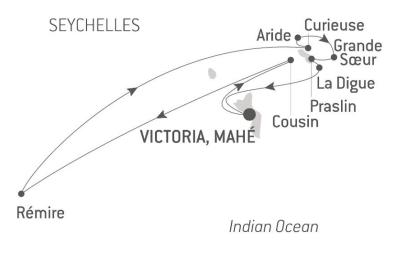


THE ESSENTIAL SEYCHELLES - LUXURY CRUISE FROM VICTORIA

On this itinerary, PONANT invites you to discover the must-see jewels of the Seychelles. On Mah e, you will board _Le Bougainville_ for a 9-day expedition cruise to the heart of this archipelago's Inner Islands for a glimpse of paradise. The first port of call on your journey will take you into the marvellous garden of Cousin Island. Everything in this natural reserve is bursting with life: giant tortoises wander around and birds tweet in the heart of lush vegetation. Then you will sail to Remire Island, an Eden lost in the Indian Ocean. Discover its abundant fauna as you explore both on land and under water. Fall in love with this idyllic port of call as you walk around the island and snorkel in its sparkling waters. On Curieuse Island, reputed for its red earth and for the Aldabra giant tortoises that have taken up residence there, take an excursion to the heart of the mangrove. You will then explore Aride , an unspoiled delight of the Indian Ocean and home to thousands of birds including some endemic species. Palm trees, granite rock, white sand and crystal-clear water await you on Grande S oeur. The beaches on this island are each more beautiful than the next, guaranteeing moments of relaxation that will live up to your fantasies of the Seychelles. In Praslin, don't miss the chance to visit the Vall ee de Mai Nature Reserve. There you will find sea coconuts, gigantic endemic fruits with a very evocative shape, nicknamed the 'love nut'. Before you return to Mah e, _Le Bougainville_ will chart a course for the sublime beaches of La Digue, some of the most renowned of the Seychelles. _The encounters with the wildlife described above illustrate possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed.



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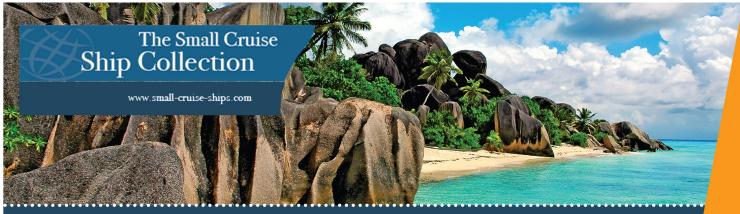
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Day 2 - Cousin Island

This small granitic islet west of Praslin measures around thirty hectares and is teeming with life. A private property until 1968, **Cousin Island** was bought by the International Council for Bird Preservation (now known as BirdLife International) to be converted into a nature reserve. The main aim of this effort was first and foremost to save two endangered bird species, the **Seychelles warbler** and the **Seychelles fody**. This operation was a real success, as the island is now the most protected in the archipelago and is home to a large number of plants and animals endemic to the Seychelles.

Day 3 - Rémire island

Remire Island is like a piece of confetti in the Indian Ocean and is a captivating place to visit. Located in the **Outer Islands of the Seychelles** , it is prized for its unique biodiversity, including its exceptionally rich underwater life. The rare inhabitants of this **tropical islet** watch over its preservation, and a walk amidst its lush vegetation, home to delightful birds, will delight fans of unspoilt areas. For those who love **snorkelling** , myriad colourful fish live among the coral reefs that border the island. Situated off the coast of Praslin, **Curieuse** has a distinguishing feature: its red earth. Discovered in 1768 by the French explorer Marc-Joseph Marion du Fresne, it was ravaged by a fire in 1771 and then home to a leper colony of which a few vestiges still remain. Declared a **national marine park** in 1979, it is home to many underwater species, which can be discovered while scuba diving or snorkelling in the idyllic waters of the Indian Ocean. But above all, Curieuse is renowned for the **hundreds of Aldabra giant tortoises** that live there. It is highly likely that you will get the chance to meet these fascinating reptiles. Along with Praslin, it is also the only island on which the **sea coconut** grows wild.

Day 5 - Aride Island

Aride is an island in the Seychelles situated a few kilometres north-west of Praslin. Listed as a **nature reserve** , this pearl of the Indian Ocean will seduce you with the beauty of its landscapes of **wild cliffs and fine-sand beaches**. Protected from human impact and sometimes called "bird capital", it is home to several endemic plants as well as exceptional wildlife. Most notably, it is the refuge of an impressive number of **seabirds** (Seychelles magpie-robins, terns, noddies, and more), and reptiles, such as Wright's skinks, which can be found in the island's wooded areas. Sea turtles can also be observed on the island's beaches.

Day 6 - Grande Soeur

Day 4 - Curieuse Island

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Located 6 km north of La Digue, **Grande Soeur Island** is renowned for its two sumptuous beaches and its translucent waters, protected by a coral reef. An ideal spot for **snorkelling** and observing the **sea turtles** that co-exist here with the many multi-coloured fish. The pristine Grande Soeur Island is considered to be one of the most beautiful islands in the Seychelles.

Day 7 - Praslin Island

Situated some forty kilometres away from Victoria, **Praslin** is the second largest island in the Seychelles. Its idyllic beaches where granite rocks nestle in immaculate sand correspond perfectly to how we imagine the Seychelles to be. They invite visitors to dive into the **turquoise waters**, which are ideal for snorkelling. In the centre of the island, hidden in the heart of a stunning tropical rainforest, lies the **Vall ee de Mai Nature Reserve, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site**. In this veritable plant sanctuary, several endemic species of palm trees can be observed, as well as the famous sea coconut, which can weigh up to 20 kg and is sometimes called " _coco fesse_ " because its shape calls to mind a pair of buttocks.

Day 8 - La Digue Island

La Digue Island is a veritable concentration of all the beauty of the Seychelles. Located 6 km south-east of Praslin, this small piece of land that looks like paradise is the third-largest island in the Seychelles, despite its modest size (5 km by 3 km)! Turquoise waters just asking you to swim in them, lush vegetation sheltering **giant tortoises**, beaches of fine sand fringed with coconut trees and surrounded with those emblematic **large granite rocks with their pink highlights** like at the famous Anse Source d'Argent: the perfect picture postcard... **Authentic and preserved**, the island follows a peaceful rhythm, with the only means of transport along its little roads being bikes or traditional oxcarts.

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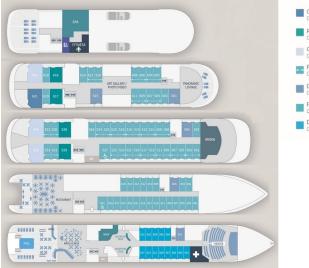


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