

Cosmoledo Atoll, Outer Islands, Seychelles

An uninhabited coral atoll 1,000 km from Mahé, Cosmoledo is the Indian Ocean's answer to the Galápagos — wildlife so fearless it walks up to you, reefs untouched by mass tourism, and beaches that have never seen a sun lounger.

-  Zodiac / Wet Landing (no pier)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  No local currency needed
-  No permanent residents
-  Expedition ships only

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor offshore; Zodiac wet landings only

Best For: Wildlife, snorkeling, fly-fishing, photography

Don't Miss: Seabird colonies on Wizard Island & tidal flat reef sharks

Bring Ashore: Water shoes, dry bag, reef-safe sunscreen, binoculars

 Getting around: _____

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Seabird Colony Walk — Wizard Island** — Walk the beach and interior of Grande Île (Wizard Island) through massive nesting colonies of red-footed boobies, masked boobies, sooty terns, and...
- Snorkeling the Pristine Reef** — Drop in directly from the beach or Zodiac onto coral gardens virtually untouched by tourism.
- Tidal Flat Exploration** — At low tide, walk the exposed flats with your expedition guide to spot juvenile reef sharks, stingrays, and hermit crabs resting in shallow pools...
- Giant Trevally Fly-Fishing** — Cosmoledo is globally regarded as the GT Capital of the World.
- Sea Turtle Beach Watch** — Cosmoledo is one of the Seychelles' most important nesting beaches for green and hawksbill turtles.

BEST WALKS

- Wizard Island Beach Walk** 1.5–3 km • Easy • Sand & coral flat — A guided stroll along the sweeping white-sand beaches of Grande Île, weaving through seabird nesting colonies and stopping at the tideline to watch sharks and rays in...
- Menai Island Lagoon Edge** 1–2 km • Easy • Sand & shallow water — Walk the lagoon-side beach of Menai Island at low tide, wading through ankle-deep crystal water watched over by nesting frigatebirds overhead.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:53AM–6:45PM · Jun 7:03AM–6:36PM · Aug 7:00AM–6:47PM · Sep 6:43AM–6:46PM · Oct 6:26AM–6:44PM	
Apr	83°	80°	20d		
Jun	79°	77°	11d		
Aug	76°	75°	7d		
Sep	77°	76°	5d		
Oct	79°	77°	5d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Two pairs of footwear are essential. Bring thick-soled water shoes for the wet Zodiac landing and reef walking, plus sturdy walking sandals for dry beach exploration.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen only. Standard chemical sunscreens are banned to protect the coral. Long-sleeve UPF clothing and a wide-brimmed hat with a chin strap are strongly recommended.
- Bring a dry bag. Salt spray during Zodiac transit will soak unprotected cameras, phones, and binoculars. Leave valuables you don't need on the ship.
- No facilities ashore — prepare on the ship. There are no restrooms, food, water, or shade structures anywhere on the atoll. Fill your water bottle and visit the bathroom before boarding the Zodiac.
- Biosecurity is mandatory, not optional. You will scrub your shoes and vacuum backpack seams before landing. It protects the ecosystem — take it seriously.
- Wildlife here has no fear of humans. You will likely have birds nest meters away and sharks at your feet. Keep your distance as instructed — resist the urge to touch anything.

Cosmoledo Atoll, 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 Menai Island Small sandy islet in the atoll's lagoon, a nesting site for green and hawksbill turtles.

2 Cosmoledo Lagoon Vast turquoise lagoon enclosed by the atoll's ring of islets, renowned among fly-anglers for giant trevally.

P Cruise port / terminal