

Alphonse Islands, Outer Islands, Seychelles

One of the Indian Ocean's most remote and pristine atolls, Alphonse is a conservation haven where giant tortoises roam white-sand flats and world-class fly fishing draws anglers from every continent.

Tender / Zodiac only

Typical call: 4-6 hrs

USD / Seychellois Rupee

English & French

Wildlife-rich atoll

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor offshore; Zodiac or tender to beach — no pier
Best For: Snorkelling, fly fishing, giant tortoises, pristine beaches

Walk to centre: No town; small resort and conservation area only
Don't Miss: The shallow flats of St. François Atoll at low tide

Getting around: 🚗 Rideshare ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Giant Tortoise & Turtle Encounter** — Walk the island interior with an Island Conservation Society guide to observe Aldabra giant tortoises roaming freely, and learn about the ICS...
- Fly Fishing the St. François Flats** — Wade or skiff-fish 10,000 acres of hard white-sand flats at St.
- Snorkelling the Alphonse Reef** — Snorkel along the outer reef wall and lagoon bommies where manta rays, reef sharks, parrotfish, and colourful damselfish are routine sightings.
- Scuba Diving — The Alphonse Wall** — Dive the dramatic outer wall of Alphonse Atoll, dropping through coral formations with pelagic encounters including sharks, large grouper, and tuna.
- Kayak & SUP Lagoon Exploration** — Paddle the calm turquoise lagoon on a kayak or stand-up paddleboard, drifting over shallow coral gardens and mangrove edges at your own pace.

BEST WALKS

- Alphonse Island Perimeter Walk** ~4 km loop | Easy | 45-60 min — A flat sandy circuit of Alphonse Island passing beach bungalows, the resort jetty, coconut palm groves, and nesting seabird colonies.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	80°	21d	
Jun	80°	78°	18d	
Aug	78°	76°	13d	
Sep	79°	77°	13d	
Oct	80°	78°	16d	

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:30AM–6:27PM · Jun 6:38AM–6:20PM · Aug 6:37AM–6:29PM · Sep 6:22AM–6:25PM · Oct 6:07AM–6:22PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Landing conditions change fast. Zodiac transfers can be cancelled at short notice due to swell or tide. Stay flexible and follow crew instructions — there's no alternative way ashore.
- Sun protection is non-negotiable. Shade is scarce on the flats. High-SPF reef-safe sunscreen, a hat, and UV-protective clothing are essential — especially during fishing or snorkelling excursions.
- Cash is largely irrelevant here. There's no market or street vendors. The resort operates on a charge-to-room basis. Bring USD if joining fishing or dive charters not included in your fare.
- Connectivity is minimal. Mobile signal is essentially nonexistent. Satellite Wi-Fi at the resort is limited. This is one of those rare places to genuinely unplug.
- Respect the tortoises and nesting areas. Stay on marked paths near turtle nesting beaches and do not touch or feed the giant tortoises. The ICS conservation work here is internationally significant.
- Fishing is catch-and-release only. The flats are strictly managed. If your cruise offers a fishing excursion, expect to release everything — and consider bringing your own fly rod if you're serious.

Alphonse Islands, Outer Islands, Seychelles — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Alphonse Island Reef Remote atoll famed for pristine flats fishing and diving.

P Cruise port / terminal