

MASON'S TRAVEL

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Anse Dirie – Mahé Island – photo courtesy of Seychelles Tourism Board



HOTEL NEWS

MAHE ISLAND



Kempinski Seychelles Resort

Kempinski Seychelles Resort is pleased to announce that 'Kempinski -The Spa' is now open. The treatments are designed to pamper whilst delivering immediate and long-lasting results. Signature treatments have been developed to reflect the four seasons - winter, spring, summer and autumn – and incorporate the wisdom of nature to heal and restore the body's equilibrium. The resort itself is in a 'soft opening' phase and the grand opening is scheduled for 1st March 2012.



Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Resort

Refurbishment works at Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Resort in the standard rooms are on-going and are expected to be completed by April 2012. Exterior renovations have now been completed.



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Valmer Resort

Kindly be advised that renovation works are ongoing at Valmer Resort and is now expected to be completed by end of March 2012. For further details and an update on the scope of the works please contact our marketing department - marketing@masonstravel.com

La Rousette Hotel

Please note that La Rousette Hotel is currently having its restaurant decking covered. Additionally the hotel will be closed from 5th – 17th February for re-roofing works on all its 10 chalets (Standard & Deluxe) and a soft refurbishment of the rooms and public areas – mainly involving a change of furniture – is expected to be completed by end of March 2012. Alternative arrangements for confirmed bookings are being made by the hotel. For additional information please contact our marketing department - marketing@masonstravel.com

Hanneman Holiday Residence

Hanneman Holiday Residence is pleased to announce that they have achieved excellent ratings on recent Trip Advisor reviews. The property has obtained the most 5* reviews in the whole of Seychelles and they are placed 4th on the Top Rated B&B's in Africa and 5th in the Traveller's Choice 2012 Winner. Mason's Travel would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hanneman Holiday Residence team!



Le Relax Hotel & Restaurant

Kindly note that Le Relax Hotel's swimming pool is currently under emergency repair and it is expected to be completed by 5th February 2012.



HOTEL NEWS

PRASLIN ISLAND

Indian Ocean Lodge

Indian Ocean Lodge has the pleasure to announce that renovations of its standard rooms are completed. The 32 spacious rooms of the lodge each consist of king size bed, air conditioning, safe, mini fridge, hairdryer, a double shower bathroom, IDD telephone, satellite flat screen TV and tea and coffee making facilities. Set in eight different units by four bungalows located in a lush tropical garden, each room has a direct sea view with stunning views of the neighboring islands.

Rooms are interconnecting offering a perfect option for families. WI – FI connection is available at the lobby at a charge. A complimentary shuttle is also available to and from the hotel to Cote D’or beach.



Berjaya Praslin Beach Resort

Renovations at Berjaya Praslin Beach Resort is well in progress . The Resort has now completed 9 Standard Rooms and 22 Superior Rooms. For additional information please contact our marketing department - marketing@masonstravel.com



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LA DIGUE ISLAND

Le Domaine de L'Orangerie

Le Domaine de L'Orangerie is pleased to announce the opening of a new beachside on Anse Severe after major refurbishment. The beachside faces Praslin Island and overlooks the stunning turquoise waters, where clients can relax right in front of the property, feet in the sand. The place completes the beauty of its actual existing all day dining area facilities, together with two restaurants and two bars in a cozy atmosphere. Beach service is available for the total comfort of clients: long chairs with towels, beach umbrellas, daybeds, snacks and drinks delivery upon request. The use of towels, chairs, beach umbrellas and daybeds are complimentary.



OTHER ISLAND

Denis Private Island

Denis Private Island has the pleasure to announce that renovations on its Beach Villa (ex – Bois d'Argent) is completed. The Beach villa is 325 m² and has an extended sea-facing private deck with an outdoor sitting and dining area, dining pavilion and a barbeque area. The villa is also equipped with a plunge pool and a sala day bed. The interior is fashioned with a king size bed, lounge area, writing desk and a wine chiller. When booking the Beach Villa a complimentary bottle of champagne and fruit basket on arrival is granted. Guests of the Beach Villa also enjoy a range of value added treats and services such as complimentary laundry, daily sundowner, canapés and a private guided nature tour. For new hi-res images please contact our marketing department – marketing@masonstravel.com



Desroches Island Seychelles

Kindly note that with immediate effect Desroches Island Seychelles will no longer be providing butler service to the room category 'Beach Retreat'. This is due to the size of the Beach Retreat and guests' desire for complete privacy.



OTHER ISLAND

Frégate Island Private

Frégate Island Private has the pleasure to announce that they have appointed luxury resort specialist Mr Paul van Frank as their new Managing Director. Taking over the reins from interim General Manager Ian Barbour, who successfully ran the ultra exclusive eco retreat for the past nine months, the multi-lingual hospitality veteran joins Frégate Island Private after more than two years as General Manager of Shanti Maurice in Mauritius.



*****Environment News*****

The Seychelles Warbler - 100th bird on the island list – has now found its home on Frégate Island Private. A translocation from Cousin Island Special Reserve was a great success and the new population has adapted extremely well, with the birds dispersing widely over the island and displaying for mates. The translocation took place on the 7th and 14th of December 2011 and a total of 59 birds were transferred.



OTHER NEWS

Blue Panorama Airlines

After discussions between the Seychelles Tourism Board Chief Executive Alain St Ange, Director for Europe Bernadette Willemin and Blue Panorama Airlines at the FITUR Spanish tourism fair, the Airline has confirmed that it will start a weekly direct flight between Rome and Seychelles from 14th February 2012.



Etihad Airways and Air Seychelles



Etihad Airways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Seychelles acquiring 40% of Air Seychelles as part of a strategic partnership alliance initiative between the two companies. According to Air Seychelles 'The deal was announced by Joel Morgan, Seychelles Minister of Home Affairs, Environment, Transport and Energy and James Hogan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Airways. This new partnership will further drive consolidation of key functions, resulting in significant cost savings and process optimisation. Mr Morgan said: "This is a game-changing strategic partnership for us, establishing Air Seychelles on a sustainable growth trajectory and offering a realistic way forward for long-term commercial growth." "The partnership simultaneously provides international presence, strategic penetration and a bright future for our national carrier." '



MASON'S TRAVEL NEWS

OTM Fair - India

Mason's Travel will be present at OTM Fair – India from 17th – 19th February in Mumbai and 24th – 26th February in New Delhi exhibiting at the Seychelles Stand. Representing Mason's Travel will be Miss Jessica Giroux - Sales Manager.

Should you wish to meet with her in order to discuss our on-going or future collaboration do not hesitate to forward your request to JGiroux@masonstravel.com



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