

BLUE SAFARI SEYCHELLES



Outer Islands



Area Overview

Far from the main island of Mahé, the Outer Islands are a complete contrast to the granitic inner islands.

The Outer Islands are remote, scattered coral atolls and sand cays spread across vast oceanic expanses. These islands feature very little development compared to the mountainous inner islands, and are far more secluded, with little to no permanent human habitation.

The Outer Islands offer a true escape into nature, ideal for sustainable eco-tourism and adventure. These remarkable coral atolls are renowned for their extraordinary biodiversity, featuring vibrant coral reefs, rare bird species, and untouched marine ecosystems in a true ocean wilderness.

Where the inner islands offer a more developed tourism experience of larger hotels, shops, restaurants and a touch of local culture, the Outer Islands provide unparalleled seclusion and natural beauty - perfect for those seeking a tranquil and adventurous retreat.

Alphonse Island



Property Overview

An hour's flight from Mahé, you will land on a discreet haven covered in coconut palms and tropical flora. With miles of unblemished shorelines, lagoons, and sea flats, Alphonse Island truly is paradise in the Outer Islands.

Alphonse Island offers the best of both worlds: remote enough to soothe your soul, but with a variety of luxury facilities to make your stay comfortable and extremely enjoyable. With everything you need on one island and more, you can do as much (or as little!) as you like.

Surrounded by the azure waters of the Indian Ocean, you will find a retreat with white sandy beaches, stylish accommodation, luxurious experiences, and a range of exotic animals and endemic plant life.

Overlooking picture-postcard-perfect beaches, fringed by palm trees and with not another soul in sight, each of Alphonse Island Lodges' accommodation options is wonderfully unique and completely immersed in the natural surroundings of the Outer Islands.

The combination of organic harvest from the forest and the garden perfectly complements the bounty which the Indian Ocean offers up daily. With no two meals ever presented the same, dining at Alphonse Island will not only stimulate your senses, but it will leave no doubt as to where you are finding yourself at that very moment.

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Island Ethos

Wellness is central to the Alphonse Island ethos, encompassing a commitment to your wellbeing, our community, and the environment. Here, our friendly team will make you feel like part of the Alphonse family.

Our wellness offerings include yoga, organic farm-to-table dining, and more. Each meal is crafted uniquely, using fresh produce from our farm and the sustainable bounty of the Indian Ocean, creating an authentic taste of place and a true sense of presence in the moment.

Our ethos emphasizes protecting marine and terrestrial environments through monitoring, science, and sustainable practices. Over 80% of our energy is generated by solar power, our farm is irrigated by rainwater, and composting nourishes our crops. This “farm-to-table” approach nurtures the wellbeing of guests, staff, and the environment alike.

Our bees pollinate a monthly harvest of over 4.5 tons of organic fruits and vegetables, and our team fishes sustainably each day, targeting pelagic species in deeper waters away from reefs, lagoons, and dive sites. All fishing practices are closely monitored by the Island Conservation Society to ensure responsible action. Rather than sourcing fish externally, we carefully manage our vibrant ecosystem to support its natural abundance.

These practices have helped Alphonse Island restore its marine and terrestrial landscapes, bringing them closer to their pristine, original state. Rest assured, your holiday here supports local employment, education, and environmental preservation.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Paradise in the Outer Islands

Miles of unblemished shorelines, lagoons, and sea flats

Rich biodiversity

Abundance of ocean and land activities

World-renowned destination for scuba diving and fly fishing

Quick facts

22 beach bungalows

5 beach villas

2 beach retreats

Restaurant

Alphonse Island

Three bars

Swimming pool

Tennis courts

Azure spa

Beach

Children of all ages welcome

Wifi

Activities

Activities included in the rate:

Unguided:

- Use of sea kayaks,
- Stand-up paddle boards,
- Surf boards,
- Tennis court,
- Gym,
- Bicycles.

Guided (Once a week):

- Bicycle tour,
- House reef snorkel,
- Alphonse kayak,
- Beach cleans,
- Alphonse flats expedition,
- Flats lunch,
- Yoga.

Guided (Daily):

- Farm tour (scheduled on request)
- Giant tortoise feeding and turtle patrols with the Island Conservation Society.
- Conservation talks: Several evenings a week, focussing on ongoing conservation projects around the Alphonse Group.

At additional charge:

- All boat - based snorkelling excursions, including Alphonse Snorkel, Outer Reef snorkel, manta experience and sailfish snorkel.
- Island excursions to Bijoutier Island and St Francois Island Nature Hike.

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- All SCUBA diving, including PADI courses.
- Blue water fishing & fly fishing
- Blue Safari and half / full day charters on A'Mani.
- Any signature meal set ups including Bijoutier Island picnics, cooking classes and beach picnics.
- All spa treatments.
- Alphonse Tribes programme for children aged 0 - 12.

Alphonse Island Beach Bungalow

The 22 Beach Bungalows are set amongst lush tropical plantations just metres from the beach. Located on the eastern shoreline of the island, the air conditioned Beach Bungalows are decorated in a unique style that emphasises the raw and natural beauty of the island. With a layout that keeps guests' relaxation foremost in mind, the Beach Bungalows are ideally situated to make the most of the beautiful surroundings.

Each Beach Bungalow has its own verandah, overlooking the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. Perfect for watching the sunrise with a cup of coffee or watching the sunset with a cocktail in hand.

Room Highlights:

- Just steps from the ocean
- Own garden, ensuring optimal privacy
- Bath & outdoor shower
- Verandah
- Air conditioning
- Mini bar (additional cost)

Alphonse Island One Bedroom Beach Villa

The five one-bedroom Beach Villas are chic, stylish and contemporary. Nestled amongst tropical vegetation and just steps away from the white sandy beach, the villas are extremely spacious and private, with a large lounge area and bathroom, all decorated in a palette of colours that complement the natural surroundings: hues of blues, soft greens, and natural shades.

The villas offer a tranquil interior and exterior landscape in a glorious island setting. An outdoor shower and infinity pool combine with deep, palm-leaf style thatched roofs to create a carefully crafted local creole approach to laidback luxury.

Room Highlights:

- Easy beach access, with the ocean only meters away
- Stunning interiors
- Indoor and outdoor shower
- Additional guest WC
- Private plunge pool and deck with sun loungers
- Speaker
- Mini bar (additional cost)

Alphonse Island Four Bedroom Beach Retreat

The beach Retreats, referred to as the Manta Retreat and the Marlin Retreat each have four bedrooms for the ultimate stay in privacy and seclusion. The spectacular retreats are ideal for multi - generational families, and friends. Each accommodation can sleep up to eight adults and four children.

Offering spectacular panoramic ocean and garden views, each Beach Retreat is 600 square metres in size with four generously appointed double bedrooms, all with luxurious island -style en-suite bathrooms. A large, light-filled open-plan living and dining area includes a kitchen and leads to a sun deck and private plunge pool. A private chef can be arranged upon request to create bespoke menus for dining at the retreat. Both retreats include their own golf buggy as well as bicycles for all residents.

Room Highlights:

- Extremely spacious with four bedrooms, each featuring an en-suite bathroom.
- Easy private beach access, with the ocean only metres away.
- Large open-plan lounge and dining area.
- Outdoor showers and indoor bath tubs.
- Private plunge pool and deck with sun loungers and relaxation area.

Alphonse Island Four Bedroom Beach Retreat

- Speakers.
- Mini bar (additional charge).

Alphonse Island Experiences

Alphonse Island needs to be experienced to be believed... quiet picnics on secluded beaches, sunset cruises with loved ones, mesmerising encounters with captivating marine life, and blissful pampering treatments; all in picture-perfect surroundings that enhance every sensation.

The geographical isolation of Alphonse Island creates an atmosphere of undisturbed solitude where guests forget about the outside world and immerse themselves in all the natural wonders and unique experiences that the island has to offer. An action-packed holiday, a romantic sojourn, or an idyllic beach break, Alphonse Island offers both exhilarating and relaxing experiences.

Many of our activities are scheduled according to the best conditions during your stay. Some activities may only be possible once a week due to tides & will be scheduled by our activity team accordingly. Please always let us know if you have a particular interest in any when visiting Alphonse Island so we can do our best to accommodate it.

Blue Safari Experience

Venture beyond the reef and explore the open ocean on a Blue Safari. Join our team for a trip to our offshore waters in search of a variety of amazing wildlife. You never know quite what to expect on our Blue Safari and your guide will be prepared for anything. Armed with snorkel gear you have the option to watch on board our vessel or to jump in the water to cool off and possibly swim with dolphins, cetaceans, and pelagic marine life.

Manta Experience

Enjoy a magical experience snorkelling with manta rays. This conservation - focussed experience allows you to not only observe but also have close encounters with these graceful giants. We've combined a leisurely snorkelling experience with an exciting encounter, all in the name of science. All trips are important data collection opportunities for the Seychelles Manta Ray Project; the on-site marine biologist will take ID photos of the Mantas whilst you are enjoying the encounter. Once back these will let us know which individuals were present, allowing researchers to track their movements and habitat use around the islands.

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Sailfish Snorkel

Board one of Blue Safari's custom-built vessels and head out to deeper waters off the reef, in search of sailfish. These stream-lined predators rarely venture close to shore which means that encounters with the species will take place in the shimmering deep blue waters that surround our island destinations. Once out in the blue, our team will deploy hookless teasers behind the boat to lure the sailfish up from the depths. With the first sight of their silvery-grey or blue bodies, it's time to jump in for a wild experience of swimming with them. Sailfish are usually found in small groups which means snorkelers are likely to be surrounded by a swirling group of these magnificent creatures.

Flats Lunch

Once a week, at low tide, guests are ferried to one of St. François Atoll's stunning white sandbanks, surrounded by vibrant marine life and turquoise waters. With toes in the water and a cold drink in hand, guests enjoy freshly grilled cuisine and lively company, making the Flats Lunch one of our signature experiences. As the tide comes in, it leaves no trace behind, erasing footprints and refreshing the sandy canvas.

During our Explorer Season (May to September), we may relocate the Flats Lunch closer to Alphonse for added shelter, ensuring that sand stays out of your cocktail glass.

Scuba Diving

Alphonse Island is renowned as the top diving destination in the Seychelles, featuring over 30 dive sites that cater to divers of all skill levels. With a stunning variety of both shallow and deep dives, it's perfect for both beginners and experienced divers alike. The sheer abundance of marine life here is unparalleled, with regular encounters with stingrays, turtles, moray eels, barracuda, sharks, tuna, grouper, snapper, trevally, and many more, making it an essential dive destination. Additionally, Alphonse offers both NITROX and regular oxygen, enhancing the diving experience for all adventurers.

Our 5-Star PADI dive centre offers a variety of courses, run by friendly, experienced, world class instructors. There is no limit to the courses on offer, which include specialty scuba courses.

Courses on offer include:

- PADI Bubblemaker (Kids)
- PADI Discover Scuba Diving [DSD] [one-hour theory, a pool session, and a shallow dive to 12 m]
- PADI Scuba Diver
- PADI Open Water

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- PADI Advanced Open Water
 - PADI Rescue Course
 - PADI Basic Freediver
 - PADI Freediver
 - PADI Dive Master
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Snorkelling

Alphonse Snorkel

Jump into the calm Alphonse lagoon and drift with an incoming tide over a vibrant array of shallow coral heads covered with fish of all shapes and sizes. Drift the channel spotting turtles, stingrays, big fish and abundant marine life. An amazing snorkel that is perfect for both beginner and advanced snorkellers.

Outer Reef

Sites on the outer reefs of Alphonse, Bijoutier, and St. Francois are filled with stunning marine life and impressive drop-offs which offer a great chance to see larger fish species and pelagic marine life such as turtles, eagle rays, sharks, and huge schools of reef fish. Shallower reef tops offer comfortable conditions and more adventurous snorkelers can swim off into the deep.

Guided House Reef Snorkel

Embark on an educational journey through one of the most vibrant and pristine marine environments in the world. With expert guidance, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the underwater ecosystem and create lasting memories of your time exploring the beautiful house reef. Whether you're a novice or an experienced snorkeler, this guided adventure offers a perfect blend of discovery, safety, and environmental awareness.

Night Snorkel

This activity offers an adventure that deepens your appreciation for the marine world. The unique opportunity to observe nocturnal marine life in their natural habitat offers an unforgettable experience that daytime snorkelling cannot match. For those seeking to explore beyond the ordinary and witness the ocean in a different light, a night snorkel on Alphonse Island is an absolute must.

Alphonse Island Experiences

Freediving Lessons

Free Diving

Free diving is one of the fastest-growing sports in the water. Train with our PADI instructors and obtain your own freediving licence. From there you can get even more enjoyment out of your snorkels as you can spend more time seeing what's hidden beneath, up close and more colourful than ever before.

St Francois Island Nature Hike

St Francois Island lies a 40-minute boat ride away from Alphonse. This is a nature walk on the uninhabited island that will guide guests through the mangroves where birds roost high in the tree tops and others wade across the vast white sand flats. The wildlife on this untouched island such as mangrove crabs and nursing baby Sickiefin lemon sharks are amazing and the lagoon behind the island is a suspected nursery site for sharks and rays. Manta rays, pelagic fish, and dolphins are often viewed on the crossing from Alphonse.

Bijoutier Island Visit

Stroll the deserted beaches and swim in crystal clear calm water on Bijoutier Island. This is a hotspot for turtle nesting. Guides will explain the life cycle of the beautiful turtles from hatching to laying their eggs. Our visits to Bijoutier Island are combined with a boat - based snorkel between Bijoutier and Alphonse Islands.

Kayak & SUP

Guided Kayak

Kayaks are a perfect and non-intrusive way to get up close to turtles and rays around the flats and allow guests to enjoy Alphonse from a new perspective. A guided tour by nature experts who will point out seabirds and many other marine animals.

Self-guided Island kayak

For something more private and personal kayaks are readily available for guests' use. This way guests get to appreciate the untouched exquisiteness of Alphonse Island solely at their own pace. A picnic basket can be organised for guests to carry along, enabling them to choose a spot for a secluded meal.

Stand-up Paddle Boarding

Stand-up paddleboarding at Alphonse Island offers the perfect blend of adventure, relaxation, and natural beauty. Whether exploring the calm lagoons, participating in a guided tour, or enjoying a sunset paddle, guests are sure to have a memorable experience. The activity's alignment with the island's conservation efforts ensures that paddleboarding remains a sustainable and eco-friendly way to enjoy the breathtaking surroundings of Alphonse Island.

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Surfing

Alphonse Island offers a unique and exhilarating surfing experience, with uncrowded waves and pristine, turquoise waters. Surfers can ride gentle swells in the warm Indian Ocean, surrounded by stunning natural beauty and abundant marine life. Whether you're a seasoned surfer or a beginner looking to catch your first wave, Alphonse offers ideal conditions for all skill levels. The island's remote location ensures a truly exclusive experience, making each session on the waves as peaceful as it is thrilling.

The surfing breaks are located at a considerable distance from the island's beaches. Access to these waves is available exclusively through the guidance of an instructor, via boat transport to ensure safety. This aspect reinforces the island's remote charm, creating a serene atmosphere for each surf session that combines tranquility with excitement.

Alphonse Cycle Tour

A guided tour across Alphonse stopping at major landscapes and seascapes for guests to familiarize themselves with the forest trails and most secret spots on the island. During the tour guests will be informed about the early settlers of Alphonse and the changes from indigenous forest to coconut plantation. Learn about birdlife, fish, and plants as you see every corner of the island with our knowledgeable guides. This tour ends at the Smoothie Cafe on the Alphonse Farm for an introduction to the farm and freshly blended smoothies straight from our garden.

Farm Tour

Our farm experience begins with a guided walk led by our knowledgeable team, who'll immerse you in the world of sustainable farming. You'll learn about our diverse range of crops and the thoughtful methods we employ, ensuring harmony with nature across our 4.8-hectare land. Although we utilize only 0.3 hectares for planting, we yield an impressive 4.0 tonnes of produce per month, with twice-weekly harvests year-round. Not only does this mean that everything served is fresh but more importantly it allows us to reduce the amount of carbon emissions by relinquishing cargo flights.

On the tour, discover our variety with 10 fruits and 34 different vegetable species cultivated using water-efficient drip irrigation powered in part by harvested rainwater. We upcycle kitchen waste, plant cuttings, and cardboard to create 1.5 tonnes of rich compost weekly, fuelling our crops sustainably. Along winding garden paths and peaceful seating spots, our guides will also share insights into the specific care needed for each species. To complete your experience, savor a refreshing smoothie made with a medley of farm-grown fruits and a touch of wild honey from our very own bees.

Alphonse Island Experiences

Cooking Class

Roll up your sleeves and dive into a truly immersive cooking experience. Prepare a variety of dishes, using fresh, high-quality ingredients taken straight from our very own farm. Work with a range of ingredients and cooking methods under the expert guidance of our Chef, ensuring a new experience in Creole-inspired cuisine to take back home to your own kitchen.

Yoga

Blue Safari invites you to join in scheduled yoga sessions where you can ease out the stresses of modern life and relax your body and your mind. Take a moment to focus inwardly and reflect on the beauty of the tiny paradise that is your temporary home. Our yoga sessions are created to clear the mind and set your spirit free to enjoy your holiday to its fullest. Sessions in addition to the weekly schedule can be arranged subject to availability and surcharge.

Spa Therapies

Azure Spa is our in-house wellness facility. The Spa typically offers a range of services, including massages, facials, body treatments, and wellness consultations. The treatments might often incorporate local ingredients and traditional methods, aligning with the natural and serene environment of the island.

The spa's design purposely reflects the overall aesthetic of Alphonse Island Lodge, featuring natural materials, calming colors, and an open-air layout that takes advantage of the island's warm climate and scenic views.

For guests preferring a more secluded set-up for their treatment, in-room service can be organised on request.

Sundowners at the Beach Bar

As the sun sets, guests can enjoy complimentary sundowners, watching the sky transform into a canvas of golden and pink hues, creating an idyllic end to the day. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, socialize, and soak in the serene atmosphere with a refreshing drink in hand.

Sundowner Cruise

Set sail into the Alphonse Lagoon on one of our luxury boats to salute the setting sun with a cocktail or beer from the bar. Share stories from your week and bask in the stillness of the departing day.

Alphonse Island Experiences

ICS Activities

Giant Tortoise Feeding

Engage in an unforgettable experience by participating in the Giant Tortoise Feeding activity. This interactive encounter offers a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with these magnificent creatures while learning about their dietary habits and ecological importance. Up Close Interaction: Guests can hand-feed giant tortoises, offering them a variety of their favourite foods under the guidance of knowledgeable staff.

Turtle Patrols

Daily turtle patrols with the ICS team focus on monitoring the nesting success of sea turtles in the outer islands. These ancient mariners have been navigating the oceans for millions of years, but today they face numerous threats from human activities and environmental changes.

Nest Monitoring and Protection: Join a conservation ranger on their year-round patrols locating turtle tracks and identifying nesting success of the two species of Endangered turtle that lay their eggs on Alphonse. This is part of a nation-wide study looking at the populations of Sea Turtles in Seychelles, help contribute to the longest running database in the outer islands and potentially even help hatchlings find their way to the ocean.

Tagging: If you are lucky enough to encounter a female nesting on a turtle patrol you can assist the conservation ranger in deploying a flipper tag- or recording the tag present if she is a known regular. This helps monitor the nesting site fidelity and frequency over time, crucial for conservation management.

Beach Cleans

We invite all guests to join our beach clean-up initiative during their stay. It's a fantastic way to give back to the environment, meet like-minded individuals, and enjoy a rewarding experience in paradise.

Participation not only enhances your stay but also contributes to a greater cause, leaving a positive impact on the island and the world. By participating in the beach clean-up initiative, you are helping to protect the environment and ensuring that our slice of paradise remains unspoiled for years to come. The beach clean-up initiative is designed to be family-friendly, with activities suitable for all ages.

Alphonse Island Experiences

Guided Fly Fishing on Alphonse Flats

Based directly on Alphonse Island, the Alphonse Guides are equipped to explore the outer shores right outside your doorstep. Guests get to experience unlimited site fishing like no other from the comfort of the Island. Experience either a full or half day with one of the experienced Guides. On Alphonse guests get to boast about their bonefish species amongst friends at dinner!

****Due to high demand and limited availability, pre-booking is essential.**

Guided Fly Fishing on St Francois Flats

The Alphonse Group is one of the most famed saltwater flyfishing destinations in the Indian Ocean and one of the most prolific bonefish fisheries in the world. St Francois is approximately seven miles long and four miles wide, consisting of white sand bottoms interlaced with channels and cuts. Try your hand on a full or half day of fly fishing with our experienced Alphonse Fishing Co. Guides wading over 10,000 acres of hard white sand flats in search of the various species the Alphonse Group has on offer.

****Due to high demand and limited availability, pre-booking is essential.**

Bluewater Fishing

Experience offshore fishing like never before. The unspoilt waters of Alphonse, Bijoutier, and St Francois Atolls are home to a vast variety of blue water species. The structure and sheer drop-offs are idyllic for species such as sailfish, wahoo, dogtooth tuna, yellowfin tuna, and dorado. On each given day there is an opportunity to fight the reel and target these species for either a full or half day.

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Alphonse Island Farm

The Alphonse Island Farm exemplifies sustainable, regenerative agriculture, benefiting both the environment and the guest experience. With 10 types of fruits and 34 vegetable varieties currently in cultivation—and trials underway for 12 more—the farm yields a diverse range of produce. Among the highest-yield crops are yellow papayas (over 6,000 kg), pumpkins (over 2,000 kg), and tomatoes (over 1,500 kg). This fresh, seasonal produce is a cornerstone of the island's culinary offerings, providing guests with an authentic farm-to-table experience that highlights local flavors and sustainability.

To achieve this, the farm employs a variety of bio-intensive, regenerative agricultural techniques, carefully minimizing chemical use. Organic neem oil and natural fertilizers nourish the crops, with chemical pesticides used only as a last resort to ensure harvest success. This approach supports soil health, biodiversity, and a resilient ecosystem, aligning perfectly with the island's commitment to conservation.

Water Conservation

In line with its conservation commitment, the farm uses a drip irrigation system to nourish crops efficiently. Rainwater harvested from the main building is combined with groundwater, feeding a network of 14 kilometers of drip tape across the farm. This system significantly reduces water usage compared to previous methods, ensuring sustainable water management while supporting robust crop growth.

Compost Production

The island operates a closed-loop waste cycle, transforming kitchen scraps, landscaping trimmings, cardboard, and farm cuttings into nutrient-rich organic compost. This system produces 1.5 to 2 tonnes of compost each week, with a target of over 70 tonnes by year-end. By building long-term soil fertility, this sustainable practice reduces dependence on chemical fertilizers and supports the farm's regenerative approach to agriculture.

Alphonse Bee Colonies

The farm proudly manages 12 beehives, housing two key bee species that contribute both honey and essential pollination to sustain the farm's biodiversity. On October 14, 2023, three new colonies were introduced, bringing the total honey yield to over 100 kg so far, with production expected to increase as the hives are further expanded. The hives are home to two species native to the Seychelles:

- **Apis mellifera unicolor:** A darker bee species, native to Northern Madagascar and thought to naturally inhabit the outer islands.
- **Apis mellifera ligustica:** A yellow-striped Italian variety introduced to the inner islands in the 18th century.

Alphonse Island Dining

The central dining and bar area allows guests to socialize alongside the sparkling pool and shoreline, with diverse cuisine inspired by the island atmosphere and complemented by a comprehensive wine list.

With the use of indigenous flora and fish, along with garden produce, our menus are built around freshness. Combining the influences of local Seychellois Creole and French cuisine, our dishes are inspired from all corners of the Indian Ocean.

Restaurant Hours

- Breakfast is served from **06h00 - 10h00**
 - Lunch is served between **12h30 - 14h30**
 - Dinner is from **19h30 - 21h00** [earlier on request]
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Bijoutier Restaurant

Bijoutier Restaurant is a renowned dining facility at the Alphonse Island Lodge in the Seychelles, part of the Alphonse Island experience. Named after one of the small islands in the Alphonse Group, the restaurant emphasizes a high-quality, immersive dining experience that reflects the tropical and pristine environment of its location.

Le Lys Bar

The Bar is designed to enhance the relaxed and luxurious atmosphere of the resort. This bar is typically where guests gather to unwind, socialize, and enjoy a selection of beverages in a scenic and comfortable setting.

Beach Bar

The Beach Bar on Alphonse Island is one of the highlights for guests staying at Alphonse Island Lodge, offering a quintessential tropical island experience. The bar epitomizes relaxed, beachside enjoyment, where guests can unwind and absorb the breathtaking natural beauty of the Seychelles. Whether lounging by the shore or strolling along the sandy beach, guests are treated to the soothing sounds of the ocean and the vibrant colors of the island.

Once a week, the island hosts a magical lantern-lit dinner, set in a castaway-style location, offering guests a truly immersive dining experience under the stars. The soft glow of lanterns, combined with the secluded beach setting, makes for a romantic and unforgettable evening.

For honeymooners and special occasions, the Beach Bar offers a private and intimate dining option, away from the main lodge. With personalized service and a backdrop of natural beauty, it's the perfect location to celebrate love or mark a special moment in paradise.

Alphonse Conservation

Conservation is something held very close to the hearts of everyone on Alphonse Island. Alphonse is committed to protecting the unique fauna and flora of the area with ongoing research, rehabilitation and monitoring programs, focusing especially on nesting sea turtles, giant tortoises, sensitive marine habitats and forest rehabilitation. This dedication to conservation has at all times been at the centre of the mission to create an exclusive island that is intimately connected to the natural environment.

Established on Alphonse in 2007, the Island Conservation Society (ICS) work in partnership with Blue Safari conducting fieldwork and researching key components of the remote atoll ecosystems. The ICS team offers activities on the island such as Turtle Patrols, Giant Tortoise feeding, and bird-watching which guests are encouraged to join. Conservation is at the heart of Blue Safari and through the collaborative nature of project implementation on Alphonse some real conservation success stories have shed light on the importance of the ecology of the outer islands and the need to protect it into the future.

Blue Safari Seychelles provides support through its membership on the board of the Alphonse Foundation and hotel guests contribute essential funding to the continuation of the conservation through a conservation levy. ICS provides a weekly presentation that provides progress updates and discussion of environmental topics. Books, souvenirs, and T-shirts can be purchased from the ICS office or the Alphonse Boutique, with the proceeds providing further support to the conservation efforts.

Alphonse conservation success in numbers:

- 480 Manta Rays identified through the Seychelles Manta Ray Project
- 50 underwater acoustic receivers detect signals from: 75 tagged Giant Trevally, 15 Milkfish, 25 Sharks and 20 Manta Rays to monitor movement patterns and spatial ecology
- 2 Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs) designated
- 100+ nesting Wedgetailed Shearwaters saved through habitat restoration, site protection and predator removal
- Over 1200 Giant Trevally PIT tagged to monitor recapture rates, population dynamics and sustainability of the fly-fishery
- A new fish species discovered and published
- 212 Sea Turtles recorded nesting in the Alphonse Group
- Over 17.6tonnes of plastic debris removed from the beaches

Alphonse Conservation

Sustainability

Hotel

- We try to eliminate plastic as much as possible throughout the resort; we do not sell drinks in plastic bottles, all tap water is drinkable with aluminium flasks provided and any disposables are compostable.
- All in room amenities are organic, not tested on animals and in refillable containers.
- We have 2200 solar panels which since their installation in 2018 has saved over 270,000L of diesel from being burnt every year- saving 694.2tonnes of CO₂from being released per annum.
- All cleaning products are environmentally friendly.

Nutrition

- Our menus champion our on-site farm which produces 75% of all fresh produce consumed on the island.
- All fish served are line-caught by BSS staff using sustainable methods. We focus primarily on fast-growing, pelagic species such as Tuna and Wahoo and deeper water species (+60m), thus not impacting the surrounding coral reefs.
- In 2023 African Honey Bees were re-introduced to Alphonse; instrumental in pollinating the farm and now producing our own island honey.
- We do not serve any crustaceans, shellfish with the exception of farmed prawns from Coetivy Island or octopus/squid for sustainability reasons.

Water

- All freshwater on the island is desalinated groundwater running on solar power.
- We capture rainwater with a storage capacity of over 85,000L across the island. Our laundry and main swimming pool is fully rainwater and we are increasing our Rain Water Holding capacity over the next 12 months.

Waste

- All waste is separated and either shipped off the island for recycling or incinerated on-site. No waste is buried on the islands.
- Food and green waste is composted in the farm, producing around 600kg of compost every 2 weeks.

Environment

- All activities such as fly-fishing, snorkelling, diving and nature walks are in the presence of a professional guide and follow strict codes of conduct.
- Only fly-fishing allowed inside the lagoons and reef flats of the atolls, all fish caught on fly is strictly catch and release.

Alphonse Conservation

- We implement turtle-friendly lighting and keep beach crest vegetation in-tact to limit light disturbance to nesting turtles.
- All sunscreen sold on-site is reef friendly by Stream2Sea and we request guests to bring only reef - safe brands with them where possible.

Special Offers

PDF Documents

[Alphonse Island Stay Pay Offer 2024](#)

PDF Documents

[Blue Safari Honeymoon Package 2025](#)

PDF Documents

[Blue Safari Milestone Package 2025](#)

Alphonse Island General Information

Essentials & Amenities

All Rooms

- Air - conditioned
- Electronic Safe
- Ceiling Fan
- Mini bar
- Beverage Station with Nespresso Machine
- Landline Telephone
- Beach Towels
- Laundry Service
- Shaver Outlet
- Hair Dryer
- Outdoor Shower
- Bathtub
- Bicycles
- Sun Loungers
- Wi-Fi

Beach Bungalow

- Mosquito Net [On request]
- Day Bed
- Triple bed set up available on request

Beach Villa

- Mosquito Net [On request]
- Large Lounge area
- Second WC
- Private Plunge Pool
- Third & fourth beds available on request
- Speaker

Beach Retreat

- Indoor Bathtub in both primary suite bathrooms
- Fully Equipped Kitchen for use by BSS staff for in-villa dining on request

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- Mosquito Nets in primary suites
- Golf Buggy per Retreat
- Continental breakfast daily - available on request
- Large private plunge pool
- Outdoor beach showers at private access

Access Map

- [Blue Safari Seychelles access map](#)

Getting There

- One of the attractions of Seychelles is its minimal time difference with Europe and the UAE, and how well connected it is to major international hubs such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha with only 4.5 hours of flying time. Other major hubs such as Istanbul and Addis Ababa also have regular connections. Additionally, seasonal direct flights are available from Frankfurt, Zurich, Moscow, Mumbai, Mauritius and Colombo. For travellers wanting to combine Seychelles with a safari, there are easy connections across to East Africa via Nairobi, and South Africa via Johannesburg.
- From Mahé, Alphonse Island is an hour's flight from the domestic terminal of the international airport (SEZ). Check-in begins an hour before the scheduled departure for Alphonse Island. Due to the infrequent schedule of flights to Alphonse Island, guests are recommended to arrive in Mahé with no fewer than 4 hours between their long-haul flight arrival and onward departure to Alphonse Island. Guests with a tight connection are recommended to arrive a day early and overnight in Mahé.
- The flight schedule between Mahé and Alphonse Island Lodge return changes throughout the year:
January & February: Every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
March & April: Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
May, June, July, August & September: Once a week on Saturdays
October: Every Wednesday & Saturday
November & December: Every Wednesday & Saturday
- Private charters are also available on request. For further information, refer to our [flight schedule](#).
- Please note, these flights are not bookable online and will be handled with your Alphonse Island Lodge reservation.

Flights & Luggage

On inter-island charter flights check-in luggage is strictly limited to 15 kg [33 pounds] per person, and 5 kg [11 pounds] carry-on luggage.

It is not possible to load extra luggage beyond your limit; it would have to be repacked and left on Mahé until your return. On request, the Alphonse Team in Mahé will assist you with the storage of excess luggage while you are on Alphonse Island. We also suggest you use lighter soft-shell bags.

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Health & Safety

Our clinic is well-equipped to handle basic requirements and emergencies situations with adequate medical facilities, a doctor on site, and a nurse covering in the doctor's absence. The clinic operates 24/7 with an on-call schedule.

Malaria

The Seychelles and Alphonse Island are Malaria Free areas.

Sun Protection

Due to the close proximity to the equator, the sun in the Seychelles is exceptionally strong, with the white sand increasing its effect. It is not advisable to lie in direct sunlight.

A strong sunbathing lotion or sun block is recommended, as is wearing a hat, protecting your head from direct sunlight. For water sports, such as snorkelling, a T-shirt [rash vest] is recommended.

Water

There is a desalination plant on Alphonse Island and water from the faucet is safe to drink. Mineral water is only stocked when specifically requested prior to arrival.

Safety

There are no cyclones, busy roads or dangerous animals and the beaches around the island is calm.

Medical Emergency Procedures

Alphonse Island is fully qualified general practitioner on call 24/7, with a fully - equipped clinic open for guests for non-emergency related treatment during specified clinic hours.

- Medical Evacuation: *Third Party Airline (IDC Aviation)*

In a medical emergency requiring evacuation, we have oxygen, an ultrasound machine, an ECG machine, a hematology analyzer, an AED, and a well-stocked pharmacy with emergency supplies and medications. Trained medical personnel provide emergency care to stabilize the patient until the evacuation team arrives, which usually includes a doctor and a nurse from Mahe. Transfers are made, detailed handover reports are given, and the patient continues to receive treatment during transportation by airplane until arrival at the Seychelles Hospital.

- Evacuation Timeline

The medical evacuation process, from the time of the incident to stabilizing and transporting the patient to Seychelles Hospital, response time is approximately between 4 - 6 hours, depending on the flight availability, time and severity of incident.

Additional Information

- Consultation Fees

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A *consultation fee* may be required. Consultations can be conducted in-room but are preferably done at the clinic.

Electricity, Mobile Phones & WiFi

Electricity

To conserve the environment Alphonse Island is off the grid, and completely reliant on solar power. Through solar power the Island has 24-hour electrical current [240 volt, 50 cycles AC] with British plug points. European electrical current adapter [3-point, square-pin] is necessary.

Cellular/ Mobile Phones/ Internet

- There is no mobile signal / connectivity on the island.
- Each Bungalow, Villa and Retreat has a landline phone service, operated via satellite as well as Wi-Fi.
- There is free Wi-Fi in the bar and lounge area.

Indemnities

All guests are required to sign an indemnity form once on location. Divers booked on courses must complete the Medical Statement prior to diving, this is provided prior to arrival in case you need to arrange medical clearance for diving from your physician.

Passports & Visas - Entry into Seychelles

Passports & Visas

No visa is required for a holiday. However ALL visitors to Seychelles for tourism purposes MUST have an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) completed prior to check-in for their flight to Seychelles. Please see below for further details.

Entry Into Seychelles

Every visitor who intends to travel by air or sea to the Seychelles must have an approved, valid Travel Authorization or Disembarkation Information Form. Applications can only be made up to 29 days prior to your arrival date in Seychelles. Failure to obtain an ETA prior to check-in for your flight to Make will result in the airline refusing you for boarding.

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There are different requirements for travel to the Seychelles for citizens, permit holders and visitors. Please pay attention to the required documents that apply to you and / or your group. A yellow fever vaccination is needed if you are traveling to Seychelles from a yellow fever endemic region. If you are transiting through an airport of a yellow fever endemic region for less than 12 hours, you do not need yellow fever vaccination. You will need this vaccination certificate to apply for your Travel Authorisation. Get in touch with our team if you are unsure of which countries fall within the yellow fever endemic region. Please note that all travellers must have a valid credit / debit card available to pay the fee. (€10 per application and you get your clearance within 9 hours).

For more information and to apply, please refer to the [SEYCHELLES IMMIGRATION WEBSITE](#).

Before you apply, ensure you have all of your mandatory documents ready:

- Valid passport
- Selfie or passport-type photo
- Contact information
- Details of your arrival flight into Seychelles
- Details of your visit in Seychelles
- Details of accommodation for every night of your stay in Seychelles
- Details of your departure flight from Seychelles
- Travel insurance with medical cover for CV 19
- Yellow Fever Vaccination (if you have visited a yellow fever endemic region prior to arrival in Seychelles)

Alphonse Season & Time Zone

Alphonse Island Lodge is open year round.

Time Zone

GMT +4 hours. [+3 Hours during Northern Hemisphere Summer].

Daylight Hours

Due to its proximity to the equator, there is no real twilight in the Seychelles. The sun rises quickly at around 06h15 and sets with equal swiftness at about 18h30. This varies by only minutes throughout the year, giving nearly a full 12 hours of daylight for 365 days a year.

Children

- Children of all ages are welcome at Alphonse Island.
- Children one to 23 months stay complimentary.

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- Fun and educational activities for children in a stimulating environment.
- Special menus with nourishing and appropriate options for developing palates.
- Child minders are available [at an additional charge].

Suggested Packing List

- Loose Fitting Clothing
- 1 x UV Proof shirt for waterbased activities
- 1 x Polarized sunglasses
- 1 x Sunscreen [SPF 30+]
- 1 x Lip Block
- 1 x Hat/Cap
- 1 x Headlamp/torch
- 1 x Lightweight rain jacket
- 1 x Camera
- 2 x Swimming costumes
- 1 x Dry Bag [optional for activities]

Suggested Packing list (Divers)

- 1 x Personal SCUBA mask
- 1 x Mosquito repellent
- 2 x Headband / Buff for ladies 1 x Drybag
- 1 x Wet bag
- 1 x soft tissue for drying & cleaning lenses
- 2 x Fast drying rash vest
- 2 x Swimwear
- 1 x Rain jacket [lightweight] General loose fitting, quick drying clothing for the humidity

Conservation Donations & Environmental Levy

Conservation Donation

There is a mandatory conservation donation of \$30 per person, per night. This will be included in your confirmation invoice and is settled prior to arrival or on check out. Donations are complimentary for children 0 - 17 years. This goes to the Alphonse Foundation and funds the conservation centre on the island and our long-term projects, if you would like to contribute further to our special projects that is welcomed and can be settled on check-out

Environmental Levy

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Please take note that the Seychelles Government has introduced a Tourism Environmental Sustainability Levy. Establishments will charge and collect this levy from the visitors upon guests check-out, alternatively this cost can be settled prior to your arrival. For more information, please refer to Seychelles Tourism Sustainability Levy. This levy is applicable for all guests over 13 years old.

Payable Services At Mahe International Airport

- Salon de Vallée de Mai Departure Lounge – for the comfort convenience of clients awaiting air connections upon departure. This service is complimentary to business class travellers.
- Meals in Mahé will be for your own expense.
- The Payanke Lounge is available to all travellers at Mahe Airport and can be booked by our Blue Safari Seychelles team, at an additional cost.

Gratuities

Tipping is never mandatory. The below serve as a guideline based on average tips given. Tips are to be left at reception upon departure for equal distribution. Any gratuities will be appreciated by the staff and we thank you for your generosity.

- General Hotel Staff: ± US\$300 per person per week or US\$50 per day as a guideline.
- Fly Fishing Guides: ± US\$700 per angler per week or US\$110 per day guideline, which is given to the fishing manager at the end of the week. The Guides work on a rotational basis so your tip will be divided equally.
- Diving Staff: ± US\$25 per dive, divided up by the dive team and skippers.
- Activity Centre Team: ± US\$15 per day for the activity team if you have joined any activities.

Travel Insurance

It is vital that all guests booking a stay on Alphonse Island have a comprehensive travel insurance policy. Alphonse Island is not liable for any miss-connecting flights, for any reason, including weather related delays.

Guests planning to dive will be asked to provide their travel insurance details as proof of cover for diving activities. This is often included in general travel insurance policies but should you wish to dive deep, please check any depth restrictions.

Accident Medevac Insurance

All guests are required to obtain “From Scene of Accident Medevac Insurance”. Details must be submitted prior to arrival on the Island.

Documents & Links

PDF Documents

[Alphonse Island 2025 Experiences](#)

PDF Documents

[Leisure Package 2025 Rates](#)

Alphonse Terms & Conditions

Cancellation Policies

- A 10% fee shall be levied if cancellation is made more than 180 days prior to arrival.
- A 10% fee shall be levied if the reservation is moved to an alternative date within the same season.
- If a booking moved to an alternative year, the 10% fee and the applicable rate increase will apply. Bookings may only be moved more than 181 days prior to arrival.
- A fee of 50% shall be levied if cancellation is between 180 and 90 days prior to arrival.
- A fee of 100% shall be levied if cancellation is 90 days or less prior to arrival.
- All cancellations and provisional bookings must be confirmed in writing.
- Bank fees associated with refunds are for the guests' account.

Payment Terms

- Reservations will be held for 2 weeks.
- We require a 50% deposit to confirm the booking.
- Final payment to be made 3 months prior to arrival.

Tariffs

- Inclusive of VAT in US Dollars
- Subject to availability
- All tariffs are subject to change, without prior notice, however rates quoted for confirmed bookings will be honoured.

Indemnity & Insurance

- All activities require the client to sign an indemnity once on location.
- All clients are required to submit "From Scene of Accident Medevac Insurance" prior to arrival.

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- It is highly recommended that guests take out travel insurance that covers part or full cancellation of a trip due to flight delays, health, weather or force majeure.

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