

Curieuse Island, Seychelles

About a kilometre north of Praslin, Curieuse is an uninhabited Marine National Park where giant Aldabra tortoises roam free, Coco de Mer palms grow wild, and the only 'facility' is a restored colonial doctor's house.

Tender only (wet landing)

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

Seychellois Rupee (SCR) / no shops on island

Seychellois Creole / English / French

Marine National Park — park fee required

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender / zodiac — wet landing on sand at Baie Laraie

Walk to highlights: Tortoises 5 min from landing; Doctor's House ~45 min trail

Best For: Wildlife, nature, beaches, hiking

Don't Miss: Free-roaming giant tortoises at the sanctuary nursery

Getting around: **Taxi** ~€60/person (includes park entry) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Giant Tortoise Sanctuary** — Roughly 250 Aldabra giant tortoises were introduced here in 1978 and now roam free across the island.
- Cross-Island Trail & Mangrove Boardwalk** — A 1.5 km trail links Baie Laraie to Anse St.
- Doctor's House Museum** — A beautifully restored French Creole colonial villa that served the island's leper colony (1829–1965).
- Anse St. José Beach & Swimming** — The island's best swimming beach — powdery white sand framed by Seychellois granite boulders and calm turquoise water.
- Creole Beach BBQ Lunch** — Most full-day excursions include a traditional Seychellois BBQ on the beach: grilled fish, Creole chicken, saffron rice, and tropical fruit.

BEST WALKS

- Baie Laraie to Anse St. José Trail** 1.5 km · 45–60 min · Moderate — The island's signature walk: begin at the tortoise nursery at Baie Laraie, cross the mangrove boardwalk, climb over granite-studded terrain, and descend to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	80°	18d
Jun		80°	78°	18d
Aug		78°	77°	12d
Sep		80°	77°	18d
Oct		81°	78°	17d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:16AM–6:17PM · Jun 6:21AM–6:13PM · Aug 6:22AM–6:20PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:14PM · Oct 5:57AM–6:08PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Water shoes are essential. You will get wet at the landing. Pack a dry pair of sturdy grip shoes for the rocky trail — flip-flops are unsafe on the boardwalk steps.
- Bring strong insect repellent. The mangrove section harbours mosquitoes and sandflies. Apply before you step ashore, not after.
- No water or food on sale — pack everything. There are zero shops on the island. Carry at least 1.5 litres of water per person; the humidity is draining even on short walks.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen. The equatorial sun is intense, and the Marine National Park requests eco-friendly products to protect the coral. A hat is strongly advised.
- Respect the tortoises. Don't sit on them, touch their heads, or feed them anything other than leaves offered by rangers. They are wild animals in a protected reserve.
- Check if your park fee is included. The Marine National Park entry fee (~€20 / 300 SCR, 2025) is usually bundled into cruise excursions. Independent arrivals pay at the ranger station — SCR or euros accepted; no card readers.

Curieuse Island, 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.



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Curieuse Marine Park

Protected island and reef park known for its red-earth trails and free-roaming Aldabra giant tortoises.
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Anse St. Jose

Secluded beach on Curieuse Island's southern shore, a landing point for the tortoise sanctuary trail.
- 3

Vallée de Mai

UNESCO World Heritage palm forest on nearby Praslin, home to the giant coco de mer palm.
- P

Cruise port / terminal