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Location

Desroches forms part of the Amirantes group of islands (a remote coral atoll), 230km south-west of Mahé in the Seychelles.

Strewn with coconut trees, Desroches Island is approximately 6 km long, 1 km wide and boasts 14km of immaculate, white soft sandy beaches and crystal blue waters. This exclusive island is one of the most beautiful in the Indian Ocean. The island has only one luxurious resort with 20 Beach Suites and 26 Villas and 8 Retreats for guests to enjoy, all with sea-views and just a few steps from the beach. Located only 5° south of the equator Desroches is blessed with one of the world's healthiest, malaria -free climates.

Desroches is 10 hrs from London, 9 hrs from Paris, 8 hrs from Italy, 5 hrs from Johannesburg or Doha (Qatar) and 4 hrs from Dubai.



BEACH SUITES

Located around the central area, dining room, swimming pool and spa, the 20 luxuriously spacious Beach Suites are ideally built along the west-facing beach. Set amongst tropical gardens, palm trees and green lawns, the Beach Suites are just a few metres from the beach.

Each air-conditioned beach suite offers privacy with its own veranda, lounge area, flat screen TV and mini bar. Well designed bathrooms feature double basins, a covered outdoor bath, an outdoor shower and a separate toilet and bidet. To add to your exclusive experience, a choice of either in-suite dining or private dinners on the beach, where the waves lap gently against the soft white sand; are available.

AT A GLANCE...

- 20 Beach Suites (king size & twin beds)
- Maximum occupancy of 2 adults & 1 child
- Glass Fronted
- Private Patio
- 25 meters from the water
- Air-conditioned
- Mini Bar including chargeable and all-inclusive beverages
- Mosquito Nets
- Outdoor Showers
- Bidet
- Private Lounge
- Telephone
- Hairdryer and shaver outlets
- Satellite television with DVD player
- Electronic safes
- Two Bicycles per suite





BEACH RETREATS

MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY - 2 ADULTS

Nestled in the midst of the tropical island forest, just metres away from the palm-fringed white beaches, are four one-bedroom Beach Retreats offering the ideal option for couples or singles seeking solitude. These units are reserved for adults only.

Each Beach Retreat is equipped with a private plunge pool and a living area. The Beach Retreats are all decorated in a unique style, which are enhanced by the surroundings.

The air-conditioned bedroom overlooks the main deck with its private outdoor shower. The hotel offers In-Retreat dining and private chefs for more intimate entertaining, making your stay a truly personal experience and allowing you to relax completely. Meals can also be enjoyed at the hotel's various exotic dining locations.

AT A GLANCE...

- Four one-bedroom Beach Retreats each with a 125m en-suite bedroom and a 24m private deck with a plunge pool.
- Maximum occupancy of 2 adults – child free zone
- Bathroom with bath plus indoor & outdoor showers.
- Bidet
- Air-conditioned bedroom
- Mini Bar including chargeable and all-inclusive beverages
- Private dining available on the Retreat verandas.
- Satellite Television, DVD player and I-pod connection
- Electronic safe
- Hairdryer and shaver outlet
- A double Kayak and two bicycles
- Laundry Service
- Golf cart transport on arrival





BEACH VILLA

Perfectly positioned on the unblemished, north-west facing beaches surrounded by dense, green foliage, the 23 Beach Villas offer an exclusive and private experience for honeymoon couples, families and friends looking for their own private domain.

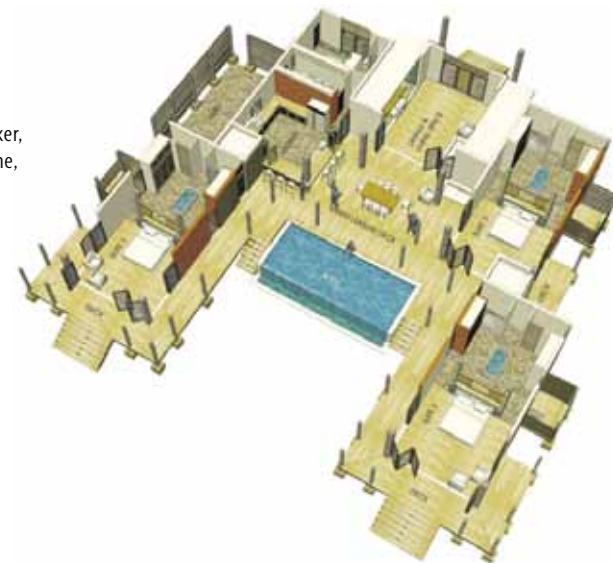
Each Beach Villa has its own private swimming pool, central living and entertainment area, as well as a modern kitchen. The Beach Villas are well appointed in a style that is modern and luxurious, yet blending in with the sensuous remote island atmosphere.

All en-suite bedrooms are air-conditioned. Three bedrooms surround the main entertainment area facing the sea with their own outdoor shower and decks. The fourth en-suite, air-conditioned bedroom serves as an ideal children's bedroom.

In-villa dining is available for a more intimate experience. For a little extra, you can have a personal chef or butler, making your stay a truly personal experience and allowing you to truly relax. Meals can also be enjoyed at the various restaurant dining locations.

AT A GLANCE...

- 23 Four Bedroom Villas 440m²
 - 3 x en-suite master bedrooms (74m²)
 - 1 x en-suite child's bedroom (43m²)
- Maximum occupancy of 8 people.
- The bathrooms are equipped with a bath plus both indoor and outdoor showers. (The child's bathroom only has indoor and out door showers).
- Air-conditioned bedrooms
- Private rim flow swimming pool
- Entertainment area
- Dining Room
- Fully equipped culinary kitchen
 - including a microwave, coffee maker, kettle, ice machine, washing machine, dryer and two fridge/freezers
- Mini Bar including chargeable and all-inclusive beverages
- Lounge
- Satellite Television
- DVD player
- I-pod connection
- Electronic safe
- Hairdryer and shaver outlet
- Two Kayaks
- Bicycles for the whole family
- Laundry Service
- Villa Attendant
- Personal Butler and Chef available at an additional charge
- Golf cart transport on arrival
- Babysitting available during the day and evening at additional charge.





BEACH RESIDENCE

The 750m² Beach Residence is set amidst the carefully preserved dense nature offering 100m of beach frontage. The Residence has 4 sea-facing luxurious en-suite bedrooms and 1 luxurious non-sea-facing en-suite bedroom with spacious living and entertainment areas. The ultimate private experience for families and friends looking for an exclusive domain.

The Beach Residence has a private swimming pool, central living and entertainment area as well as a modern kitchen. The Residence is well appointed in a style that is modern and luxurious, yet blends in the natural surroundings. The air-conditioned bedrooms have their own outdoor shower and wooden decks with outdoor loungers.

The hotel offers in-residence dining and private chefs for a more intimate entertaining, making your stay a truly personal experience and allowing you to thoroughly relax. Meals can also be enjoyed at the hotel's various exotic dining locations.

AT A GLANCE...

- Set in tropical gardens with ocean views.
- 1 Five bedroomed luxurious Beach Residence
 - 4 x 50m² en-suite bedrooms (sea-facing)
 - 1 x 40m² en-suite bedroom (non-sea facing)
- Maximum occupancy of 10 people
- All bathrooms have a bath as well as indoor and outdoor showers
- Air-conditioned bedrooms
- Private rim flow swimming pool
- Entertainment area
- Dining Space
- Fully equipped culinary kitchen - including a microwave, coffee maker, kettle, ice machine, washing machine, dryer and two fridges
- Mini Bar including chargeable and all-inclusive beverages
- Lounge
- Satellite Television
- DVD player, I-pod connection, Telephone
- Electronic safe
- Hairdryer and shaver outlet
- Two Kayaks
- Bicycles
- Laundry Service
- Villa Attendant
- Personal Butler and Chef at an additional cost
- Golf cart transport on arrival
- Babysitting available during the day and evening at an additional cost.





DIBWA RETREAT

Two luxurious Retreats are located on the picturesque Madam Zabre Beach surrounded by dense, green foliage. The Dibwa Retreat encompasses nature, earth and sea with its rustic feel, stylish colours and unique furniture. It features a modern, fully-fitted Miele kitchen, separate dining,, entertainment and chill-out spaces and a large infinity swimming pool – making it your home away from home.

All bedrooms are air-conditioned and open out onto a large deck. The two master sea-facing bedrooms are glass-fronted and are equipped with flat screen televisions, DVD players and i-Pod docking stations. Bathrooms are open-air and en-suite with bath plus indoor and outdoor showers. The bunk bedroom plays host to two large, adult bunk beds, en-suite indoor shower and has a private entrance.

The Dibwa butler will tend to your every need. A personal chef can be arranged to complete the ultimate experience. In-Retreat dining is available as well as dining at the various restaurant locations.

AT A GLANCE...

- 2 Three Bedroom Retreats 528m²
- 2 x en-suite master bedrooms 125m²
- 1 x en-suite bunk bedroom (25m²)
- Maximum occupancy of 6 adults – child free zone.
- The bathrooms are equipped with a bath plus both indoor and outdoor showers. (The bunk bathroom only has indoor and outdoor showers).
- Air-conditioned bedrooms
- Private rim flow swimming pool
- Entertainment Room
- Dining Room
- Chill-Out Space
- Fully equipped culinary kitchen - including a micro-wave, coffee maker, kettle, ice machine, washing machine, dryer and two fridge/freezers
- Mini Bar including chargeable and all-inclusive beverages
- Satellite Television
- DVD player
- I-pod connection
- Electronic safe
- Hairdryer and shaver outlet
- Two Kayaks
- Bicycles for the whole family
- Laundry Service
- Personal Butler
- Personal Chef available at an additional charge
- Golf cart transport on arrival
- Babysitting available during the day and evening at additional charge.





DIBWA RESIDENCE

This is pure opulence. A combination of two Beach Retreats and own Dibwa Retreat, the Dibwa Residence is perfect for couples, friends and families looking for luxury and indulgence.

Located on the picturesque Madam Zabre Beach surrounded by dense, green foliage, the Dibwa Residence encompasses nature, earth and sea with its rustic feel, stylish colours and unique furniture. It has a modern kitchen, separate dining, entertainment and chill-out spaces, a large infinity swimming pool and two private plunge pools – making it your home away from home.

All bedrooms are air-conditioned and open out onto a large deck. The four master sea-facing bedrooms are glass-fronted and equipped with flat screen televisions, DVD players and i-Pod docking stations. Two master bedrooms each have a private plunge pool. Open-air, en-suite bathrooms have a bath along with indoor and outdoor showers. The bunk bedroom plays host to two large, adult size bunk beds, en-suite indoor shower and has a private entrance.

The Dibwa butler will tend to your every need. A personal chef can be arranged to complete the ultimate experience. In-Retreat dining is available as well as dining at various restaurant locations.

AT A GLANCE...

- 2 Five Bedroom Retreat 776m²
 - 4 x en-suite master bedrooms 125m²
 - 1 x en-suite bunk bedroom (25m²)
- Maximum occupancy of 10 people.
- The bathrooms are equipped with a bath plus both indoor and outdoor showers. (The bunk bathroom has an indoor shower).
- Air-conditioned bedrooms
- Large Private rim flow swimming pool
- Entertainment Room
- Dining Room
- Chill-out Space
- Fully equipped culinary kitchen - including a microwave, coffee maker, kettle, ice machine, washing machine, dryer and two fridge/freezers
- Mini Bar including chargeable and all-inclusive beverages
- Satellite Television
- DVD player
- I-pod connection
- Electronic safe
- Hairdryer and shaver outlet
- Four Kayaks
- Bicycles for the whole family
- Laundry Service
- Personal Butler
- Personal Chef available at an additional charge
- Golf cart transport on arrival
- Babysitting available during the day and evening at additional charge.





MADAM ZABRE SPA RETREAT

This exclusive Retreat is designed for pure relaxation. Situated on Madam Zabre Beach surrounded by dense, green foliage, the Madam Zabre Spa Retreat offers a tranquil experience for couples, families or friends looking for a private slice of heaven.

The Madam Zabre Spa Retreat has 3 private swimming pools, a large central living and entertainment area, as well as a modern, fully fitted Miele kitchen. The design allows a choice of pure privacy or open living with a style that helps to relax the mind, body and soul.

All three glass-fronted, sea facing bedrooms are air-conditioned, with indoor and outdoor showers, as well as an outdoor bath. Each bedroom leads onto a large deck with swimming pool and salsa. With your private Butler, Chef and Spa Therapist, one may never want to leave. Meals can also be enjoyed at the various restaurant dining locations.

AT A GLANCE...

- 1 Three Bedroom Retreat 637m²
- - 3 x en-suite master bedrooms (94m²)
- Maximum occupancy of 6 people.
- The bathrooms are equipped with a bath plus both indoor and outdoor showers.
- Air-conditioned bedrooms
- Three Private rim flow swimming pool
- Entertainment Space
- Dining Space
- Chill-out Space
- Fully equipped culinary kitchen - including a micro wave, coffee maker, kettle, ice machine, washing machine, dryer and two fridge/freezers
- Mini Bar including chargeable and all-inclusive beverages
- Satellite Television
- DVD player
- I-pod connection
- Electronic safe
- Hairdryer and shaver outlet
- Four Kayaks
- Bicycles for the whole family
- Laundry Service
- Personal Butler
- Personal Chef – on request
- Personal Escape Spa Therapist
- Golf cart transport on arrival
- Babysitting available during the day and evening at additional charge.





OVERVIEW

- Lounge
- Bar
- Swimming Pool
- Escape Spa
- Internet access area
- Extensive Cast-A-Way water sports centre
- Scuba Diving Centre
- Boutique
- Library
- Le Ve Loutier Restaurant
- Pizzeria
- Creole Restaurant
- 'Takamaka Bar' at the Cast-A-Way Centre
- Conference room
- Island Conservation Society Research Centre
- Tortoise Sanctuary



INDULGE...

Experience decadent flavours from around the world and traditional seafood barbeques at Le Ve Loutier Restaurant. Relax under the trees at the Pizzeria for scrumptious lunches all complemented with an extensive international beverage and wine list. Immerse yourself in true traditional Creole flavours at the Creole Restaurant, situated in the original Creole village.

L'Amirantes Bar serves a variety of freshly mixed cocktails. One can enjoy a cold Seybrew beer after cycling around the island or indulge at sunset with one of our speciality cocktails.

Desroches offers an alternative relaxed 'Takamaka' bar at the Cast-A-Way Centre, open during the day for a 'toes-in-the-sand' cold beer or delicious local rum cocktail.

PRIVATE DINING ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to the restaurants, private dining arrangements can be made to enjoy your meal on the terrace of your room or villa, or at a special spot on the beach. The balmy weather and beach activity will improve your appetite, so make the most of the glorious outdoors to create a special mood for that romantic dinner or gathering of family and friends.



ESCAPE...

... set yourself free

... give in to temptation,

escape reality ... breathe ...

and succumb to peace, and tranquillity.

Escape Spa has been developed with simplicity and natural elements in mind.

Taking new life, renewal powers and stability from surrounding trees and wood; coolness, refreshment and cleansing abilities from the sea; healing, rejuvenation and grounding from the earth and nature.

The Spa is run by experienced and fully trained Balinese masseuses who offer a range of soothing and energising spa treatments.

Enjoy a relaxing and refreshing massage treatment at either the Spa centre, your own Suite, on the beach or under the tropical palm trees!

Treatments have been designed to relieve stress, detoxify, cleanse and purify, refresh and rejuvenate mind, body and soul.

Be rejuvenated with a range of treatments from Elementa Herbology, Dr. Hausckha and Sundari.

Activities



PLAY...

- Cycling tours
- Tennis court
- Children's programmes
- Guided nature walks
- Scuba diving
- Snorkelling
- Specialised fishing
- Neighbouring island trips
- Sea kayaks
- Hydro bikes
- Surfing
- Sunset cruises

TONE Gym and weight lifting area.

CYCLING TOURS of the island's jungle (on your own personal bike), or explorations to the northern point and deserted beaches allow you to lose yourself in this island paradise. For a more relaxing option, enjoy sensuous spa treatments or catered picnics either on the beach or under the tropical palm trees, and private sunset cruises which offer stunning views of the island from a different angle.

TENNIS COURT The floodlit tennis court is a super way exercise a little once the sun has set and the temperature has dropped.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES are designed to educate and entertain children in a safe environment and are offered during peak periods. In-room babysitting is available on request so parents can relax and enjoy adult facilities. Desroches is a family adventure Island, safe to explore and enjoy.

GUIDED NATURE WALKS The resident conservation team offer guided informative nature walks around the island where guests can learn about current research projects and the endangered fauna and flora species on the island.



DOWN UNDER...

SCUBA DIVING with friendly and attentive professionals, exploring the 14 classified sites, including the mysterious underwater caves and columns. PADI diving courses (in English or French) are offered at the hotels dive centre.

DEEP SEA DIVING off the world renowned Desroches 'drop-off'.

GUIDED SNORKELLING TRIPS offer the opportunity of viewing turtles gliding between shoals of multicoloured fish.

TOP 5 DIVE SITES

CANYON: This is a formation of big stone blocks with some excellent swimming troughs and a real canyon (long and narrow) where lots of soft corals and gorgonian fan corals grow. The fish life is remarkable on this dive site: big shoals of snappers and fusiliers, sweetlips, sleeping stingrays and especially nurse sharks – which enjoy this spot for a little nap underneath the big rocks.

BIG CAVE: The challenge for every experienced diver – it is both deep and dark. The long tunnel is 6m wide and goes straight into the reef wall – ending after 60m in a big round room. Sometimes we come across sleeping nurse sharks here or turtles that were searching for a quiet place to rest. The best part is on the way back when you see the entrance again – a blue hole with terrific light showing your way back to reality.

AIRPORT REEF: This features a large overhang which is the main area to explore on this dive site. Come across one of the famous sea grass pipefish living together with Napoleons and Bumphead Parrotfish. Grey reef sharks and turtles may also swim your way. The rest of the wall is completely covered with many colourful soft corals.

SECRET PASSAGE: Away from the main reef we find a huge rock with a secret passage that leads as a tunnel from 24m up to 18m inside. It is home to many lionfish, lobsters and glassfish. Once outside again, the water is full of fusiliers, snappers and young barracuda.

MINI WALL: While drifting along this beautiful wall explore the larger and smaller overhangs which are full of soft corals and gorgonian fan corals. Spot special kinds of nudibranches or snails as well as a variety of moray eels. In the open water eagle rays, turtles and napoleons are often encountered.

Scuba diving and snorkeling is also offered to the nearby St Joseph's Atoll as well as Poivre. The boat ride across to these islands is around 1 hour and one usually gets to see spectacular jumps from the many spinner dolphins, bottlenose dolphins and the odd whale on the ride across.



FISH...

BIG GAME FISHING

Desroches offers outstanding big game fishing with hard-fighting adversaries such as Wahoo, Kingfish, Tuna, Sailfish, Marlin, Dorado, Bonefish, Giant and Bluefin Trevally, Green and Rosy Jobfish and a large variety of Grouper.

SALT WATER FLY-FISHING

Some of the best fly fishing in the world can be enjoyed on the outer islands, with an abundance of Bone-fish, Permit and Trevally species to target on fly; while you simply get 'lost' in the utter beauty of the extensive shoreline surroundings.

Fly Fishing is operated by the internationally renowned 'Untamed Angling' team. The fishing season on Desroches Island runs from mid October to the end of April.

The island lies outside the cyclone belt. The weather is tropical, and March and April are the hottest months but shade temperature seldom exceeds 30°. Tropical diseases such as malaria and yellow fever are unknown.

The guides are all professionals and have a comprehensive knowledge of the areas in which they operate, having worked there for several seasons. The joy of fly fishing is that one can explore our neighbouring islands especially Poivre and St Joseph where the best fly fishing experiences occur.

NEIGHBOURING ISLAND TRIPS

Visit the neighbouring islands of Poivre and St Josephs, on day trips which allow you to explore the outer islands of the Amirantes Archipelago. This features some of the most pristine, untouched islands in the world, only between 45mins to 75mins away from Desroches.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT OUR CAST-A-WAY FACT SHEET

Weddings



WEDDINGS

An exclusive island in the Seychelles conjures up dreamy romantic images of sandy white beaches and a crystal blue ocean... perfect for an unforgettable wedding. Desroches weddings are tailor-made to encompass the romantic island wedding of your dreams.

Our dedicated wedding team will personalise your special day; be it on one of our exclusive beaches where the only footprints in the sand are yours, or looking back at your island paradise whilst the sun sets on your private cruise boat; leaving you with wonderful memories to cherish.

Contact the Dream Team to start planning the perfect wedding for you
dreamteam@desroches-island.com

Administrative Requirements which apply to all weddings held in the Seychelles:

- Personal information minimum one month prior to the wedding date.
- Passport photocopy for both bride and groom.
- Birth certificate for both bride and groom.
- Copy of Divorce Certificate (in case of previous marriage).
- Couple must arrive in Seychelles at least three days prior to wedding date.

General Information

WHAT TO TAKE

- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunblock
- Cameras
- Swimming costume
- Diving licence (should you have one)

PAYABLE SERVICES ON MAHÉ

- International meet and greet
- Fastrack immigration
- VIP arrivals lounge
- Breakfast and dinner reservations
- Tours and hotel stay

RATES INCLUDE

- Luxury accommodation
- Three meals daily at the designated restaurant
- Tea / Coffee
- Local beers, house wines, house spirits and soft drinks
- All non-motorised water activities

RATES EXCLUDE

- Boutique purchases
- Cocktails & premium imported beverage brands and wines
- Mini Bar
- Exclusive dining options
- Treatments (Spa)
- Child minding services
- Motorised land & water-based activities
- Telephone calls
- Laundry Service

TERMS & CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION POLICY on NETT CONTRACTS:

A fee of 50% shall be levied if cancellation is 21 to 30 days prior to arrival.

A fee of 100% shall be levied if cancellation is 21 days or less prior to arrival.

CHILDREN

- Children of all ages are welcome at Desroches Island
- Babysitters are available
- Child free zone in the Beach & Dibwa Retreats

CREDIT CARD EXCHANGE

The following credit cards are accepted:

Amex, MasterCard, Visa.

- No surcharge for payments by credit card.

CELLULAR / MOBILE PHONES

Please note that there is NO cellular/mobile phone reception on the island.

CURRENCY Euro / Seychelles Rupee

ECONOMY

A stable growing economy and part of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Southern African Development Community (SADC), La Francophonie (the union of French speaking countries) and the Commonwealth.

INTERNET

Internet is available at the hotel reception and library.

MALARIA The Island is Malaria Free.

MEDICAL CARE

A qualified medical person is on call to deal with any emergencies.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

No visa required for holiday or business purposes.

PAYMENTS

All accounts are billed in Seychellois Rupees and can be paid in US, GBP, EURO. We accept MC, VISA, Aexpress and travellers cheques.

GST (Government tax) of 15% is payable on all items.

ELECTRICITY

220-240V. Power is provided by three generators.

SUN PROTECTION

Due to the close proximity to the equator, the sun in the Seychelles is exceptionally strong, with the white sand increasing its effect. It is not advisable to lie in direct sunlight during the first few days of your vacation. A strong suntan lotion or sun block is recommended, as is wearing a hat, protecting your head from direct sunlight. For water sports, (such as snorkelling), a T-shirt should be worn.

TIME ZONE

GMT + 4 hours. (+3 Hours during Northern Hemisphere Summer).

VACCINATIONS None needed.

BANKING DETAILS

Beneficiary: Desroches Island Lodge LTD

Bank Name : Mauritius Commercial Bank (Seychelles)

Account Number: 077 12106400

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SWIFT CODE: MCBLS CSC

The Island



Getting There



GETTING THERE

Located 230 kilometres south-west of Mahé, Desroches Island is linked to the core infrastructure network of Mahé by schedule flights (approx. 40 minutes) and private charter flights.

Mahé itself is well connected to Africa, Asia and Europe.

Mahé - Desroches departures:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun – 11:00 Sat – 12:30

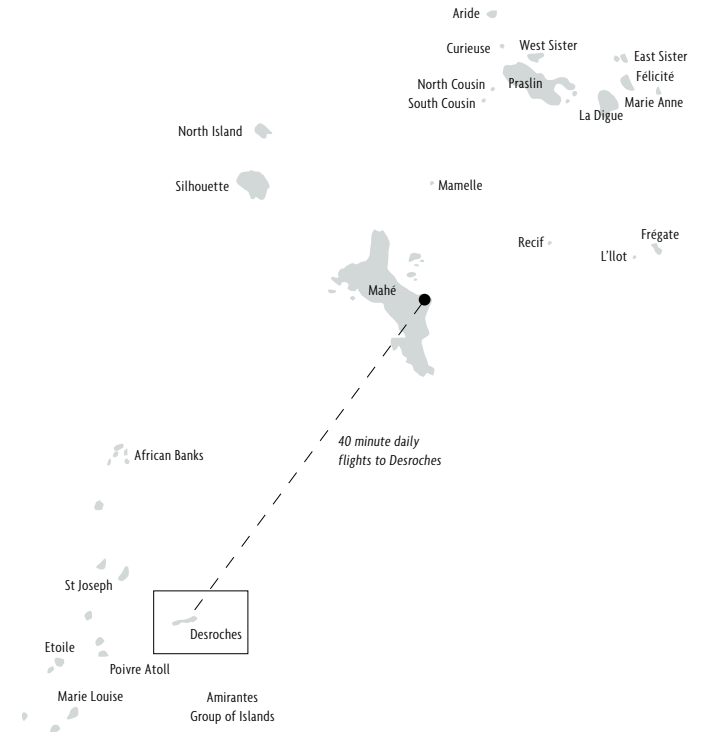
Desroches - Mahé departures:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun – 12:00 Sat – 13:30

Private charters can be arranged.

GPS CO-ORDINATES:

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