

Seychelles

Continent: Africa

Languages Spoken: Seychellois Creole, English, French

Population: 98,000

Currency: Seychellois Rupee (SCR)

Area: 459

Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve', 'writeup': 'A UNESCO World Heritage site on Praslin Island, known for its unique palm forest and the rare Coco de Mer palm.'}

- {'name': "Anse Source d'Argent", 'writeup': 'Famous beach on La Digue Island, renowned for its pink sand, granite boulders, and clear turquoise waters.'}

- {'name': 'Morne Seychellois National Park', 'writeup': 'Largest national park on Mahé Island, featuring hiking trails and diverse flora and fauna.'}

Head of State / Government:

President Wavel Ramkalawan

Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Festival Kreol', 'writeup': 'Annual cultural festival celebrating Creole heritage with music, dance, food, and art.'}

- {'name': 'Independence Day', 'writeup': "Celebrated on June 29th, marking Seychelles' independence from the United Kingdom in 1976."}

Food & Cuisine:

Seychellois cuisine is a blend of African, French, Indian, and Chinese influences, featuring seafood, tropical fruits, and spices. Popular dishes include grilled fish, octopus curry, and ladob, a dessert made from plantains or breadfruit.

Brief History:

Seychelles was uninhabited until the 18th century when it was colonized by the French, later becoming a British colony. It gained independence in 1976 and has since developed into a stable republic with a focus on tourism and conservation.

Important People:

- James Mancham - First President of Seychelles

- France-Albert René - Former President who led the country for nearly 30 years

- Wavel Ramkalawan - Current President and opposition leader

Current Conflicts:

Seychelles is generally peaceful with no significant internal or external conflicts at present.

Youtube Links:

- Seychelles Travel Guide - Top Things to Do in Seychelles
- Discover Seychelles: Islands of Paradise
- Seychelles - The Ultimate Island Getaway
- Wildlife and Nature of Seychelles
- Seychelles Culture and Traditions Explained