

TRIP NOTES: Seychelles



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ENTRY DOCUMENTS

Travelers arriving in Seychelles are required to have passports that will be valid for at least six months from the date of departure and contain at least two blank pages per country to be visited for affixing entry and exit stamps.

US passport holders are required to apply in advance for entry through the Travel Authorization platform at seychelles.govtas.com

VACCINATIONS, ANTI-MALARIALS AND MEDICATION

All travelers to Seychelles should consult a travel clinic at least 6 weeks before departure for advice as to the recommended medications and vaccinations for their safari, based on their itinerary, personal health profile and current policies in the destination.

Malaria is not present in Seychelles.

Seychelles is not a yellow fever destination and yellow fever vaccination is not required for travelers arriving directly from the US into Seychelles. Travelers over the age of one year, entering Seychelles from countries where yellow fever is present, including but not limited to, Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania, *must* have certification of yellow fever vaccination, or a waiver document provided by their physician citing the waiver reason.

BAGGAGE

Airlines in Seychelles routinely weigh both checked and carry-on bags. To avoid paying excess baggage fees, please adhere to the airline's restrictions. If using light aircraft for domestic transfers, there is a baggage limit of 33lbs per person, after which each additional kilogram (2.2lbs) will be charged at a current rate of \$6US/ kg).

TIPPING

Service staff in Africa depend on tips as part of their livelihood. As a guideline, hotel porters get \$1 per bag carried each way. City restaurant and bar servers should be tipped 10%. Airport transfer drivers at \$5 - 10 per person per transfer, depending on distance. Tour guides receive \$10 - \$15 per person per day. If you have both a driver *and* a guide, the driver should receive \$5 per person per day.

MONEY

The currency of Seychelles is the rupee. ATMs are found at the airport and in Victoria, and take major debit cards. US dollars and Euro are widely accepted.

When using USD bills, they must be clean and in excellent shape, and issued after 2008. Your bank will be familiar with this request if you explain that the notes are for use overseas.

Visa and Mastercard are accepted at major establishments, American Express less so.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Always use the safe in your room to store cash, important documents and other valuables. Larger items can be left in the lodge or camp safe at the front desk.

ELECTRICITY

Seychelles uses 240 volt electric current. Outlets take rectangular 3 pin in a triangular pattern plug (type G). For detailed information, images and links to purchase adaptors, please consult <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com>

POTABLE WATER

Tap water in Seychelles is generally safe to drink. Bottled water is provided by most hotels and lodges at a modest cost. Safari vehicles also carry drinking water for your refillable flask.

