



Explore Paradise

PRISTINE & PURE

Escape to the exquisite simplicity of a tropical island paradise; experience the raw beauty of an untouched natural sanctuary, and one of the prime protected fisheries in the far reaches of the Indian Ocean, leaving behind the impositions of everyday life.

The Alphonse group of atolls is considered one of the most pristine, untouched edens of the world, making it a nature lover's paradise. The magnificent island threesome comprising of Alphonse, St Francois and Bijoutier lies in the very heart of the Indian Ocean as part of the Seychelles outer islands.

Seven degrees South of the Equator and 400 kilometers South-West of Mahé, Alphonse Island is blessed with one of the world's healthiest climates, and miles of unblemished shorelines, lagoons and sea flats.



Idyllic Island Life

EXOTIC SIMPLICITY

Alphonse Island features a single exclusive lodge comprising of beach bungalows and villas built alongside the waters edge, each with scenic ocean views.

The central dining and bar area allows guests to socialize alongside the sparkling pool and shoreline, with cuisine offering the very best of traditional Creole creations inspired by the sensuous island atmosphere. Fresh produce farmed on the island and freshly caught fish are always on the menu, but diversity is key, including Asian inspired dishes and sensational sashimi, complimented by a comprehensive wine list.

Freedom of movement around the island on foot or bicycle permits self-discovery of the wonders of this special place. Alphonse Island is a refuge for people looking for an authentic but comfortable, unspoilt island experience.





Fly Fishing

Considered a fly anglers paradise, the expansive sea flats surrounding the atolls of Alphonse and St Francois provide the fly fishing experience of a lifetime. This spectacular wilderness has ten thousand acres of white sand flats, which provide easy wading and world class site fishing.

The atolls are home to incredibly large populations of Bonefish, 3 different types of Triggerfish, Barracuda, Snapper, Grouper, Permit, Parrotfish, 8 species of Trevally (including the Giant Trevally), and the incomparable Milkfish. This diversity allows anglers the opportunity to target a myriad of different species during their stay. The St Francois fishery caters for just 12 fly anglers at a time, to maintain exclusivity and sustainability. To ensure guests the ultimate fishing experience, an international team of guides and qualified managers are on hand to share their passion for this unique fishery and its environment. Alphonse practices a strict catch and release policy for all fish caught on the flats.



Blue Water

FLY FISHING & GAME FISHING

The unspoiled waters of Alphonse and St Francois Atolls are home to the most incredible variety of blue water fish species, translating into a great destination for offshore fishing. The structure and sheer drop-offs are ideal for attracting a variety of pelagic species that can be caught on fly as well as conventional trawling methods.

Fish such as Sailfish, Wahoo, Dogtooth Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Dorado can be challenged on any given day. Anglers can choose to either spend a half or full day targeting some of the hard fighting fish on offer.

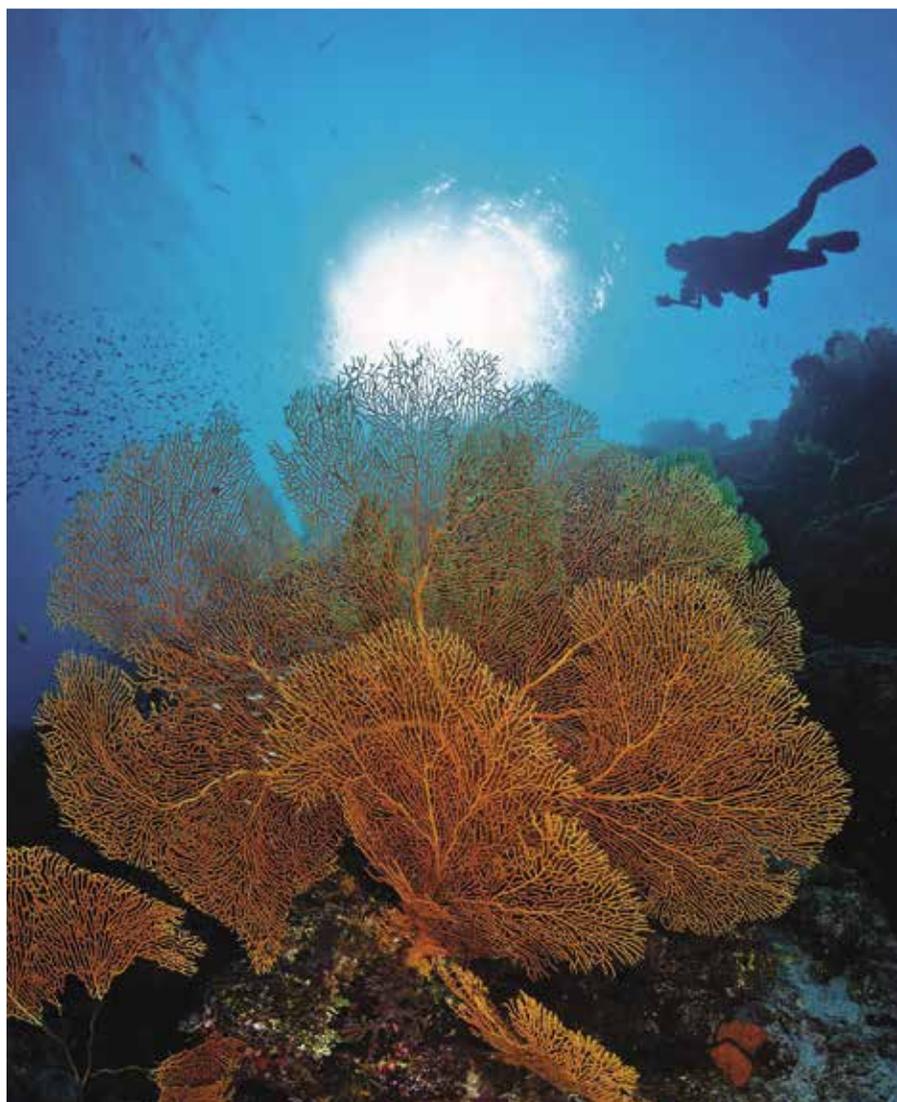
Due to our conservation minded policies, no conventional angling is permitted next to or on the reef that surrounds our majestic paradise, which helps preserve its unique abundance.



Explore Down Under...

SENSATIONAL DIVING & SNORKELLING

The fully equipped dive centre and professional team of international instructors will make your experience personal, safe and unforgettable. Sheer drop-offs, rich currents and abundant sea life surrounding the Alphonse Atolls make it one of the most exciting and diverse dive destinations in Seychelles. The pristine sites are famous for warm crystal clear waters, unbleached corals, remarkable visibility and a diverse range of fish species comprising of reef, pelagic and shark.



Daily Encounters

MARINE DIVERSITY

Stingrays, Manta Rays, Turtles, Moray Eels, Barracuda, Wahoo, Sharks, Tuna, Grouper, Snapper, Trevally and many more; make dives exceptionally memorable. Thirteen Alphonse dive sites are suitable for all categories, making the area accessible for both beginners and advanced divers, who will enjoy the variety of drift dives on offer. Sites are easily accessible and vary between ten and thirty minutes from the dive boat mooring site. The dive centre also offers scuba kids, discover, NDL diver, advanced and universal diver courses.

Non-divers can also enjoy the abundant and colorful sea life surrounding the island by undertaking one of the various snorkelling safaris on offer. Whether from the boat or from the shore, every moment spent in the water will offer perfect balance between exhilaration and relaxation.

For those who want to cool off after enjoying the sand and the sun, reliable, safe and comfortable equipment is readily available to get them into the water to partake in some adventure by snorkelling the beautiful water and reefs.

Leisure Pursuits

STAY, PLAY & EXPLORE

Alphonse, St Francois and Bijoutier are known for their diverse untouched ecosystems, providing a truly rustic setting for an exciting marine holiday experience.

A true haven for any outdoor enthusiast and nature lover, the lodge facilities include one of the most renowned and specialized fly fishing operations in the world. The dive sites, in close proximity to Alphonse, are known as some of the best in the Seychelles, while snorkelling around the pirouetting coral heads within the safety of the lagoon are simply out of this world.

The St Francois excursions, flats lunches and Bijoutier trips are one of a kind and give guests the opportunity to explore the magnificent bounty of turtles, rays, fish, and various other sea creatures which make these atolls and fishery their home. A cycling track around the island passes through shady coconut groves and leads to various secluded beaches. There is a tennis court, which has lighting for evening matches and a games room with full sized billiards and table tennis tables.



Island Conservation

SAVE, CARE & PROTECT

The Island Conservation Centre on Alphonse was established in 2007, and was the first ICS centre in the outer islands of the Seychelles. The centre monitors the key aspects of the ecosystem including: sea turtles, seabirds, coral reefs, and fish populations; as well as helping to protect the island flora and fauna through beach clean-ups and advising stakeholders on sustainable conservation issues.

The Alphonse Island Lodge provides support through its membership on the board of the Alphonse Conservation Foundation and hotel guests contribute essential funding to the activities of ICS through the payment of a conservation levy. Guests are invited to participate in activities such as the daily turtle patrol and beach cleans. ICS provides a weekly presentation which provides progress updates and discussion of environmental topics. Books and souvenirs can be purchased from the ICS office, with the proceeds providing further financial support to the conservation efforts.

'The Island Conservation Society promotes the conservation and restoration of island eco-systems, sustainable development of islands, and awareness of their vulnerability and vital importance to the planet's biodiversity.'

Desroches Island

AN EXCLUSIVE ESCAPE

Forming part of the Amirante Archipelago, our sister property Desroches Island is Located 230km south-west of Mahé, and is a 30 minute private flight from Alphonse Island and an 40 minute flight from Mahé.

With over 14 kilometres of unspoilt beaches and virgin forests, this exclusive island is a luxurious refuge for romance, adventure, pampered relaxation and honeymooning. It is also an exceptional destination for diving, fishing, watersport and relaxing, in the unparalleled beauty of a remote island setting. The nearby atolls of St Josephs and Poivre are synonymous for the best fly fishing for Permit in the Indian Ocean.

The resort boasts a range of five star luxurious accommodation, indulgent dining options, an extensive dive and fishing centre and a signature 'Escape Spa', all of which complement the full range of exceptional facilities.

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