

Curieuse Island, Seychelles

About a kilometre north of Praslin, Curieuse is an uninhabited Marine National Park where giant Aldabra tortoises roam free, Coco de Mer palms grow wild, and the only 'facility' is a restored colonial doctor's house.

-  Tender only (wet landing)
-  Typical call: 4–6 hrs
-  Seychellois Rupee (SCR) / no shops on island
-  Seychellois Creole / English / French
-  Marine National Park — park fee required

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender / zodiac — wet landing on sand at Baie Laraie

Walk to highlights: Tortoises 5 min from landing; Doctor's House ~45 min trail

Best For: Wildlife, nature, beaches, hiking

Don't Miss: Free-roaming giant tortoises at the sanctuary nursery

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~€60/person (includes park entry) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Giant Tortoise Sanctuary** — Roughly 250 Aldabra giant tortoises were introduced here in 1978 and now roam free across the island.
- Cross-Island Trail & Mangrove Boardwalk** — A 1.5 km trail links Baie Laraie to Anse St.
- Doctor's House Museum** — A beautifully restored French Creole colonial villa that served the island's leper colony (1829–1965).
- Anse St. José Beach & Swimming** — The island's best swimming beach — powdery white sand framed by Seychellois granite boulders and calm turquoise water.
- Creole Beach BBQ Lunch** — Most full-day excursions include a traditional Seychellois BBQ on the beach: grilled fish, Creole chicken, saffron...

BEST WALKS

- Baie Laraie to Anse St. José Trail** 1.5 km · 45–60 min · Moderate — The island's signature walk: begin at the tortoise nursery at Baie Laraie, cross the mangrove boardwalk, climb over granite-studded...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	80°	18d
Jun	80°	78°	18d
Aug	78°	77°	12d
Sep	80°	77°	18d
Oct	81°	78°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:16AM–6:17PM · Jun 6:21AM–6:13PM · Aug 6:22AM–6:20PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:14PM · Oct 5:57AM–6:08PM

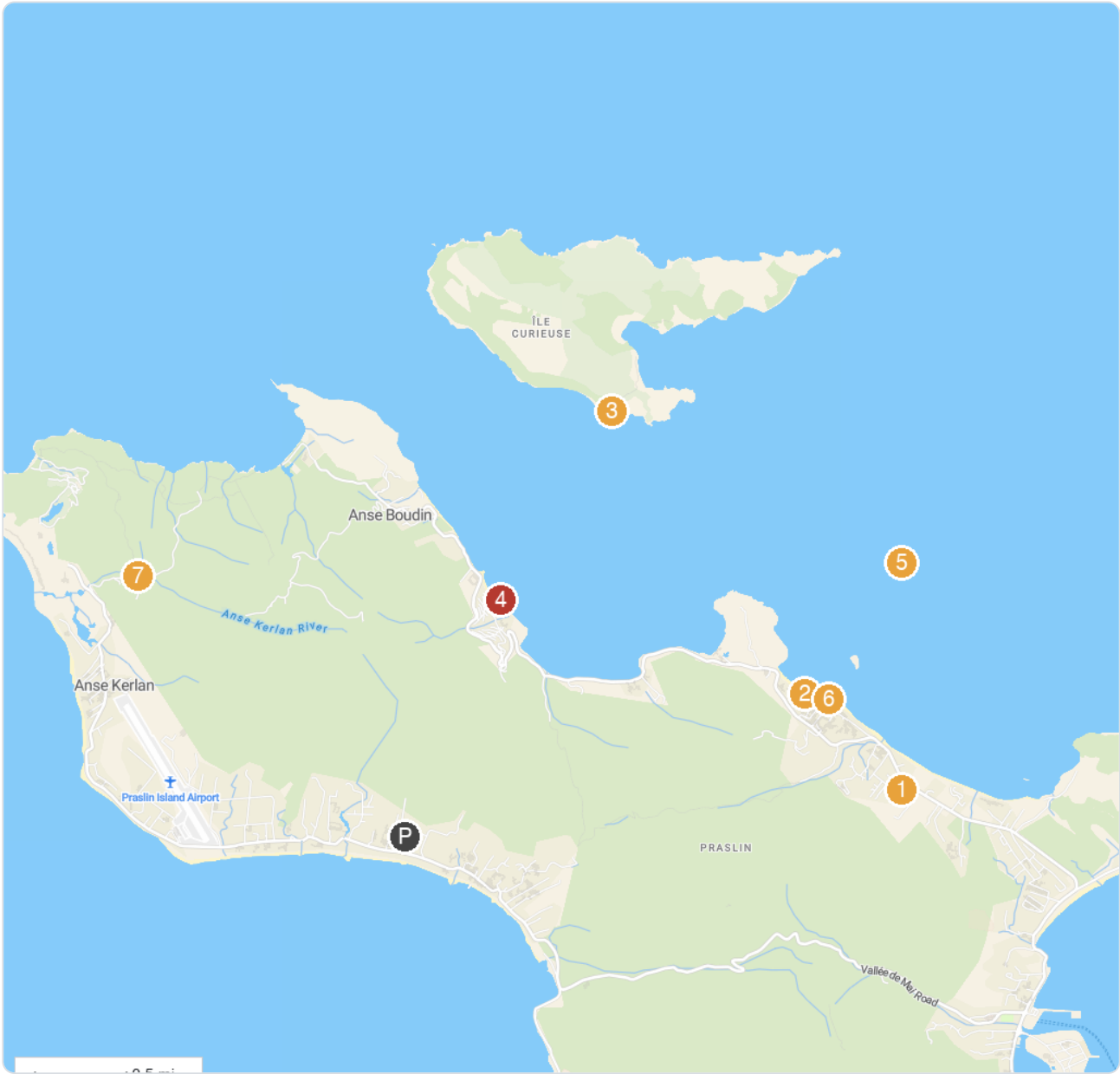
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Water shoes are essential. You will get wet at the landing. Pack a dry pair of sturdy grip shoes for the rocky trail — flip-flops are unsafe on the boardwalk steps.
- Bring strong insect repellent. The mangrove section harbours mosquitoes and sandflies. Apply before you step ashore, not after.
- No water or food on sale — pack everything. There are zero shops on the island. Carry at least 1.5 litres of water per person; the

Curieuse 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.



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| 1 Praslin Museum | A museum showcasing local culture and history. | 2 Geoli Charters - Group Tours, Private Charters & Glass Bottom Boat | Offers boat tours, private charters, and glass-bottom boat trips. |
| 3 Anse St. Jose | A beautiful, secluded beach perfect for swimming and relaxation. | 4 Anse Takamaka | A picturesque beach known for its Takamaka trees and clear waters. |
| 5 Snorkeling St. Pierre | A prime spot for snorkeling around a small, scenic islet. | 6 Gallery Passerose's horizontal palm tree | A unique, horizontally growing palm tree, a natural wonder. |
| 7 Mont Plaisir to Anse Georgette Nature Trail | A scenic hiking trail connecting two beautiful points. | P Cruise port / terminal | |