

Prepared for Blue Safari Fishing

# BLUE SAFARI FLY FISHING SEYCHELLES

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## Cosmoledo Atoll

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Located 1,030km southwest of Mahé, Cosmoledo Atoll is situated a stone's throw away from the world heritage site of Aldabra, which is often referred to as the Galapagos of the Indian Ocean. Menai and Wizard Islands occupy the eastern and western points of the atoll and were named after the two ships that explored the atoll on the Moresby Expedition in 1822. South Island stands near the main entrance to the inner lagoon, while the second, smaller entrance is just south. The perimeter of the atoll is covered with vast, wadeable sand flats dotted with islands of various shapes and sizes, all of which are the perfect habitat for its fish population.

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### *At a Glance*

- Located 560 nautical miles southwest of Mahé in the Seychelles, and 18 nautical miles from Astove Atoll.
- Situated 9° south of the equator.
- Cosmoledo comprises of a large lagoon surrounded by 18 islands, expansive flats and two main channels.
- Scheduled flights depart from the Mahé domestic terminal each Thursday.
- One of the most remote inhabited islands in the Seychelles.
- Accommodate up to 10 anglers and 6 leisure guests in 8 Eco pods
- Similar time zone to Europe, African and Middle East.
- Child policy: 12+

### **Highlights**

- GT Capital of the world
- Healthy populations of bonefish, Indo-Pacific Permit and triggerfish.
- Incredible seabird populations
- The most remote lodge in the Seychelles
- Easy beach access, with the ocean only meters away
- Impeccable service, cuisine, activities and experiences

### **Activities**

*Activities included in rate:*

- Kayak
- SUP
- Snorkel
- Beach sundowner
- Reef flats expedition
- Wizard Island tour

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*At additional charge:*

- Atoll exploration excursion
- Guided flats fly-fishing
- Scuba diving
- Bluewater fishing
- Blue Safari experience
- Menai mangrove hike

## Cosmoledo Atoll Fishing

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Cosmoledo has become known as one of the best giant trevally fisheries in the world and is now the benchmark for anglers searching for an outstanding saltwater flats fishing experience. The sheer numbers and variety of fish species has amazed the fly fishing world, with anglers from across the globe queuing up to sample this ultimate fishing playground. It is a rare opportunity and a privilege to gaze into a world, which has changed very little in the years that have passed.

It's an untouched ecosystem full of hungry, tackle-busting giant trevally. Cosmoledo's large white sand flats, lagoon edges and channels are, without question, ruled by the notorious giant trevally, so much so that it is often referred to as the GT capital of the world. These fish are, however, not the only species that can be found here in impressive numbers. Large bonefish, bluefin trevally, bohar snapper, barracuda, milkfish, the finicky Indo-Pacific permit and a host of triggerfish species all call Cosmoledo home.

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### *Your Itinerary*

#### **DAY 1**

The group meets an hour before the scheduled departure time at the Mahé domestic terminal. After the three-hour flight to Astove Atoll, guests will be met by the Blue Safari Fishing crew and transferred to the transfer vessel for a two-hour sail to Cosmoledo Atoll. Once onsite guests will be greeted with refreshments and allowed to settle, followed by a tackle setup.

#### **DAY 2 - 6**

Breakfast at 07h00, teams to be ready to leave the camp at 08h00 for fishing. There is a choice between a packed lunch or lunch at the camp. At 17h00 your team will head back to the camp.

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### DAY 7

Breakfast at 07h00, teams to be ready to leave the camp at 08h00 for fishing. There is a choice between a packed lunch or lunch at the camp. 17h00, your team will head back to the camp. There will be time in the evening to de-tackle your gear with snacks and cold refreshments so you are able to pack your rods, reels and fishing gear away in preparation for departure the following morning.

### DAY 8

The departure time of the transfer vessel and the plan for your departure morning will be confirmed with you at dinner the evening before departure day. You will be transferred to Astove by the transfer vessel where you will meet the Astove team who will transfer you to the airport. The Charter flight will then depart, and possibly divert to Alphonse, landing at the Mahé domestic terminal in Mahé three hours later.

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### *Skiffs and Guides*

There are eight purpose built Baymaster skiffs that are on anchorage at Cosmoledo Atoll. These skiffs will be skippered by our experienced, world class and professional Alphonse Fishing Co. Guides. Their passion and dedication is infectious and rest assured they will go the extra mile in search of your fish of a lifetime. Angling teams will be split up into groups of two anglers per skiff and guide.

#### *Our Guides:*

- Are professional, passionate and extremely experienced with all facets of fly fishing in these remote saltwater destinations.
- Are fluent in English [some speak French and Creole].
- Carry waterproof VHF radios and are in constant communication with each other as well as the base.
- Are qualified skippers, with STCW qualifications and have impeccable boat handling skills.
- Have first aid experience.
- Have pioneered many of the techniques in catching the various species that call Seychelles home eg: milkfish & triggerfish.

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### *Seasons*

10 pre - sold fly fishing packages available December - April



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### *Wading*

The hard white sand, turtlegrass or coral flats of the Seychelles make for easy wading, separating it from other destinations in the world. As most of the fishing will be done whilst wading, good protective footwear is essential. Standard diver's neoprene booties with a reinforced rubber sole are not appropriate. A more protective flats wading boots must be worn. There are a number of purpose made boots on the market, which are excellent. See suggested brands in tackle and gear check list at the end of this document.

## Seychelles Species

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### *Bonefish (Albula vulpes)*

Cosmoledo has an extremely healthy population of bonefish that frequent the flats in the six to ten pound range. On average the bonefish are much larger than that of the other atolls in the Seychelles, with fish of up to 12 lbs caught and regular sightings of fishing in the 8lbs to 10lbs range. Bonefish are constant on neap tides but much more difficult to find on spring tides due to the fluctuation of water.

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### *Moustache Triggerfish (Balistoides viridescens)*

Known as a giant, titan or moustache triggerfish, it is the largest of the three species that can be caught at Cosmoledo. The Alphonse Guides were the first to develop the flies and techniques to deceive these fish, as well as to introduce triggerfish as a much sought-after trophy for flats anglers. A colourful and energetic feeder that tails when feeding in the shallows, both on the flats and on the reef edges.

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### *Indo-Pacific Permit (Trachinotus blochii)*

Also known as pompano, it is a member of the Carangid family and a relative of the Atlantic permit. Cosmoledo has good population of permit and tends to have these fish spread out over the entire fishery. The Alphonse guides have near-perfected the art of catching these fish, considered the "Holy Grail" of saltwater flyfishing!

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### *Yellowmargin Triggerfish (Pseudobalistes flavimarginatus)*

Cosmoledo offers great opportunities when it comes to targeting yellowmargin triggerfish. These colourful characters, that grow in excess of 15 lbs, have extended anal and dorsal fins that work in conjunction with each other but in different directions, giving them incredible acceleration.

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### *Milkfish (Chanos chanos)*

A finicky algae feeder and a ferocious aerobic fighter reaching lengths in excess of 180 cm and weights over 50 lbs. The Alphonse Guides were the first to develop the flies and techniques to catch this sought-after trophy. The milkfish at Cosmoledo are somewhat smaller than that of Alphonse, but appear in similar numbers during the right conditions.

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### *Giant Trevally (Caranx ignobilis)*

Cosmoledo Atoll is without doubt the GT capital of the world, with more GT's frequenting this atoll than any other atoll in the Seychelles. Guests can expect good numbers of fish throughout the week with an average catch stat of approximately 60 – 90 fish per week for the group. This super predator has been caught in excess of 120 lbs on Cosmoledo.

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### *Bluefin Trevally (Caranx melampygus)*

Bluefin trevally are distributed throughout the tropical waters of the world with populations varying according to fishing pressure. Areas like Cosmoledo, that have shallow lagoons, support healthy populations of juveniles, which contribute immensely to the overall population. The typical size of fish would be from 18 cm to 80 cm, with an 80 cm specimen being a trophy.

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### *Indo - Pacific Sailfish (Istiophorus platypterus)*

The sailfish is the fastest fish in the ocean and named after its large dorsal fin, which extends most of the length of its body. These acrobatic fighters can be found in the deeper waters that surround Cosmoledo.

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### *Dogtooth Tuna (Gymnosarda unicolor)*

Dogtooth tuna are a resident-pelagic fish that are found along the drop-offs in good numbers in the Seychelles. They patrol continental shelf drop-offs and frequent depths between 50 and 150 ft, which are found relatively close to shore around the atoll. These fish can be targeted by dredging with a heavy sink tip fly line and a Mega Clouser.

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### *Barracuda (Sphyraena barracuda)*

These fearsome looking creatures are extremely fast and jump when hooked. Larger barracuda, which grow to over 240 cm, are more or less solitary in their habits and hunt alone when on the flats. Although all of our destinations have decent numbers of barracuda some of the larger specimens are caught on Cosmoledo.

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### *Wahoo (Acanthocybium solandri)*

The Seychelles waters are known for their incredible numbers of wahoo due to the rich currents that flow close to the atolls. Reaching speeds of up to 80 kilometres per hour, the wahoo is the third fastest fish in the sea. Wahoo are caught in fair numbers offshore of Cosmoledo when actively targeted.

### *Yellowfin Tuna (Thunnus albacares)*

Yellowfin Tuna migrate through out the Seychelles year-round following bait and particular ocean currents. As a result the tuna caught around Cosmoledo fluctuates, with the majority of catches being seen at the start and end of the season. When actively targeted offshore yellowfin tuna can be caught in good numbers surrounding Cosmoledo.

## Tackle & Gear Checklist

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### **Rod & Reel Loan**

Fly fishing outfits consisting of Thomas and Thomas fly rods and Shilton reels, loaded with 300 yards of Cortland braided backing can be loaned at no charge. It's important that angler's pre book the rod hire to insure that we have sufficient stock. Anglers can either purchase fly lines in the shop or bring fly lines from home to accompany their respective hire rods. All rod breakages are for your account and will be billed at US\$150 per rod.

### **Tackle & Gear**

The lodge will have a range of fly lines, flies and various other items for sale should you run out. Any tackle that is needed can be pre-ordered and will be delivered to the lodge for your arrival. All tackle sales may be settled at the end of your trip upon check out.

### **Recommended Bonefish & Permit Outfit**

- 2 x 9-foot 9-weight fly rod [1 x Spare]
- 1 x High quality large arbor saltwater series reel, with a strong smooth drag to match the fly rod. Load the reel with two to three hundred meters of 50lbs braid.
- 1 x High quality weight forward tropical floating line, suitable for warm water conditions.

### **Recommended Triggerfish & Milkfish Outfit**

- 1 x 9-foot 10-weight fly rod
- 1 x High quality large arbor saltwater series reel, with a strong smooth drag to match the fly rod. Load the reel with three hundred meters of 50lbs braid.

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- 1 x High quality weight forward tropical floating line, suitable for warm water conditions.

### **Recommended Giant Trevally, Bluefin Travelly, Barracuda & Bluewater**

- 2 x 9-foot 12-weight fly rod [1 x Spare]
- 1 x High quality large arbor saltwater series reel, with a strong smooth drag to match the 12-weight fly rod. The reel should be loaded with three hundred meters of 80lbs braid.
- 1 x High quality heavy weight forward tropical floating line, suitable for warm water conditions.
- 1x 750 grain sinking line for dreoging

### **Terminal Tackle**

- 1 x 15 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 20 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 25 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 100 lbs Shilton mono leader
- 1 x 130 lbs Shilton mono leader

### **Flies**

It's critical all anglers carry a complete selection of flies tied on the correct hooks. We recommend the following fly selection, which will cover all your fishing and species on offer. A full selection of flies can be purchased on Cosmoledo and pre-ordered fly packs can be made up for your convenience.

### **BoneFish**

- 4 x Gotchas #6
- 4 x Golden Knight #6
- 4 x Pillow Talk # 6
- 4 x Fleeing Crab Cream/Tan #8

### **Permit & Triggerfish**

- 2 x James's Sand Prawn #2
- 4 x Spawning Shrimp #2
- 12 x Alphlexo Crab [White, Tan and Olive] #2
- 2 x Fishient Crab #2
- 4 x Bedhead Shrimps #2

### **Milkfish**

- 4 x Milkydream Chartreuse #2



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- 4 x Milkydream Olive Rams Wool #2

### **Giant Trevalley, Bluefin Trevally & Barracuda**

- 2 x GT Brush Fly [Tan] #5/o SC15-2H
- 4 x GT Brush Fly [Black] #5/o SC15-2H
- 2 x Flaming Lamborghini's #6/o SL12S
- 4 x GT Bucktail Deceivers # 8/o SL12S
- 4 x GT Barrel Popper #8/o SL125

### **Bluewater & Billfish**

- 1 x Pink, White & Purple Cam Seglar Sailfish Tube Tandem #8/o x 2.
- 4 x Mega Clousers

## Cosmoledo Eco Camp

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Cosmoledo has a single Eco Camp situated on Wizard Island where nature meets creative, eco-friendly hospitality. The Camp consists of eight double/twin ensuite Eco Pods with a central communal dining and entertainment area. The rooms are made up of custom designed Eco Pods and the communal dining and entertainment area is a large tent with bare sand floors that are committed to the conservation, preservation and protection of the natural resources of Cosmoledo.

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Each Eco Pod can be catered as a double or twin set up and has all the amenities and modern luxuries one can expect. From being ensuite to fully air-conditioned, each room boasts a front verandah with a seating area and a well appointed outdoor shower. The rooms are tailored in fresh neutral colours accentuating the island and ocean, drawing in serenity, outdoor adventure and a sense of becoming-one with your surroundings.

## Cosmoledo Atoll Experiences

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Cosmoledo Atoll needs to be experienced to be believed... The geographical isolation of Cosmoledo Atoll 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.

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 any interest in doing a particular activity when visiting Cosmoledo Atoll so we can do our best to accommodate it.

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### *Scuba Diving*

Take to the reefs that few others have ever been to dive and explore the vast amount of coral reef on offer. Enjoy some of the most rich and diverse areas of coral reef found anywhere in the Seychelles. Expect to see snapper, grouper and reef fish in great abundance and huge sizes as well as a good supply of pelagic species and high chances of shark encounters. Cosmoledo is suitable to divers with advanced or higher qualifications. All diving must be pre booked with the Blue Safari reservations team.

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### *Snorkelling*

Experience the beautiful, enchanting marine life by partaking in guided snorkelling trips and can opt-in for the calm lagoon or explore the outer reefs. Snorkelling equipment is complimentary and is available for all guests to use. The abundant and colourful sea life sights are not to be missed.

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### *Wizard Island Tour*

Join a guided tour across Wizard stopping at major landscapes and seascapes for guests to familiarize themselves with the coastal trails and most secret spots on the island. Cross the open grassland and venture through the scrub to scale the impressive sand dunes and be rewarded with a panoramic view of the atoll.

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During the tour guests will be informed about the early working life on Cosmoledo and the collection of guano, turtle and birds eggs and meat. Identify birdlife, fish and plants as you see every corner of the island with our knowledgeable guides. If you are lucky you may spot a nesting hawksbill or green turtle.

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### *Reef Flats Expedition*

Travel the inside reef flats of Cosmoledo with a knowledgeable and insightful guide. On this expedition guests get to appreciate the untouched view of the white sand, rich seagrass beds and crystal clear waters whilst spotting juvenile turtles, eels, crabs, and molluscs deep in the sea grass, under rocks and squeezed into crevices in the reef platform. This is an opportunity to see all types of nature come together with mind-blowing biodiversity on the macro scale.

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### *Kayaks & Stand Up Paddle Boards*

Kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are a perfect and non-intrusive way to get up close to turtles and rays around the flats and allow guests to enjoy Cosmoledo from a new perspective. A guided tour by nature experts who will point out seabirds and spot fishermen's delights such as bonefish, permit and triggerfish. A picnic basket in the form of a Yeti Cooler can be organised for the guide to carry along, enabling them to choose a spot for you to enjoy a secluded meal or snack.

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### **Motorised Experiences (additional cost)**

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#### *Atoll Exploration Excursion*

Join our guides on an adventure like no other, learning, exploring and discovering all that the vast sand flats dotted with over 20 islands, islets and cays of various shapes and sizes have to offer.

This is a full or half day excursion and you are able to decide how far and wide you would like to explore this magical atoll. Be prepared to have encounters with a variety of shark species and turtles. By visiting several islands you will be guided through skies, vegetation and waters filled to the brim with birdlife and learn about the reproductive cycles of globally and regionally important breeding populations.

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### *Bluewater Fishing*

Experience offshore fishing like never before... The unspoilt waters of Cosmoledo Atoll are home to a vast variety of bluewater species. The structure and sheer drop-offs are idyllic for species such as sailfish, wahoo, dogtooth tuna and yellowfin tuna.

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### *Blue Safari Experience*

Cosmoledo acts as a home and stopping spot for a variety of cetaceans including spinner dolphins and occasionally melon headed whales, Risso's dolphins, bottlenose dolphin and beaked whales. During this trip you may also spot manta rays, tuna, mating turtles and many other marine species. Whilst exploring the offshore waters do not forget to look to the skies for interesting seabirds like petrels which are not always easily seen elsewhere.

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### *Guided Snorkel in Cosmoledo Lagoon*

Experience the beautiful, enchanting marine life by partaking in guided snorkelling trips and opt-in for the calm lagoon or exploring the outer reefs. Snorkelling equipment is complimentary and is available for all guests to use. The abundant and colourful sea life sights are not to be missed.

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### *Menai Mangrove Nature Hike*

Take a half or full day excursion across the lagoon to the mangroves on Menai Island. Skirt the edges of this huge mangrove forest and learn about the many different species of mangroves. This is a top spot for bird watching, particularly red-footed boobies that roost in the treetops. Among the roots and trunks look for red mangrove crabs and see if you can spot the huge blue mangrove crabs. As the tide pushes in and around the trees, do not be surprised if a curious sicklefin lemon shark lurks waiting for small prey to leave the shelter of the mangrove.



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### Access Document

- [Blue Safari Seychelles access map](#)

### Getting there

- The Seychelles is a four-and-a-half-hour flight from Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Doha which will serve as a connecting hub for regular international flights from Europe, the United States, Africa and Asia.
- There are easy connections across to East Africa via Nairobi, and South Africa via Johannesburg.
- Cosmoledo Atoll is a one-hour boat transfer (18 nautical miles) from Astove Atoll; which is a three-hour flight from Mahé (the main island of Seychelles).
- The Alphonse Island reservations team will assist with all return flight reservations between Mahé and Astove at the time of booking.
- Flight times are subject to change. Please make sure you confirm your correct flight times with our reservations team.

### Weather

Seychelles is typically hot and somewhat humid with midday temperatures hovering at  $\pm 35^{\circ}$  Celsius [ $\pm 90^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit]. The evenings are also invariably warm with the exception of the first and last few weeks of the season, when there may be a strong, cooling breeze.

### Hours of Daylight

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.

### 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

Please take note that the Seychelles Government has introduced a Tourism Environmental Sustainability Levy which will come into effect from the 01 August 2023. Establishments will charge and collect this levy from the visitors upon guests check-out. For more information, please refer to Seychelles Tourism Sustainability Levy. This levy is applicable for all guests over 13 years old.



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### **From Scene of Accident Medivac Insurance**

You are required to obtain “From Scene of Accident Medivac Insurance”. Please supply these details prior to arrival on the Island. Alphonse Island Lodge Limited T/A Blue Safari Seychelles and agents cannot assume any financial responsibility for consequences incurred if this has not been obtained.

### **Indemnity Form**

You are required to sign an indemnity form onsite, this will be provided to you upon arrival.

### **Passports & Visas - Entry into Seychelles**

#### Passports & Visas

No visa is required for a holiday. - This applies to all foreign passport holders.

#### 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.

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

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- Yellow Fever Vaccination (if you have visited a yellow fever endemic region prior to arrival in Seychelles)

### Flights & Luggage

- Guests are expected to arrive in Mahé the day before their trip as any delay on the day of departure will certainly cause the trip to be missed.
- The domestic flights leave from the domestic terminal at Mahé Airport.
- Please always confirm flight times, as flights are subject to change.
- Check in starts 1 hour before your scheduled departure time and closes 30 minutes prior to take off.
- Please see weight limit restrictions in bold below
- On request, the Alphonse Team in Mahé will assist you with the storage of excess luggage while you are on Alphonse Island.
- It's as important for return flight to be booked a minimum of 4 hours after arriving back in Mahé as any delays may cause guests to miss their international flights.

**Check-in luggage is strictly limited to 15 kg {33 pounds} per person, and 5 kg {11 pounds} carry-on luggage.**

### Suggested Fishing Packing List

Although a minimal amount of clothing is required when fishing the flats, it is important to follow the recommended list.

- 3 x UV proof flats shirt [soft natural colours – as bright colours alert fish!]
- 1 x UV proof zip-off pants [soft natural colours]
- 1 x UV proof short pants [soft natural colours]
- 1 x Sungloves
- 1 x Cycling / lycra shorts for wearing under your flats shorts to prevent chafing
- 1 x Flats wading boot, with thick soles and good ankle support [Please refrain from using neoprene booties. They do not offer adequate protection!]
- 1 x Gravel guards
- 1 x Waterproof fly box to prevent your flies from rusting.
- 2 x Buffs
- 1 x Stripping gloves
- 1 x Waterproof backpack
- 1 x Pliers for removing hooks and squashing barbs

### Suggested Leisure Packing List

- Loose Fitting Clothing

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- 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]

### Health & Safety

#### *Water Consumption*

There is a desalination plant at the Camp and the water from the faucets is safe to drink. We do not stock mineral water and will only supply it if you specifically requested prior to your arrival.

#### *Sun Protection Clothing*

The climatic conditions in the Seychelles can be harsh for those that aren't accustomed to them. Light weight breathable fabrics are recommended. Sunscreen should ideally be SPF 50 for any exposed skin. A packing list will be supplied in your Pre-Trip Information.

#### *Dangers To Watch Out for Whilst Wading*

**Stingrays:** Some atolls host large numbers of stingrays on the flats. Most species have a venomous, barbed spine near the base of their tails that they can use for defence. These spines can inflict a nasty wound, should an unwary wader inadvertently stand on a stingray. These often sedentary or slow moving fish are easy to see and avoid, and to date no anglers have had any problems with these docile creatures.

**Stonefish:** Found mainly in the shallows on the coral edges of reef flats, stone-fish are not only lethally toxic but are also very well camouflaged and will not move unless touched. A stonefish has 13 strong hollow spines through which it injects its venom and these will pass through a thin rubber sole with ease. For this reason all wading should be done wearing thick-soled wading boots.

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**Cone Shells:** Fish-eating cones live in crevices among the coral or half covered by sand awaiting their prey which they attack by shooting out a dart that injects a paralysing venom. The venom from certain species can be fatal, however proper footwear will ensure your safety.

**Sharks:** Frequently encountered whilst wading in Seychelles, sharks are inquisitive and may pause for an instant and give you the once over, but if you remain calm and quietly stand your ground, these magnificent creatures will not bother you.

### Communication

The communal area on Cosmoledo has complimentary Wi-Fi. There is also a phone service operated via satellite phone. Communication cost:

- Incoming/outgoing emails US\$41 per MB,
- Out-going voice call US\$4 per minute, incoming voice call US\$3 per minute.

We advise that you leave the contact details of Alphonse Island with your family and friends. The lodge satellite phone is only switched on at certain times for logistical updates so a message can be passed onto you at this time. Alphonse Island Number: **+248-4-22-9700** [GMT+04:00]

### Electricity Supply

The Camp has 24-hour electrical current [240 volt, 50 cycles AC] with British plug points. A European electrical current adapter [threepoint, square-pin] is necessary.

### 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.

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### Currency

You do not need to change your US\$ [US Dollars], € [Euros] or £ [Pounds] into the local currency SCR [Seychelles Rupees], we accept all these currencies. Please bring sufficient cash to settle tackle bills, tips and other costs incurred. It's important to remember that there will be no credit card facilities on location. All credit card purchases will be done manually.

### Duty Free Allowance

200 cigarettes or 50 cigars, one litre spirits and two litres wine.

### 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 for all travellers at Mahe Airport and can be booked by our team at additional cost.

## Cosmoledo Documents & Links

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### PDF Documents

[Fly Fishing Package 2025 Rates](#)  
[Leisure Package 2025 Rates](#)  
[Cosmoledo Atoll 2025 Experiences](#)

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[Alphonse Foundation Brochure](#)

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[BSS Access Map](#)

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## Cosmoledo Terms & Conditions

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### 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.
- 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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