

Farquhar Atoll, Outer Islands, Seychelles

A coral atoll 770 km southwest of Mahé, Farquhar is one of the rarest addresses in expedition cruising — no pier, no shops, no crowds, just extraordinary wildlife and blindingly white sand.

Zodiac/tender landing (no pier)

Typical call: 4–7 hrs

Seychellois Rupee (SCR) — no commerce ashore

Creole / English

Expedition ships only

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor offshore; Zodiac wet landing onto sandy beach

Best For: Snorkeling, wildlife, birdwatching, fly-fishing

Walk to center: Steps from landing — the atoll IS the destination

Don't Miss: Giant trevally hunting terns — the Blue Planet II spectacle

Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Giant Trevally Watching** — Farquhar's lagoon was featured in BBC Blue Planet II for an extraordinary behavior: giant trevally (GT) fish that leap from the water to catch Sooty...
- Sooty Tern Colony — Goëlettes Island** — The southern islet hosts nesting colonies of hundreds of thousands of Sooty Terns plus Roseate Terns and Black Noddies.
- Snorkeling the Outer Reef** — Among the most pristine snorkeling in the Indian Ocean — vibrant coral gardens, reef sharks, sea turtles, eagle rays, and bonefish.
- Nature Walk & Coconut Crab Search** — Guided walk across Île du Nord with expedition naturalists, searching for coconut crabs — the world's largest land arthropod — nesting turtle tracks...
- North Island Sandbar & Swimming** — The shifting sand spit at the northern tip of Île du Nord is one of the most photogenic beaches in the Seychelles — electric-blue water, zero...

BEST WALKS

- North Island Circuit** 1–3 km · Flat sand and dirt tracks · Easy — A loop around Île du Nord guided by expedition naturalists, taking in the sandbar spit, beach, coconut grove regeneration, and ranger station.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		84°	81°	18d
Jun		81°	79°	18d
Aug		79°	77°	13d
Sep		80°	78°	18d
Oct		81°	79°	17d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:39AM–6:31PM · Jun 6:50AM–6:22PM · Aug 6:47AM–6:33PM · Sep 6:29AM–6:32PM · Oct 6:12AM–6:31PM

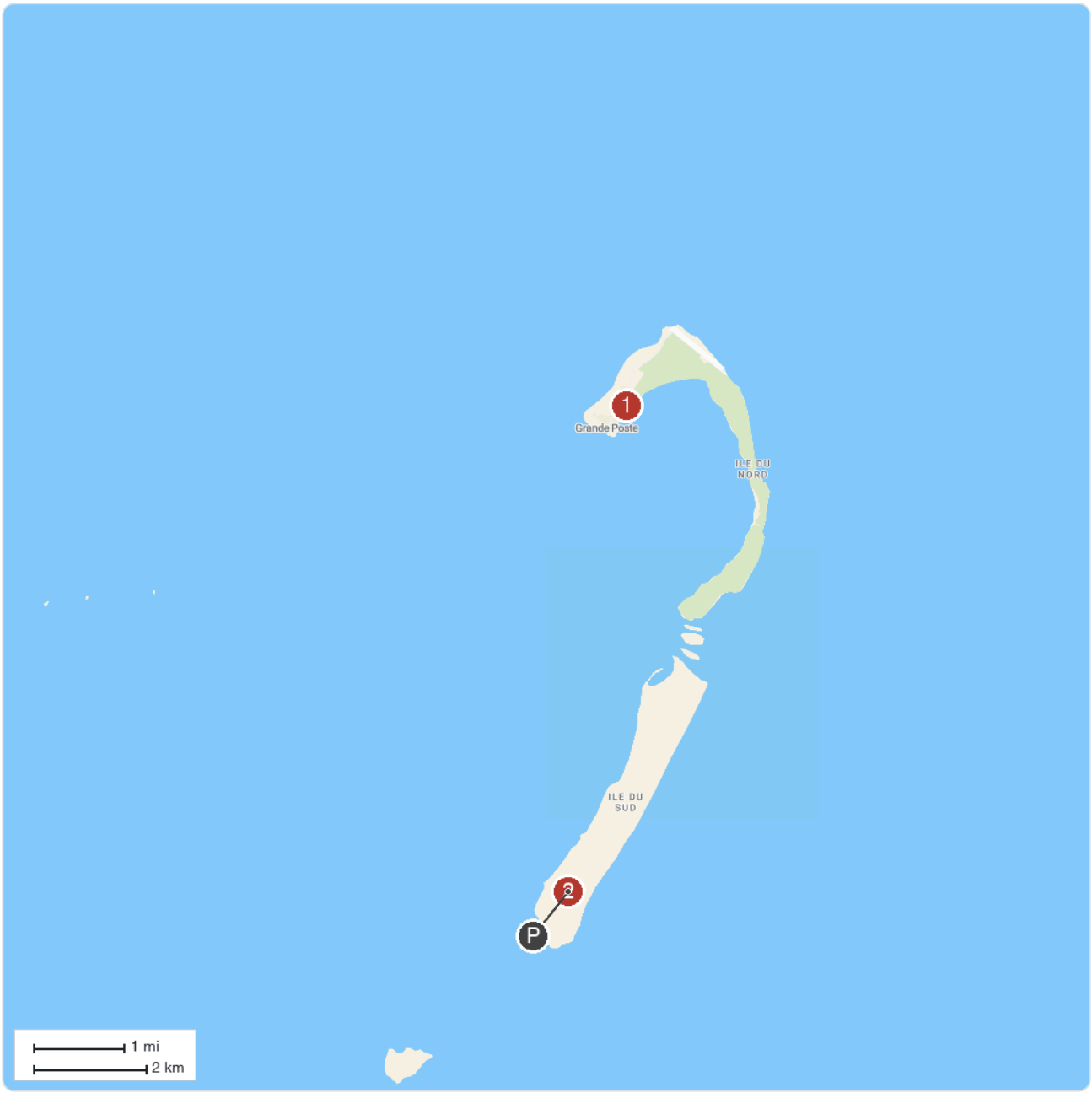
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Two pairs of footwear: bring water shoes or neoprene booties for the wet landing, plus sandals or light trail shoes for walking on hot sand inland.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. Standard sunscreens with oxybenzone damage the coral. The atoll is equatorial — sun intensity is extreme, and there is almost no shade on the beaches.
- Bring a dry bag for your camera and phone. Zodiac rides involve salt spray, and the wet landing will submerge your ankles.
- No connectivity ashore — zero mobile signal and no Wi-Fi. Tell family you'll be off-grid during your time at the atoll.
- Leave nothing, take nothing. Shells, coral fragments, and sand are all protected. Bring all your waste back to the ship — there are no bins on the island.
- Bring more water than you think. Your ship may provide bottles, but the heat and walking will drain you fast. No drinks for purchase ashore.

Farquhar 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 Ile du Nord** North island of the atoll with a coconut plantation and nesting green turtle beaches.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2 Farquhar Lagoon** Vast shallow lagoon renowned among fly-fishers for bonefish and giant trevally.