



A tropical expedition
into the heart of the Seychelles



Red-footed boobies, Aldabra Island

3 reasons to visit the Seychelles

Made up of 115 islands, the Seychelles archipelago offers a wide range of hotspots for travellers in search of tranquillity and fabulous scenery. On land, explore tropical forests, ecological reserves and granite ridges that make for extraordinary panoramic views. Along the sea, discover miles upon miles of the most beautiful beaches and coral reefs in the world. The Seychelles' native fauna is completely unique in the world.

A wealth of exceptional natural sites

Mentioning the Seychelles immediately brings to mind swathes of fine sandy beaches backing onto crystal-clear waters. And for good reason: it's home to some of the most beautiful beaches on earth, including L'Anse Source d'Argent on La Digue Island and L'Anse Lazio on Praslin Island, as well as the coves on the Grande Sœur and Petite Sœur Islands. But the Seychelles also boasts land where lush, dense vegetation blooms. The May Valley lies on Praslin Island. It has been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1983 and hosts a large ecological reserve rich in native species, including five different kinds of palm tree. Curieuse Island is home to 3,600 trees, on which the world-renowned sea coconut grows. These trees are protected and have been classified as an endangered species.

A rich undersea life

Sea lovers absolutely cannot miss the undersea wonders of the Seychelles. Aldabra Atoll, the largest emerged coral atoll in the world, hosts a large population of sea turtles. Many of them have also found refuge at the heart of a coral reef in a lagoon on Alphonse Island. The marine park on Sainte-Anne Island has been described as a giant aquarium, and stretches over a huge area of 1,400 hectares. Angelfish, parrotfish and many kinds of manta ray can be easily spotted in its shallow waters. What could be better than a snorkelling excursion or a breathtaking diving trip?

A range of unique fauna

While looking underwater in the Seychelles is sure to offer a fantastic experience, a walk on land with eyes raised to the sky can be just as interesting. Aride Island's nature reserve is populated by thousands of multi-coloured birds, 30 species of which are among the rarest on Earth! Both Curieuse Island and Aldabra Atoll also host a total of no fewer than 100,000 giant tortoises. Weighing as much as 300kg and with a lifespan of up to 200 years, these tortoises spend their time making their way peacefully along the coasts. An unforgettable spectacle!

The PONANT signature



A warm and intimate atmosphere, 5-star service, a deeply-rooted marine tradition, finely-crafted itineraries, secret ports-of-call: welcome aboard!

Discover exceptional destinations

From the ice of Antarctica to the lagoons of the Pacific, from Caribbean coves to Asian shores, PONANT has been sailing all the seas of the world for thirty years. Our experts create carefully chosen and designed itineraries for you, enabling you to access the treasures of the world via the sea.

Feel like sailing on a private yacht

The PONANT ships are deliberately designed to welcome aboard a limited number of passengers: there are 92 Staterooms on our new yachts PONANT EXPLORERS, 132 Staterooms on *L'Austral*, *Le Boréal* and *Le Soléal*, and 122 Staterooms on *Le Lyrial*. This philosophy, a far cry from the current industry trend towards gigantism, gives our ships a human dimension and a unique atmosphere.

A French tradition

PONANT is currently the only cruise line to sail under the French flag and, as such, is subject to some of the world's strictest safety standards. Our officers are French and our highly approachable and attentive crew members communicate in French and English.

Aboard, you will feel this "French Touch" in the design and décor, but also in the service and gastronomy.

Tropical Expedition

voyages

Discover the unique concept of PONANT tropical expedition cruises: explore the world's extreme regions while enjoying luxurious comfort and service.

A luxury expedition voyage

Choosing a PONANT expedition cruise means choosing a state of mind: the alliance of elegance and authenticity, of exploration and comfort, of adventure and refinement... The comfort of your ship and your stateroom, personalised and attentive service, refined gastronomy: a very special atmosphere that we take great care to maintain.

PONANT, expedition cruise specialists

With almost 30 years of experience in the extreme regions, PONANT, the world's number 1 polar cruise company, is also a real specialist in the planet's most remote tropical regions. Our latest-generation fleet has the most modern technology to guarantee both your safety and respect for the regions visited. The size of our ships means we can get as close as possible to areas that are difficult to reach, offering a privileged access to preserved sites.

Professional expedition teams, varied activities

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams of naturalist guides design exceptional itineraries. During the cruise, they organise daily outings and shore visits in zodiac dinghies so as to get as close to nature as possible. They can reserve local means of transport in order to reach essential sites for hiking or for visiting isolated villages.



The Essential Seychelles

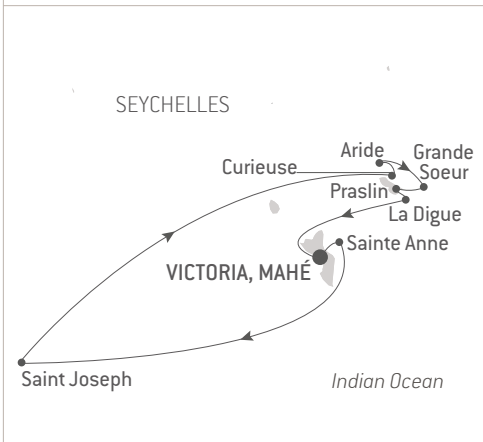


Victoria, Mahé - Victoria, Mahé
From 6 to 14 December 2019
Other departure dates: 26 December
2019, 3, 11, 19, 27 January 2020
and 10 April 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover 8 islands in the Seychelles on a single cruise.
- UNESCO site: the Vallée de Mai nature reserve in Praslin.
- The Aride nature reserve, a treasure of the Seychelles with some 73 hectares of colourful vegetation and more than one million birds.
- Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.
- Possibility of observing tortoises on Saint Joseph and Curieuse.
- Encounters with the locals.





YOUR COMPLETE PROGRAMME

The cruise: 9 days/8 nights aboard *Le Bougainville*

€300 off your programme

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Return flights Paris • Mahé

Economy class flight with Emirates airlines.

For departures outside of Paris and Business flight supplement: please contact us.

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Pre-cruise transfer: To the port of Mahé

Travel with peace of mind as PONANT organizes your transfer between the airport and your port of embarkation.

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Post-cruise stay: Relaxing day in Mahé

Take the opportunity to spend a day discovering the city of Victoria, where you will have time to purchase souvenirs. You will then be taken to the five-star Savoy Resort & Spa hotel (or similar), for the remainder of your stay. Dinner will be served before your departure for Mahé airport.

Included: drinks package during dinner, transport of your luggage and the services of a French-speaking guide.

Full programme per person ⁽¹⁾:
from **€4,750** instead of **€5,050** thanks to our **€300** discount offer.

(Cruise + flight + transfer before cruise + post-cruise stay included)

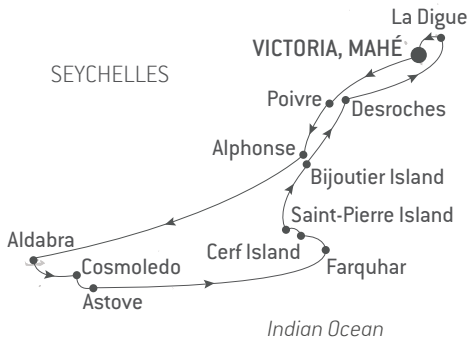
These services are optional and can be purchased separately with a €300 reduction.

Cruise price alone: €3,790

Secret Islands of the Seychelles and Aldabra Atoll



Victoria, Mahé - Victoria, Mahé
Le Bougainville | 13 days / 12 nights
From 14 to 26 December 2019
CHRISTMAS CRUISE



From €6 280 ⁽¹⁾

HIGHLIGHTS

- A cruise in partnership with National Geographic Expeditions offering enrichment with a National Geographic Photographer and an Expert onboard.
- Discovery of the Outer Islands of the Seychelles and the Farquhar Atoll. These islands are very remote and rarely visited.
- UNESCO site: Aldabra, the largest coral atoll in the world.
- Encounters with the locals.
- The coral island of Desroches, an intimate destination home to lush vegetation of coconut palms, takamakas and filaos.
- Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.



COMPLETE YOUR CRUISE

Return flights Paris • Mahé

Economy class flight with Emirates airlines.

For departures outside of Paris and Business flight supplement: please contact us.

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Pre-cruise stay: Panoramic tour of Mahé followed by a relaxing afternoon

Explore a taste of the beauties of Mahé and its capital Victoria during this panoramic tour. You will then be dropped off at the Savoy resort & spa hotel (or similar), for lunch. Enjoy a relaxing break in this five-star hotel on the edge of the beautiful beach at Beau Vallon. At the end of the day, you will be taken to the port to board your ship.

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Post-cruise transfer: From the port of Mahé to the airport

You will be greeted on the quayside by a local French-speaking representative and then driven by coach to the airport at Mahé.

Included: drinks package at lunch, transfers, transport of your luggage and the services of a French-speaking guide.

Price per person ⁽¹⁾: from €1,380.

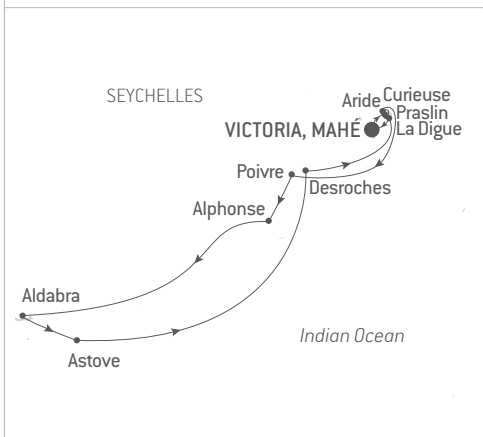
(Flight + stay before cruise + transfer after cruise)

These services are optional and can be purchased separately.

The Seychelles and Aldabra Atoll



Victoria, Mahé - Victoria, Mahé
From 28 February to 11 March 2020
Other departure dates: 29 March 2020
and 18 April 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- The coral island of Desroches, an intimate destination home to lush vegetation of coconut palms, takamakaks and filaos.
- Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.
- UNESCO sites: the Vallée de Mai nature reserve in Praslin and Aldabra, the largest coral atoll in the world.
- The bare red earth of Curieuse, a granite island in the Seychelles.
- Possibility of observing tortoises on Aldabra and Curieuse.
- Encounters with the locals.



YOUR COMPLETE PROGRAMME

The cruise: 13 days/12 nights aboard *Le Bougainville*

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Return flights Paris • Mahé

Economy class flight with Emirates airlines.

For departures outside of Paris and Business flight supplement: please contact us.

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Pre-cruise transfer: To the port of Mahé

Leave with a light heart: when your flight arrives, a French-speaking hostess will welcome you and assist you during your transfer to your embarkation port.

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Post-cruise stay: A day to relax in Mahé

Take the opportunity to spend a day discovering the city of Victoria, where you will have time to purchase souvenirs. You will then be taken to the five-star Savoy Resort & Spa hotel (or similar), for the rest of the day. Dinner will be served before your departure for Mahé airport.

Included: the drinks package at dinner, transport of your luggage and the services of a French-speaking guide.

Full programme per person ⁽¹⁾: €7 140.

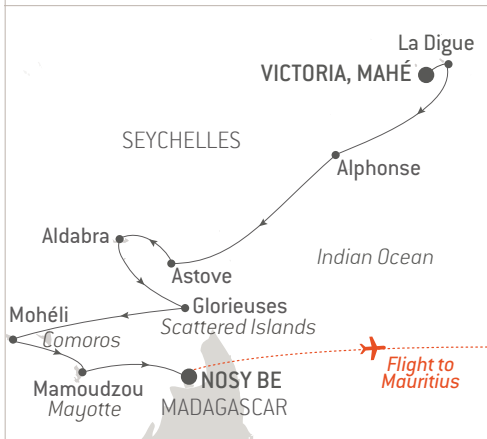
(Cruise + flight + transfer before cruise + post-cruise stay included)

These services are optional and can be purchased separately. Cruise price alone: €5,950

The Vanilla Islands



Victoria, Mahé – Nosy Be
 From 11 to 20 March 2020
 Other departure date: 20 March 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discovering the Seychelles, the Scattered Islands, the Comoros (new port of call), Mayotte and Madagascar, all on the one same cruise.
- A variety of idyllic landscapes: atolls, coral reefs, lagoons, granite landscapes, white-sand beaches, a rich and preserved fauna and flora.
- In the Seychelles, Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.
- Visiting Aldabra Atoll, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to the world's largest population of tortoises.
- Discovering the Scattered Islands, a geological sanctuary with nature reserve status since 1975.



YOUR COMPLETE PROGRAMME

The cruise: 10 days/9 nights aboard *Le Bougainville* with flight Nosy Be – Maurice in economy class and transfers included.

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Return flights Paris - Mahé • Nosy Be - Paris

Economy class flight with Emirates airlines.

For departures outside of Paris and Business flight supplement: please contact us.

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Pre-cruise transfer: To the port of Mahé

Leave with a light heart: when your flight arrives, a French-speaking hostess will welcome you and assist you during your transfer to your embarkation port.

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Post-cruise stay: A relaxing stay in Mauritius, Hotel One & Only, Le Saint Géran (2 nights)

After your cruise, spend two days in a unique and timeless atmosphere. Set on the edge of a white sandy beach, this iconic Mauritius hotel is a must-visit location in its chic and refined setting.

Included: breakfast, lunch and drinks package, dinner on the last day, transport of your luggage, the guided tours, admission to monuments and the services of a local French-speaking guide.

Full programme per person ⁽¹⁾: €7 620.

(Cruise + flight + transfer before cruise + post-cruise stay included)

These services are optional and can be purchased separately. Cruise price alone: €5,710

The Scattered Islands and The Seychelles



Durban - Victoria, Mahé
From 25 March to 9 April 2020
Back to back offer ⁽²⁾
No single supplement ⁽³⁾



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting Aldabra Atoll, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to the world's largest population of tortoises.
- Discovering the Scattered Islands, a geological sanctuary with nature reserve status since 1975.
- A variety of idyllic landscapes: atolls, coral reefs, lagoons, mangrove, white-sand beaches.
- A rich and protected fauna and flora.
- An unforgettable call at Nosy Komba (Madagascar).



YOUR COMPLETE PROGRAMME

The cruise: 16 days/15 nights aboard *Le Lyrial*

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Return flights Paris – Durban • Mahé - Paris

Economy class flight with Emirates airlines.

For departures outside of Paris and Business flight supplement: please contact us.

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Pre-cruise transfer: To the port of Mahé

You will be greeted on the quayside by a local French-speaking representative and then driven by coach to your ship.

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Post-cruise stay: Victoria, botanical garden and relaxing afternoon (1 day)

You will visit the botanical garden where you can see Aldabra's giant land tortoises. You can then take the spectacular road to Sans Soucis and enjoy the superb panoramic view. You will have lunch in one of the most famous restaurants on the island and then you will be taken to the five-star Savoy Resort & Spa (or similar) for the rest of the day.

Included: drinks package at dinner, transfers, transport of your luggage and the services of a French-speaking guide.

Full programme per person ⁽¹⁾: €7 780.

(Cruise + flight + transfer before cruise + post-cruise stay included)

These services are optional and can be purchased separately. Cruise price alone: €6,490

Madagascar, Réunion and Mauritius



Victoria, Mahé – Port Louis

From 9 au 22 April 2020

Other departure date: 22 April 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discovering the Seychelles, the Scattered Islands, Madagascar, Reunion Island and Mauritius, all on the one same cruise.
- A variety of idyllic landscapes: atolls, coral reefs, lagoons, mangrove, white-sand beaches, granite islands.
- UNESCO site: the Pitons, cirques and remparts of Reunion Island.
- In the Seychelles, Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.
- Discovering the Scattered Islands, a geological sanctuary with nature reserve status since 1975.
- In Madagascar, a rich and preserved endemic flora and fauna.



YOUR COMPLETE PROGRAMME

The cruise: 14 days/13 nights aboard *Le Lyréal*

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Return flights Paris – Mahé • Port Louis - Paris

Economy class flight with Emirates airlines.

For departures outside of Paris and Business flight supplement: please contact us.

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Pre-cruise transfer: To the port of Mahé

Leave with a light heart: when your flight arrives, a French-speaking hostess will welcome you and assist you during your transfer to your embarkation port.

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Post-cruise stay: The charm of southern Mauritius (1 day)

Head to the south of the island and Le Trou aux Cerfs. This volcanic crater will offer you a 360° view over the city of Curepipe. You will then head back towards Grand Bassin, a natural lake in the heart of an extinct volcano a place of worship for the Hindus of Mauritius. You will then head to the Chamarel rum distillery for a tour and lunch.

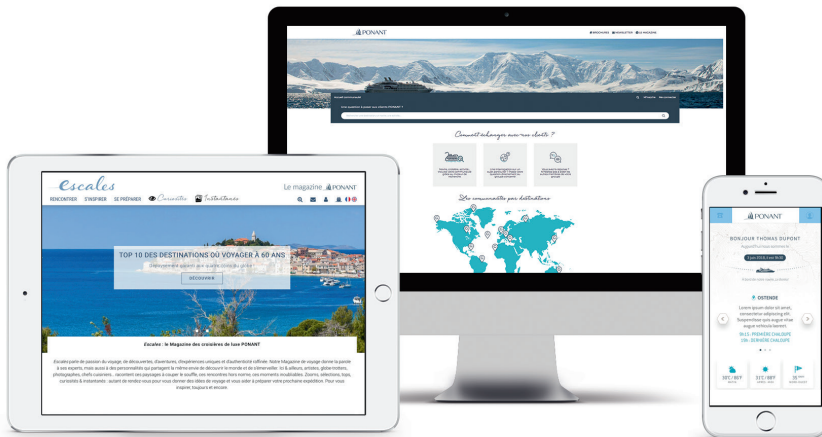
Included: drinks package at lunch, transfers, entry fees and guided tours, transport of your luggage and the services of a French-speaking guide.

Full programme per person ⁽¹⁾: €8 470.

(Cruise + flight + transfer before cruise + post-cruise stay included)

These services are optional and can be purchased separately. Cruise price alone: €7,300

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