

GUIDE TO THE BASES 2010

SEYCHELLES

MAHE



The Moorings®

The Best Sailing Holidays In The World.

CUSTOMER FACT FILE

Dear Charter Guest,

We are delighted you have chosen to sail with The Moorings.

*This customer fact file was compiled to make your holiday with us in **the Seychelles** as smooth and pleasant as possible. It includes information for your trip, the various ways of reaching our base in Mahé, the facilities at the marina, a typical inventory and sample itineraries.*

Whilst reading this guide and dreaming of your forthcoming holiday, you may wish to know more. Should you require further information, The Moorings is entirely at your disposal.

We look forward to welcoming you in Mahe.

Yours faithfully,

The Moorings Team

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THE BASE IN MAHE

Our base manager, Scott Cundy, and her team are waiting to greet you.

Client Welcome
Moorings (Seychelles) Ltd
Eden Island Marina
PO Box 588
Eden Island - Mahe
SEYCHELLES

☎ + 248 34 61 20 Fax: + 248 34 61 21

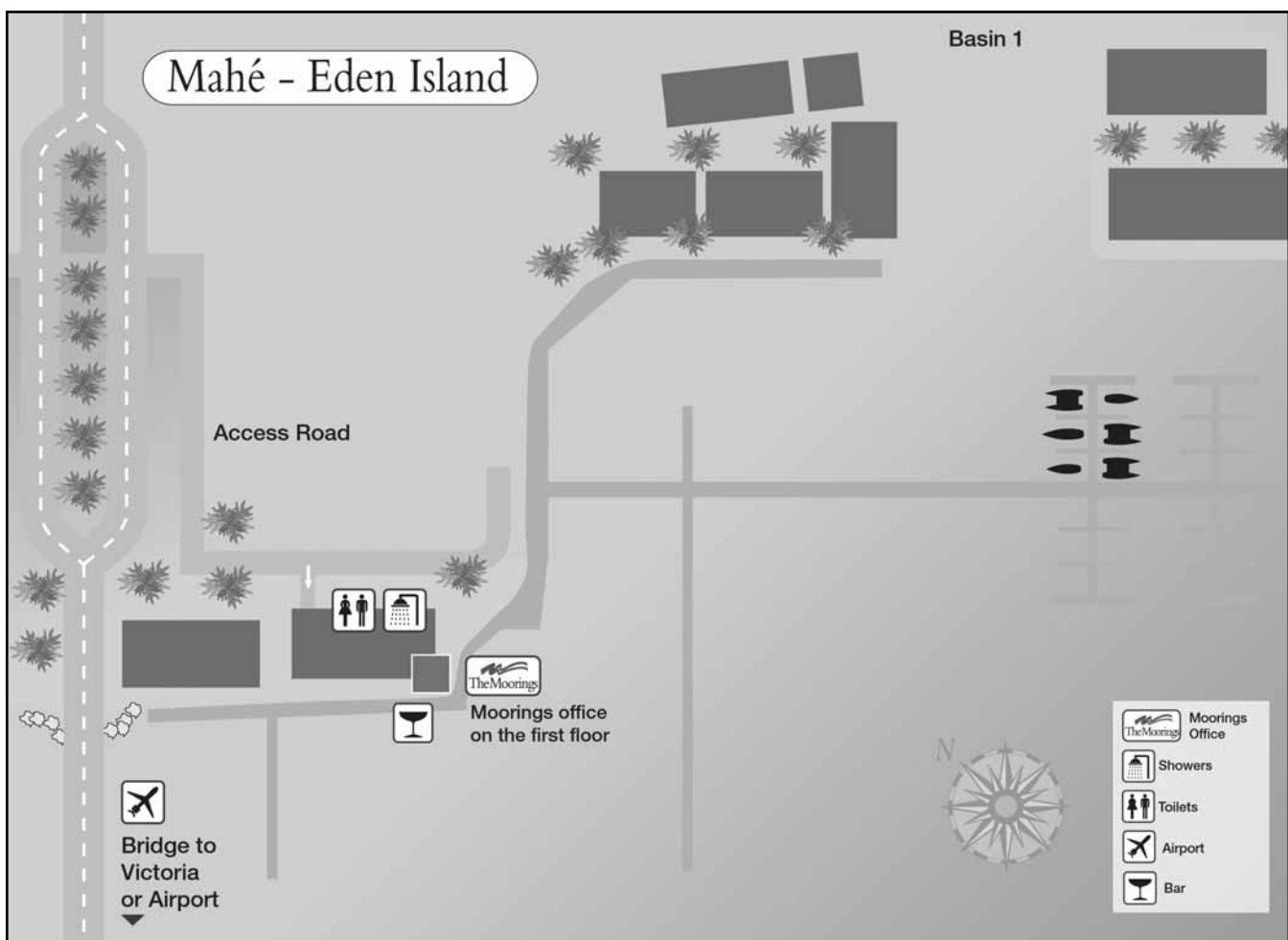
Email: moorings@seychelles.net

Monday to Saturday : 8.30 am/ 5.00 pm

Embarkation / Disembarkation : 10 am/10 am

Sunday & Public Holidays : 8.30 am/ 12.00 pm in case of embarkation

Assistance in Praslin : Roddy ☎ +248 51 21 66



I.1 HOW TO GET TO OUR BASE OF MAHE



ARRIVAL BY PLANE AT SEYCHELLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS)

Transfers from the airport to the base can be arranged by your agent on request.

Distance from Mahé Airport to the base : **5 km**
The transfer takes approx. **5 minutes** by car.



TRANSFER

Moorings can organise your transfer to the base for groups of up to 12 people.
Reservations are required prior to arrival with your agent.



CAR RENTAL

Avis, Europcar, Hertz and other companies are located at the airport.
The average price is from 55 to 90€ per day with insurance



TAXIS

The one way trip from the airport to the base costs from 200 SCR to 250 SCR (approx. 15€ - 20€). Max 4 pax with luggage. No reservation is necessary. Taxis are always available at the Airport.

Mahé

- Johnson, Victoria ☎ + 248 51 11 60
- Marcel Taxi, Victoria ☎ + 248 51 19 97
- Padayachy Andrew, Mont Fleuri ☎ + 248 51 00 88
- Coral Strand Taxi Stand, Beau Vallon ☎ + 248 24 70 20
- Taxi Operator Association ☎ + 248 32 38 95

La Digue

- Taxi Operator Association ☎ + 248 51 10 15
- Oxen Cart Taxi - Available at La Passe, La Digue



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR TRIP



AIRLINES

- Seychelles International Airport : Mahe Airport Enquiries - ☎ + 248 38 42 40
- Air Seychelles : ☎ + 248 38 10 00 (Head Office) / +248 38 12 00 (Mahe Airport) – Fax : + 248 22 43 05
- Web Site www.airseychelles.com
 - International Travel Flight Enquiries - ☎ + 248 38 44 00
 - International Sales & Reservations - ☎ + 248 38 13 00
 - Lost and found luggage - ☎ + 248 38 42 40
 - Customer Service – Airport - ☎ + 248 38 42 58
 - Domestic Sales & Reservations - ☎ + 248 38 42 32 (Flights from Mahé to Praslin)
 - Domestic Travel Flight Enquiries - ☎ + 248 38 42 31
 - Air Seychelles Call Centre Passengers – Reservation & sales - ☎ + 248 38 13 40
- Aeroflot Soviet Airlines, Pirate Arms Building, Victoria - ☎ + 248 22 50 05 – Fax : + 248 22 41 70
- Air Austral, Pirate Arms Building, Victoria - ☎ + 248 32 32 62 – Fax : + 248 32 33 23
- Air France, PO Box 356, Victoria - ☎ + 248 670 170 – Fax: + 248 22 49 60
- Air Mauritius, Kingsgate House, Victoria - ☎ + 248 32 24 14 – Fax : + 248 32 13 66
- Kenya Airways, PO Box 288, Victoria - ☎ + 248 32 29 89 – Fax : + 248 32 41 62
- Lufthansa German Airlines, Kingsgate House, Victoria - ☎ + 248 22 49 07
- Emirates Airlines, Caravelle House, Victoria - ☎ + 248 292 700 – Fax : + 248 292 705
- Qatar Airlines, Ibrahim House, Victoria - ☎ + 248 224 518 – Fax : + 248 224 525

HELICOPTER

Helicopter Seychelles, Providence, PO Box 595, Victoria - ☎ + 248 38 58 63 - Fax : + 248 37 30 55
info@helicopterseychelles.se - www.helicopterseychelles.com
Zilair Seychelles, ☎ + 248 37 51 00 - reservation@zilair.com - www.zilair.com



CAR RENTALS

Mahé :

- Hertz Rent a Car, Victoria - ☎ + 248 32 24 47
- Avis Rent a Car, Victoria House - ☎ + 248 22 45 11 – Airport: 37 30 45
- Island Time, Wharf Hotel & Marina - ☎ +248 71 48 81
- Echo Rent a Car, Victoria - ☎ + 248 71 07 67
- Eden's Car Hire, Saint Louis - ☎ + 248 26 63 33
- Europcar Tropicair Airport - ☎ + 248 37 32 99 – Providence estate ☎ + 248 37 33 36
- Thrifty Car Hire, Victoria - ☎ + 248 24 70 52
- Tropicair Rent a Car - ☎ + 248 37 33 36
- Oceanic Cars - ☎ + 248 344 399

Praslin :

- Austral Car Rental, Cote d'Or, Praslin - ☎ + 248 23 20 15
- Praslin Holidays Car Rental - ☎ + 248 23 32 19
- Prestige Car Hire, Grand Anse Praslin - ☎ + 248 23 32 26
- Standard Car Hire, Amitié, Praslin - ☎ + 248 23 35 55
- United Car Rental, Praslin - ☎ + 248 23 36 50
- Steppe Cars - ☎ + 248 52 50 44 - steppe@seychelles.net
- Coral Cars - ☎ + 248 34 43 99



FERRY AND LOCAL SCHOONER

Inter Island Ferry Service, La Digue (La Passe) – Mahé - Inter Island Quay - ☎ + 248 23 23 29

Mahe to La Digue: departure Monday - Friday, at 11.30am, Inter Island Quay, Victoria. (10 U\$ or 10€)

La Digue to Mahe: Monday - Friday, at 05.00am, Jetty, La Digue. (10 U\$ or 10€)

Local Schooner La Belle Seraphina - ☎ + 248 23 42 45

Inter Island Ferry Service – Praslin - Baie Saint Anne - ☎ + 248 23 23 94 - Fax : +248 26 26 74 iif@seychelles.net - www.seychelles.net/iif

Praslin to La Digue : departure daily at 07.00am, 09.00am, 10.00am, 11.15am,
2.30pm, 4.00pm, 5.15pm (5€)

La Digue to Praslin : departure daily at 07.30am, 9.30am, 10.30am, 12.00am,
3.30pm, 4.30pm, 5.45pm (5€)

Inter Island Boat, “Cat Cocos”, Mahé to Praslin

Takes one hour – Price : n/a at the time of printing.

Mahe Office : Inter Island Quay, Victoria ☎ + 248 32 48 43

reservation@catcocos.com - www.catcocos.com

Praslin Office : Baie Saint Anne Jetty ☎ + 248 23 26 16



BUSES

The Seychelles Public Transport Corporation (SPTC) offer bus services on Mahé and Praslin.

SPTC operate 41 routes in Mahe traversing almost every possible road.

All services terminate at the Central Bus Terminal in Victoria.

Services operate throughout the day from 5.30 am to 7.30 pm.

The fare is 3 SCR per passenger. On Praslin, SPTC operate 4 routes from 5.30am to 6.30pm.

I.2 BASE FACILITIES IN MAHE

The Moorings base is located in Eden Island, on the East coast of Mahé halfway between the International Airport and the country's capital Victoria, five minutes each way. The Marina facing "Cerf Island" offers 220 secure berths.



HARBOUR OFFICE

The harbour master's office is located in the main harbour of Victoria: + 248 22 47 01
The Port & Marine division (Harbour control) is a restricted area. There are no formalities to complete by the skipper before departure.
The Moorings base will take care of it.
On departure and arrival in Victoria's channel, the skipper must contact Harbour Control by VHF (16) to inform the port office.



FUEL

Your boat's tanks will be full on delivery of your charter yacht.
The quantity of diesel is generally enough for your cruise. If you need to refuel during your cruise please call The Moorings base before refuelling. Free of charge at the Moorings Base.



220 ELECTRICITY

All yachts are equipped with with shore power leads, a battery charger and 220V plugs, The piers in the Marina are equipped with 220 V outlets. The inventory includes an adaptor. The piers of other marinas are mainly equipped with 220V outlets.



SANITARY INSTALLATIONS

You will find complete sanitary installations at the marina ; toilets, washbasins and showers. They are near the Moorings office. Sanitary installations are open 24 hours a day.



ICE

Ice will be provided on the boat on arrival. The Moorings yachts are equipped with 12V refrigerators.



PARKING

A free car park is available for Moorings customers at **Eden Island**. The parking is not secured, but the marina is guarded 24 hours a day.



WATER

Your boat's tanks will be full on delivery of your yacht. Do not forget to check your water tank before you leave the Moorings Marina.
If necessary, it is possible to refill the tanks at the Moorings marina in Eden Island (free of charge) or at Baie St Anne in Praslin Island with Roddy (contact +248 51 21 66) 200SR for each boat.



PORT BERTHS

The berths at the Marina (Moorings pontoon side in Mahé) are free during your charter period.



BANKS AND MONEY EXCHANGE

- . **Barclays Bank** : Open weekdays from 8.00 am until 2.30 pm and Saturday until 11.00 am
Independence Avenue, Victoria - ☎ + 248 22 41 01 – Fax: + 248 22 46 78
Baie Saint Anne, Praslin - ☎ + 248 23 22 18 – Fax: 23 23 34
Other agencies in Beau Vallon, Mahe Airport, Grand Anse Praslin and Anse Réunion, La Digue.
- . **Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB)** :
Open weekdays 8.15 am until 3.00 pm and Saturday from 9am to 11.30 am.
Manglier Street, Caravelle House Victoria PO Box 152 - ☎ + 248 28 45 55
Cote d'Or, Praslin - ☎ + 248 23 26 02
La Digue - ☎ + 248 23 45 60
- . **Habib Bank** : Box 702, Victoria - ☎ + 248 22 43 71
- . Nouvobanq : Francis Rachel Street, Victoria - ☎ + 248 29 30 00, Airport Agency also.

There are a few cash machines in Victoria, Praslin and La Digue located in front of each bank (24h/24h).

Credit Card : American Express, Eurocard/MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted.

CURRENCIES

The Local currency is the Seychelles Rupee (SCR) and is issued by the Central Bank of Seychelles. It is made up of 100 cents. Notes come in denomination of SCR 10, 25, 100 and 500. Coins come in 1c, 5c, 10c, 25c, SCR1 and SCR5 denominations.

The rupee is tied to the Seychelles Trade Tourism Weighted Basket (STTWB) which is a composite basket of eight currencies, namely the USD, UK Sterling, Euro, Japanese Yen, Singapore Dollar and South African Rand. The rates are published daily in the “Nation” newspaper.

On January 1st 2010, the exchange rate was 1 € = 15 SCR

HOTEL

The Wharf

Providence, PO Box 740; Mahe Seychelles

☎ + 248 670 700 / Fax: + 248 601 700 / 601 701

E-mail : thewharf@seychelles.net

. Berjaya Beau Vallon Beach Resort* & Casino**

North West coast of the island, on the beach, 10 min from Victoria

☎ +248 28 72 87 - Fax: +248 24 79 43

Email : bhrseysm@seychelles.net

website : www.seychelles.net/berjaya

AC , DSTV, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, Casino

Price : 250 to 300€ per night. Standard Double rooms B&B

. Le Meridien Fisherman's Cove*****

North West coast of Mahe (Belombre), On the beach, 15 min from Victoria

☎ + 248 67 77 00 – Fax: + 248 62 09 00

Email : reservations@lemeridien.sc

Price : 300 to 350€ per night. Standard Double rooms B&B

. Coral Strand Hotel***

At Beau Vallon, North west coast of Mahe, 10 min from Victoria

☎ + 248 62 10 00 – Fax: + 248 24 75 17

Email: coralres@seychelles.net

Price : 100 to 150€ per night. Standard Double rooms B&B

. Pension Bel Air**

Small hotel, Saint Louis, Mahe.

☎ + 248 22 44 16 – Fax: + 248 22 49 23

Email : belair@seychelles.net

Price : 70 to 100€ per night. Standard Double rooms B&B

. Panorama Guest House**

Beau Vallon, Mahe

☎ + 248 24 73 00 – Fax : + 248 24 79 47

Email : panorama@seychelles.net

Price : 100 to 150€ per night. Standard Double rooms B&B

. Le Petit Village, Bel Ombre : Self-catering apartments

Situated at Bel Ombre. 15mn from Victoria

☎ +248 28 49 69 - Fax: +248 24 77 71

Email : lepetit@seychelles.net

Website: www.lepetitvillage.com

Price : 200 to 250€ per night. Standard Double rooms B&B

A complete list of Hotels, small Hotels and self-catering can be provided on request.

.Tourist Information Offices

Independence Avenue, Victoria - ☎ + 248 61 08 00

STB – Seychelles Tourism Board, Bel Ombre, Mahé - ☎ + 248 62 00 00

Interesting sites : While you are in Mahe take the opportunity to visit the surrounding cultural attractions.

. **Botanical Gardens**

Mont Fleuri, Victoria..

There are many striking tropical plants, not only those native to Seychelles but also specimens from around the world. Of special interest is a collection of tropical palms. There is also a tortoise pen.

Opening Hours : 08.00am – 6.00pm. Daily.

. **National History Museum**

Independence Avenue, Victoria

The museum contains a collection of shells and dried insects. The back room is a guide to Seychelles History and culture. Entrance fee: 10 SCR

Opening hours : Monday to Friday : 8.30am – 4.20pm - Saturday : 8.30am – 12.00am.

. **Jardin du Roi**

Anse Royal, Mahé

Recognised historical site, Visitors can enjoy spices, fruits and flowers. There is also a fabulous reptilium.

Opening Hours : Daily 10.00am to 5.30pm.

. **Creole Village**

Val des Pres, Mahé

Traditional Creole Village.

Craft, Restaurant.

. **Vallée de Mai**

Praslin

Vallée de Mai is one of the world's smallest natural world heritage sites. The oldest trees in the “Vallée de Mai” are around 800 years old. The valley forms the heart of the Praslin National Park and is home to the famous and magnificent Coco de Mer Palm.

Opening Hours : Daily 8.00am to 5.30pm. Entrance fee: 15€ or 15 U\$.

. **Praslin Ocean Farm**

Amitie, Praslin

Aquarium, Pearl Farm and boutique of the Black Pearl of the Seychelles.

Opening hours : Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

. **Plantation House**

La Digue, Anse Union

Here you can visit the copra factory and the famous Creole style plantation house.

It is also the access to the Anse Source d'Argent beach.

Entrance fee : 5€

There are many other places of interest. The Seychelles Moorings team will provide you further information, on request.



RESTAURANTS

The Wharf

Creole and international cooking, Breakfast and bar.

. Pirate Arms Restaurant & Bar

Independence Avenue, Victoria - ☎ + 248 22 50 01

A popular restaurant in Victoria.

Creole & International food.

. Marie Antoinette Restaurant

Creole food restaurant in Victoria, Grand Trianon, St Louis - ☎ + 248 26 62 22

A complete Creole meal for 300 SCR without alcohol.

You can see the turtle nursery in the garden !

. Boat House Restaurant

Beau Vallon, Mahé - ☎ + 248 24 78 98

Creole buffet and BBQ

A complete meal (without drinks) for about 450 SCR

. La Scala Restaurant

Bel Ombre, Mahé - ☎ + 248 24 75 35

One of the best restaurants in the Seychelles

Creole & Gastronomic fish menu.

Prices : approx. 400 SCR per person.

. Patatran Restaurant.

Anse Patate, La Digue - ☎ + 248 23 45 40

Creole menu.

Prices : approx. 300 SCR.

. Les Lauriers Restaurant.

Anse Volbert (Côte D'Or) Praslin - ☎ + 248 23 22 41

Creole buffet and BBQ

Prices: approx. 300 SCR per person

Closed on Wednesday

A complete list of restaurants can be provided on request.



POST OFFICE

The post office is situated in the centre of the town of Victoria (Independence Avenue)

Open Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Saturday : 8.00am to 12.00am

GOLF CLUBS

. Lemuria Resort of Praslin, Anse Kerlan, Praslin

☎ + 248 28 12 81



INTERNET OFFICES

. Double Click

Maison La Rosière, Victoria

☎ + 248 61 05 90

. Digitech Internet

Salamat House, La Poudrière, Victoria

☎ + 248 22 55 21

. Verimedia

Cote d'Or, Praslin

☎ + 248 23 21 57

SNORKELLING & DIVING

Snorkelling Equipment

To help you avoid travelling with an extra bag, The Moorings boats are supplied with snorkelling equipment. If your size is not available, please ask Customer services prior to departure.

Scuba diving is strictly regulated in the Seychelles. Please arrange in advance with The Moorings team “Rendez-Vous Diving” with a Dive centre (also see page 19).

- . **Big Blue Divers**, Mare Anglaise, Mahé ☎ + 248 24 78 54
- . **Le Diable des Mers**, Beau Vallon, Mahé ☎ + 248 24 71 01
- . **Underwater Centre Dive Resorts**, Mahé ☎ + 248 24 73 57
- . **Cote d’Or Octopus Diving, Anse Volbert**, Praslin ☎ + 248 23 23 50
- . **Dive Resort Seychelles**, Desroches Amirantes Islands ☎ + 248 22 91 19

A complete list of Diving Centres can be provided on request.

HORSE RIDING

- . Arab Horse Riding, Mahe
Adults & Children : 150 SCR for one hour.

BICYCLE RENTALS

- . Chalets Anse Forban, Mahe
☎ + 248 36 61 12
- . Chez Michelin La passe, La Digue
☎ + 248 23 43 04
- . Paradise Bicycle Hire Anse Volbert, Praslin
☎ + 248 51 21 37
- . Cote d’Or Bicycle Hire Cote d’Or, Praslin
☎ + 248 23 20 71

PROVISIONING

Some goods are not always available on the island, we recommend Moorings take care of your provisioning. Please return your order at least **3 weeks** before your departure. The base will co-ordinate delivery onboard your boat on arrival. Check your purchases and pay the supplier directly.

OPEN MARKET

In the centre of Victoria the open-air Market : **Selwyn Market**, Market Street (“Rue du Bazard”). Local Vegetable and fruits, fish, craft.
Open during the week from 6:00am until 4:00pm and Saturday until 12:00am. Closed on Sunday.
Pay Cash in SCR.

SUPERMARKET

Supermarket in the centre of Victoria:

Supermarkets are located in Victoria, five minutes by car from the Moorings office. Supermarkets are generally open daily except Sunday, from 8:00am to 5:00 pm. You can pay cash in Seychelles Rupees (SCR).
. S.T.C, the nearest supermarket from the centre of Victoria – No delivery

☎ + 248 28 50 00

. Temooljee & Co, Oliaji Trade centre, Victoria:

☎ + 248 22 43 31 – No delivery

. Sai Supermarket, Victoria:

☎ + 248 22 60 77 – No delivery

. Docklands, New Port :

☎ + 248 22 8 48 – No delivery

. Supasave Victoria :

☎ + 248 61 07 50 – No delivery

. Krishna Mart & Co, Supermarket, English River, Victoria : ☎ + 248 32 26 55 – No delivery.

Supermarket in Praslin :

. Baie Saint Anne Supermarket, Baie Saint Anne, Praslin : ☎ + 248 23 29 94

. S.M.B, Supermarket, Praslin :

☎ + 248 23 38 29

Supermarket in La Digue :

GENERAL INFORMATION



EMERGENCIES

Hospital Mont Fleuri	Mahe	+ 248 38 80 20
Hospital Praslin	Praslin	+ 248 23 23 33
Hospital La Digue	La Digue	+ 248 23 42 55
Ambulance, Police, Fire Brigade		999 (Free Call)
Central Police		+ 248 28 80 00
Behram's Pharmacy	Victoria House	+ 248 22 55 59
Central Pharmacy	Mahe Hospital.	
Coast Guard		+ 248 222 47 01

VHF Channel 16 - Seychelles Radio

EMBASSIES & CONSULATES

American Embassy

Oliaji Trade Center, Victoria + 248 22 52 56

French Embassy

Maison La Ciotate BP 478, Victoria + 248 38 25 00

British High Commission

Oliaji Trade Center, Victoria + 248 22 52 25

Consulate of The Federal Republic of Germany

Box 132, Victoria + 248 22 46 66

Russian Federation Embassy

Le Niol, Mahé + 248 26 65 90

Swiss Consulate Agency

Kingsgate House, Victoria + 248 32 21 14

Swedish Consulate

Victoria + 248 22 47 10

Netherlands Consulate

Glacis, Mahe + 248 26 12 00

Italian Consulate

Mahe + 248 61 01 16

To call overseas from Mahe:

Dial 00 then the country code followed by your number.

In Mahe, telephone booths work with phone cards which you can buy in newsagents, at the post office and in some supermarkets.

To call Mahe from overseas:

Dial 00 248 followed by the number you need (6 digits).

Mobile Network:

EGSM 900 – International Option Roaming system available.

II YOUR CRUISE

II.1 Procedures for departure

EMBARKATION TIME : 10:00

10:00 am is the contractual time when you can board your boat. Sailing instructions will be given beforehand at the welcome office.

EVENING START

Boarding at 4:00pm.

The formalities and departure must be done the following day.

FORMALITIES

Security Insurance : It depends on the size of the boat. With the Moorings Security Insurance, the charterer eliminates a part of the Security Deposit. The security insurance is thus limited to a package according to the chosen option. Contact your agent.

Security Deposit :

Monohulls and catamarans. If you are participating in a regatta, the Security Deposit is automatically doubled.

The Security Insurance is obligatory if you have hired a skipper.

At our Seychelles base the deposit can be paid by Credit Card, traveller's cheques or Cash. For your convenience, we also accept Visa and MasterCard. Your boat's documents will be given to you with a copy of the manual at boat turnover. The Moorings personnel will take care of departure formalities at the Harbour Office.

Very important : The Port office will insist on seeing your sailing resume and crew list. Without them we are not able to give you the boat.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Itineraries and moorings will be recommended to you on maritime charts of the navigation zone.

Hazards of the area will be explained, as well as any information or advice to ensure your cruise remains care-free.

The weather forecast for the next 24 hours will be given to you, as well as sailing conditions for the day.

LINEN

Moorings' boats are supplied with bedlinen, blankets and pillows : 1 pillow case, 1 flannel, 1 hand towel, 1 bath-towel and 2 sheets per person per week.

BOAT HANDOVER

The technician at the base will give you detailed, technical explanations and advice about the boat. Take advantage of his presence by going over all of the boat's equipment. Use the manual as a guide.

ON ARRIVAL

Once you have contacted the base's welcome office, depending on the time of your arrival, you can take care of your provisioning if you haven't already ordered it through us, or you can visit the town. Our receptionist will advise you about beaches, bars/cafes, restaurants or places of interest.

You can leave your luggage at the reception of the Moorings base during this time.

You will find a cyber-coffee bar and restaurant at the Marina

LATE ARRIVAL

The base personnel will wait for clients until 7:00pm.

After 7:00pm, you will find a sign at the reception with a message for you indicating your yacht's berth. Your boat will be open and there will be a sign with your name. The boat's equipment will be ready for the night. The base personnel will be at your disposal the next day from 8:30am and will then turn the boat over to you.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION

Confirming your flights : Our customer service hostess is available to help you with transport or hotel problems you may have (return transfer, hotel reservations, flight confirmation, lost luggage, etc.).

THE EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

Once you are on board, you will find some basic products : toilet paper, a box of matches, soap, a sponge with cleaning kit, and a bin bag.

INVENTORY AND EMBARKATION

Whenever possible, we ask you not to load the boat with your baggage before the inventory has been made. It is also preferable that the boat handover instructions be done with a minimum of crew present.

We ask you to check the equipment on board with the aid of an inventory list in the manual given to you with the boat's documents. This verification will help you to memorise where everything is located. Someone from customer service will stop by to help you finish this inspection and answer any questions you may have.

II.2 During your cruise

BREAKDOWN SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE

If you have technical problems you cannot resolve, do not hesitate to call The Moorings team. They will assist as quickly as possible. Do not forget the Moorings 4 Hours Guarantee. Ask your agent for a copy. You can contact the Moorings base during office hours by phone or VHF (16). The contact details are on page 3 of this document

Support Technique Mahé ☎ +248 71 70 85

Support Technique Praslin ☎ +248 51 21 66

EMERGENCY CALL

You also have the option of contacting the base personnel by mobile phone :

They are available 24 hours a day in case of emergency. The contact will be given to you during check-in.

In case of a serious accident:

The base must be informed of all accidents as soon as possible to allow them to notify the insurance company and take any necessary steps.

All accidents involving a third party must be reported to the nearest Port Police. For contact details, See General Information (P. 13).

LOG BOOK

The maritime authorities and insurers insist the log-book must be kept up to date in case of an accident. We must have the original back at the end of the cruise. Should you wish to have a copy, the base will be happy to make one for you.

Should you wish to refresh your sailing abilities, we recommend you hire a skipper for a day or two.

Contact your agent, and we will arrange this service.

CHARTER WITH SKIPPER :

The skipper is responsible for the yacht : he assumes the technical control of the boat and will be held responsible for any damage that may occur within the framework of his services, whether to the people onboard, to the boat itself, or to a third party. The charterer holds the legal responsibility for the boat and will be held responsible for damage caused to the boat (up to 400€) of Security insurance is obligatory when sailing with a skipper.

OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHARTERER

According to the terms of the contract signed by the charterer, we remind you that the charterer :

- assumes the legal and statutory obligations of the person responsible on board.
- certifies that he is able to control the chartered boat.

II.3 Return Procedures

DISEMBARKATION

Disembarkation : **08:30 am** is the mandatory time when the boat must be returned and ready for debriefing and checks.

STATE OF THE BOAT UPON RETURN

The boat must be returned in good order. The boat's equipment must be cleaned and stored in its original place.

· Personal belongings must be put in bags to free up the interior of the boat.

· The dinghy must be inflated and brought up on deck, or on the pier.

If you have booked an early morning flight on the day your charter is ending, it is preferable you return to port in the middle of the afternoon the day before to carry out these formalities. In this instance your boat should be ready for inspection and debriefing around **4:00pm**.

Important Note : We must ask you to leave the boat as soon as the return inspection has been completed so we can prepare the boat for the next charter.

THE RETURN INSPECTION

A second inventory will be made using the inventory list completed on departure as a reference.

A detailed, technical verification will be made with an examination of the floor frame, keel bolts, motor fixtures, the propeller shaft and the hull. An under water inspection is generally made to check that the hull has not been damaged.

RETURN FEES

You will be invoiced in the event of loss or damage. Deductible from your security deposit or up to 3.000€ if you have not taken out security insurance.

CLAIMS

If during your charter a technical problem or difficulty has occurred, due to something that we could be held responsible for, we ask you to make your claim to the person responsible at the base as soon as possible. Prepare a detailed copy of your claim for this person. *This will authorise you to assert your rights according to the contract.*

II.4 Local navigation conditions

HAZARDS

We would like to draw your attention to two of the most frequent causes of accidents in our region : grounding and propeller fouling.

- Running aground : Running aground is, unfortunately frequent and causes enormous damage: rupture of flooring and partitions, water infiltration, injury to the crew and interruption to the cruise. The risk of running aground is even greater because of the beauty of the area, the tides and the coral reef coastline. It is easy to forget the primary rules of navigation.

Professional navigators and yachtsmen have for a very long period, rarely visited the Seychelles. In the remote Islands (and some inner Islands as well), Hydrographic surveys are mostly unavailable. However, thanks to aerial photographs, charts clearly show coral reef lining, soundings are often missing or unreliable. Care should be taken to sail cautiously over the mooring areas. Do not trust the printed figures as some may be outdated and coral bottoms vary constantly. The skipper should keep an eye on the sounder at all times. Constantly be aware of your surroundings. If you have any doubts, (after consulting nautical charts, navigation ruler, hand bearing compass, etc.) do not take the risk ! Electronic instruments (sounder, GPS, etc.) are navigational aids but you must not rely on their information only.

- Propeller fouling : This can also cause severe damage : the propeller shaft may become bent, the bracket may be bent or torn out, the engine can be torn off its mounting, the cutlass bearing may be damaged and a serious leak may occur. Before starting the engine, check that no ropes, painters or sheets are overhanging. When sailing with the engine, watch for nets and floating ropes or fishing lines.

If the engine suddenly stops, check there is nothing caught around the propeller (the cause of 98% of engine stops) before starting again and check there are no leaks around the stuffing box.

- Towing

In Seychelles, it frequently happens that the captain of a vessel that has taken another vessel (or a vessel that has been abandoned) into tow has the right to claim ownership or compensation for the towed boat. To prevent any unpleasantness from being towed, always be sure to have enough fuel, to avoid going aground or damaging the propeller shaft. Do not be towed for a minor problem.

Beware that assistance at sea is an obligation, and towage can be negotiated. If towage is really necessary for the safety of the crew and the boat, come to an agreement before a witness (use the VHF). Never take the other boat's towline, it is like handing your boat over to them. Instead, give your own towline and should they refuse, their intentions become obvious. Inform the base as soon as possible so they can take the necessary steps with the insurance company.

BUOYING

An IA system as in Europe. Red cylindrical buoys and even numbers to port ; green cones with odd numbers to starboard.

The channel leading to Victoria Harbour is perfectly well marked by numerous buoys. However, in the Seychelles, buoyage is poor and limited to some scattered buoys. Do not hesitate to ask our base manager if you have any doubts.

TIDES

Tides are semi-diurnal and asymmetrical with a gap of about 6 hours between high tide and low tide. The tidal range is as low as **1.80m** at spring tides and **1.40m** at neap tides. Tides give rise to currents which can be quite strong in the straits between the Islands or in the channel leading to lagoons, which may empty completely at low tide. There can be quite considerable differences in height between the two daily high tides.

You will find on the yacht a tide table for your reference.

PORTS & MARINAS

Apart from the Moorings Marina in Eden Island, there is one other option in the Bay Saint Anne, Praslin. Some buoys are available from Robert (contact 77 02 67) around 100Sr per day per buoy. The port of La Digue welcomes only 3 or 4 yachts at a time. You have to contact the harbour master before arrival. For the other islands you must anchor in a safe cove for the night.

THE DOMINANT WINDS

There are two opposite winds patterns. They virtually share the year between them with one inter-season period when the winds are variable in strength and direction.

April : The winds that blew NW during the rainy season veer gradually to the east or swing between SE and NE as the inter-season period sets in.

May : The winds stabilise between east and SE, it is the start of the dry season.

June : SE winds predominate slightly.

July : SE winds are dominant but can become easterly. They blow at a steady 20 to 25 knots.

August : SE winds predominate.

September : Easterly winds build up without overcoming SE winds.

October : SE winds are still generally dominant.

November : The weather changes quickly, easterly and SE winds drop rapidly and change back to the NW as the month passes.

December : SE winds become rare. NW winds are now predominant. Temperature and humidity both rise.

January : NW winds are dominant with short spells of wind from the north or north east.

February : No noticeable change. NW winds between 10 and 15 knots.

March : No noticeable change. Until the end of the month, winds blow steadily from the NW but begin to weaken.

April : With the end of the yearly cycle the SE and easterly winds return.

It is noticeable that NW winds strengthen at daybreak whereas SE winds tend to blow over a wider area. From one year to the next, slight wind variations take place in October and November and in March and April. The monsoon can be early or late.

In August, the risk of encountering winds in excess of force 7 are slight, having been recorded in only 1% of observations. In other months the risk is virtually non-existent.

LIGHTS

The fairway to Victoria Harbour, is lit which makes sailing safe. But in all other districts, the moorings are not lit, and night sailing is dangerous. The few lights scattered in the Amirantes can only be used to steer clear of the dangers they signal.

For this reason, it is absolutely forbidden to night-sail.

WEATHER FORECAST

When you arrive at the base, we will provide you with a weather forecast for the next 24 hours. SBC, Seychelles Boarding Corporation, the public radio of Seychelles on medium wave 1368 KHz broadcasts a weather report in Creole between 7.30am and 8.15am. The same weather bulletin is broadcast in English between 8.30am and 8.45am. Seychelles Radio can provide a forecast on request on VHF channel 16. Clearance on channel 26 or 27. The weather station on Mahe (tel : +248 30 40 70) issues a detailed bulletin covering the remote islands.

RESTRICTED ZONES

No restricted areas for sailing, except the military harbour of Victoria in the Inner Islands. For the Amirantes an authorisation is required.

Mooring Areas : any mooring on the nearby islands except Police Bay, in the south of Mahe, Coco Islands and Grand Anse in Praslin (Dangerous access).

In the Marine Parks and Beau Vallon Bay in Mahé, the anchorage is restricted.

For the Amirantes, only during the NW season, with a local skipper and on a Moorings 4700, an authorisation is required 48 hours before arrival in the Amirantes. The Moorings team will take care of it for you.

Visiting the islands : The owner's permission must always be obtained before visiting private islands. Some islands or moorings are forbidden for environmental and conservation reasons. Taxes are payable to go ashore on some islands. Taxes vary from one island to another.

Anything else you need to know will be explained during the chart briefing.

CURRENTS

The entire Seychelles area is subject to currents that develop with the monsoon. The NW monsoon gives rise to a current to the East from December to April. Its average speed is 1.5 Knots, though speeds of 4 knots have been recorded locally. In April the current reverses. From June to September, currents flow westwards at a regular rate of 1.2 Knots but passages through flats can increase the speed to approximately 4 Knots. The return to currents flowing east takes place in December.

NAUTICAL CHARTS & NAUTICAL DOCUMENTS

Most nautical charts of Seychelles are of British origin (Admiralty Charts). There are four maps which give the depth in metres.

N° 721 : This map, to 1/750 000 scale covers the zone of Mahe and neighbouring islands up to Bird and Denis to the north. It also covers the Amirantes to the west, Astove to the SW and Coetivy to the SE.

N° 722 : Access to Victoria and harbour.

Scale : 1/25 000.

N° 724 : This map gives details of some of the islands of the Seychelles with different scales (Desroches Island, Bird Island, Denis, Curieuse and the north coast of Praslin the passage between Praslin and La Digue with Saint Anne Baie).

N° 740 : Scale 1/300 000. Covers Mahe and neighbouring islands and stretches to the north up to Bird and Denis Island.

N° 742 : This map covers Mahe and neighbouring islands up to Aride Island to the west and Frégate Island to the east. Scale : 1/125 000.

The Pilote Cotier – Beneteau N°15 (Voiles et Voiliers – Alain Rondeau) is the first nautical guide covering the Seychelles, in English and French. Some abstract information concerning the islands can be found in the Nautical Instruction N° L9 of the Hydrographic Service of the French Naval Ministry (SHOM) and the sailing Direction N°3 of the British Admiralty.

SEA CONDITIONS

Throughout the equatorial zone of the Indian Ocean the swell is generally moderate. Waves are close to 1 to 2 metres becoming higher only in strong winds. A slight SE swell persists even when the winds are north-westerly. The swell, almost imperceptible in open seas, causes small waves which break on south-east facing beaches.

THE INTER TROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE

It is in this zone that the change occurs between the SE trades and the westerly monsoon. This weather zone crosses the Seychelles at the latest in December and June and moves north towards the equator in April or May. There are great meteorological differences between neighbouring areas. One island can be experiencing heavy rain while another has nearly dry weather. The weather can change many times within 24 hours.

CYCLONES

Cyclones can develop in the south of the Seychelles but rapidly move away to the south-west without affecting the main islands. Only the remote islands in the south, such as Aldabra, are occasionally affected by the edge of a cyclone.

CLIMATE

The archipelago, which rarely experiences really strong winds, is under the influence of a highly distinctive system consisting of two monsoons separated by a month of variable weather : the inter season.

From May to October, almost constant winds blow south-easterly with clear skies. The winds drops in November and gives way to north-westerlies bringing heavy rains clouds. Heaviest rainfall is in January and can reach 370mm/4.5 in. The south-easterly wind pattern returns in April. In between these two periods there are two shorts periods of flat calms or light winds.

April and May are the sunniest months ; however, the cloudiest months still manage a daily average of 5.30 hours of sun. These slight climate changes barely affect the temperature which remains at a steady 28°- 30°C (82°-86°F) and the level of humidity which is close to 80% year around.

In the Seychelles, weather is constantly changing. Neither rain or sun ever becomes set for long periods.

LANDING FEES

There are landing and visitor fees for certain islands. The amount per person/per cruise for one week is approximately **100€**. We advise you to anticipate a small cash reserve on board to cover these fees. You will then avoid trying to find the money at the time of landing.

These fees are usually paid in foreign currency to the island's custodian who will provide you with the tickets. The fees listed below are provided as a guideline. Fee can also be paid in USD's.

STE ANNE MARINE PARK

Open daily from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
200 SCR per person per day +
100 SCR for the boat for night mooring

ILE COCO MARINE PARK

Open daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm
200 SCR per person per day

COUSIN ISLAND

Open Monday to Friday, in the morning only.
500 SCR per person
Landing between 9:00am and 10:00am for guided tours

BIG SISTER ISLAND

Open Monday to Friday 10:30 am - 3:00 pm
Closed Sunday & Public Holidays
23€ per person - Private Island

LA DIGUE ISLAND

Disembarkation Free of charge
L'Union Estate Visit & pass to Anse Source d'Argent.
Open daily, 10€ per person.

BAIE TERNAY MARINE PARK

Open daily from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
200 SCR per person per day
After 5:00 pm 10€ for the boat only

SILHOUETTE ISLAND

Open daily with Clearance
20€ per person
Request at I.D.C. Office before departure

ARIDE ISLAND

Open Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays
500 SCR per person
Landing before 10:00 am for guided tour

CURIEUSE & SAINT PIERRE

Open daily
200 SCR per person
Curieuse Island visit and snorkelling in Saint Pierre

PRASLIN ISLAND

Disembarkation Free of charge
Vallée de Mai Visit, Open daily
20€ per person

BIRD ISLAND

Open daily
40€ per person

**NORTH ISLAND, SMALL SISTER ISLAND, MARIANNE ISLAND,
DENIS ISLAND & FREGATE ISLAND**

Closed to the public - No landing- Private islands

FAUNA & FLORA

BIRDS : The Seychelles are one of the largest reserves of rare seabirds in the Indian Ocean. Some species are among the rarest in the world. Due to the remoteness of the islands, most indigenous species found here are unique, such as the singing magpie or the black parrot and the Aldabra rail, the last running bird of the Indian Ocean.

FISH : As in all tropical waters, there are a great variety of fish of all shapes and colours. More than 150 species, to the delight of amateur divers. There are numerous dolphins in the deep waters, whale sharks and reef sharks, sailfish, marlin, etc.

GIANT & MARINE TURTLES :

The Seychelles has the biggest land turtles in the world. Giant turtles weighing more than one hundred kilos, can reach one metre in height and live to over a hundred years. Esmeralda, the oldest turtle in Seychelles is nearly 200 years old according to the Guinness Book of Records. Weighing more than 320 kg, she lives on Bird island.

Numerous marine turtles live in the waters of the Seychelles archipelago where they feed on aquatic plants and small molluscs. It is not unusual to come across them in the open sea, as they swim from one island to another. There are two types of marine turtle: the Caret Turtle with brown markings and the Green turtle.

THE COCO DE MER PALM TREES :

The tall palm trees which grow in Vallée de Mai on Praslin and in some rare places on Silhouette and Curieuse, produce very big and very heavy coconuts which bear a disturbing likeness to a woman's buttocks.

SCUBA DIVING

Large round shaped rocks of granite islands are to be found underwater down to the shelf 50 to 60 metres below sea level. The loveliest underwater landscapes are around Mahe and the surroundings islands. The sculptured rocks are covered with soft coral and sponges. Large number of fish are found almost everywhere. It is also possible to dive to some of the many wrecks.

Scuba diving is strictly regulated in Seychelles:

- Diving is only with a registered diving club and dive master.
- Underwater fishing is forbidden when scuba diving, and the use of spearguns.
- It is also forbidden to collect shells and coral.

The Moorings team will arrange dives for you with dive centres.

III. RESPECT THE SEA

The sea is our common heritage. We must make a maximum effort to preserve this environment for our own enjoyment, and for that of our children and for generations to come.

RUBBISH

It is absolutely forbidden to release rubbish into the sea. Everything must be kept on board and thrown away in rubbish containers provided in ports or villages, on Mahé, Praslin or La Digue Islands

TOILETS

In port, do not use the boat's toilet ; always make use of the port's toilets.

HOLDING TANKS

As it is still a problem to get holding tanks pumped out in marinas, they must be emptied outside the 12 mile zone. To avoid problems with the tank system (they usually get blocked due to incorrect handling), the best thing is to empty once a day after you have left the marina or anchorage.

DIESEL

Be careful when filling-up with diesel. Pay attention the entire time to avoid any overflow.

-Used oil

Normally, you won't have to change the engine oil. Moorings does it regularly for you, except on a long charter when you would have used the motor for more than 100 hours. In this instance, please contact the Seychelles Moorings team who will change the oil for you.

CORAL, SHELLFISH & AQUATIC ORGANISM

The use of spear-guns is forbidden at all times in the Seychelles Islands. As a conservation measure, it is forbidden to collect coral, shellfish and any other aquatic organism. Be careful not to anchor on coral. Boats must anchor away from the coral on sandy bottoms otherwise you risk damaging the sea life.

The environment of Seychelles can only be maintained if yachtsmen and navigators strictly abide by the regulations and help to protect the coral, the coco de mer, the fish and giant turtles.

LIBRARY ON BOARD

Obligatory Works

Tide Tables

Nautical Guides

Seychelles nautical pilot by Alain Rondeau

Pilote Côtier / Praxis Marine. In English and French

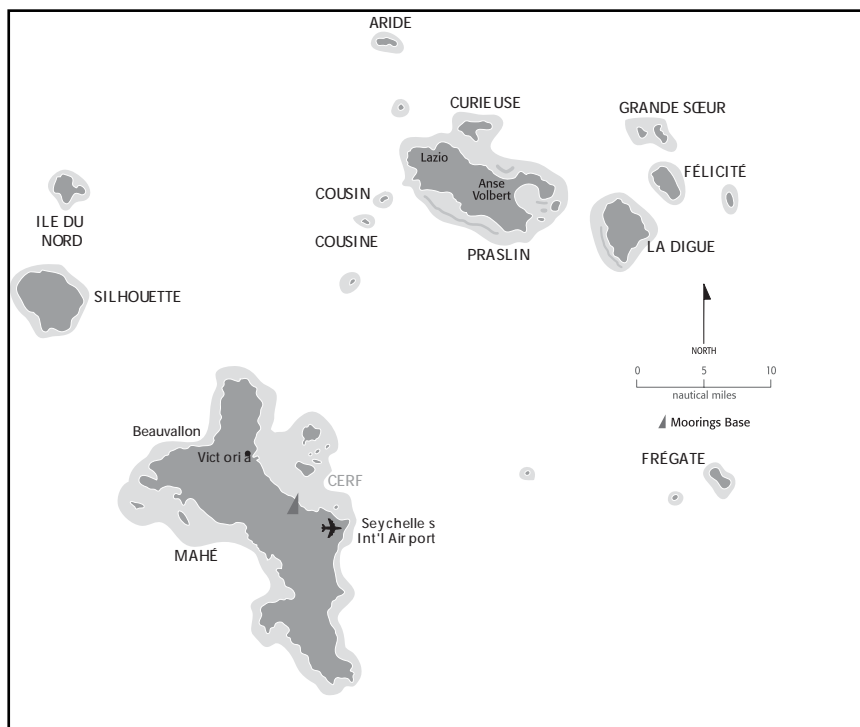
IV. TYPICAL INVENTORY

Non-contractual document given for informational purposes only.

The detailed inventory for each boat is given at embarkation.

Deck & Cockpit	Chart Table Corner	1 Bread knife
1 Anchor	2 Winch handles	1 Small kitchen knife
1 Galvanised chain	1 Handbearing compass	1 Small strainer
1 Windlass	1 Navigation ruler	1 Can opener
1 Windlass handle	1 Divider	1 Bottle opener
1 Boom for genoa	1 Distress mirror	1 Cork screw
1 Genoa	1 Lead pencil & sharpener	1 Coffee pot and filters
1 Mainsail (+ Batten)	1 Eraser	1 Water Jug
1 Sail ties	4 Charts	2 Chopping boards
1 Mainsail cover	1 Water pilot	2 Sink covers
- Fenders	1 Binoculars	1 Lemon squeezer
1 Horseshoe lifebuoys	1 Flash light	1 Pyrex oven dish
1 Floating light	1 Searchlight	1 Dustpan & brush
1 Yacht's flag	1 V.H.F	1 Clothes peg set
1 Gangway	1 GPS / Plotter	4 Safety devices for stove
1 Door panel and key	1 CD player	1 BBQ tongs/spatula
1 Dinghy	1 Sounder	
1 Pump for dinghy	1 Log / Speed	Linen
2 Oars for dinghy	1 Foghorn	_ Blankets
1 Life raft	1 Tool box	_ Pillows
1 Spare anchor	1 Spare parts box	_ Sheets
1 Emergency helm		_ Towels
1 Hand bilge pump lever	Heads	_ Pillow cases
1 Water hose	1 First aid kit	_ Tea towels
2 Plastic buckets	1 Dustbin per WC	
1 Boat hook	1 Toilet brush for WC	Optional Equipment
1 Deck brush		_ Kayak
1 Jerrycan for engine oil	Kitchen	_ Fishing Gear
1 Fuel funnel	_ Plates	_ Extra berth cushions
1 Handbailer	_ Soup dishes	_ Masks, fins, snorkels
2 Bottles of gas	_ Coffee cups	
1 Bimini top	_ Bowls	
4 15 metre warps	_ Glasses	
1 50 metre warp	_ Large glasses	
1 BBQ	_ Forks	
- Windscoops	_ Knives	
6 Cockpit Cushions	_ Spoons	
	_ Small spoons	
Security Gear	_ Saucepans	
_ Life jackets (adults)	- Frying pans	
_ Life jackets (child)	1 Kettle	
2 Safety harnesses	2 Salad Bowls	
3 Fire extinguishers	1 Plastic strainer	
1 Box distress flares	3 Plastic boxes for food	
2 Lead lines	1 Ladle	
	1 Large kitchen knife	

V. DISCOVER THE ISLANDS



MAHE and its high granite mountains, the largest and the tallest island (905m) in the Seychelles Archipelago, offers a choice of beautiful and safe moorings including three National Marine Parks : **Ste Anne, Baie Ternay** and **Port Launay**. Snorkelling amateurs will especially love them for the amount of different fish species they provide. Baie Ternay is to be avoided during NW wind season.

Beau Vallon, as with every bay on the North West shore is not safe during North West Monsoon. This two mile white sanded curve offers the best SE winds night mooring on Mahe and good shops for provisioning. Several hotels and restaurants will guarantee you busy nights.

Every Wednesday afternoon a local market opens from 4.PM to 9PM on BeauVallon Beach ; fresh fruits and vegetables, local craft, creole food, local drinks, sega and moutia music on the beach close to a big fire. Come and learn Creole Dancing.

Water sports, diving and unbelievable sunsets are also available at Beau Vallon.

A few miles further to the west you will find an unexplored little cove : Anse Major, offering good shelter during the south easterlies. A short distance from Baie Ternay Marine Park you will find unforgettable snorkelling.

On the south west coast, Anse à la Mouche (SE winds) and Baie Lazare (NW winds) are good starting points to visit the southern part of Mahe and its pure white sand beaches.

SILHOUETTE, a round granite island, covered with lush vegetation lies 12 miles north west of Mahe Island. At sunset ,seen from Beau Vallon the dome of the island is outlined against the setting sun...

On the north coast, Anse Mondon offers a safe and wild anchorage during the south easterlies, it is a half day walk from the main village **La Passe**. You will find splendid vegetation, impressive red rocks and very interesting snorkelling.

During the north westerly, Anse Lascars on the south east coast will provide interesting snorkelling and good overnight shelter.

BIRD ISLAND, this flat coral island is right at the edge of the archipelago, where the Indian Ocean drops to 2000 metres, this makes the area very suitable for big game fishing.

From April to September the island is covered with thousands of migrant birds, mostly Sooty Terns, coming to Seychelles for breeding.

This private nature reserve is also home to the world's oldest and largest living tortoise : **"Esmeralda"**. On the west coast, the anchorage facing the hotel provides good shelter during south easterly winds only.

CURIEUSE or "l'île Rouge", lies 1 mile north east of Praslin. Home to the giant tortoises imported from Aldabra. On the east coast, a deep cove can be found : Baie de la Raie, one of the best overnight anchorage in the archipelago during north-westerly winds.

A wooden walkway crawling through the Mangrove swamp allows you to reach the southern part of the island : Anse **St José**, where the Doctor's house can be visited. Renovated in 2005.

Curieuse is a protected site. Some Coco de Mer palm trees took roots in the middle of its red earth.

BBQ facilities are available on Baie de la Raie's beach close to the Doctor's House

L'ÎLOT SAINT PIERRE is one of the most typical images of the Seychelles. This little islet shows a spectacular wind carved **granite massif** topped with clumps of coconut trees.

During the south easterly winds, it offers a splendid day anchorage facing the tiny beach.

Thousands of coloured coral fish and friendly turtles are the usual habitants of "St Pierre" waters.

It is only a 15-minute sail to an overnight anchorage "Anse Volbert" or "Curieuse Bay".

PRASLIN, the second largest granite island, offers sailors good moorings throughout the year. From the west, Anse Lazio and Anse Georgette is a **MUST** as they provide good shelter in south easterlies, and golden sunsets.

Anse Volbert, on the north coast is safe overnight in most wind conditions and offers a 2.8km wide shaded sand beach with water sports and diving facilities. In the small village facing the beach a choice of Creole style restaurant offer fine cuisine.

Traditional dancers and musicians perform every Friday night at the Paradise Sun hotel.

Not far from Anse Volbert, west side of Pointe Zanguilles, Anse Petite Cour provides good overnight shelter in south easterly winds. Let the wind push you further east to Baie Ste Anne, the main harbour of Praslin.

You will find water, ice and gasoline facilities, some supermarkets and a choice of Creole restaurants.

Baie Ste Anne is also the best starting point to visit the very special "**Vallée de Mai**", home of the "**Coco de Mer**" palm tree.

Mr Robert will be at Baie Sainte Anne to welcome you. He is the most popular person in Baie Sainte Anne with his famous SAUCE : The Robert's Sauce. You can not miss it. You **MUST** try it. You can ask **Robert** to prepare any Creole menu for your lunch or Dinner : Red Snapper, Octopus Curry with

coconut milk, Golden Apple Chutney etc. For him it's a pleasure. Just order and he will prepare it for you ! We recommend him 100%.

Tel : 00 248 77 02 67

If you want to tour the Island by bus (12 Pax) you can meet Mr Mickael Jean Louis, he is the best guide on Praslin. Do not hesitate to contact him a few days before your visit on Praslin (Tel : 00 248 233 217 or 00 248 52 41 50). You can also join Aimable, another nice guide (Tel +248 78 24 18).

LA DIGUE is the third largest granite island of the Archipelago, this island shows tortured granite rocks in an artistic blend of shapes and colours and spectacular white sand curves and tall palm trees.

La Digue pace of life is as peaceful and slow as the bicycle you ride, like everyone living on the island rides to visit this romantic place. La Digue must be visited. If you miss it, you miss the Creolite of The Seychelles Islands.

Nice hiking from La Passe to Bellevue, the highest mountain on La Digue ; the best of the satellite islands.

Take the opportunity to fly from La Digue with Helicopter Seychelles to discover from the sky the beauty of the inners islands. A better view of Paradise. (contact on page 4)

Trail for **La Veuve Special Reserve**, the environment section. There you will be given a small leaflet to make your visit informative and enjoyable. Plants, insects and bird species guaranteed.

On the way to Anse Source d Argent you have to visit (for a minimal entry fee) the Copra Factory; traditional coconut mill ; Old plantation house; Historical cemetery; Traditional Creole House ; Vanilla Plantation ; Giant Rock of Union with the Giant Tortoise, and the boatyard.

La Passe which is La Digue Harbour, located on the North West coast provides for a few boats good shelter in any wind conditions. Getting in is sometimes difficult during north westerly winds .

During the weekend you can enjoy Creole night life at the "Tarrosa Bar, Restaurant and Disco". During the SE wind it will be easy to find a place in the Harbour but do not forget that the port is **restricted to 3 or 4 Catamarans**.

Anse Coco, on the south east coast is a wild and beautiful anchorage facing an unspoilt sand beach topped with granite mountains. It is safe overnight during the North West Monsoon.

COCO ISLANDS are one of the Seychelles most precious treasures, this group of four little islets offer spectacular marine life.

Arborescent corals, thousands of rainbow coloured fish, turtles etc., make this area a rich underwater garden. Snorkelling here is an enchanting experience. This conservation zone is now under the protection of the Ministry of the Environment.

Some mooring buoys can be found, but it is better to anchor south of Coco Island, the largest islet, on the sandy bottom area. The **Coco Islands** group are very small and offer only day moorings.

GRANDE SOEUR ISLAND, this amazing private island is open to the public every day except weekends and public holidays, from 10am to 3pm. You will find on the west shore outside the reef bar, a good day anchorage (not so comfortable during south easterlies).

Great snorkelling and fish BBQ are on the menu.

The friendly yellow and grey striped "**Platax**" fish (creole : Sea Chicken) will help you finish your meal. Do not forget to leave footprints on the unspoilt white sand of the spectacular "Grande Anse" on the east coast. Fixed BBQ tables and taxi boats are available on Grande Soeur.

COUSIN the bird sanctuary, is a small 800m diameter island sitting 1.3 miles SW of Praslin. It has been bought by The Royal Society for Nature Conservation in 1968 in order to be a protected site for endangered bird species. Tortoises and lizards are also habitants of this protected area. This island has the most important density of lizards per hectare and the longest millipede in the world.

The mooring spot will be chosen depending on the wind direction : **Anse la Saline**, south east coast or the northern beach, both offering only day anchorage. A taxi boat will give you a lift to the shore to allow you to discover Cousin's treasures : five endemic seabirds and landbird species, about 300 000 nesting birds, tree species and reptiles...

Soft drinks and souvenirs are available for sale.

ARIDE ISLAND, this 70 acre bird territory is the most northerly of the Seychelles granite islands. It has been bought by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation in 1973 to become the second most important nature reserve in Seychelles, after Aldabra. Aride is an 134 metres high granite massif, ending in the north with huge cliffs.

Fregate birds are special guests of these rocky highs, dozens of them are always carving the sky, waiting for fish to appear. Aride's landbirds are a conservation success story.

Bird watchers will especially appreciate following Aride's warden on his daily island tour.

A mooring buoy can be found beyond the reef, facing the middle of the southern beach, a taxi boat will take you ashore (dinghy prohibited).

Aride is not recommended during the south easterlies.

There are barbecue facilities in the visitors shelters ; please bring your own charcoal.

FREGATE ISLAND, the private diamond of Seychelles will only allow you to anchor on the North West coast, in the superb Anse Victorin said to be one of the five most beautiful beaches in the world. Hotel guests only are allowed ashore.

THE AMIRANTES GROUP : includes 24 islands and islets stretching for 86 miles, 120 miles WSW of Mahe. This preserved nature area is accessible only from October to April.

From **D'Arros** to **Poivre** via **Desroches**, every single square metre is an unexploited and preserved piece of nature.

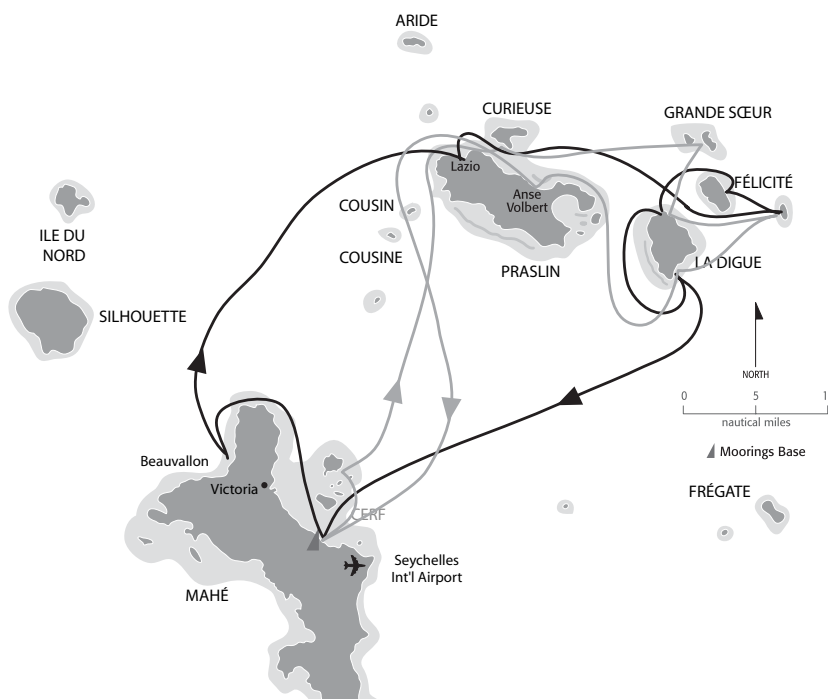
Visitors will find on these Coralline island birds and palm trees. **Desroches** only shows some civilisation with a hotel and dive centre.

Game fishing and diving amateurs will get between those atolls, and see more than they expect.

Visitors have to apply for a special permit to visit the Amirantes.

Crewed yachts only are available for Amirantes cruises, on M4700 or M4600 only.

VI. SAMPLE ITINERARIES



ITINERARY N°1 : NW WINDS - 7 DAYS

Day 1 : Welcome to The Moorings Seychelles Base. Departure to Ste Anne Marine Park, swimming and snorkelling in the National Park.

Night mooring south of Ste Anne Island - National Marine Park - 15\$/10€ per person/24H.

Day 2 : Sail to Curieuse Island. Lunch on board or BBQ on the island. Visit the Tortoise farm. Trek through the Mangrove swamp.... Snorkelling.

Enjoy a perfect, peaceful night anchorage at Baie de la Raie - National Marine Park - 15\$/10€ per person/24H.

Day 3 : Sailing to Grande Soeur Island. Catch a fish and grill it on the barbecue. Do not forget the east coast beach, wild and unspoilt...

Landing fees including taxi boat : 25\$/20€ per person.

Night anchorage in gorgeous Anse Coco - La Digue Island.

Day 4 : Quick sail to Coco Islands.

A natural aquarium, **the best snorkelling** in Seychelles. Lunch

on board -National Marine Park - 15\$/10€ per person. Night Anchorage at La Digue Island Harbour.

Day 5 : Visit La Digue Island by bicycle : lunch at "Loutier Restaurant" - Grand Anse.

Culture and Tradition at Union Estate - 7\$/6€ per person. Discover the picturesque beach of "Source d'Argent".

Night anchorage at Anse Volbert - Praslin. Traditional music and Creole food. Depending on which day.

Day 6 : Sail to Cousin Island. Visit the bird sanctuary, in the morning only : five endemic species ,nesting birds, lizards.

Landing fees including taxi boat : 40\$/30€.

Quick lunch on board, sail back to Mahe Island.

Night, berth at The Moorings Seychelles Base.

Enjoy dinner at "**Marie Antoinette**".

Day 7 : Disembarkation and transfer to Mahe International airport.

ITINERARY N°2 : SE WINDS - 7 DAYS

Day 1 : Welcome to The Moorings Seychelles Base - Eden Island. Departure to Beau Vallon, north-west coast of Mahe Island. Swimming. Safe anchorage, restaurants, night life.

Day 2 : Sailing to Anse Lazio - Praslin Island. Lunch on the beach at the "Bonbon Plume Restaurant". Swimming, snorkelling. Safe night anchorage.

Day 3 : Sailing to Anse St José - Curieuse Island. Trek through the mangroves, visit the Tortoise farm.

Lunch on board or BBQ on the beach. Snorkelling in the afternoon around the unforgettable "Ilot St Pierre".

National Marine Park - Curieuse + St Pierre : 15\$/10€ per person.

Night anchorage at **Anse Volbert** - Praslin. Traditional music and Creole food.

Day 4 : Sail to Coco Islands, the **best snorkelling** in Seychelles. National Marine Park - 10\$/8€ per person.

Dinner on board and night anchorage facing Felicité Island.

Day 5 : Sail to La Digue Island, visit the island by bicycle. Lunch at "L'Ocean Restaurant" - Anse Patate.

Enjoy a taste of Creole tradition at "Union Estate" (7\$/6€ per person).

Swimming at the world famous "**Anse Source d'Argent**".

Night anchorage in front of "La Passe" - La Digue Island Harbour.

Day 6 : Quick sail to Baie Ste Anne - Praslin.

Visit the "**Vallée de Mai**", a unique site. Home of the world biggest coconut : the "Coco de Mer".

National Park - 15\$/10€ per person.

Lunch on board. Sail back to Mahe, night berth at The Moorings Seychelles Base.

Enjoy dinner at "**Marie Antoinette**".

Day 7 : Disembarkation and transfer to Mahe International airport.

ITINERARY N°3 : SE WINDS – 12 DAYS

Day 1 :

Welcome at The Moorings Seychelles Base – Providence.
Departure to Beau Vallon, north-west coast of Mahe Island. Swimming.
Safe anchorage, restaurants, nightlife, hotels and shops.

Day 2 :

Sail to Anse Lazio – Praslin Island.
Lunch on the beach at the “Bonbon Plume Restaurant”.
Swimming, snorkelling.
Safe night anchorage.

Day 3 :

Sail to Anse St José – Curieuse Island. Trek through the mangroves, visit the Tortoise farm.
Lunch on board or BBQ on the beach.
Snorkelling in the afternoon around the unforgettable “Ilot St Pierre”.
National Marine Park – Curieuse + St Pierre : 15\$/10€ per person.
Night anchorage at **Anse Volbert** – Praslin. Traditional music and Creole food depending on which day.

Day 4 :

Visit the “Vallée de Mai”, a unique site. Home of the world biggest coconut : the “Coco de Mer”.
National Park – 15\$/10€ per person.
Sail to La Passe – La Digue Island Harbour.
Mooring in the small port of La Digue. Enjoy a drink on the terrace of the Harbour View Café “**Tarrosa**”.
Night Life guaranteed on weekends.

Day 5 :

Visit the island by bicycle. Lunch at “L’Ocean Restaurant” – Anse Patate.
Enjoy a taste of Creole tradition at “Union Estate” (7\$/6€ per person).
Swim at the world famous “**Anse Source d’Argent**”.
Night anchorage in front of “La Passe” – La Digue Island Harbour.

Day 6 :

Quick sail to Grande Soeur Island. Try a BBQ. **Good snorkelling**, do not forget the wonderful unspoilt beach on the east coast. Snorkelling at Coco Islands in the afternoon.
Night mooring at Baie Ste Anne – Praslin. Fresh water available, Creole food.

Day 7 :

Sail to Anse Mondon – Silhouette Island. Good snorkelling.
Sunset and amazing anchorage on inhabited shoreline.

Day 8 :

Departure to Anse Major – Mahe Island.
A charming little bay with great snorkelling possibilities.
Trekking trail onshore.
Dinner on board, night anchorage.

Day 9 :

Take a snorkelling break at Baie Ternay – Mahe Island – National Marine Park – 15\$/10€ per person/24H.
Lunch onboard facing the breathtaking “Anse du Riz”.
Night anchorage at Port Launay.

Day 10 :

Sail to unspoilt Petite Anse – Mahé Island, lunch onboard, snorkelling.
Night anchorage at Anse Aux Poules Bleues – Mahe Island. Dinner onshore at “La Sirene Restaurant” – Creole specialities.

Day 11 :

Sail to Ste Anne Marine Park, snorkelling on Moyenne Island – North east reef.
National Marine Park – 15\$/10€ per person/24H.
Back to the berth at The Moorings Seychelles Base for the last night.
Enjoy dinner at “**Marie Antoinette**”.

Day 12 :

Disembarkation and transfer to Mahe International Airport.

ITINERARY N°4 : NW WINDS - 12 DAYS

Day 1 :

Welcome at The Moorings Seychelles Base.
Departure to Ste Anne Marine Park, swimming and snorkelling in the National Park. Night Mooring south of Ste Anne Island.
National Marine Park – 15\$/10€ per person/24H.

Day 2 :

Visit Curieuse Island, the Tortoise farm. Trek through the mangroves. Lunch on board or BBQ on the beach.
Snorkelling in the afternoon around L'Ilot St Pierre (east side).
National Marine Park – Curieuse + Ilot St Pierre – 15\$/10€ per person.
Night anchorage at Baie Sainte Anne Praslin or Baie La Raie Curieuse

Day 3 :

Sail to Cousin Island and take the 10am (morning only) tour to the bird sanctuary : five endemic species, nesting birds, lizards....
Landing fees including taxi boat : 40\$/30€ per person.
Enjoy a perfect, peaceful night anchorage at Baie de la Raie – Curieuse Island.
National Marine Park – 15\$/10€ per boat/night.

Day 4 :

Sail to Grande Soeur Island, test your fishing skills and have a BBQ on the island.
Do not forget the east coast beach : paradise on earth...Good snorkelling.
Landing fees including taxi boat : 25\$/20€ per person.
Night anchorage at **Anse Coco** – La Digue.

Day 5 :

Visit La Digue Island by bicycle : lunch at "Loutier Restaurant" – Grand Anse.
Culture and Tradition at Union Estate – 7\$/6€ per person.
Discover the picturesque beach of "**Source d'Argent**".
Night anchorage at La Digue Island Harbour in the SE of La Digue : Grande Anse/Petite Anse.

Day 6 :

Quick sail to Coco Islands, a natural aquarium, the best snorkelling in Seychelles. Lunch onboard.
-National Marine Park – 15\$/10€ per person.
Night mooring at **Baie Ste-Anne** – Praslin. Fresh water supply, Creole food.

Day 7 :

Visit "**Vallée de Mai**", a Garden of Eden in the middle of Praslin Island, is the Coco de Mer sanctuary.
National Park – 15\$/20€ per person.
"En route" to the Black Pearl Farm – Grande Anse – Tour of the island.
Night Anchorage at Anse la Farine – Praslin.

Day 8 :

Sail to Anse Lascars – Silhouette Island. Swimming and good snorkelling.
Dinner onboard, night anchorage.

Day 9 :

Quick sail to Port Launay – Mahe Island.
Enjoy a typical beach and great snorkelling on the coral reef - National Marine Park – 15\$/10€ per person/24H.
Night anchorage.

Day 10 :

Sail to Baie Lazare – Mahé Island.
Leave your boat at anchor and take a cab to visit Anse Takamaka. Lunch at "Chez Batista".
Back to Baie Lazare for the night. Dinner on board or try the Lazare Picault Restaurant.

Day 11 :

Quick sail to Anse Intendance, the most beautiful beach on Mahe, take a lunch break.
Head back to The Moorings Seychelles Base for the last night.
Enjoy dinner at "**Marie Antoinette**".

Day 12 :

Disembarkation and transfer to Mahe International Airport.

NOTE:

These sample itineraries are given to you as a guide only : the access of the above mentioned destinations depends on the weather conditions. Fully detailed instructions will be given to you in the skipper notices and during the chart briefing. The Moorings team will be glad to give you all the information needed in order to make your cruise in the Seychelles an enjoyable experience.

We kindly remind you that shell collecting ,plant

picking and spear guns are strictly prohibited. Fishing is forbidden in the Marine Parks. Protection of wildlife is everyone's responsibility. Do not forget to protect yourself against the sun.

Your cruising log

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