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### 1. Geographical location

The capital city of Seychelles, Victoria is located on the north-eastern side of the island of Mahe on the Indian Ocean. The city covers a total area of 20.1 square kilometer and houses a population of 26,450 people. Victoria is divided into three parts: English River, Saint Louis and Mont Fleuri and English River constitutes the innermost part of the city.



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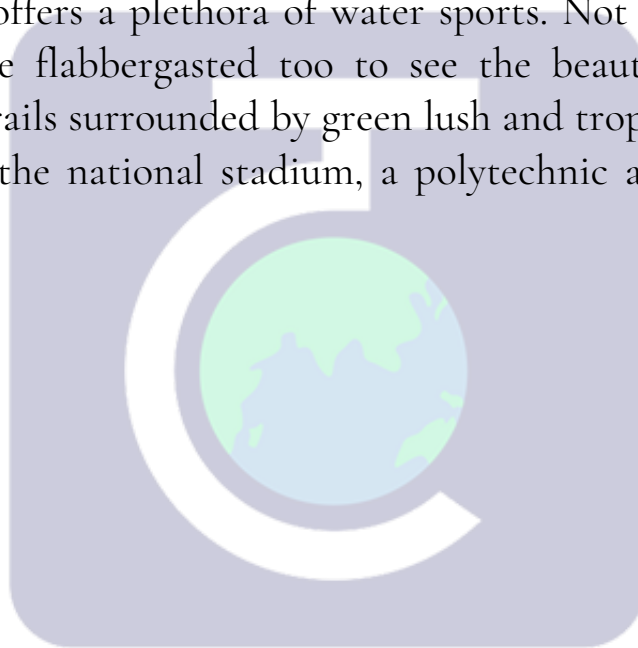
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Neighboring Cities Of Victoria Are Cap Ternay With An Approximate Distance Of 21.2 Kilometers, Grand Anse Village With An Approximate Distance Of 13.3 Kilometers And Port Glaud With An Approximate Distance Of 17.5 Kilometers. Praslin Island Is Located At A Distance Of 45.7 Kilometers And La Digue Is Sited At A Distance Of 52 Kilometers From The City Of Victoria.



### 3. Significance

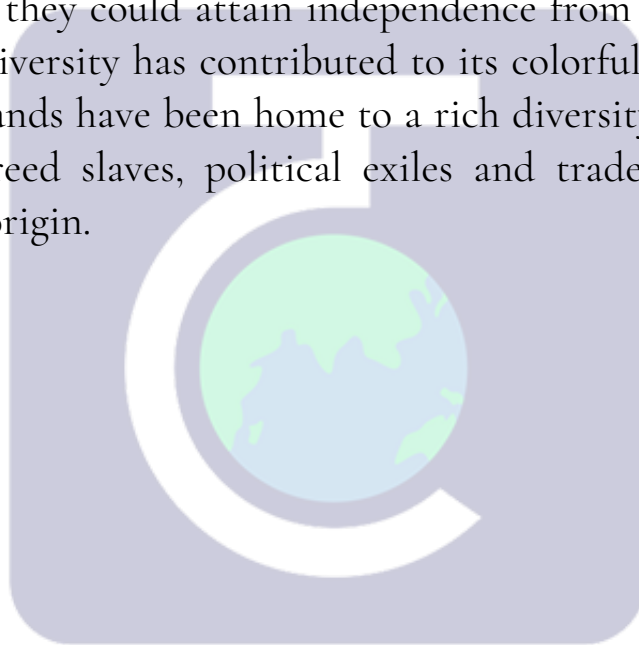
Being the capital city of Seychelles, Victoria contributes a major portion to the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the country. The principle exports of the city are coconuts, vanilla, coconut oils, guano and fish. Tuna fishing and canning forms a major local industry in the city. The gushing blood in search of some adventure has got its fix here, in this city! For all the adrenaline junkies out there, the city of Victoria offers a plethora of water sports. Not just water lovers but nature lovers will be flabbergasted too to see the beauty of the city whilst exploring different trails surrounded by green lush and tropical vegetation. Also, the city is home to the national stadium, a polytechnic and the International School Seychelles.



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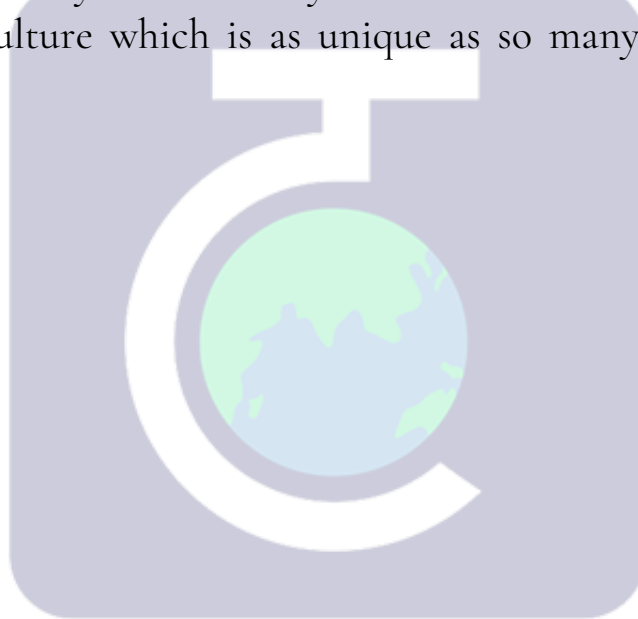
### 4. History

The history of Seychelles dates back to 1770 which makes it relatively a young nation. Back then the islands were uninhabited and French planters occupied Mahe and seven other islands for France. Until the battle of Waterloo in which Napoleon was defeated, the islands were under French rule only and post that in 1814, the British took power under the treaty of Paris. By 1903, the islands became a Crown colony and they could attain independence from Britain only by 1976. The island's ethnic diversity has contributed to its colorful history. Throughout the centuries, the islands have been home to a rich diversity of people including European settlers, freed slaves, political exiles and traders of Arab, Persian, Chinese and Indian origin.



**Index****5. Cultural identity**

The Seychellois are effing warm and welcoming. They live a very simple and unsophisticated island life. You'll mostly find people in casual wear because only the churchgoers don up formal attire. Until 1971, before the islands were introduced to the international airport, the access to the islands was very limited. People could reach only by sea which led to very few visitors to the islands. Thus, the Seychellois were hardly influenced by the outside world. They developed their own language and culture which is as unique as so many other things on the islands.



**Index****6. Natural resources**

The city of Victoria on Mahe Island in Seychelles is home to profuse fish, copra and cinnamon trees. The other natural resources found in the city are cinnamon, vanilla, sweet potatoes, coconuts, cassava, bananas and poultry tuna.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Seychelles National Botanical Gardens

Seychelles National Botanical Gardens is located in Mont Fleuri, in the suburbs of Victoria. This national monument in the country of Seychelles is one of the oldest monuments. Spread over 5 acres of land, it houses an enthralling diversity of exotic and mature plants and trees that belong to different ecosystems.

Address : Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.631199999999999, 55.451900000000002

Contact : +248 4 67 05 37

Nearest Public Transport : Hospital bus station

Entry Fee : SCR 100 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Seychelles National Library

Established in 1964, the National Museum of History displays artefacts depicting the history of the country. Some of the displayed objects in the museum include the oldest map drawn in 1517, the world's smallest statue of Queen Victoria, the Stone of Possession and objects of ethnographical interest that demonstrate the traditional lifestyles of the people from the pre-colonial period.

Address : National Library Building, Francis Rachel Street, Mahe, Inner Islands, Seychelles

Location : -4.625901, 55.454318300000007

Contact : +248 4 32 13 33

Website : <http://www.national-library.edu.sc/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bel air bus station

Entry Fee : Non Residents: SCR 15 Residents: SCR 5 Children under 12 years and Disabled: Free

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 08:30hrs-16:30hrs Wednesday: 08:30hrs-12:00hrs Saturday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Port Launay Marine Park

One of the most riveting seascapes in the country, Port Launay Marine Park is the only Marine Park in Seychelles which can be reached by both land and sea. Unwind yourself beneath the shade of the taka maka tree and spending some time listening to the sounds of the ocean. There are beautiful reefs on both the sides of the bay which make it a perfect spot for snorkeling. This Marine Park is known widely for its whale shark sightings.

Address : Victoria, Mahe Island, Seychelles

Location : -4.652334599999999, 55.3975964

Contact : +248 4 22 51 15

Nearest Public Transport : bel air bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: SCR 200 Children under 12 years: Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.4. LA MISERE EXOTICS GARDEN CENTRE

Had enough of beaches and water sports? Don't worry; La Misere Exotics Garden Centre will come to your rescue with its multi-level display of exotic plants that will leave you spellbound. Away from the hustle and bustle, the serene and peaceful environment of the exotic garden will give you an opportunity to rejuvenate your mind and soul.

Address : Kennedy Road, La Misere, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.667419, 55.473387

Contact : +248 2 564 259

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/lmegc/?ref=bookmarks>

Nearest Public Transport : Seychelles breweries bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : SCR 100 per person

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Nature Seychelles

One of the leading environmental organizations in the Western Indian Ocean, Nature Seychelles is the largest and the oldest environment NGO in Seychelles which deals in environmental conservation and management.

Address : Center for Environment and Education, The Sanctuary, Providence highway, Roche Caiman, Victoria, Seychelles

Location : -4.637232000000001, 55.47059899999999

Contact : +248 4 601 100

Website : <http://natureseychelles.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : plaisance bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: SCR 25 Students: SCR 10

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.6. Ste Anne Marine National Park

Ste Anne Island is a base for the Royal Marines guarding the Victoria harbor. The national park is 20 minutes away from Mahe Island by boat. Dolphins and hawksbill turtles are habitually found in this marine park which covers the largest area of seagrass of the granitic islands. You'll have a tough time choosing a place to satiate your hunger here, as there are many Creole and gourmet restaurants around which serve sumptuous seafood.

Address : Sainte Anne Island, Seychelles

Location : -4.6036699, 55.505330299999997

Contact : +248 4 22 51 15

Nearest Public Transport : Seychelles breweries bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: SCR 200 Children under 12 years: Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Victoria Market

This market offers you a variety of traditional souvenirs, spices, and crafts which include woven baskets and table-mats, batik work, straw hats, beautifully crafted wooden furniture, model boats, and ornaments. The market is most vibrant on Saturday mornings and remains closed on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

Address : Victoria, Seychelles

Location : -4.6213765, 55.45122839999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Bicentennial Monument Seychelles

This monument is known as 'Twa Zwazo' (3 birds) by the islanders of Mahe and in Creole, it is referred to as the 'Moniman trwa lezel' (3-winged monument). Erected in 1978, the monument celebrated the 200th anniversary of coming together of the European, Asian and African heritage which leads to the islands of the Seychelles. An Italian artist designed this simple white structure which displays these pairs of extended wings.

Address : Diversion Rd, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.623082299999999, 55.45517389999998

Nearest Public Transport : Bel air bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.3. Arul Mihi Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple

The only Hindu temple in the island country, Arul Mihi Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple was built in 1992. This striking temple is named after Lord Vinayagar, the Hindu God of prosperity and safety. The temple is well-built and maintained impeccably and is a must-visit destination for people visiting Victoria.

Address : Quincy Street, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.621497400000001, 55.45043220000002

Contact : +248 04 32 47 01

Nearest Public Transport : Bel Air bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-12:00hrs and 17:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. Victoria Clock Tower

One of the most prominent features of Seychelles' small capital, the Victoria Clock Tower has been the focal point of Victoria for a century. A huge transformation has taken place in the city of Victoria with the construction of modern buildings with concrete and glass, but the Clock Tower has virtually remained unchanged.

Address : Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.623184200000001, 55.45233170000006

Nearest Public Transport : Bel air bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Morne Seychelles National Park

It is worthwhile to take out time to explore Mahe Island's mountainous interiors along with the incredible coastline. Encompassing more than 20% of the land area of Mahe Island, the Morne Seychellois National Park stretches across 10 kilometers. It is well-found with an expansive trail network encompassing more than 15 kilometers. You'll witness a variety of habitats while exploring this trail. Morne Blanc is situated inside the national park and the trail to Morne Blanc is a continuous uphill climb. The trails offer panoramic views from where you can see tropicbirds whirling above and below you.

Address : Grand Anse Village, Seychelles

Location : -4.6488523, 55.41947529999993

Contact : +248 2 536 389

Nearest Public Transport : Bel Air bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24hrs

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Domaine de Val des Prés - Craft Village

Domaine de Val des Pres (Craft Village) exhibits the authentic traditional Creole culture on the Mahe Island. The Crafts Village comprises of 5 attractions highlighting Creole gastronomy, arts and craft, and architecture. It includes the 'Gran Kaz' Plantation House, the 'La Kaz Rosa' - a typical 20th-century working class home, 12 craft workshops which host local crafts and the 'Maison de Coco', a house built of coconut products.

Address : E Coast Rd, Seychelles

Location : -4.7108211, 55.519359000000001

Contact : +248 4 376 100

Nearest Public Transport : Pointe Larue bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Anse Major

One of the most beautiful beaches in Mahe, Anse Major is full of white sand and stunning reefs. An easy trail along the rocky northwestern coastline of Mahe leads to this magnificent beach. You can either reach this destination by a half an hour hike or by a boat. The beach also makes for an amazing snorkeling spot.

Address : Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.6265177999999998, 55.385387600000006

Nearest Public Transport : Bel Air bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. North East Point

Enjoy a perfect sunset view at the North East Point in Mahe, which is only a 10-minute drive from the city of Victoria. The point offers a lot of beaches with narrow stretches of white sand and rocks along with a magnificent reef close to

the shoreline. Spend some on walking and exploring the long crystalline beaches.

Address : 5th June Av, Seychelles

Location : -4.5844095, 55.4659259

Nearest Public Transport : bel air bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : `

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Anse Intendance

Located in Southern Mahe, Anse Intendance is a beach covered with powdered white sand and huge breakers, and is perfect for surfing. Reefs are absent from the beach leading to very larger waves as compared to other beaches on Mahe Island.

Address : Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.7862365, 55.5011978

Nearest Public Transport : bel air bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Beau Vallon Beach

One of the most popular islands on the Mahe Island, Beau Vallon Beach is located on the northwestern coast of Mahe. Because of its pristine and clear water, it serves as a base for diving and snorkeling. An evening stroll along the coastline promises to be a very relaxing experience. The beach also has a wide range of restaurants and hotels to satiate your hunger.

Address : Beau Vallon, Mahe Island, Seychelles

Location : -4.615603, 55.42284910000001

Nearest Public Transport : 5th June Ave bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No



### 7.2.11. Michael Adams Art Studio

Michael Adams is the best-known artist of the country, who has been working here since 1972. He was awarded the title of the Member of British Empire. The art studio is a perfect stop for all the art-lovers as his gallery is filled with watercolor paintings, line blocks, colorful silk-screens, postcards and calendars. The items on sale range from SCR 20 to SCR 23,000.

Address : W Coast Rd, Seychelles

Location : -4.743968599999999, 55.476670900000045

Contact : +248 4361006

Website : <http://www.michaeladamsart.com/>

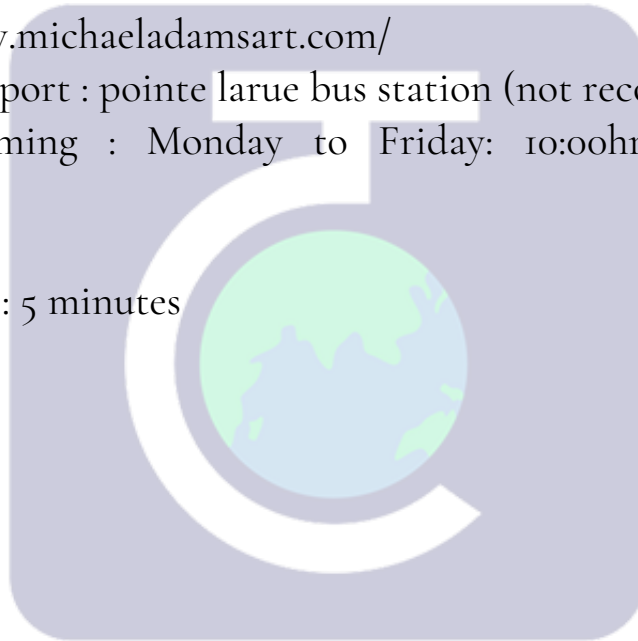
Nearest Public Transport : pointe larue bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-12:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Away from the hustle bustle of the city life, the capital of Seychelles, Victoria, has something in store for all the adventurous blood out there. You cannot simply afford to miss out on the water sport activities on the magnificent beaches of Mahe Island. Snorkeling, swimming, surfing, diving and horseback riding are a must try here in the city of Victoria.

- **Diving & Snorkeling -**

Address : Beau Vallon, Seychelles

Location : -4.6148551,55.4262238999999

Contact No : +248 4 247 165

Website : <http://www.diveseychelles.com.sc/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : 5th June Ave bus station

Entry Fees : Snorkeling: SCR 375 per person Diving: SCR 750 per person

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 08:30hrs-17:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

- **Scuba Diving -**

Address : Mare Anglaise, Seychelles

Location : -4.603032,55.432185

Contact No : +248 4 261 106

Website : <http://www.bigbluedivers.net/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : bel air bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fees : SCR 750 per person

Open / Close Time : Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

- **Surfing -**

Address : iSurf Seychelles, Baie Lazare, Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.7554343,55.4784465

Contact No : +248 254 3069

Website : <http://www.isurfseychelles.com/>

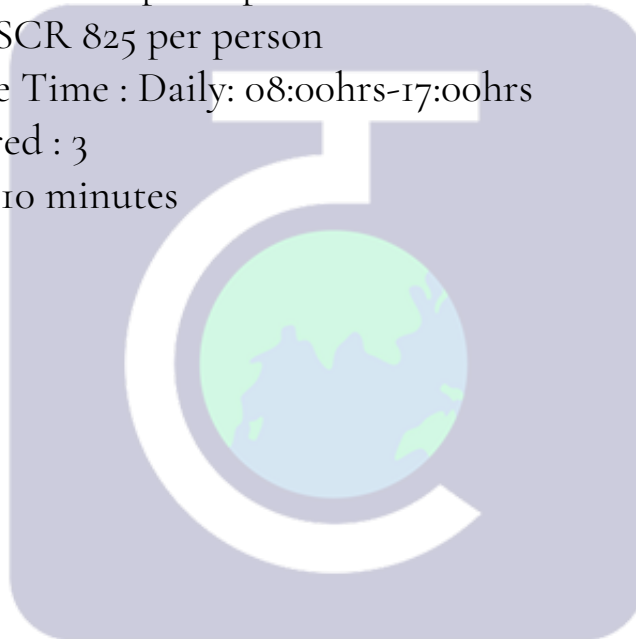
Nearest Public Transport : pointe laure bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fees : SCR 825 per person

Open / Close Time : Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 10 minutes



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## 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The Seychellois play football, cricket, basketball, rugby and volleyball with great enthusiasm and high spirits. Athletes are encouraged to participate in various athletic events around the world. Apart from land-based sports, other water sports enjoyed by the Seychellois are swimming, snorkeling and surfing.

- **Stade Popiler:**

Address : Roche Caiman, Victoria, Seychelles

Location : -4.6245965000000001,55.454257200000003

- **Stade Linite:**

Address : Roche Caiman, Mahe Island, Seychelles

Location : -4.634755,55.468623900000001



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### 10. Spas and relaxation

What's a trip to the capital city of Seychelles without indulging into some mind and soul rejuvenating hammam massages, spa and fitness treatments?! Unwind between the tropical vegetation, sandy beaches and lush greeneries here at Beau Vallon and Baie Lazare on Mahe Island.

- **Savoy Resort & Spa:**

Address : Savoy Resort & Spa, Box 400, Mahe Island, Beau Vallon, Seychelles

Location : -4.612318599999999,55.430894699999995

Contact No : +248 4 392 000

Website : <http://www.savoy.sc/spa/massage/>

- **Peppermint Beauty and SPA:**

Address : St Louis Rd, Beau Vallon, Seychelles

Location : -4.6186889,55.4302740000000054

Contact No : +248 2 530 778

Website : <http://peppermintbeautyandspa.com/>

- **Spa by Clarins:**

Address : Sainte Anne Island, Seychelles

Location : -4.6125201,55.499114899999995

Contact No : +248 4 292 000

Website : <http://www.beachcomber-hotels.com/hotel-spa/sainte-anne-resort-spa#text>

- **Kempinski Seychelles Resort:**

Address : Kempinski Seychelles Resort, Baie Lazare, Mahe Island, Seychelles

Location : -4.755817,55.4757230000000016

Contact No : +248 438 6666

Website : <https://www.kempinski.com/en/baie-lazare/seychelles-resort/luxury-spa/massages-and-treatments/>



## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Thaipusam Kavadi

**Celebrated by the Hindu community, Thaipusam Kavadi is an annual event celebrated in the months of January and February where people gather in the city to offer pots of milk to their warrior deity, Murugan.**

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#### Seychelles Eco-Friendly

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**Marathon is organized on the last Sunday of February every year. It provides a great platform to the marathon runners across the globe.**

#### Carnaval International de Victoria

**Carnaval International de Victoria is an annual event which is**

**celebrated in the month of April over a period of two days along with a colorful parade. It is the most vibrant festival celebrated in Seychelles.**

### **Independence Day**

**Independence Day is celebrated on June 29th with lots of flag waving, dancing, singing and folklores.**

### **Round Table Beau Vallon Regatta**

**Round Table Beau Vallon Regatta is held either during the month of August or September. Yacht races and heaps of other water activities are conducted in the event.**

### **Festival Kreol**

**Celebrated in the month of October every year, Festival Kreol is a musical festival and one of the biggest events of the country's cultural calendar.**

### **SUBIOS Underwater festival**

**SUBIOS Underwater festival is an annual event which is celebrated in early October and the festivity aims at underwater conservation.**

### **Christmas**



**Christmas is celebrated with  
high spirits in the city of Victoria.**



**Index****12. Key local guides and tours**

It is advisable to discover the capital city of Seychelles with the help of a local tour and local guide. You can't have enough of the Seychelles' vibrant culture mix and idyllic beaches. There are many tour operators in Victoria which offer tailor-made day tours, adventure trips, sport activities, sea cruises and excursions around the Mahe Island. Some of which are 7° South, Pure Escapes, Elite Club and Select-Seychelles.



## 13. Transportation hubs

**Airport:** Seychelles International Airport is located 11 kilometers southeast of Victoria in Seychelles. Either hail a taxi or board a bus to reach into the city of Victoria. A taxi ride would cost you around SCR 75 and a surcharge applies at night resulting to a fare of SCR 100. The ride would take around 15-20 minutes. The Seychelles International Airport offers bus services in every 20 to 30 minutes throughout the day. A bus ride would cost you around SCR 3.

**Ferry Port:** Cat Cocos is a transportation service provider which offers fast ferry services connecting Mahe, Praslin and La Digue Islands in the Seychelles. A one-way ferry ride in economy class from Mahe to La Digue via Praslin would cost you around 56 Euros and a round trip would cost you around 110 Euros.

**Bus Station:** Seychelles Public Transport Corporation, the only public transportation service provider in Seychelles, was established in December 1997. It operates on the islands of Mahe and Praslin and cater to around 65,000 people. Over 600 bus trips are made daily on the island of Mahe.

**Index****14. Transportation cost**

Taxi: The flat rate of taxis in Victoria, Seychelles is SCR 40. Per kilometer a fare of SCR 40 is charged and SCR 100 is charged for an hour's waiting. If you hire a SUV, a fare of SCR 400,000 is charged. Bus: The Seychelles Public Transport Corporation charges a flat rate of SCR 5 per trip. You will have to pay SCR 10 for an air-conditioned bus services which relatively offers a greater level of comfort.



**Index****15. Baggage allowance**

No extra amount is charged for carrying your luggage in the local buses of Seychelles. But it is recommended to travel with less baggage and carry a backpack only whilst exploring the city.



**Index****16. Must try food and local savouries**

A trip to Seychelles is incomplete without indulging into some mouthwatering traditional Creole cuisine. Also, try out different species of bananas. And some freshly caught fish and seafood is something that you really cannot afford to miss!



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### 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Visit Beau Vallon, De Quincy and Baie Lazare to experience some fine dining in the city of Victoria on Mahe Island. Don't keep your gustatory organ away from the following restaurants and bars whilst spending a vacation in the capital city of Seychelles.

#### Food -

Visit Beau Vallon, De Quincy and Baie Lazare to experience some fine dining in the city of Victoria on Mahe Island. Don't keep your gustatory organ away from the following restaurants and bars whilst spending a vacation in the capital city of Seychelles.

- **Boat House:**

Address : Mount Fleuri Road, Beau Vallon, Seychelles

Location : -4.609486599,55.431548000

Contact No : +248 424 7898

Website : <http://www.boathouseseychelles.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Bravo Restaurant:**

Address : Eden House, Eden Island, Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.6408999,55.475217100

Contact No : +248 4 346 020

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Bravo-Restaurant-291048157685081/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Del place Restaurant:**

Address : Port Launay Road, N.Y.S. Village, Seychelles

Location : -4.6607056,55.410742799

Contact No : +248 2 814 111

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/delplacrestaurant/timeline>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Marie Antoinette:**

Address : Serret Road, Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.622383600,55.446616700

Contact No : +248 4 266 222

Website : [http://www.marieantoinette.sc/en/contact\\_us/](http://www.marieantoinette.sc/en/contact_us/)

Open / Close Time : Daily: 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Baobab Pizzeria:**

Address : North Coast Road, De Quincy, Mare Anglaise, Seychelles

Location : -4.6087704,55.431806999

Contact No : +248 4 24 7167

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Sunday: 12:30hrs-16:00hrs and 18:30hrs-22:00hrs Monday: Closed

- **La Perle Noire Restaurant:**

Address : Coral Strand Road, Beau Vallon, Seychelles

Location : -4.6133846,55.429801900

Contact No : +248 4 620 220

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/La-Perle-Noire-Restaurant-Beau-Vallon/257269277697164>



Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 19:00hrs-23:00hrs Sunday: Closed

- **Maria's Rock Cafe:**

Address : Anse Gouvernment Road, Seychelles

Location : -4.754670900,55.471251800

Contact No : +248 2 575 544

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Marias-Rock-Cafe-275466265848239/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Monday: 12:00hrs-21:00hrs Tuesday: Closed

- **Chez Plume:**

Address : W Coast Rd Grand Anse, Mahe, Seychelles

Location : -4.7033508,55.4741441999999

Contact No : +248 4 355 050

Website : <http://www.aubergeanseboileau.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 19:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **L'Indochine:**

Address : Kempinski Seychelles Resort, Baie Lazare, Mahe Island, Seychelles

Location : -4.755817,55.475723000

Contact No : +248 438 6666

Website : <https://www.kempinski.com/en/baie-lazare/seychelles-resort/dining/restaurants/l-indochine/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 19:00hrs-22:30hrs



**Index****18. Average meal cost**

Economical meal: SCR 30.00 – SCR 80.00 Mid-segment restaurant: SCR 100.00 – SCR 150.00 for lunch and SCR 150.00 – SCR 200.00 for dinner Luxury dining: SCR 250.00 – SCR 400.00



## 19. Shopping

For all the shopaholics out there, any visit to the city of Victoria is incomplete without a trip to the Sir Selwyn Clarke Market, also known as the Victoria Market.



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### 20. Tourist benefits

On most goods and services in Seychelles, 15% is the standard rate of Value Added Tax which is charged. If you have proper VAT invoices of the purchase of any of the following items then you are eligible to claim VAT refund. The goods include the following:

- Article or jewelry of precious metals
- Article of natural or cultured (farming)
- Precious or semi-precious stones (Natural or synthetic)
- Silk, wooden, dhurries and chain stitch carpets
- Crafted artifacts, arts or sculpture
- Manufactured fragrance or perfume
- Manufactured toiletries or fashion accessories
- Cosmetic items
- Accessories including hand bags, hats/caps, backpacks, shoes and sunglasses
- Technological and electronic devices.

To claim the refund, it is mandatory to purchase the items from a VAT registered vendor. The goods purchased along with the foreign passport, flight ticket (or boarding pass) and VAT invoices need to be presented to Customs for inspection. The customer officer when satisfied will endorse all invoices with a stamp and these endorsed invoices need to be proceeded to the Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC) Counter at the airport. Thereafter you are issued a receipt and after signing it you need to get it stamped by the SRC officer. Present the same at the payment counter and you'll be entitled your refund. An administrative fee of SCR 150 is imposed per claim of a VAT refund.

**Index****21. Essential local apps**

To know the eensy-weensy of the Mahe Island, download Seychelles Digital Brochure. To notify your Facebook friends if something goes wrong, download Yalahwy and your friends will mobilize to come at your rescue.



## 22. Driving

Explore the magnificent city of Victoria on Mahe Island by renting a car and driving it on your own. Left hand side driving is done in the city and preference is given to the vehicles coming from the right. It is mandatory for both driver and front seat passenger to wear seatbelts. Driving in the city of Victoria is much disciplined. So do get an insight of traffic rules before getting your vehicle on road. If your stay in the city is planned for three months then you can use your National driving license to drive a vehicle in the city of Victoria. But if your stay exceeds three months then you need to convert your National Driving License into a Seychelles permit from Seychelles Licensing Authority. For travelers from Russia, China and India; it is advisable to get the license written in Latin letters too as to make it easier for the person to read it during any possible road check without the pains of acquiring any special language skills. If this can't be done then it would be a wise decision to obtain an International Driving Permit in your home country, especially if you are a fernweh.

**Index****23. Travel essentials**

When travelling to Seychelles, make sure that you pack a travel adaptor or portable charger. Seychelles uses the British standard square three-pin, 13 amp sharp electric plug. The voltage throughout the country is 220-240 volts AC 50 Hz.





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**Index****25. Local currency**

Seychelles Rupees is the official currency of Seychelles. It is denoted as either SCR or Rs. 1 USD = 13.2480 SCR



## 26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Authorized banks and Bureau de Change remain the best source of exchanging currency. Nonetheless, one can change currency at hotels too. Also, for convenience, private exchange agencies are located in the city. The banks at the airport provide with the currency exchange facilities. These facilities are open for all flight departures and arrivals. Some bank branches at the airport provide the facility of exchanging the traveler's cheque and foreign currency too. In order to facilitate re-exchange on departure, you need to keep currency exchange receipt safe with you. Hotel bills must be paid in foreign currency (in the form of cash, debit or credit cards and traveler's cheque). Only credit cards and foreign currency is accepted at the duty-free shops at the airport. You are allowed to pay in local currency only if you can show exchange receipt as a proof of the conversion from foreign currency into local currency. ATMs are ubiquitous in the city of Victoria. Maximum withdrawal limit is SCR 15,000 at Barclays ATM in the city. Working days for banks in Victoria are from Monday to Saturday. On Sunday, banks remain closed. Typical banking hours of banks are from 08:30hours to 14:30hours from Monday to Friday and its 08:30hours to 11:30hours on Saturdays.

## 27. Staying connected

Cable & Wireless and Airtel are two GSM networks which are operational in Seychelles. CDMA networks are not yet supported in the country. Travelers can avail the services of payphones too in most of the districts on the inner Islands. An airtel sim card can be bought at the airport for free of cost. After buying the sim you can get airtime by visiting any of the small shops near the cafeteria just outside the airport. To activate your sim card, you need to ensure that it is not locked by your HKG network operator. Cable & Wireless offers prepaid broadband vouchers too. You can buy a voucher for SCR 25 to consume 50MB data. A voucher for SCR 300 can be bought too to consume 1GB data. The Station Hotel provides with iSurf internet facilities and by getting a recharge with predefined 3.75G cellular internet packages, you can use internet by enabling apps like Whatsapp, Skype, Viber and any other communication app that you prefer. To avail all the communication facilities in Seychelles you need a copy of your passport and your original passport.

## 28. Time Zone

Seychelles Time Zone: UTC+04:00



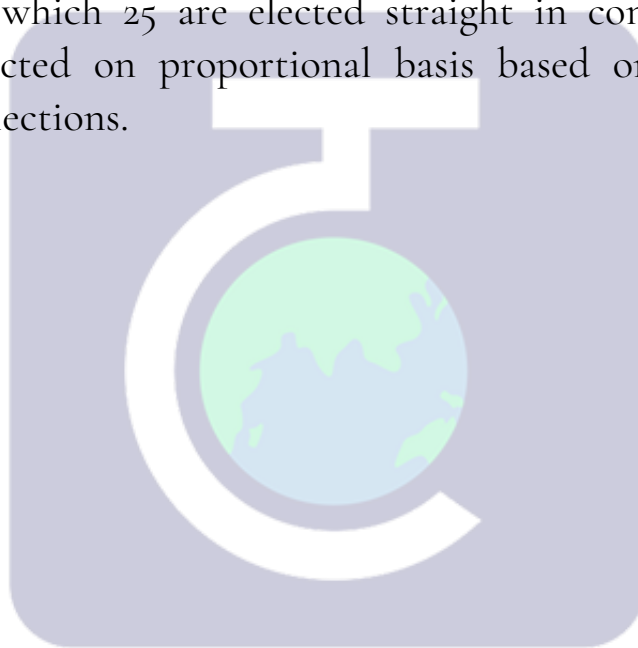
## 29. Languages

Creole, English and French are the three official languages of Victoria. Also, Italian and German is practiced by a small minority in the city of Victoria.



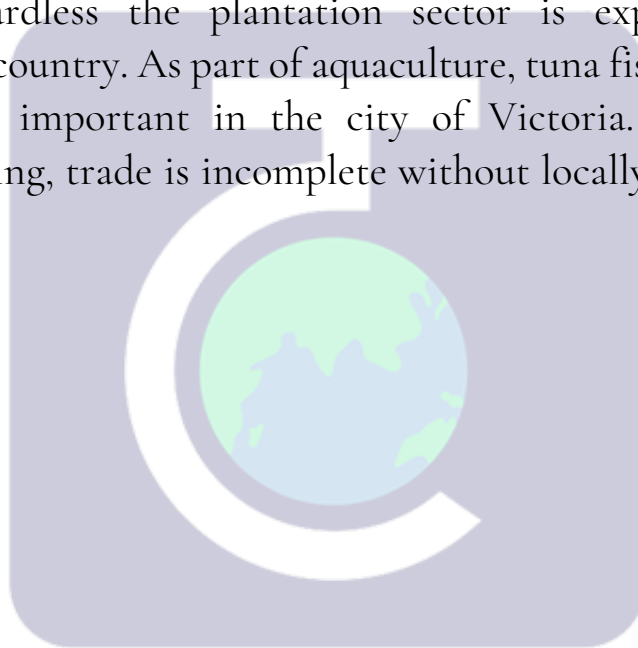
**Index****30. Political Scenario**

The Republic of Seychelles has a multi-party system since 1992 and the head of government, i.e. the President heads both the government and the state. The council of ministers are appointed by him as per the present constitution which was stipulated in 1993. Elections are held in every five years to elect the chief of the government and the legislative power is entrusted in a National Assembly of 32 members out of which 25 are elected straight in constituencies with the remaining being elected on proportional basis based on the results of the National Assembly elections.



### 31. Economic Scenario

In a land-based plantation economy of Seychelles, cinnamon and vanilla are the main exports. With the rise of tourism sector in the country, the agriculture sector has declined and currently it contributes about 4 percent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country. Less than 10% of the workforce is employed in agriculture and plantation sector. Seychelles produces very high quality copra. Regardless the plantation sector is expected to disappear completely from the country. As part of aquaculture, tuna fishing and canning are becoming extremely important in the city of Victoria. Apart from export oriented manufacturing, trade is incomplete without locally produced fishes and vegetables.





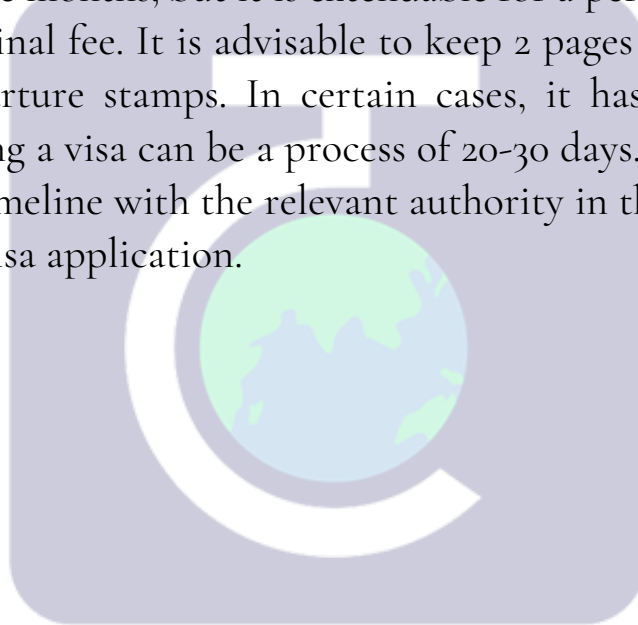
**Index****32. Religious belief**

Roman Catholicism remains the dominant religion of Seychelles comprising around 90% of the population of Roman Catholics. Around 8% of the population is of Anglican too. There are worship places of other denominations too which includes Muslim, Hindu and Bahai communities.



### 33. Visa requirements

Seychelles is a VISA-free country, that is, none of the foreign nationals visiting the country needs a VISA. They are granted VISA free access to the country. On arrival to Seychelles, a visitor's permit is issued for free of cost to a person who comes either for a leisure trip or a business trip. All you need is a valid passport, return or ahead ticket, proof of accommodation and adequate funds. This permit is valid for up to three months, but it is extendable for a period of 3 more months by paying some nominal fee. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



**Index****34. Essential vaccination**

Every traveler should be up-to-date on routine vaccinations before every trip. These vaccinations include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine and your yearly flu shot. Inoculations against Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and tuberculosis are recommended. Also, travelers over 1 year of age arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and travelers who have transited more than 12 hours through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission need to possess yellow fever vaccination certificate. It is necessary to show the certificate on arrival.



### 35. Theft and Safety

The level of crime in Victoria, Seychelles is relatively low than other African countries. But it is advisable to take reasonable precautions as opportunist crime does happen and a person would never ever leave a tempting opportunity to steal. Take care of your belongings and never leave it unattended. Don't carry large sums of money or valuables whilst exploring the city. Always buy your tours from a licensed operator and refrain from proposing rides to strangers.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

To know more about foreign embassy consulates in Seychelles, click here <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/seychelles>



## **37. Accessibility**

Victoria is “differently-abled” friendly. It offers an array of disabled accessible hotels and resorts. Also, the islands of Seychelles and beaches of Mahe Island are accessible on a wheelchair.



**Index****38. Emergencies**

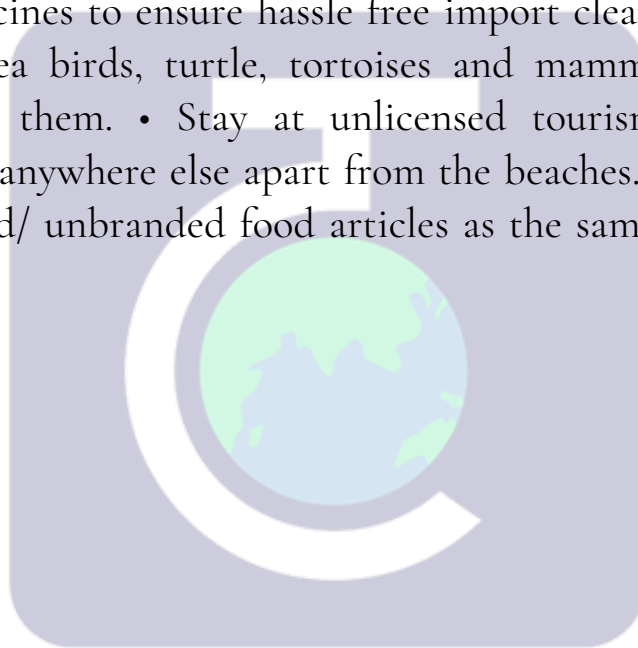
- To reach out to police and Seychelles fire and rescue services, dial 999.
- Dial 151 for any medical help in Seychelles.
- Hospitals The city of Victoria serves with various medical facilities and call-out doctors are available too on request from accommodation establishments and island resorts. Victoria Hospital NOTE: All health insurances and travel insurances are accepted here.



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### 39. Do's and Don'ts

Dos • Greet everyone and shake hands with the people you meet in the city of Victoria. • Carry minimum cash and valuable items whilst exploring the city. • Always keep an eye on your luggage when moving places. • Apply sunscreen before getting sun tanned. • Be mindful whilst dealing with flora and fauna. Walk carefully on the reefs. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Don'ts • Litter around. • Disturb sea birds, turtle, tortoises and mammals or their nesting grounds by feeding them. • Stay at unlicensed tourism premises. • Wear swimming costumes anywhere else apart from the beaches. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.





**Index****40.Tipping basics**

It is not mandatory to tip in the city of Victoria in Seychelles as most of the hotels, restaurants, taxis, porters etc. charges include a 5% to 10% service charge or what we call is “tip”. Thus, resulting into no obligation of tipping in Victoria, Seychelles. However a nominal tip is always warmly received by the Seychellois as a reward for rendering exceptional services.



**Index****41.Pet info**

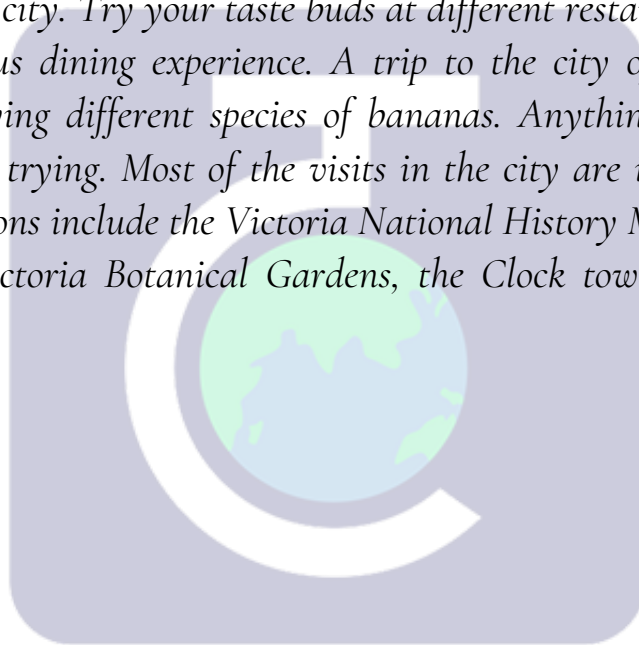
The city of Victoria in Seychelles does not permit the entry of any kind bird species at all and pets less than six months are not accepted either. All cats and dogs entering the city need an Import Permit issued by the Veterinary Services. The pets entering the city are required to possess all valid vaccination records including proof of Rabies inoculation and a Veterinary Health Certificate. These pets will be indebted to undergo a quarantine period of two weeks to six months, depending on the country of origin.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Seychelles is a perfect option for leisure trips which includes splendid beaches, luxury resorts, aquatic delights and ecotourism & wildlife spotting. The beauty of the capital city, Victoria, lies in its white sandy beaches, turquoise water, scorching sunsets and green jungles. All these together make everything around so surreal and bizarre. The city reflects the authentic traditional Creole culture. You can't simply get enough of the Creole cuisine and architecture in the city. Try your taste buds at different restaurants and indulge into some beyond sumptuous dining experience. A trip to the city of Victoria is definitely incomplete without trying different species of bananas. Anything and everything with bananas in it is worth trying. Most of the visits in the city are into the talcum powder beaches. Other attractions include the Victoria National History Museum, the Sir Selwyn Clarke Market, the Victoria Botanical Gardens, the Clock tower and other botanical gardens and trails.*



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