



Alphonse Group: Alphonse, Bijoutier and St François Atoll's



Alphonse Group - The Alphonse Group of islands are situated 7 degrees South of the Equator and 400 kilometers South-West of Mahe. This magnificent island threesome comprising of Alphonse, Bijoutier and St François, lie in the very heart of the Indian Ocean and form part of the Seychelles' outer island group.

Getting There - Guests are required to fly into Mahe Island, Seychelles at least 4 hours before the weekly charter flight is scheduled to depart. A standard package includes the hour-long return charter flights between Mahe and Alphonse.

Flight Times Please confirm the departure time of your flight from Mahe and Alphonse as times are subject to change.

Accommodation & Amenities - The rustic and comfortable accommodation is situated on the shoreline of the Eastern side of Alphonse Island. The main hotel complex consists of a reception area, beach bar, dining area, swimming pool with sun loungers, tennis court and main office. Guests stay in one of 15 privately spaced air conditioned bungalows or 4 one bedroom villas, offering every kind of comfort. The bar area, pool and lounge area provides the ideal venue to relax and enjoy in the evening breeze after a day out in the sun and houses the restaurant serving freshly caught sea food of the highest quality.

Arrival Day - On arrival you will be met by the Alphonse Island management team and transported to the hotel by golf cart. Indemnities will be signed followed by a comprehensive briefing on what to expect during your stay. The "Le Lys" bar shall be open from 19h00 to indulge in an Indian Ocean Cocktail and dinner.

Restaurant Hours – Breakfast is served from 6h00 – 9h00 or on request. Lunch is served between 12h00 and 14h00. Dinner is from 19h00.



Swimming Pool - There is an inviting swimming pool located near the beach bar and is open between 7h00 and 19h00. Guests are welcome to make use of the comfortable sunbeds and fresh water showers situated around the swimming pool. Towels are available for guests use.

Kayaking and Pedalo - For something more private and personal we have 2 kayaks and 2 pedalo's readily available for guests use. Appreciate the untouched exquisiteness of Alphonse Island during high tide solely at your own pace. You will have the opportunity to see the bounty of turtles, rays, fish and various other sea creatures which call Alphonse their home. Our Chef shall arrange a picnic basket to carry along with you if you choose to do so.

Diving - The fully equipped dive center at Alphonse and professional team of international diving instructors will make your experience at Alphonse resort a personal, safe and unforgettable one. The sheer drop offs, rich currents and abundant sea life that surrounds the Alphonse Group makes it one of the most exciting and diverse dive destinations in Seychelles. The pristine sites around both Alphonse and St Francois are famous for warm crystal clear waters, high coral cover, great visibility and a diverse range of fish species comprising of reef, pelagic and shark species. Daily encounters with Stingrays, Turtles, Moray Eels, Barracuda, Wahoo, Sharks, Tuna, Grouper, Snapper, Trevally and many more make the dives extremely memorable. The thirteen Alphonse dive sites are suitable for all categories of divers, which makes the area an exciting experience for both beginners and advanced who will enjoy the various drift dives on offer. The various sites are easily accessible and vary between ten and thirty minutes from the dive boat mooring site. The dive center also offers PADI bubble maker, discover scuba, open water, advanced and specialty scuba courses.

Diving Rates

Per Dive USD 120
 Double Tank USD 220
 5 Dive Package USD 550
 10 Dive Package USD 1000
Includes all diving equipment

Diving Course Rates

Bubble Maker USD 110
 Discover Scuba Diving USD 210
 Scuba Diver / Open Water Diver USD 900
 Advanced Open Water Diver USD 750
Includes all diving equipment

Snorkeling - Be captivated and enticed by the abundant marine life we have for guests who are not as comfortable as others with tank diving. Guests are welcome to join a guided / non –guided snorkeling excursion around the vast, vibrant coral heads surrounding Alphonse and St. François. Our team can lead the way for you or if you would prefer a more intimate snorkel you are permitted to snorkel within the safety of the Alphonse Lagoon.



Snorkeling Equipment Rental Rates

- USD 10 per day
- USD 50 per week

Loss of gear will be charged per item

Alphonse Guided Snorkeling Trip Rates

- USD 45 per person, children under 11 free (min 2 paying guests)
 - 1 hour 30 min, includes snorkeling equipment
- (Children under 11 years must be accompanied by 1 adult per child)

St Francois Guided Snorkeling Trip Rates

- USD 85 per person, children under 11 free (min 4 paying guests)
 - 1 hour 30 min, includes snorkeling equipment
- (Children under 11 years must be accompanied by 1 adult per child)

Loss/damages of gear will be charged per item

Blue Water Fly Fishing – There are 2 offshore vessels, which can be chartered for either a half or full day excursion. The Alphonse skippers and deck hands are experienced at rigging, teasing and switching to all the different blue water pelagic species, such as Sailfish, Wahoo, Dogtooth and Yellow fin Tuna.

Blue Water Game Fishing - There are 2 fully rigged offshore vessels, which can be chartered for either a half or full day conventional fishing excursion. The Alphonse teams practice a strict “NO CONVENTIONAL/SPINFISHING” on or close to the islands, flats and reef. This is to preserve the resident species that use the shallow reef as an access point onto the flats and surrounding areas. Alphonse however relies on Fresh fish for its guests so we do offer game fishing trips to fill this quota.

Blue Water Game Fishing Rates

- Half day USD 900 (07h30 - 12h00 or 13h00 - 17h30)
- Full day USD 1800 (08h00 - 17h00)

Includes trawling tackle only

Blue Water Fly Fishing Rates

- Half day USD 850 (07h30 - 12h00 or 13h00 - 17h30)
- Full day USD 1600 (08h30 - 17h30)

Includes teasing tackle but not fly rod and flies

Guided Fly Fishing Alphonse - Based directly on Alphonse Island, our Guides are equipped to explore the outer shores we have right outside your door step. Experience sight fishing like no other from the comfort of the Island. You may choose from either a full or half day with one of our professional Guides.



Guided Fly Fishing on Alphonse Island Rates

- Half day USD 250 (07h30 - 12h00 or 13h00 - 17h30)
- Full day USD 500 (08h30 - 17h30)

Based from Alphonse, excludes fly fishing tackle

Island Specialties - During your stay you are welcome to enjoy Alphonse Islands infamous flats lunch and sundowners. Revel in the sheer beauty of the flats surrounding Alphonse and St. François while feasting on our charming buffet accompanied by an ice cold beverage. Sundowners are the perfect way to indulge in our picturesque sun sets above the water's edge whilst tasting a true Island cocktail. Private sundowners can be arranged.

(Specific activities are all weather permitting)

Additional Activities - The cycling tracks around the island pass through coconut groves and lead to the various private and secluded beaches. You may wish to join our local ICS experts on a nature tour or observe the multitude of seabirds that can be seen about the atolls. The entertainment area situated near reception has an indoor snooker table and there is a table tennis available near the swimming pool as well as a tennis court.

Spa - There is a small, quaint spa situated in close proximity to the main swimming pool that offers calming, tranquil treatments such as pedicures, manicures and massages. All massages are done by our professional trained Masseuse. Massages and treatments can be booked in the bar area the night before.

Park Fee - There is a compulsory park fee of USD 70 per week (USD 10per day) for leisure guests and divers, which is payable in cash when on the island. All packages exclude this park fee and these funds are given to the Island Conservation Society for the preservation of nature in the Seychelles.

Head Lamp - Although the roads between the accommodation and hotel are lit, it is wise to have a headlamp for when you are riding your bike at night.

Casual Wear - Everything is informal on the island and guests should dress casually at all times and feel free to attend dinner in casual clothing.

Luggage Restrictions - **Check in luggage is strictly limited to 15 kg or 33 pounds per person, and 5kg or 11 pounds carry-on luggage.** Please adhere to the limits. It is suggested that lighter soft-shell luggage is used. Pack a separate bag with excess equipment to avoid having to repack at the airport. There is left luggage storage at the airport and you can arrange for your tour operator in Mahe to store excess luggage while you are on Alphonse Island.



Weather - The Seychelles is typically hot and somewhat humid with the midday temperature hovering at 35 degrees Celsius. Evenings are also invariably warm with the exception of the first and last few weeks of the season, when there may be a strong, cooling breeze. Water temperature ranges from 27 - 29 degrees Celsius.

Diving Season at Alphonse - The main diving season runs from early October to the end of May.

Hours of Daylight - Due to its proximity to the equator, there is no real twilight in the Seychelles. The sun rises quickly at around 6:15 a.m. and sets with equal swiftness at about 6:30 p.m. This varies by only minutes throughout the year, giving nearly a full 12 hours of daylight for 365 days a year.

From Scene of Accident Medevac Insurance - All guests are required to obtain "From Scene of Accident Medevac Insurance". Details will be requested prior to arrival on the Island. Alphonse Island and agents cannot assume any financial responsibility for consequences incurred if this has not been obtained.

Travel Insurance - All guests are required to obtain travel insurance that will cover any costs incurred due to flight delays for any reason. Any guests planning to dive will be asked to provide their travel insurance details as proof of cover for diving activities. This is often included in general travel insurance policies but should you wish to dive deep, please check any depth restrictions.

Indemnity Form - All guests are required to sign an indemnity form once on location.

Inoculations & Health - No inoculations are legally required for entry. However, you may want to check with your local immunization and inoculation clinic for their recommendations on health precautions for travel to the Seychelles. Some travelers elect to protect themselves against hepatitis A with an immunoglobulin injection (short-term protection) or the longer lasting vaccine. Other inoculations may be required if you are planning a trip extension to parts of Africa. Please ensure Mosquito repellent is on your list and Sunscreen with an SPF of 30+.

Water Consumption - There is a desalination plant on Alphonse, and water from the faucets is safe to drink. We do not stock mineral water to reduce plastic waste and will only supply it when specifically requested prior to arrival.

Communication on Alphonse - Each chalet has a phone service, operated via satellite.

Internet Connection - There is a wireless connection in the bar area and a network cable connection in the Internet room. There is no charge for their use.



Electricity Supply - The Island has 24-hour electrical current (240 volt, 50 cycles AC) with British plug points. A European electrical current adapter (3-point, square-pin) is necessary.

Contact telephone Number - Alphonse Island: +248-4-22-90-30 (GMT+04:00). When dialing internationally, precede with appropriate access code.

Gratuities - Tipping is never mandatory and if you wish to show appreciation to the staff and require a suggested amount based on an average which guests normally tip then please use the below amounts as an indication.

General hotel staff approximately USD 250 per person per week or USD 40 per day as a guideline. This is to be left at reception upon departure for equal distribution. The diving and fishing staff has a slightly varied amount, which can be suggested by the manager of that activity when on location. As a rule of thumb a USD 85 per day guideline, this is given to the respective manager at the end of the week. The guides work on a rotational basis so your tip will be divided equally. Any gratuities will be much appreciated by the staff and we thank you for your generosity.

Currency - You do not need to change your € (Euros) or US\$ (US Dollars) into the local currency. The hotel accepts US Dollars and all major credit cards **except American Express. Credit cards carry an additional 5% bank fee, which will be added to the total bill.**

Duty Free Allowance - 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars, 1 liter of spirits and 2 liters wine.

Cancellation Policy

A 10% fee shall be levied if cancellation is made more than 180 days prior to arrival.

A 10% fee shall be levied if the reservation is moved to an alternative date within the same season.

A fee of 50% shall be levied if cancellation is between 180 and 90 days prior to arrival.

A fee of 100% shall be levied if cancellation is 90 days or less prior to arrival.

All cancellations & provisional bookings must be confirmed in writing.

We hope the above information helps to enhance your trip to Alphonse Island. Should there be any further assistance you require, please do not hesitate to contact us info@alphonse-island.com