

# THE SEYCHELLES CRUISES 2023

- All year round aboard the 21-cabin M/Y Pegasos
- Jan. Dec. 2023
- 8-day cruises from Mahe to Mahe, Seychelles



# AT A GLANCE



### ISLAND HOPPING IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

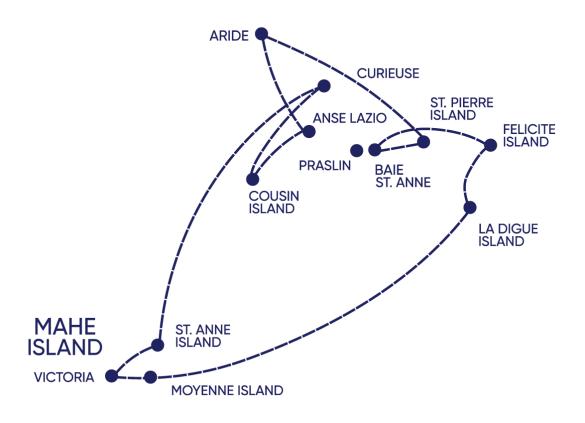
There aren't many places on Earth where hawks-bill turtles feel so unthreatened that they come ashore in broad daylight to lay their eggs. These exotic Gallic outposts were made for exploring by sea, with BBQ breaks on deserted islands, every-day swimming stops, and walking tours through the lush interiors. Scattered across the Indian Ocean, some 1,000 miles east of Kenya, these 115 islands offer everything from unsurpassed white sandy beaches to UNESCO Heritage Sites and incredible wildlife.

### Highlights include:

Mahe – Praslin – Cousin – Curieuse – Aride – La Digue – St. Pierre – Moyenne



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### DAY 1 - MAHE INTER ISLAND QUAY - ST ANNE ISLAND

Embarkation 2-3pm. After the Welcome cocktail and safety drill, we leave Port Victoria and sail to nearby St Anne for a refreshing swim stop off the ship. Overnight at anchor near St Anne. Welcome dinner.

### DAY 2 - ST ANNE ISLAND – CURIEUSE

We leave St Anne Island early in the morning to reach Curieuse. This morning we visit this uninhabited island, once a leper colony and home to giant tortoises. Our walking excursion with a park guide will bring us to the farm, along mangrove forests. Later we return to the beach for a BBQ under the trees. In the afternoon you can enjoy the beach and sea activities. Overnight at anchor.

### DAY 3 - CURIEUSE - COUSIN ISLAND - ANSE LAZIO

In the morning we sail for Cousin Island. Excursion to the Bird Sanctuary which is in the care Bird Life International. A quarter million birds breed on Cousin which also has several nesting beaches for turtles. Later in the afternoon we reach Anse Lazio. In the afternoon we sail to Anse Lazio, Praslin, one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Time for water sports and snorkeling. Evening at anchor.

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### C DAY 4 - ANSE LAZIO – ARIDE\* – ST. PIERRE – BAIE SAINTE ANNE, PRASLIN

In the morning we leave for Aride. Our excursion by the island's rangers will take you all the way to the top of the island for an amazing view of the island. The island is home to the Wright's gardenia found nowhere else on earth and to bird species like the Audubon's shearwater, the Seychelles warbler. At noon we sail for St Pierre Island. We reach St Pierre after lunch for a 3 hour snorkeling and swimming stop. At sunset, we leave St Pierre to sail into Baie St Anne, Praslin. Overnight at dock. Creole Night.

\*Aride Island is often closed for a visit during South East Trade winds (from May to September as a guide-line). It may also close at short notice during strong surf.

**DAY 5 - BAIE ST ANNE, PRASLIN – FELICITE OR GRAND SOEUR – LA DIGUE** Praslin Baie St Anne, optional tour to Vallée de Mai . Afternoon sailing to Felicite or Grand Soeur for snorkeling. Arrival in Felicite or Grand Soeur for afternoon snorkeling and swimming.. Evening sailing to La Digue. Evening arrival at La Digue. Anchor in front of the port. Overnight in La Digue.

### DAY 6 - LA DIGUE – MOYENNE ISLAND

Half day optional excursion in La Digue, the most photographed and quaint community in the Seychelles. Our optional excursion will take us through Union Plantation to l' Anse Source d' Argent beach. Arrive at L' Union Estate and tour of the copra kiln, traditional coconut oil mill and the colonial plantation house. Time at Anse Source D' Argent, one of the most magnificent beaches in the world. Marvel at some of Seychelles' most impressive rock formations – truly unique, whilst enjoying a refreshment. Time for hunting souvenirs at La Passe, the island's main village, before returning to the ship. Late afternoon sailing to Moyenne island, opposite Mahe. Evening arrival at Moyenne. Overnight at anchor.

### 🜔 DAY 7 - MOYENNE ISLAND – MAHE, INTER ISLAND QUAY

Short guided around the island and time for swim. This is the last opportunity for snorkeling and swimming. Deck BBQ We leave Moyenne Island for Mahe's Victoria port in the afternoon. Late afternoon we reach the Inter Island Quay –Mahe. Captain's farewell dinner with live music and dancing. Overnight in Mahe.

### DAY 8 - MAHE, VICTORIA

Disembarkation at 9am after breakfast.



Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.



# SAILING DATES

		Jan. 14, 28
From Mahe to	Jan. 07 June 24 July 01, 15, 22 Dec. 02, 23, 30	Feb. 11, 18 Mar. 04, 11 Apr. 01, 08 May 13, 20, 27 June 03, 10, 17 July 29 Aug. 05, 12, 19, 26 Sep. 02, 09, 23, 30 Oct. 07, 21, 28 Nov. 11, 18

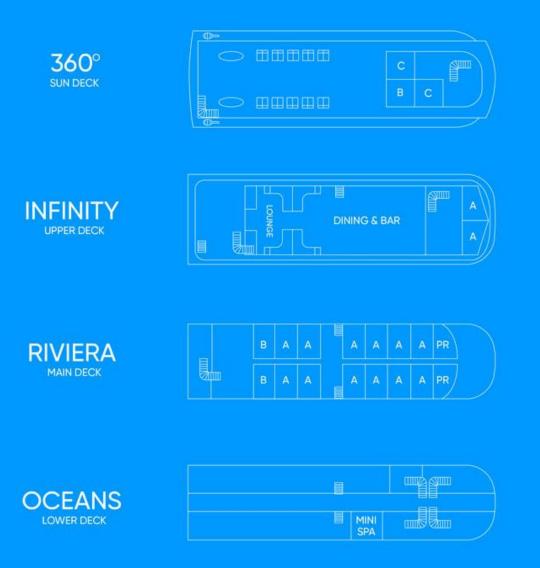


### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Length: 45 m Launched: 1990 | Rebuilt: 1997 | Renovated: 2019 Cabins: 21 Capacity: 44 passengers Crew: 16-18

The twin-hulled Pegasos, built in 1990, completely refitted in the winter of 2012, and last renovated in 2019, accommodates up to 44 guests in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere Service on board is provided by your Captain and his experienced marine and hotel crew members. It will be attentive or unobtrusive according to your requirements and priority is always given to the safety and comfort of passengers.





Pegasos' experienced crew of 18 is trained with hospitality at heart to pamper her guests and guarantee the ultimate home away from home experience.

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### **CABIN SPECIFICATIONS**

The M/Y PEGASOS outside cabins are located on the Sun Deck (3 cabins), Upper Deck (2 cabins) and Main Deck (16 cabins). All cabins feature large windows and offer en-suite bathrooms with shower, mini-fridge, TV/VCR units, music channels, hairdryers, individually controlled A/C and safe deposit boxes. They are large and comfortable, decorated with soft color fabrics. The cabins are equipped with twin or queen size beds with 2 cabins being triple.

### LIFE ON BOARD

During the day, life on board centers around the indoor/outdoor Lounge and its American Bar on Upper Deck. Al fresco breakfast or dining is provided as a choice. The spacious Sun Deck is the ideal place to bask under the sun, read a good book or just gaze at the scenery. We have also added for your relaxation a Zen mini spa located on the Lower Deck, but massage services can be also provided on the Upper Deck.

### **UPPER DECK INDOOR LOUNGE & DINING ROOM**

The main lounge, with comfortable sofas, has a full-service bar and is the hub of social activities, such as the daily briefings on the destinations visited, and other gatherings. This area is ideal for enjoying the company of your fellow travelers or simply for reading a good book from the library.





### **UPPER DECK INDOOR LOUNGE & DINING ROOM (cont.)**

The adjoining dining area is surrounded by large windows providing beautiful views of the ports of call. It accommodates all guests in one single seating and provides a high standard of cuisine, always with some local flavor. The area was beautifully renovated in 2019 to feature wood flooring and comfortable sofas with soft fabrics in warm beige and blue tones.

#### **UPPER DECK DINING AREA**

Located on the Upper deck, the indoor and outdoor dining rooms seat all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and offer generous buffet space. The aft area at the Upper Deck provides generous semi-covered or sun-exposed areas where guests can enjoy meals al fresco, weather permitting. Unassigned seating allows easy mingling and the joy of sharing breakfast, lunch, or dinner with different new friends. Food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffets, also including an "a la minute cooking" section. The menu is international, with a focus on local specialties. You will enjoy magnificent sea views as you stroll our 2.500 square feet/240 m<sup>2</sup> of open deck furnished with comfortable deck chairs or enjoy the ocean-view dining in the convivial and spacious restaurant area.

### **SUN DECK & OUTDOOR BAR AREA**

The Sun deck provides generous space and comfortable sun loungers are available to sunbathe in total comfort. A platform on Pegasos stern enables you to swim when weather and anchorage conditions permit.

