



BLUE SAFARI SEYCHELLES & ALPHONSE FISHING COMPANY TRAVEL ADVISORY:

Please take the time to run through the details below and cross check this information with your airline and your countries travel requirements. This varies between countries, which means it is of utmost importance that you check the requirements required when travelling to and from Seychelles. If you are unsure of any details or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our reservations department.

DOMESTIC FLIGHT SCHEDULES:

Domestic flight schedules are not on any particular set day and have been changed to suite international flight schedules. Pleased confirm with our reservations team that the flight has been confirmed and make sure you have received a flight voucher.

GENERAL:

Seychelles has recorded a low number of cases, with no community transmission, deaths nor any infection amongst health care workers. Seychelles has effectively put in place protocols to ensure the safe travel and stay for its visitors.

As of 1st August 2020, Seychelles International Airport has been open for commercial flights with only passengers from permitted countries permitted to travel. These permitted countries have been divided into 2 categories.

CATEGORY 1:

Permitted countries considered as low and medium risk.

CATEGORY 2:

In an effort to provide more confidence to tourism partners in key source market countries, the authorities in Seychelles have decided to provide special status to a group of 7 countries. These are the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and the United Arab Emirates. Under normal circumstances whenever the number of cases go beyond a particular threshold, visitors from these countries would not have been allowed to travel to the Seychelles. From 1st October 2020 onwards if this threshold is reached in any of these 7 countries, they will move from permitted countries category 1 to permitted countries category 2. This will still allow visitors from these countries to travel to the Seychelles with a separate set of measures outlined in this advisory.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR **CATEGORY 1** LIST PERMITTED COUNTRIES

- o Visitors, including infants and children, must have a negative COVID-19 PCR certificate from an accredited laboratory. The test must be taken a maximum of 72 hours before departure.
- o Visitors must submit their negative PCR test results, flight and accommodation details before departure. Health travel authorization is required and visitors must submit their application for approval through the designated platform at this link: <https://seychelles.govtas.com/> . This can only be done after they have received their PCR test results.
- o Upon check in, all travellers coming to Seychelles must show their approved test results to their respective airline companies for verification.
- o Visitors transiting through countries not on the permitted list of countries in category 1 will be allowed entry into Seychelles only if they do not exit the airport during transit.
- o Visitors from countries who are not on the permitted list of countries who have stayed for at least 14 days or more in a country from the category 1 list of permitted countries and have a negative PCR test within 72 hours before departure will also be authorised entry in Seychelles. However they must provide proof of their stay in the category 1 permitted country.
- o Visitors must ensure that accommodation bookings are made only at licensed establishments that have been certified by the Public Health Authority.

Refer to the list of Certified Accommodation-Category-1.

PCR TESTING IN SEYCHELLES FOR DEPARTING VISITORS

- o If you are unsure if your airline or country of origin requires a PCR test prior to departing Seychelles please request this information from our reservations department.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR **CATEGORY 2** LIST OF PERMITTED COUNTRIES

- o A negative PCR test certificate from an accredited or Government certified laboratory within 48 hours prior to departure to Seychelles must be submitted.
- o All visitors from the Category 2 Permitted Countries must ensure that their accommodation is authorised to receive visitors - Alphonse and Cosmoledo are on the designated list of approved accommodations. **Refer to List of Authorised Accommodation Category-2.**
- o Visitors must have a valid travel insurance with full medical coverage, including COVID-19 related medical care, for the duration of their entire stay in Seychelles.
- o Health Travel Authorization is also required. Visitors must submit their application for approval through the designated platform at this link <https://seychelles.govtas.com/>. This can only be done after they have received their PCR test results.
- o As we are an outer island and there is no possibility of you visiting other destinations during your stay, you will be exempt from doing a PCR test after the 5th day in the Seychelles.

Registration at the establishment will include signing an agreement to the terms and conditions of stay.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Guests from CATEGORY 1 & 2 countries may spend a night in a certified "Transit Hotel" on the way to or from Alphonse or Cosmoledo. A certified taxi or transfer service needs to be used.
2. Guests do not have to stay at Alphonse or Cosmoledo for 14 days and they may return to Mahe after their weeks stay before departing. Correct. Guests may depart on the same day or stay in a certified "Transit Hotel" and will only require a PCR test if their airline or country of destination requires it. The Seychelles does not require guests do a PCR test before exiting the country.
3. If guests would like to extend their stay to an island other than Alphonse or Cosmoledo a PCR test is required. This can be done on arrival back in Mahe.
4. Guests will be granted access to the international airport lounges or Payanke Avani.
5. Guests may travel between Cosmoledo and Alphonse without PCR testing.
6. Guests that require testing on their return through Mahe, will receive their results 24 hours from testing. They may stay in any of the certified "Transit Hotels," as it will take a minimum of one-night to receive the results.
7. If required testing can be done by the Alphonse nurse and swabs will be return to Mahe on the flight the same day (associated costs or request).
 - If required PCR test facilities are available on the 3 main islands namely Mahe, Praslin and La Digue to visitors prior to departure. Visitors requiring the test should contact the Public Health Authority well in advance on the email address covid19test@health.gov.sc or telephone **+248 4388410** to make the necessary arrangements. The PCR test currently costs SCR2,500.00. Children below the age of 12 years and persons of 65 years and above are exempted from the fee. All PCR tests administered in Seychelles are accredited by the Ministry of Health.
 - PCR Testing in Mahe:
The laboratories are open 24h7. Testing / swabbing is only conducted during the below time frames.

Monday to Friday:	08h00am - 15h00pm
Saturdays:	08h30am - 12h30pm
Sundays:	Closed
8. Visitors with connecting domestic flights to other islands should remain in the airport premises until the departure of their flight. In the cases where the connecting flight is on the following day, accommodation must be booked for the overnight stay in a certified "Transit Hotel."
9. PCR testing is not required to depart Seychelles. However, your airline or final destination may require it. Please make sure you check your airline and countries guidelines before departing for Seychelles or if you are unsure, check with our reservations department.
10. The list of certified "safe transit taxis" in Mahe may only be used to transport guests. There will be no public transport. Please make sure you have the necessary transfers booked with our reservations department.
11. The domestic terminal airport facilities may be used before your flight from the IDC Hangar. You may use these facilities to have a meal, get a refreshment and freshen up, if you have time, before heading to the IDC Hangar for your flight to Alphonse or Cosmoledo. Please note that you will need to be at the IDC Hangar at least one hour prior to your flight departing in order to check in and check in closes 30 minutes prior to departure.