



**Population:** 98,462 A blend of European, African and Asian races.



**Time Zone:** 00:00 | GMT/ UTC +4



**Inbound Airlines:** Emirates | Qatar Airways | Turkish Airlines | Etihad | Ethiopian Airlines | Kenya Airways | Aeroflot



**Languages:** Seychelles Creole  
English | French



**Currency:** Local: SEY Rupees with all major currencies accepted locally



**Size:** 455 km<sup>2</sup> comprising 115 islands. A total Exclusive Economic Zone of 1.4million Total exclusive economic zone 1.4 millionkm<sup>2</sup>



**National Bird:** Seychelles Black Parrot

## CLIMATE

Lying just south of the Equator, in the Indian Ocean, the islands of Seychelles enjoy a tropical climate, heavily influenced by the surrounding ocean and trade winds. Temperatures are consistently 24-32°C, and, whilst the humidity is never absent there are drier and wetter months as outlined below. Being tropical though, the rains bring much relief to the islands. \*NOTE: the weather in Seychelles can vary markedly between different islands. ie The outer coral islands usually have less rainfall than the inner granitic islands.

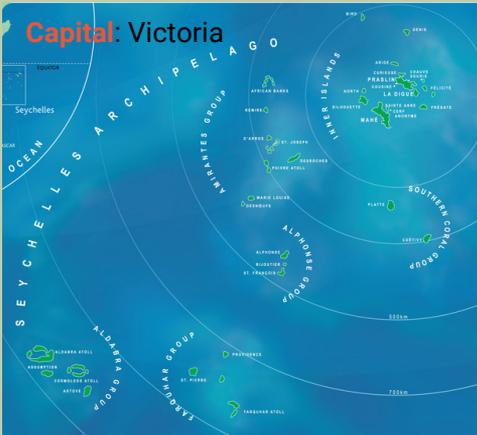


The north-west trade winds blow between November to April - bringing more humid warm tropical weather, peaking in April

**Dry season:** May - September, the southeast trade winds bring drier, cooler weather, and livelier seas. The sea is usually at it choppiest in July & August.



Dec-March the northwest trade winds bring heavy spells of rain, warmer weather & higher humidity. Even in these 'wetter' months, there is usually c.6 hrs of daily sunshine.



**Capital:** Victoria

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Best time to visit the Seychelles for....

- Snorkelling | **Year Round**
- Surfing and windsurfing | **May - Sept**
- Sailing | Year round
- Diving | **Feb - May & Sept - Nov** with the best visibility in **April & October**
- Walking & Hiking | **May - October**

### Bird watching - Breeding Season April & May | Annual

Best months for birds coming in to breed across the islands.

### Bird watching - Migrant Birds

May | Annual

Brought in by the south east winds.

### Bird Watching - Sooty Terns

March - September | Annual

- **March & April** Breeding season. By end April hundreds of thousands will have established their territory.
- **May** Sooty terns present all day on the ground
- **June & July** Hatching begins
- **August & September** Chicks start to fledge and usually depart by late October.

### Whale Sharks

October - November | Annual

Whilst Whale Sharks frequent the Seychelles waters, they are most abundant in Oct - Nov.

### Hawksbill Nesting Season

November - January | Annual

Typically nest in the daytime and take 2 months to hatch.

### Green Turtle Nesting Season

June - September | Annual

Typically nest during the night. Eggs take 2 months to hatch.

### Seychelles Creole Festival

October | Annual | Mahe

Seychelles' Creole Festival is a celebration of the island nation's culture and tradition. The festival remains one of the major cultural events on the Seychelles' calendar, it is at it's core, a manifestation of Seychellois and creole identity. A celebration of the islands culture experienced through music, dance, arts, craft, cuisine, customs & general way of life.

