

Aride Island, Seychelles

The 'Seabird Fortress of the Indian Ocean' — a pristine 71-hectare reserve hosting hundreds of thousands of breeding seabirds, endemic reptiles, and nesting sea turtles. No shops, no terminals, no crowds: just wild Seychelles as it was meant to be.

 Tender / wet beach landing

 Typical call: 4-6 hrs

 Seychellois Rupee (SCR)

 Seychellois Creole / English

 Expedition & small ships only

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Wet beach landing on La Cour Beach (south side) via reserve boats; no pier or terminal

Best For: Birdwatchers, wildlife photographers, nature lovers, eco-tourism

Walk to centre: No town — guided 2 km loop from beach is the entire island experience

Don't Miss: Hilltop viewpoint (Gros La Tête, 134 m) and the Wright's Gardenia — found nowhere else on Earth

 Getting around:  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Guided Island Nature Walk** — The signature 2 km guided loop through the reserve.
 - Hilltop Viewpoint (Gros La Tête)** — Hike 135 m to the island's high point for sweeping panoramas of the Indian Ocean and neighboring islands including...
- Seabird Colony Watch** — Aride hosts the world's largest colony of lesser noddies and Seychelles' biggest roseate tern population.
 - Endemic Flora Discovery** — Spot Wright's Gardenia (*Rothmannia annae*) — a shrub found only on Aride Island.
 - La Cour Beach Stroll** — After the guided walk, relax on the pristine south beach.

BEST WALKS

- Island Nature Loop** 2 km · ~2 hrs · guided only · moderate — The reserve's mandatory guided walk leads from the landing beach past the historic Cadbury Lodge, through native woodland teeming with...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	80°	18d
Jun		80°	78°	19d
Aug		78°	76°	13d
Sep		79°	77°	17d
Oct		80°	78°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:17AM–6:17PM · Jun 6:21AM–6:14PM · Aug 6:22AM–6:20PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:14PM · Oct 5:57AM–6:08PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear water shoes — the beach landing is a wade through shallow surf. Flip-flops work fine but closed water shoes grip better on the rocky patches.
- No independent access — only the Island Conservation Society's boats can land here. You cannot arrive by kayak, dinghy, or your ship's tender directly to the beach.

Aride Island, Seychelles — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Anse Georgette

A stunning, secluded beach with turquoise waters.
- 2

Mont Plaisir to Anse Georgette Nature Trail

A scenic hiking trail leading to Anse Georgette beach.
- 3

Anse St. Jose

A beautiful, tranquil beach perfect for swimming.
- 4

Anse Takamaka

A picturesque beach known for its Takamaka trees.
- P

Cruise port / terminal