

St Joseph Atoll, Amirante Islands, Seychelles

One of the Indian Ocean's last truly untouched atolls, St Joseph is a strictly protected shark nursery and turtle sanctuary visited only by expedition ships — no pier, no town, just crystalline lagoon and raw wilderness.

 Zodiac wet landing (no pier)

 Typical call: 4–6 hrs

 No local currency needed

 No local services

 Protected nature reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor offshore; Zodiac wet landing on sand

Best For: Shark & ray encounters, snorkeling, seabird watching

Infrastructure: None — no pier, shops, restaurants, or roads

Don't Miss: Baby lemon sharks in ankle-deep lagoon water

 Getting around:  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Shark & Ray Lagoon Walk** — Wade through ankle- to knee-deep crystal-clear water on the lagoon flats to observe blacktip reef sharks and sicklefin...
- Zodiac Lagoon Safari** — Ride inflatable Zodiacs through the mangrove channels and shallow lagoon interior, guided by expedition naturalists.
- Seabird Nesting Walk** — Naturalist-guided walk across the interior to active nesting colonies of roseate terns, lesser noddies, and...
- Reef Edge Snorkeling** — Zodiac-deployed snorkeling off the outer reef edge, where the atoll wall drops into deep water.
- Atoll Beach Time** — The entire atoll is bordered by white coral sand beach shaded by coconut palms and casuarina trees.

BEST WALKS

- Lagoon Beach Perimeter Walk** ~1–2 km | Easy | Sand & shallow water — Walk the arc of the main landing beach along the lagoon shoreline.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		84°	81°	19d
Jun		81°	78°	18d
Aug		78°	76°	14d
Sep		79°	77°	15d
Oct		81°	78°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:27AM–6:25PM · Jun 6:33AM–6:21PM · Aug 6:33AM–6:28PM · Sep 6:19AM–6:23PM · Oct 6:05AM–6:18PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Water shoes are mandatory. You will step into shallow water off the Zodiac onto coral sand and shell fragments. Flip-flops offer no grip and will be lost. Neoprene booties or...
- Bring a dry bag. Zodiac rides create spray and wet landings are guaranteed. Protect your camera, phone, and binoculars in a waterproof bag before boarding.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. Sevchelles law and SOSF reserve rules prohibit chemical sunscreens. Use mineral (zinc/titanium oxide)