



## Cruise Details

Name:	Tropical Charms of the Seychelles
Reference:	EMERALDE01X221224-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Indian Ocean
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Departs On:	22 Dec 24
Departs From:	Mahé
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Arrives On:	29 Dec 24
Arrives At:	Mahé
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Mahé (Seychelles)

Fly from the UK to Mahé Island. Your tropical cruise begins in Mahé Island, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and embark on your discovery of the Seychelles. In the afternoon, we sail to Sainte Anne Channel. Flight to arrive into Mahé, Seychelles prior to 01:00 PM.

Arrives On: 22 Dec 24

### Day 2: Saint Anne, Alderney Island (Guernsey)

Sainte Anne Island is encircled by a Marine National Park, home to incredible marine life including more than 150 species of fish. Sainte Anne is now a significant nesting site for Hawksbill turtles. Late morning, we sail to Cousin, a small island renowned as a haven for seabirds. The granitic islet was a private property until 1968 when it was purchased by the International Council for Bird Preservation to transform it into a nature reserve. It's the most

protected island in the archipelago, providing a breeding ground for eleven sea bird species annually and a habitat for five birds native to the Seychelles. We stay overnight in Praslin.

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#### Day 2: Cousin Island (Seychelles)

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#### Day 2: Praslin Island (Seychelles)

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#### Day 3: Praslin Island (Seychelles)

Praslin, the second largest island in the Seychelles, is visually stunning with tropical jungle-fringed beaches, emerald waters and powdery sand. Anse Lazio beach has been voted one of the world's best several times and there's a dazzling reef just offshore brimming with coral and marine life. On land, coconut palms and granite boulders create a picture-postcard landscape. In the centre of the island, discover the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve.

Arrives On: 24 Dec 24

#### Day 4: Praslin Island (Seychelles)

Early in the morning, we sail to La Digue Island, the smallest of the three populated islands in the Seychelles. Like Praslin Island, it also possesses world-famous beaches, with one of the most recognisable being Anse Source d'Argent. It has pink-hued sands contrasting with granite boulders and aquamarine waters. We will navigate to Curieuse later in the evening.

Arrives On: 25 Dec 24

#### Day 4: La Digue (Seychelles)

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#### Day 4: Curieuse Island (Seychelles)

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#### Day 5: Curieuse Island (Seychelles)

Curieuse is a rugged island swathed in unspoilt wilderness and home to hundreds of resident Aldabra giant tortoises. Apart from its obvious natural beauty, it has a fascinating history.

It was once a quarantine station, and the original French colonial doctor's house has a museum and visitor's centre.

Arrives On: 26 Dec 24

#### Day 6: Curieuse Island (Seychelles)

Early in the morning, we sail to Aride, a nature reserve in the Indian Ocean. Nature enthusiasts and wildlife photographers flock to this island, where more than thirty rare bird species nest in the verdant vegetation. The landscape is enticing with fine-sand beaches, coconut palms and soaring cliffs.

Arrives On: 27 Dec 24

#### Day 6: Aride Island (Seychelles)

Arrives On: 27 Dec 24

#### Day 7: Mahé (Seychelles)

Mahé is the main island of the scenic Seychelles and the largest of the archipelago. It's home to the capital Victoria, which was founded in the French settler period in 1778 and named later by the British, after Queen Victoria. The island of Mahé has pristine beaches dotted with huge rocks and tranquil nature trails threaded through the Morne Seychellois National Park.

Arrives On: 28 Dec 24

#### Day 8: Mahé (Seychelles)

Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes in idyllic Mahé island. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday.

Flight to depart out of Mahé, Seychelles after 08:00

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Arrives On: 29 Dec 24

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