the cyclone belt, earning it the name 'land of perpetual summer'.

This archipelago, containing the only mid-ocean, granitic islands on the planet and certainly known to the early Arab seafarers, was a favourite pirate haunt before being colonized by the French in 1769 and the British in 1814. Seychelles became an independent republic within the Commonwealth in 1976.

Seychelles has also been blessed with an extraordinarily diverse blend of mid-ocean granitic islands, coral atolls, and reef islands. Strung like jewels on threads of ivory surf, each one possesses its very own distinct character and charm, inviting Island-hoppers to experience their variety either by fast catamaran ferry, the inter-island service of Air Seychelles, or by helicopter.

Variety exists in more than just islands. Today, Seychelles continues to be a sanctuary for a unique array of flora and fauna that includes some of the most exotic and rarest specimens on earth. Counted among their ranks are



the Coco-de-mer, the world's heaviest nut that appears in the perfect form of the female pelvis, the Seychelles Black Parrot that inhabits the primaevallée de Mai, the Seychelles Magpie robin that has been rescued from the brink of extinction and the Jellyfish tree, of which only a handful remain in existence.

Throughout the islands are to be found unparalleled opportunities for sailing on bare-boat or skippered yachts, deep-sea and fly-fishing, as well as a broad diversity of dive experiences. Seychelles also boasts excellent eco-holidays, walks & trails, spa & wellness vacations, island-hopping and golf.

Long known as the islands of love, Seychelles offers a naturally romantic backdrop for weddings and honeymoons, as well as being an enticing destination for select incentive groups

and the elite of the business world.


Last but not least, is the opportunity for visitors to savour true barefoot elegance among the islands and the welcoming people who populate them. Another treasure not to be missed is the delicious Seychellois Creole cuisine – a sublime blend of Eastern and Western culinary traditions incorporating elements of European, Indian, and Chinese kitchen and making full use of the bounty of the surrounding ocean.

#### EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC

The discerning tourist seeking tranquillity has never been offered such a diverse choice of authentic, island-style experiences in one destination. Few destinations on earth can offer a holiday experience so inextricably linked to the easeful rhythms of island

living and to the culinary traditions and vibrant customs of a people who choose to live close to their roots. This is a place to do as little or as much as you like, either kicking back to enjoy the finest sun, sea and sand holiday on earth or indulging in some world-class diving, sailing and cruising, sport fishing, trekking, golf, spa treatments, zip-lining, and horse riding.

All this and more besides is there for travellers to discover and enjoy on direct Air Seychelles flights from Johannesburg to the most beautiful islands on the planet.

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