

Prepared for Blue Safari Fishing

# BLUE SAFARI SEYCHELLES

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## Providence Atoll

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Providence Atoll is situated 700 km southwest of Mahé and 56 km to the north of Farquhar Atoll. This remote atoll has a total area, including a large lagoon, of 345 km<sup>2</sup>, which is 55km north to south and 14 km east to west. The atoll comprises of two Islands, Providence North and Cerf Island, linked by an enormous shallow lagoon system with vast flats, sand banks, and countless feeder channels linked to the ocean. The large ear-shaped lagoon with safe leeward anchorages provides easy skiff access to the amazing fly fishing grounds. This remote and largely untouched sanctuary is renowned for fly fishing, particularly for bumphead parrotfish. The atoll offers easy skiff access to its extensive flats, channels, and surf zones, making it a premier fishing destination.

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### *At a Glance*

- Located 700 km southwest of Mahé in the Seychelles.
- Situated 9° south of the equator.
- 345 km<sup>2</sup> of wadeable sand flats, turtle grass banks, and lagoon edges.

### **Highlights**

- Home of the bumphead parrotfish
- One of most southerly atolls in the Seychelles
- Known for its diversity of species
- Easy skiff access
- Untouched paradise due to the lack of a lodge
- Impeccable service, cuisine, activities and experiences

## Providence Atoll Fishing

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Like many of the other atolls in the Seychelles Providence Atoll is a true fly fishing wilderness. The vast flats, enormous lagoon system and feeder channels offer fly fishers the opportunity to wade 345 km<sup>2</sup> of pristine sand flats, turtle grass banks, surf areas and lagoon edges while targeting a multitude of species. Anglers can expect to target and sight cast to giant trevally, bumphead parrotfish, triggerfish, bluefin trevally, milkfish, Indo-Pacific permit and much more. Providence Atoll is also known for its fantastic offshore fishing, targeting sailfish, tuna and other pelagic species.

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### *Your Itinerary*

#### **DAY 1**

The group meets an hour before the scheduled departure time at the Mahé domestic terminal for check-in. The charter flight, then flies one hour to Alphonse Island for a 30 minute stop and then flies a further 50 minutes and lands on Providence Island. The group is then transferred to Mayas Dugong which will be anchored in close proximity. Once on board refreshments will be service while the guides set up your tackle.

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

Breakfast at 07h00, teams are to be ready to leave Mayas Dugong at 08h00 for fishing. Lunch can be packed or eaten onboard. At 16h30 your team will head back to Mayas Dugong. Pre-dinner drinks commence at 18h00 followed by dinner.

#### **DAY 7**

Breakfast at 07h00, teams are to be ready to leave Mayas Dugong at 08h00 for fishing. Lunch can be packed or eaten onboard. At 16h30 your team will head back to Mayas Dugong. 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 time of the flight will be confirmed with you at dinner the evening before departure. Shortly after breakfast you will be required to vacate your cabins so that the crew can prepare them for the incoming group. Checked in luggage will leave Mayas Dugong shortly after breakfast. You remain on Mayas Dugong where you can swim and relax until an hour before the flight when you will be transferred by tender to the North Island beach, which is a short walk away from the airstrip. After take-off the flight will fly 15 minutes to Farquhar where it will need to refuel and then either fly one hour 50 minutes directly to Mahe or divert to Alphonse after an hours flying time, stop for 30 minutes, fly one more hour landing at the domestic terminal in Mahé.

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### *Skiffs and Guides*

There are six purpose built Baymaster skiffs that are on anchorage on Providence 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*

12 pre-sold fly fishing packages available:

- October - December
- January - 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 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)*

Providence has a healthy population of bonefish that frequent the flats in the six to nine lbs range. The Seychelles is renowned for world-class bone fishing and Providence atoll offers exactly that. Bonefish can be found on both neap and spring tides, over the large expanses of turtle grass and white sand flats.

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### *Moustache Triggerfish (Balistoides viridescens)*

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

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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. Providence has the odd permit that turns up from time to time. The permit on Providence tend to be found along the edges of the mottled flats. If seen, the AFC 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)*

Providence offers great opportunities when it comes to targeting yellowmargin triggerfish. These colourful characters, will test even the most seasoned anglers’ patience. With their tenacious and aggressive attitude and sometimes discerning taste, they can be a true trophy catch on the flats.

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### *Milkfish (Chanos chanos)*

A finicky filter feeder and a ferocious acrobatic fighter reaching lengths in excess of 180 cm and weights over 50 lbs. The AFC Guides were the first to develop the flies and techniques to catch this sought-after trophy. The milkfish on Providence are often found outside the lagoon feeding on scum lines or offshore in large numbers.

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### *Giant Trevally (Caranx ignobilis)*

The giant trevally fishing on Providence can be exceptional at times with large numbers seen on the flats. Due to its shallow lagoon and being predominantly made up of turtle grass flats, the introduction of skiffs with polling platforms has opened up a new dimension of fishing on Providence. New areas have been discovered and the elevation and sight from a skiff has proved to be invaluable.

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### *Bumphead Parrotfish (Bolbometopon Muricatum)*

Providence is one of only two atolls in the Seychelles where targeting bumphead parrotfish on the flats is a realistic expectation, with large numbers of these fish calling Providence home. It is not uncommon to find groups of up to 50 fish tailing together on the vast turtle grass flats that Providence is famous for. Incredibly powerful and strangely gorgeous, these fish often draw anglers to Providence to tick this off their bucket list.

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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 Providence, 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 are the fastest fish in the ocean and named after its large dorsal fin, that extends most of the length of its body. These acrobatic fighters are found in the deeper water that surrounds Providence in good numbers.

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### *Dogtooth Tuna (Gymnosarda unicolor)*

Dogtooth tuna are a resident-pelagic fish that are found along the dropoffs in good numbers around Providence. They patrol continental shelf dropoffs 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. Whilst not prevalent Providence does host some large specimens.

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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. The wahoo that frequent the Providence's surrounding waters range between 10 and 50 lbs.

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### *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 Providence fluctuates, with dispersed catches throughout the season. When actively targeted offshore yellowfin tuna can be caught in good numbers surrounding Providence.

## 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 vessel 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 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, Bumphead Parrotfish & 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.
- 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.

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

### 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 30 lb fluorocarbon tippet material
- 1 x 100 lbs Shilton mono leader
- 1 x 150lbs Shilton Shock 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 Providence 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, Bumphead Parrotfish & Triggerfish

- 2 x Merkins #2
- 4 x Spawning Shrimp #2
- 12 x Alphlexo Crab [White, Tan and Olive] #2
- 4 x Fishient Crab 1/0
- 4 x Bedhead Shrimps #2

### Milkfish

- 4 x Milkydream Chartreuse #2

### Giant Trevally, Bluefin Trevally & Barracuda

- 2 x GT Brush Fly [Tan] #5/0 SC15-2H
- 4 x GT Brush Fly [Black] #5/0 SC15-2H
- 2 x Flaming Lamborghini's #6/0 SL12S
- 4 x GT Bucktail Deceivers # 8/0 SL12S



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- 4 x GT Barrel Popper #8/0 SL125

### Bluewater & Billfish

- 1 x Pink, White & Purple Cam Seglar Sailfish Tube Tandem #8/0 x 2.
- 4 x Mega Clousers

## Mayas Dugong

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Mayas Dugong is a 150ft exploration vessel that is extremely well equipped for exploring the most remote Outer Atolls of the Seychelles. She is by no means luxurious but rather functional, extremely stable and well suited to operate at Providence. Mayas Dugong is a hefty multi-level vessel with a large aft deck and crane for lifting skiffs. The upper deck is spacious with two large 10 and seater tables, couches and daybeds. Her air-conditioned dining area and lounge allows guests time to enjoy their meals and social time in comfort, whilst her spacious undercover aft deck provides ample space for tackle storage. She accommodates up to 12 guests in 7 cabins, all with en-suite bathrooms. All meals, snacks, drinks and a selection of alcoholic beverages are included. Laundry is complimentary and is done on a daily basis. She is fitted with Wi-Fi to keep in contact with friends and family. Step onboard and be welcomed by our expert Captain, First Mate, Steward and Chef who will make sure your cruise is one to remember.

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### *At a glance*

- Length 150ft
- Beam: 30ft
- Draft: 13ft
- Cabins: 7 King/Twin

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### *Room Highlights*

- Cupboards
- Electrical points
- En-suite bathroom
- Fully air-conditioned

## Providence Atoll General Information

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### Access Map

- [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.
- Providence Atoll is a one-hour forty-five minute flight from Mahé (the main island of the Seychelles).
- Flight times are subject to change. Please make sure you confirm your correct flight times with our reservations team.
- The Alphonse Island reservations team will assist with all return flight reservations between Mahé and Providence at the time of booking.

### 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 Donation & 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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### **Accident Medevac 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 and agents cannot assume any financial responsibility for consequences incurred if this has not been obtained.

### **Indemnities**

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

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### 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 destination.
- 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 or long tights for sun protection [soft natural colours]
- 1 x UV proof short pants [soft natural colours]
- 1 x Rain jacket [must be lightweight]
- 1 x Sun gloves
- 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
- 1 x Gravel guards
- 1 x Waterproof fly box to prevent your flies from rusting.
- 2 x Polarized sunglasses [Costa Del Mar's 580 amber and green mirror lenses]
- 1 x Sunscreen [SPF 30+]
- 1 x Lip block
- 2 x Buffs
- 1 x Hat / cap
- 1 x Stripping gloves
- 1 x Waterproof backpack
- 1 x Soft tissue for drying & cleaning lenses
- 1 x Pliers for removing hooks and squashing barbs

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### 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.

#### *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.

**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

Mayas Dugong 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.



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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

#### Electricity

The vessel has 24-hour electrical current (240-volt, 50 cycles AC) with British plug points. A European electrical current adapter (3-point, 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 vessel staff ± US\$350 per person per week [US\$50 per day] guideline.
- Fishing Guides a US\$700 per angler per week [US\$110 per day] guideline.

### Currency

You do not need to change your US\$ (US Dollars), € (Euros) or £ (Pounds) into the local currency. We accept US Dollars, Euros and Pounds and all major credit and debit cards. We do not accept American Express.

### Duty Free Allowance

200 cigarettes or 50 cigars, 1 litres spirits and 2 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.

## Providence Atoll Documents & Links

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### PDF Documents

[BSFF Package Rates 2026](#)

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### PDF Documents

[Alphonse Foundation Brochure](#)

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### PDF Documents

[BSS Access Map](#)

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## Providence 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.

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### **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.

## Blue Safari Contacts

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Email:

- [info@bluesafari.com](mailto:info@bluesafari.com)

### **Reservations**

Email:

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Parcel S9566 No. 6023,  
Providence Mahe Seychelles

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