



DISCOVER



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SEYCHELLES PLATTE ISLAND



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Located in the Indian Ocean, approximately 130 kilometers from Mahe, Waldorf Astoria Seychelles Platte Island is part of the Outer Islands of the Seychelles. Accessible solely by private plane, this exclusive tropical paradise is surrounded by lush wildlife and thriving marine ecosystems.

SEASONALITY

Waldorf Astoria Seychelles Platte Island is part of the Southern Coral Group within the Outer Islands of Seychelles.

The Seychelles Outer Islands undergo two primary seasons: the Northwest Season (from October to May) and the Southeast Trade Season (from June to September). Each season is characterized by its distinct wind direction.

The Northwest Season, lasting roughly from October to May, features milder winds, calmer seas, and increased rainfall. In contrast, the Southeast Season brings stronger winds, a drier atmosphere, and minimal rainfall. While both seasons provide unique travel experiences, the varying winds influence specific activities, wildlife encounters, and natural phenomena.



	NORTHWEST (OCTOBER - MAY)	SOUTHEAST (JUNE - SEPTEMBER)
WEATHER	Temperature average around 30C, a pleasant tropical climate with gentler winds.	Temperature average of 28C. Lower humidity and rainfall.
FISHING	All fishing spots are easily accessible. Gentler winds make for easier casting. Pleasant calm days for bluewater fishing and easier to target milkfish.	All fly fishing species are in abundance. It is the best time of year for yellowfin tuna and Indo Pacific permit.
DIVING	The best time of year for dive enthusiasts.	
SNORKELING	The best time of year for ocean snorkeling due to calmer sea conditions.	Lagoon snorkeling is available all year with opportunities to see rays, juvenile sharks, turtles and a wide variety of fish.
KITE SURFING		Greater wind speed for better Kitesurfing
WELLNESS	Programs available all year.	Programs available all year.
LEISURE	Calm seas make it perfect for watersports including swimming, snorkeling, kayaking and SUP.	Best time of year for land activities due to slightly cooler temperatures. Boat based activities are scheduled in accordance with wind and sea conditions.
ENTERTAINMENT	Weekly entertainment schedule.	Weekly entertainment schedule.



ECOSYSTEM

Once a coconut plantation, the island is now thriving with tropical vegetation and surrounded by waters that contain roughly 9% of the total seagrass habitat in the Seychelles. Covering approximately 11,274 hectares (113 km²), this area absorbs around 1.3 million tonnes of carbon each year. Commonly referred to as ‘Turtle Grass,’ seagrass is an essential marine ecosystem, teeming with sea life and vital for maintaining high air quality.

During the Southeast Trade Season (June to September), a natural phenomenon occurs where seagrass washes ashore. Similar to autumn leaves falling on land, this process is part of an annual renewal essential for its regrowth.

Once cleared from the beaches, the washed-up seagrass is repurposed around the island as nutrient-rich compost. This not only enhances soil health but also fosters the growth of vegetables and other plants. Consequently, this creates a natural cycle where the local ecosystem—including both marine and terrestrial life—collaborates to promote biodiversity, enhance food production, and uphold environmental balance.

WILDLIFE

Waldorf Astoria Platte Island is a haven for diverse marine life and wildlife.

The island hosts large populations of Hawksbill and Green turtles and the surrounding waters act as a nursery for juvenile marine species including rays, endangered blacktip and lemon sharks, and a wide variety of fish.

Due to its unique ecosystem the island attracts both resident and migratory birds, such as white terns, red-tailed tropicbirds, brown noddies, lesser noddies, and frigate birds.



	Occurences	About
Hawksbill Turtles	September to March	Named after their pointed beaks, which resemble those of birds. They can also lay 100 to 250 eggs.
Green Turtles	March to September	Their shells have five scutes running down the middle and four scutes on each side. They are herbivores feeding on sea grass and algae and can lay to 50 to 150 eggs.
Bottlenose Dolphins	All year.	Generally gray in color and get their name from their short, thick snout
Spinner Dolphins	All year.	Distinctive three-banded colouring; dark grey on the back, a lighter grey on the flanks and a pale belly.
Humpback Whales	Mothers and calves seen around July and November	Bodies are primarily black, but individuals have different amounts of white on their pectoral fins, bellies, and the undersides of their flukes.
Mangrove Whip Ray	All year.	Disc-shaped body with a broad, rounded pectoral fin disk.
Eagle Ray	All year.	Diamond-shaped pectoral disc that can reach over 2.7m wide, and is a dramatic dark color scattered with light spots or rings.
Juvenile Lemon Sharks	All year.	Yellow-brown to olive-grey on the dorsal (top) side with a pale or white belly.
Juvenile Blacktip Sharks	All year.	Light grey to brownish-grey with a white belly. Prominent black tips on the dorsal fin and the lower caudal (tail) fin, though markings may be less pronounced in juveniles.
White Tern	All year.	Black spot behind its eyes with white plumage and a long blackbill. Known to fly in pairs
Red Tail Tropic	October to July during breeding season.	Pure bright white feathered bird with a large slightly downcurved red bill and thin red tail.
Brown Noddy	March and October	All dark with a whitish cap and has a wedge-shaped tail.
Lesser Noddy	March and June	Dark brown on its upper parts and charcoal grey on its underparts. The Lesser Noddy has a very thin bill.
Lesser & Greater Frigate	All year.	Found in tropical regions, typically identified by red throat pouch and white markings underwing. Great frigate can grow to a wingspan of 2.3 metres.
Aldabra Tortoises	All year in our Tortoise Habitat.	Giant Aldabra tortoises, indigenous to Seychelles, are known for their long lifespan and gentle nature.
Coconut Crabs	All year, at night.	The coconut crab, native to the Seychelles, is the largest terrestrial arthropod, known for its powerful claws and ability to crack coconuts.



ACTIVE INITIATIVES

TURTLE PROTECTION & MONITORING

Platte Island serves as a sanctuary for Hawksbill and Green Turtles, safeguarding these endangered species through diligent monitoring, tagging, and relocating nests to safer locations.

ECO-FRIENDLY INFRASTRUCTURE

The resort uses sustainable materials and energy-efficient technologies. To facilitate turtle nesting from September to March, all structures are positioned at least 30 meters from the high tide line to minimize light pollution

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The resort promotes recycling and composts food waste for the kitchen garden, with a strict zero-plastic policy and on-site water bottling.

SOLAR FARM

Platte Island's is home to the largest solar farm in the Indian Ocean region. It allows the resort to fulfil 85% of its operational energy through solar power.

DESALINATION & WATER CONSERVATION

Seawater is desalinated, filtered, and treated for safe consumption, allowing natural rainfall to sustain the island's vegetation.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Eco-friendly mosquito traps using carbon dioxide and lactic acid effectively attract and manage mosquito populations without the use of chemicals.

PROPOGATING FROM SEED

To support island ecosystems and mitigate nuisances, all vegetation on the island is propagated from seed.

For further information visit our Discovery Centre.



UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

SUNRISE WILDLIFE WALK

The sunrise walk offers guests the chance to experience the vibrant wildlife and marine life at dawn, guided by our Environment team.

What to expect

- Early morning adventure with educational insight.
- Stunning Sunrise
- Opportunity to observe juvenile marine life, turtles, and various bird species.

TURTLE NESTING & HATCHING

Platte Island hosts one of the largest populations of sea turtles in the Seychelles, offering guests a rare chance to witness turtle nesting and hatchings.

Nesting Experience - what to expect

- Guests are informed of a Turtle sighting, escorted to the location and given viewing guidelines.
- Guests witness the unique nesting process.
- After the nesting guests may assist in measuring the tracks and receive insights on turtle conservation challenges.

Hatching Experience - what to expect

- Guests gather for an overview of turtle biology and viewing guidelines.
- Led by our Environment team, participants visit marked nesting sites and learn about the nesting process.
- Guests witness hatchlings' instinctive rush to the sea and help protect them from predators.
- After the hatchlings reach the ocean, our team shares insights on turtle conservation challenges.



WILDLIFE VIEWING

CODE OF CONDUCT

NESTING TURTLES ON LAND

- Stay at least 10 meters (30 feet) away to avoid stressing the turtle.
- Stay quiet and calm.
- Always stay behind the turtle and out of its line of sight.
- Report nesting activities: If you see a turtle nesting, notify local environment department so they can monitor the nesting site.
- Don't touch the turtle: Turtles are sensitive to human touch, and interference could disrupt their natural behaviors.
- Don't use flash photography or flashlights these can disorient and stress the turtles.

HATCHLING TURTLES

- Do not touch or pick up any hatchlings.
- Be careful where you step.
- Do not use flash photography or flashlights.
- If you find hatchlings inland inform our team.

JUVENILE STINGRAY

Juvenile stingray are fascinating, generally harmless marine species. To protect themselves from predators they may subtly hide themselves in the sandy shallows. If walking in the shallow waters we recommend wearing the complimentary reef shoes provided on arrival.

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