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SEYCHELLES



## CLASSIC CYCLING TOURS

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### LA DIGUE BY BICYCLE (FROM MAHÉ OR PRASLIN)

Start your day with the ferry ride from Mahé through the crystalline waters on board the island's community ferries to La Digue. Upon arrival, you will be met by one of our ground representatives who will escort you to the bicycle rental shop. Once fitted they will give you your entrance ticket for L'Union Estate, a map of La Digue and a bottle of water. They will be happy to help you plan out your route or answer any questions regarding the island and recommended lunch spots before you part ways for the day.

Hop onto your bicycle to begin your adventure and soak up the memorable experiences of authentic island living. Included in this tour is a visit to L'Union Estate, home of the cemetery of the original settlers of the island but other attractions include a traditional copra mill, giant land tortoises, an old plantation house and the picturesque Anse Source D'Argent; famous for its huge granite boulders and clear turquoise water.

Return to the jetty at the pre-arranged time for your ferry back to Mahé. Upon arrival you will be transferred by shuttle bus back to your accommodation.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Enjoy the slower pace of life on 'island time'
- Stop whenever you wish & explore Seychelles' hidden secrets
- Cool off on the immaculate beach of Anse Source D'Argent
- Optionally, take some snorkelling gear & explore beneath the surface
- Take in the history of the early settlers
- Stop to sample cuisine & produce as you cycle along the quiet lanes

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## CLASSIC ISLAND TOURS

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### MOYENNE ISLAND & STE. ANNE MARINE PARK BOAT CRUISE

Once home to the French settlers, the Ste. Anne Marine Park Islands have now become the relics of the Seychelles. They form an important part of the cultural heritage of this tour which offers you the chance to learn of the rich history the Seychellois ancestors left behind, and to discover the treasures of the Marine Park. Conservation has allowed the islands and its surrounding seas to flourish and today they are home to many indigenous species of the Seychelles.

Start the day by disembarking at Moyenne Island where you can join a brief tour amongst free roaming, giant land tortoises. Following lunch at one of the island's superb restaurants, the rest of the day will be spent onboard cruising along the islands of the marine park, stopping occasionally at coral reefs for snorkeling & swimming opportunities.

You will return to your hotel mid-to-late afternoon.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Meet the iconic giant land tortoise
- Step back in time & discover the stories of the early French settlers
- Venture into the ocean kingdom to view coral reefs & their colourful inhabitants
- See the islands from a new perspective as you cruise the coastline
- Discover an array of island information and tales from your expert guide

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### ENCHANTED WALK AT THE VALLÉE DE MAI & LA DIGUE

Experience two of the most beautiful islands of the Seychelles in one day! You'll start your day with the island of Praslin, where upon arrival, you will be transported to the enigmatic Vallée de Mai. This prehistoric forest is home to the extraordinary Coco de Mer, the double-lobed coconut, with a rather mysterious shape. Vallée de Mai was declared the site of the biblical Garden of Eden with the Coco de Mer said to be the forbidden fruit. Return to the mainland as a half-day tour or continue your journey to Anse Lazio for the opportunity to go swimming before a delicious lunch in the Curieuse National Marine Park.

After lunch, take a short ferry ride to La Digue island. With its small number of inhabitants, La Digue remains the most untouched amongst the three frequently visited islands. The tour will start with a visit of L'Union Estate, slowly unveiling the surprises of deep-rooted farm life by the discoveries of copra mill, giant tortoises' pen and the time-honoured, plantation house. As you go further, you will be welcomed by giant boulders of granite nestled on the pristine and the world famous beach of Anse Source D'Argent before enjoying a dip in its crystalline waters.

This afternoon take the ferry back to your jetty and transfer by shuttle bus to your hotel.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Wander the jungles of Vallée de Mai, declared the Garden of Eden
- Enjoy a handcrafted picnic in tranquil, natural surroundings
- Marvel at the impeccable clarity of the turquoise ocean
- Sample one of Seychelles' historical & renowned products, the rum of Copra Mill
- Emerge onto the untouched boulder-strewn beach of Anse Source D'Argent

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## CLASSIC EXPLORATION — TOURS —

### WILD SOUTH - A MAHÉ DISCOVERY TOUR

Discover Mahé and enjoy an authentic islander's day out and about!

Your day starts with a brief tour of Victoria, one of the world's smallest capitals, and tour the colourful bazaar, see the Little Ben Clock Tower, and indulge in the rich sights, sounds and scents of the Seychelles community. Continue on to the Botanical Gardens, where you can experience the tropical greeneries of Seychelles' endemic flora, and bump into a giant tortoise!

After the botanical gardens you will continue with a scenic drive into cool mountains of Sans Soucis, heading to Mission Lodge for breathtaking, panoramic views from the mountainous central region of Mahé. Once the site of a school for slave children, it is now home to the songs of Seychelles' exotic birds. As you descend back to the coast, drive past the tea plantations which appear suspended in the mountain mist allowing for excellent photographic experiences as the road meanders through picturesque villages.

Following the west coast road of Mahé, stop for lunch at one of the island's superb Creole-inspired restaurants. Finally, end your day relaxing and enjoying the white sandy beach of Anse Royale, before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the heart of Seychelles, the capital of Victoria
- Hunt for a bargain, or a lovely souvenir, at Sir Selwyn Clarke market
- Wander the pathways of the tranquil botanical gardens
- Bask in the aromas of spices & Creole scents as you explore
- See the splendid Sri Navasakthi Vinyagar Hindu Temple
- Learn more of Seychellois flora & fauna at the natural history museum
- Finish your day with a waterfront cocktail

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## CLASSIC OCEAN TOURS

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### PRIVATE TRINITY CHARTER: COUSIN & CURIEUSE ISLANDS

You will be met at your hotel for your transfer to the dock where your private charter awaits. Here you will board your vessel and your guide will greet you and conduct a short safety briefing. Set out on the azure waters to Cousin and Curieuse Islands, where you will enjoy a variety of activities. On Cousin, observe unique birds and enjoy a hike around the island in search of wildlife. On Curieuse, mingle with a giant tortoise and delight in a Creole barbecue on the beach. Throughout your day, swim in the sea and stroll along stunning beaches. Your guide is on hand to reveal the islands' secrets and lead excursions as you wish. At the end of a full day, return to Praslin and transfer by road to your accommodation for the remainder of your day at leisure.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the islands from the sea
- Indulge in a classic, mouthwatering Creole barbecue
- Look to the trees for some birdwatching
- Take a plunge into the warm ocean
- Enjoy the solitude of these wonderful islands
- Tour is dependent on favourable weather conditions; take precautions if you are prone to motion sickness

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## CLASSIC CULTURAL — TOURS —

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### SUN STROKES ART TOUR

Seychelles has a vibrant and thriving art community, with numerous local creators finding inspiration in their picturesque surroundings and translating them into fine art, ceramics, photography and much more.

Enjoy a day in the personal company of a handful of the Islands' finest artists, gaining exclusive access to their studios and conversing with them about their work, their techniques and their exceptional surroundings that provide the ideas for their creativity.

Try your hand at an interactive art workshop, gaining expert tips and advice, or enjoy an artistic demonstration from the masterful artisans and select a piece as a souvenir of your time.

From here, choose as you please; retreat to a tranquil beach for some waterborne relaxation, take time to explore the streets of Victoria or wander the botanical gardens. Gastronomists may wish to sample local cuisine and enjoy more of the local creations, such as the delicious island rum.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit of the private art studios of renowned artists
- Enjoy an interactive art demonstration
- Optional Creole-inspired lunch & tour of Victoria

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