

ZANZIBAR TO SEYCHELLES TANZANIA & WEST INDIAN OCEAN



Join Dick and Leslie West for a 13-day expedition cruise from Zanzibar to the Seychelle Islands in the western Indian Ocean. A chance to discover stunning natural environments, exceptional wildlife, and UNESCO World Heritage sites loaded with history. Precede the cruise with an unforgettable 8-day safari to the Serengeti, Lake Manyara, and Tarangire National Parks and Ngorongoro Conservation Area.



DATES: 2021: MARCH 23-APRIL 05

DURATION: 14-DAYS/13-NIGHTS

EMBARK: ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

DISEMBARK: VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES

SHIP: LE BOUGANVILLE

FROM: \$8,395*

**Including one-night Zanzibar hotel, transfers, \$200 shipboard credit, port charges, shipboard gratuities and beverages.*

From **Zanzibar**, a city with superb **UNESCO-listed buildings**, blending African, Arab, Indian and European influences over more than a millennium, you will sail to **Pemba Island**, its clove plantations and its fantastic scuba diving sites.

Your next ports of call will be an opportunity to discover the ruins of the 13th-century Swahili trading post of **Kilwa Kisiwani**, before heading to **Mayotte**. This small French archipelago protected by a double barrier reef is the refuge of an incredibly rich fauna: dolphins, rays, giant turtles, and the region's last dugongs can be observed here.

After calling at **the Glorioso Islands in the Scattered Islands**, your ship will set a course for **Aldabra Atoll**, a largely untouched natural sanctuary listed as **World Heritage by UNESCO**.

Further on, the small islands of **Assumption, Astove** and **Alphonse** will be an opportunity to snorkel and dive among brightly colored sea life.

Before disembarking in **Victoria** on the island of **Mahé**, a veritable picture-postcard awaits you in **La Digue**: palm trees, granite rocks, white sand and crystal-clear waters.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discovery of several islands of Tanzania, Mayotte, the Scattered Islands and the Seychelles during one same cruise.
- Outings in Zodiac® inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides and landings on idyllic beaches.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Aldabra, the largest coral atoll in the world, the ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani, and Zanzibar's Stone Town.
- Flora, coral reefs and marine fauna of the archipelago of Zanzibar, the "Spice Island".
- Discovery of the Scattered Islands, a geological sanctuary with nature reserve status since 1975.
- The possibility of observing tortoises and many species of birds on Aldabra.
- In the Seychelles, Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.

DAY 1 – 23 MARCH - ARRIVE ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

Meet at the airport and transfer to your deluxe hotel.

DAY 2 – 24 MARCH – ZANZIBAR

Once an outpost along the legendary Indian Ocean trade route, today a certain whiff of adventure still pervades Zanzibar. This will also be the place to discover "Stone Town", the historical center of Zanzibar, a UNESCO World Heritage site. **Embarkation is from 16H00 to 17H00 – Departure at 20H00.**

DAYS 3-4 – 25-26 MARCH – PEMBA AND MISALI ISLANDS

Pemba and small Misali Islands are part of the Zanzibar Archipelago, also known as the Spice Islands, lying within the Swahili Coast in the Indian Ocean, famous for the pristine, untouched reefs that the islands offer.

DAY 5 - 27 MARCH – KILWA KISIWANI

Kilwa Kisiwani has been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site along with the nearby stonetown Songo Mnara.

DAY 6 - 28 MARCH – DAY AT SEA

DAY 7 - 29 MARCH – MAMOUDZOU, MAYOTTE

Mamoudzou is the capital of the French overseas region and department of Mayotte, in the Indian Ocean. Mamoudzou is the most populated commune of Mayotte. It is located on Grande-Terre, the main island of Mayotte.



DAY 8 - 30 MARCH – GLORIEUSES, SCATTERED ISLANDS

The Scattered Islands are like minuscule confetti sprinkled around Madagascar and form an archipelago of unrivalled beauty. Their geographical isolation, and their very limited human settlement make them a true geological sanctuary, classed as a nature reserve since 1975. Regularly used as the "zero point" in scientific studies, they offer their rare visitors almost pristine vegetation composed mainly of mangrove, as well as

long beaches of shimmering sand stretching out behind turquoise lagoons, and coral reefs that are home to the world's highest concentration of sea turtles.



DAY 9 - 31 MARCH – ASSUMPTION ISLAND

A handful of people live there, in a small village in the island's west. The island's beaches are a major egg-laying and breeding site for sea turtles. The surrounding waters are ideal for scuba diving and snorkeling.

DAY 10 - 1 APRIL 2021 – ALDABRA ATOLL

Located in the very heart of this faraway archipelago, the Aldabra Atoll is considered to be one of the last virtually untouched sanctuaries on earth, where a large population of sea turtles has found refuge. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this vast tract of land is formed by 4 small coral reef islands separated by narrow passes and containing an emerald-water lagoon lined with mangrove and fine-sand beaches.

DAY 11 - 2 APRIL – ASTOVE ISLAND

Closer to Madagascar than to Victoria, Astove is the southernmost island in the Seychelles. Renowned for the richness of its seabeds, it also attracts experienced divers, who visit the atoll to explore the "Astove Wall", where the sea floor drops to a depth of about 40 meters. The wall is covered in coral and many fish and green sea turtles can be found there.



DAY 12 - 3 APRIL – ALPHONSE ISLAND

Alphonse Island is located off the Seychelles archipelago and is renowned for its rich underwater life and coral, among the best preserved in the Indian Ocean.

A marvelous spectacle that can be admired with just a mask!



DAY 13 - 4 APRIL – LA DIGUE ISLAND & VICTORIA, MAHÉ

La Digue Island is a veritable concentration of all the beauty of the Seychelles. Turquoise waters just asking you to swim in them, lush vegetation sheltering giant tortoises, beaches of fine sand fringed with coconut trees and surrounded with those emblematic large granite rocks with their pink highlights like at the famous Anse Source d'Argent: the perfect picture post-card.

Discover Mahé, the main island of the Seychelles and also the largest of the archipelago, home to the capital, Victoria. Mahé has almost 70 beaches of fine sand, framed by the emblematic granite rocks, and whose crystal-clear waters are renowned for their rich underwater life.



DAY 14 – 5 APRIL - VICTORIA, MAHÉ

DISEMBARK. Transfer to hotel or airport. Stay a day or two - The island is famous for its splendid mountain panoramas accessible on hikes, such as the Morne Seychellois, which is 905 meters high and overlooks the Indian Ocean. Mahé is also an island full of history where fine colonial properties rub shoulders with Creole houses - and don't forget the marvelous Botanical Gardens in Victoria.



ALL SUITES HAVE PRIVATE BALCONIES

Rates are per person, Double Occupancy

Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.

Included features:

- All accommodations, meals, beverages and excursions described above
- Gratuities to crew, guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 13-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Le Bouganville*, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.
- Port Charges
- Free Wi Fi
- **\$200 per cabin shipboard credit**
- **One night pre-cruise Zanzibar Deluxe hotel, with transfers**

Not included:

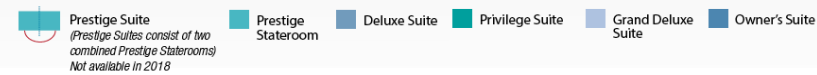
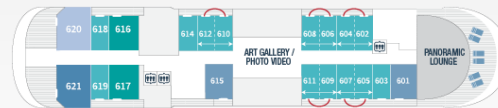
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, etc.)
- Travel and Emergency Evacuation insurance

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SUITE –		RATE
Deluxe – Deck 3	\$7,920	\$7,920
Prestige – Dk 4	\$8,820	\$8,395
Prestige – Dk 5	\$9,250	\$8,525
Prestige – Dk 6	\$9,700	\$8,935
Deluxe Ste – Dk 3, 4, 5, 6	\$13,440	\$13,440
Prestige Ste – Dk 5	\$18,170	\$18,170
Prestige Ste – Dk 6	\$19,050	\$19,050
Privilege Ste – Dk 5 & 6	\$19,990	\$19,990
Grand Deluxe – Dk 5 & 6	\$21,960	\$21,960
OWNER SUITE	\$26,940	\$26,940

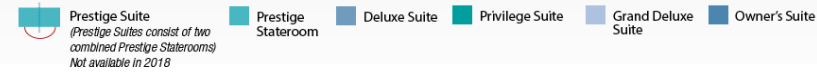
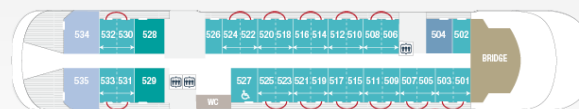
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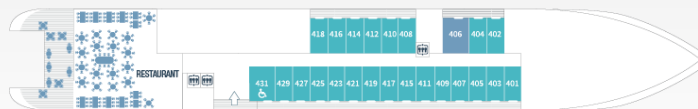
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