

Aldabra Atoll, Outer Islands, Seychelles

One of the most remote and protected ecosystems on Earth, Aldabra Atoll rewards the few expedition cruisers who make it here with 100,000+ free-roaming giant tortoises, a flightless rail found nowhere else, and reefs that have barely seen a human shadow.

-  Zodiac tender (no pier or jetty)
-  Typical call: 4–6 hrs
-  Currency: Seychellois Rupee (SCR) — no shops on-island
-  Language: English / French
-  UNESCO World Heritage Site

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac tender to shore — expedition vessels anchor offshore; no pier or jetty exists

Best For: Wildlife encounters: giant tortoises, flightless Aldabra Rail, frigatebirds, green turtles, reef sharks

Walk to Center: Research station on Picard (West) Island is the only inhabited point; access via SIF guides only

Don't Miss: Walking among free-roaming Aldabra Giant Tortoises — 100,000+ live here, the world's largest wild population

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Giant Tortoise Encounter on Picard Island** — Walk the limestone scrub of Picard Island alongside free-roaming Aldabra Giant Tortoises — over 100,000 live on the...
- Aldabra Rail & Endemic Birdwatching** — Search for the Aldabra Rail — the Indian Ocean's last flightless bird — along with the Aldabra Drongo, frigatebird...
- Zodiac Lagoon Cruise & Snorkelling** — Explore the vast tidal lagoon and channel passages by inflatable boat.
- Turtle Nesting & Nesting Beach Walk** — Seasonally (primarily November–February), green sea turtles nest on Aldabra's beaches in numbers rare across the Indian...
- Champignon Limestone Trail** — Pick your way across Aldabra's extraordinary eroded limestone 'champignon' formations — a moonscape riddled with tide...

BEST WALKS

- Picard Island Tortoise Trail** 1.5–3 km | 1–2 hrs | Guided only | Rough limestone terrain — The main guided walk from the SIF research station into the scrub interior of Picard Island, weaving past giant tortoises and endemic...
- Lagoon Channel Shore Walk** 1–2 km | 45–90 min | Guided | Flat sand/coral — A gentler shoreline walk along the lagoon-side of Picard Island, passing mangrove edges and shallow tidal flats where flamingos and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	81°	18d
Jun	81°	79°	18d
Aug	79°	77°	13d
Sep	80°	78°	18d
Oct	81°	79°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:57AM–6:51PM · Jun 7:08AM–6:42PM · Aug 7:05AM–6:52PM · Sep 6:48AM–6:51PM · Oct 6:31AM–6:49PM

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