

Typical 8 days itinerary with Northwest winds (November to April)

Day 1 : Bay Ste Anne to Curieuse - 7 miles

Short sail to Curieuse in the afternoon. Anchor for the night in Baie Laraie, east coast. Curieuse, part of the Marine National Park is the home of hundred or so giant turtles, you cannot miss them. 45mn walk, into mangrove and "coco fesse" trees, leads you to the other side of the island, where is a nice beach and small but interesting museum. Sail to St Pierre islet, a mass of rounded rocks crowned with a clump of tall palms swaying gently in the wind : typical and superb scenery of the Seychelles photographed on countless occasions and printed a million times in tourism magazines ! Excellent spot for snorkelling with magnificent underwater scenery

Day 2 : Curieuse to Saint Pierre to Curieuse - 6 miles

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Day 3 : Curieuse to Ile Sainte Anne - Mahé - 28 miles

Sail to Sainte Anne Marine Park in Mahé. Night anchorage at Anse Cimetière, south of the island. Snorkelling northeast of Ile Moyenne.

Day 4 : Victoria to Port Launay - 13 miles

Visit the picturesque market place in the morning. Good opportunity for fresh provisioning. 10 miles sailing to spend the night in quiet Port Launay.

Day 5 : Port Launay to La Digue - 35 miles

The south east coast of La Digue provides excellent moorings in deep coves, behind a coral reef near the shore. Petite Anse or Grande Anse are perfect for anchorage : lovely white sand beaches separated from each other by rocky spurs, backed by steep rocks. Rent a bike in la Passe to visit this beautiful island never overrun with tourists , thanks to the lack of accommodation. With its white tracks winding under tall palm trees, houses with roofs of palm leaves, small copra factories, fine white sand beaches and large polished rocks, La Digue might be the most beautiful island in the Seychelles. No cars, only bicycles or carts drawn by oxen. Horse rides are also possible.

Day 6 : La Digue

You won't like to leave this quiet place so early. Visit Union Estate, where they grow vanilla, do coprah. Visit "La Veuve reserve", endemic bird of La Digue..

Day 7 : La Digue to Coco Island to Baie Sainte Anne - 10 miles

Anchor south of Cocos Islands. Made of large rocks with strange regular stripes carved by the sea, Cocos island form a beautiful sight with a great harmony of shapes and colours . The ochre colour of the rocks is in contrast with the bright green palms of the coconut trees and the white sand of beaches lined with deep turquoise water. Under the sea , the vision is equally attractive

with large arborescent corals where thousands of many coloured fish swim in front of narrow breaks and dark caverns. Unforgettable snorkelling. Short sail to Baie Sainte Anne . Visit of the vallée de Mai, a valley protected by UNESCO. A walk in the Vallée de mai is enchanting. The path wanders in the near obscurity created by enormous palm leaves of the cocos de mer. The trunks are 40 m high and sway gently in the breeze, making a strange rustling sound as they rub against one another. Wherever you look the foliage seems to go on and on as the path winds up through dark, damp clefts before coming out onto the ridge where there are magnificent views over a dense sea of green.

Day 8

check out at the base at 9 a.m.