

SEASON COMPARISON

ALHPONSE ISLAND

The two Seychelles seasons are distinguished by the winds that blow during each period. The northwest season is an eight month season, running from October to May, has less wind, calmer seas and a higher rainfall. The southeast season is the windy season with a dryer climate and very little rainfall. The southeast does not effect any on island experiences. Both seasons present a slightly different travel experience, both picturesque and unforgettable.

The Seychelles Outer Islands experience two main seasons: the Northwest Season (October to May) and the Southeast Trade Season (June to September).

	NORTHWEST SEASON (OCTOBER – MAY)		SOUTHEAST SEASON (JUNE – SEPTEMBER)	
	ADVANTAGES	CONSIDERATIONS	ADVANTAGES	CONSIDERATIONS
PACKAGE	Leisure Package		Stay Pay Package (Stay 7, Pay 5) and possibility of a free upgrade to a Beach Villa.	
WEATHER	Temperatures, ±30°C, a pleasant tropical climate. Gentler winds.	Tropical showers can be expected.	Cooler average temperature of 28°C. Decreased humidity due to the trade winds. Less chance of rain.	Stronger winds (15-20 knots).
LEISURE	Calm sea conditions make it perfect for swimming, snorkelling, and other water activities.	A vibrant and buzzy experience over festive period, when the island will have more guests due to higher occupancy levels.	Lower occupancy levels, creates a more secluded and private experience. The main lodge and beach bar are in the lee of the wind, providing a beautiful windless beach and great swimming. More swell for surfing. More wind for kite surfing (own equipment required).	Boat based activities are scheduled in accordance with wind and sea conditions and can be delayed or postponed if there is excessive wind.
NATURE	There is a higher chance of seeing hatching hawksbill turtles as they nest between October and March. Wedgetail Shearwaters nest from September to March.	Manta rays, dolphins, hawksbill and green turtles are in abundance all year round Humpback whales are not common during the northwest season.	Green turtles are seen year round, but there are distinct peaks in their nesting between June and September. Humpback whales migrate past Seychelles. There is a large influx of frigatebirds in May/June and red-footed boobies in September. Brown noddies are nesting.	Manta rays, dolphins, hawksbill and green turtles are in abundance all year round. Humpback whales are present only in the southeasterly period. Boat based activities are scheduled in accordance with wind and seas conditions.
FISHING	All fishing spots are easily accessible, particularly offshore areas. Gentler winds make for easier casting. Pleasant calm days for bluewater fishing. Calmer weather makes it easier to target milkfish.	Bonefish, GTs, triggerfish, Indo- Pacific permit, barracuda, milkfish, sailfish, wahoo and tuna are in abundance all year around.	Less chance of rain affecting visibility. All fly fishing species are abundant. It is the best time of the year for yellowfin tuna and Indo-Pacific permit. An exclusive fishing experience with only 4 to 6 anglers fishing St Francois.	Casting is more challenging in the wind. Cooler water resulting in more refusals from GT's. Water conditions not always suitable for milkfish. Bluewater fishing can be restricted to the lea of Alphonse and St Francois.
DIVING & SNORKELING	Clamer sea conditions allows for all the dive sites to be accessible. The best time of year for diving and snorkelling enthusiasts. The peak season for manta ray encounters is October to January, although they are present in abundanvce all year round.	Less chance of seeing sharks as a result of higher water temperatures.	Higher chances of encountering sharks, pelagic fish and humpback whales.	A full wetsuit is recommended for diving in 24-25°C water. Diving is scheduled in accordance with wind and seas conditions and may be delayed or postponed. Only half the dive sites are accessible as we are limited to the lea of Alphonse and St Francois. The snorkelling house reef requires a 150 meter walk or swim to the edge of the reef.