

Air Seychelles'

Press Kit



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Our Vision

To be the best 'service' organisation in the Indian Ocean.

Our Mission

We provide safe, caring and reliable services to our customers.

We invest in our people for the mutual benefit of the
company, the individual and the community.

We provide services that represent value for money whilst
achieving a fair return on investment.

We work with other partners of the tourism industry to
continually improve the quality of the
"Seychelles experience".

The Creole Spirit

The Creole Spirit is the *'experience of Seychelles in a nutshell'*. Evoking the sights, sounds and fragrances of Seychelles, it captures the spontaneous joie-de-vivre, passion and natural warmth of the Seychellois people shining through their attitude to life and the way they interact with others.

It faithfully echoes an authentic, exotic, island-style way of living rooted in the multi ethnic harmony and family values of a soulful way of living close to the rhythms of Nature.

The Creole Spirit embodies a distinct approach to, and celebration of, life that is unique to the Seychelles Islands.



Facts

OWNER:

Air Seychelles is 100% government owned.

FLEET SIZE:

International services

2 Boeings 767-300 ER (24 Pearl Class seats-219 Y seats)
 1 Boeing 767-300 ER (30 Business class & 187 Economy class seats)
 1 Boeing 767-200 ER (18 Business class & 194 Economy class seats)
 1 Boeing 767-205 EM (24 Business class & 169 Economy class seats)

Inter-island services

3 Twin Otters De Havilland (20 seats)
 2 SHORTS 360 (36 seats)

ROUTES:

London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Milan, Paris, Rome, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Mauritius and Singapore.

PARTNERS/ALLIANCES:

Air France alliance and unilateral route joint operations codeshare on Paris Charles de Gaulle-Mahé, Air Seychelles operating carrier since October 1997.

EMPLOYEES:

815 as at December 2008
 Female Pilot: 1 Captain and 2 First Officers
 (All between the ages of 25 and 32yrs)

FUTURE PLANS:

To expand on its European Routes
 To expand its fleet
 To replace the existing Twin Otters with new ones as of 2010
 To add the new B787-900 Dreamliners to its international fleet, in 2013

The Airline

As you step aboard an Air Seychelles aircraft you will not fail to be captivated by the spontaneous welcome and courteous service of the Seychellois crew signalling the beginning of your holiday to the Seychelles Islands.

In operation since 1978, Air Seychelles has evolved from a purely domestic operation into a professional and highly respected National Carrier, transforming it into an important lifeline which supports the tourism industry of this unique archipelago of 115 islands widely considered to be the most beautiful on earth.

On its path Air Seychelles has faced numerous challenges and overcome several obstacles, scoring many successes in the process which, today, place it in the enviable position of being the carrier of choice, transporting over 60% of all visitors.

What better motto than 'Flying the Creole Spirit' to reflect Air Seychelles' particular and uniquely Seychellois blend of high international service standards, simplicity, discreet professionalism and friendliness.

Whether travelling on several weeks' vacation or on a visit of just a few days, embark on an unforgettable experience and fly with the only airline offering an authentic Seychellois ambiance, hospitality and cuisine and 'Fly the Creole Spirit'.

Safety - a top priority

These aircraft which are a part of the airline's international fleet are statistically among the safest and most reliable in the world. The international fleet is regularly maintained by Thompson Airways in Luton, UK, and Singapore Airways in Singapore, as well as by Air Seychelles Engineering in the Seychelles.

Air Seychelles also provides all ground-handling services to other airlines flying to the Seychelles including Emirates, Qatar, Kenya Airways, Condor/Thomas Cook, Air Austral as well as to other private and charter aircraft.

History

1971

Opening of the Seychelles International Airport on Mahé, the main island.

1971-1981

Dramatic increase in the number of passengers leads to the building of short air strips on two other Islands, Praslin and Fregate, both 29 miles from Mahé.

1977

A company is formed by the Government of Seychelles to purchase several small aircraft operators and rationalise the inter-island routes, leaving other companies to bring in visitors from Europe.

1978

The government company is renamed “Air Seychelles”, and is officially created, initially as a Domestic airline.

1983

The government decides to expand into long-haul passenger business, and Air Seychelles acquires a Douglas DC10 through a wet lease agreement with the British Caledonia airways.

October - Opening of the first weekly flight to Europe: Mahé- Frankfurt-London on 26th October 1983 using a DC10 from British Caledonian.

1984

Air Seychelles changed aircraft using Martin Air in the London-Gatwick-Rome-Seychelles route.

Air Seychelles gets its first group of Seychellois cabin crew flying on Martin Air and trained by Mrs. Joan Mermman.

1986

September - Maurice Lousteau–Lalanne appointed Executive Chairman of Air Seychelles in September 1986.

1987

January - As an interim measure to respond to an ever-increasing traffic, Air Seychelles purchased two Boeing 707-320s from Varig Airlines. They were named Mahé and Silhouette.

1988

November - Aviation Seychelles merged with Air Seychelles Limited. Mr. Conrad Benoiton takes over from Mr. Maurice Lousteau-Lalanne as Chairman of Air Seychelles.

1989

June - Air Seychelles acquires its first state of the art aircraft, a Boeing 767-200 ER (Extended Range). It landed at the Seychelles International Airport on the 27th June 1989 after a world record breaking flight from Grand Rapids, Michigan USA and the 8,893 miles (14,311 km) covered, set a new distance record for a commercial twin-jet aircraft. Pilots on board were Captain Williamson and Co-Pilot Norman Mousbé.

July - Air Seychelles Boeing 767-200 ER made its first maiden flight to Singapore on the 31st July 1989.

1993

March - Air Seychelles leases a Boeing 757, named 'Aride'. Boeing 757 made its inaugural flight to Johannesburg on the 27th March. The Boeing 767-200 serves London, Paris, Frankfurt, Zurich and Rome. During that year, the airline carried 40 per cent more passengers than in the previous year.

The newly acquired Boeing 757 also serves Madrid, Nairobi, Johannesburg, Dubai, Mumbai and Singapore.

1995

February - Mr. Freddy Karkaria takes over from Mr. Conrad Benoiton as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Air Seychelles on 1st February.

April - Seychelles-Dubai-Mumbai service launched on 28th April.

July - Air Seychelles introduces an additional flight Spain on the 18th July.

December - Inaugural flight to Tel Aviv on 18th December.

1996

January - Inaugural flight, non-stop to Manchester on the 20th January. Air Seychelles serves 10 destinations on 3 continents with just two Jet aircraft.

July - Air Seychelles adds an extra flight to Rome on the 25th July.

Air Seychelles and Kenya Airways announce a joint venture operation which will allow HM to carry Kenya airways passengers from Seychelles to Nairobi and vice versa.

December - Air Seychelles receives a brand new Boeing 767- 300ER (Vallée de Mai) on 3rd December 1996 in Seattle. The new Boeing operated its maiden commercial flight from Paris and landed in Seychelles on the 4th December.) Boeing 757(Aride) was returned to the ILFC on the 6th December.

1997

Captain David Savy is appointed Chief Executive Officer of Air Seychelles, replacing Mr. Freddy Karkaria in March that year.

October - Air Seychelles and Air Mauritius commence flights to one another's islands, initially using Air Madagascar and an Air Austral aircraft and later progressing to their own B767's. The joint venture Air Seychelles/Air Austral starts its operation to Mauritius on the 30th October.

Air Seychelles and Air France likewise launched into full Joint Venture between Paris and Seychelles using Air Seychelles B767's. Air Seychelles carried Air France's logo.

1998

February - Air Seychelles and British Airways launch joint service between Nairobi and Seychelles on the 29th February.

March - Air Seychelles starts new route to Mauritius on the 31st March using B767 (HM/MK355), operating 3 weekly flights. Air Madagascar and Air Austral stop serving this route.

June - Joint venture between Air Seychelles and Alitalia.

August - Air Seychelles is ranked amongst the World's Best, due to its high standards, according to a leading German travel magazine 'Reise Und Preise' in August.

October - Air Seychelles introduces the No-Smoking policy on all its flights in October.

November - Air Seychelles launches first flight to Milan/Italy on the 1st November, in agreement with Alitalia, adding to another weekly flight to Rome.

1999

April - Air Seychelles and Air Austral enters into a code-share agreement on a joint service on the Reunion/Seychelles route on the 9th April.

2000

January - thirteen new Cabin Crew for HM following nine weeks training in in-flight cabin services. To date the national airline has 123 Seychellois Cabin crew.

April - Air Seychelles launches its Par Excellence Awards to recognize teams and individuals who go the extra mile in their service delivery in April.

May 5th - Air Seychelles merges the Milan and Frankfurt flights following low passenger load factors, normal for the European summer months. Direct flights to Milan resumed in October 2000.

July 7th - HM recruits twenty three new cabin crew. To date HM has 135 Seychellois cabin crew.

2001

February - HM once again responds to humanitarian flights by flying 70 Indian construction workers to Bombay, by diverting the Singapore flight with its 130 SIN passengers, following the earthquake that struck the State of Gujarat.

HM Frequent Flyer launches the 'Seychelles Plus Programme' in March, offering its club members with special and personalized services through their Blue card, Silver Card and the Gold card.

March - Air Seychelles transfers its flights from Frankfurt to Munich in March.

The last flight to Milan/ Malpensa was on 24th March and adds second flight to Rome on the 30th March.

April - Air Seychelles acquires its second Boeing 767-300ER, named 'Aldabra' and returns its Boeing 767-200ER after 12 years of service. Delivery date: 9th April 2001. The new plane flew to Paris on her maiden voyage to Seychelles. The aircraft touched down at the Seychelles International Airport on the 12th April with 251 passengers on board.

November - Air Seychelles acquires its first Boeing 737-700 NG named 'Amirantes' on the 24th November, to serve regional routes; Mumbai (1 wkly), Maldives(1wkly), Mayotte-Comores (1wkly-new), Mauritius (3 wkly), Johannesburg (1 wkly) and Dubai (2 wkly). It has a Pearl Class of 12 seats and a 114-seat economy class.

December - Boeing 737-700NG makes its first commercial flight to Johannesburg on the 1st of December.

Boeing 737-700NG makes its first flight to Maldives on the 9th December.

Air Seychelles operates its 5th Paris flight on the 17th December.

Air Seychelles flies to Paris via Moroni and Dzaoudzi on the 18th December. Code share with Air France. Route previously served by Air Austral via La Reunion.

2002

Captain David Savy is appointed Executive Chairman & Chairman of the Board of Directors of Air Seychelles Ltd.

Air Seychelles re-launches Mumbai service operated by the new Boeing 737-700NG via Maldives. Air links between Seychelles and India were once served by Air India between 1976 and 1988. Air Seychelles also operated a weekly service to India on its Boeing 757 from 1993 to 1996.

March - Air Seychelles launches its new courier service following the signing of an agreement to represent Federal Express (FEDEX) in Seychelles. This allows Seychelles to fully represent FEDEX, the USA-based worldwide courier service with the delivery of inbound and outbound express courier services.

The acquisition of a new 36-seater Shorts 360 aircraft for domestic route was in September that year. The new aircraft will increase sitting capacity and offer passengers a new level of comfort unseen in the domestic services before.

September - Air Seychelles/Air Mauritius/Air Austral launch the Indian Ocean Pass Programme at the Top Resa Fair- Deauville/France. This programme will allow passengers from abroad to build his/her own itinerary by travelling either of the three airlines around the islands of the Indian Ocean; Comores, Madagascar, Maldives, Mayotte, Mauritius, Reunion, Rodrigues and Seychelles.

November - Air Seychelles extends its FEDEX courier service to Praslin following an increase in customers from the hotel industry and business community based on the island.

2003

March - Air Seychelles moves its weekly flight out of London-Gatwick to London-Heathrow.

Launching of the regional cargo network with the arrival of the leased Antovov-12 F cargo aircraft was in March 2003. Air Seychelles is aiming at developing Seychelles as a regional cargo hub in the South West Indian Ocean region.

Air Seychelles recruits thirty-two new cabin crews after having followed a 15 and 9 weeks consecutive, training in in-flight cabin services. To date, the airline has a total of 125 Seychellois cabin crews.

April - The SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) epidemic forces Air Seychelles to suspend its flights to Singapore and no additional flights are added on the Dubai, Maldives and Mauritius which could facilitate transit to Singapore and Asia.

Air Seychelles resumes its flights to Singapore after it suspended its services to the destination since April due to the SARS epidemic in the Far East.

October - Air Seychelles returns to Frankfurt and cancels its Munich flight in October.

November - HM increases its flights to Johannesburg, Male and Mumbai: 4 weekly flights to Johannesburg and 2 weekly flights to Male-Mumbai.

2004

April - Services to Mayotte and Comores cease on April 6, 2004.

Air Seychelles launches E-ticketing on domestic route.

June - Service to La Reunion and code-share with Air Austral cease.

August - HM purchases the Shorts 360 aircraft which was being leased from BAC Leasing in UK in September 2002 and serving the domestic route to Praslin. Then, Returns its 9 seater islander from the domestic fleet.

October - Air Seychelles' Freight Services Department is awarded the ISO certificate by the International Standards Organisation in October.

November - Captain David Savy moves from EC to Chairman and Chief Executive of Air Seychelles in November.

December - service to Dubai ceases operation.

Air Seychelles faces the challenges of Air Liberalisation with the arrivals of Qatar and Emirates airlines in the Seychelles.

2005

April - Suspension of services to Maldives; last flight operated by B737, on 3rd April.

Suspension of services to Mumbai; last flight operated by B737, on 4th April.

Last scheduled flight by B737 aircraft to Johannesburg, on 9th April

May - HM signs lease termination agreement for B737 with ILFC, on 2nd May.

ILFC leases the B737 aircraft to Sahara Airlines of New Delhi, India, on 3rd May.

Government dismantles the Directorate of Civil Aviation and National Assembly approves the setting up SCAA, Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority with Gilbert Faure as the CEO.

July - HM leased B727 aircraft from South African based Nationwide Air to operate its Johannesburg service on Saturdays.

October 26th - HM celebrates 22 years International service and 27 yrs domestic services.

October - AVAS- Aviation Association of Seychelles is created chaired by Captain David Savy, Vice Chairman Selwyn Gendron. This is a non-governmental body to promote sound security and improve quality of service in the local aviation industry. It regroups all air operators in the country namely Air Seychelles, Helicopter Seychelles, IDC, SMB.

2006

January - Air Seychelles launches its Training Academy with an investment of Rs11 million in technical facilities and a new training block. The new block will also serve for storage and maintenance of aircraft.

March - President James Michel inaugurates the new Technical Block and Training Academy at Pointe Larue and announces that Air Seychelles will be changing its fleet of 2 Boeings 767-300 to the latest Boeing 787 800 Dreamliner come 2010.

May 11th - HM and ILFC (International Lease Finance Corporation) signed a lease agreement to acquire two brand new Boeing 787-800 Dreamliner aircraft in 2010. The agreement was signed between HM's CCE Captain David Savy and ILFC's Vice President Marc Baer in the presence of President James Michel and Vice President Joseph Belmont at State House. Also present were management staff of the national airline.

June 29th - HM joined in the celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the country's Independence under the national theme 'Selebre Sesel' (Celebrate Seychelles) by launching the new livery of its inter-island fleet of aircraft based on the same theme. The new livery features large tropical and multi-coloured tropical hibiscus flowers on the body of the aircraft with the official logo of the 'Selebre Sesel' slogan.

July - HM purchased a second 36-seater Shorts 360 aircraft to join the domestic fleet. This will increase the domestic capacity to 38%. The launching ceremony was done at the International airport in the presence of President James Michel, Vice President Joseph Belmont and other trade partners and staff of the airline. The Shorts 360 aircraft has a retractable undercarriage, is propelled by six- bladed Hartzell propellers and powered by two Pratt & Whitney turboprop engines. It has a flight range of 920 nautical miles and a maximum take-off weight of 12292kgs. It is named Isle of La Digue and registered as S7-PRI.

December - HM has selected the GENx engines to power its two Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft leased from International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC). The airline has also agreed to a 10-year OnPointSM Solutions agreement to cover the maintenance and overhaul on the engines. The value of the Genx service agreement is more than \$25 million (USD). The GENx is the best selling engine for the Boeing 787. GENx orders exceed 650 engines from 21 customers.

2007

January - Air Seychelles recruits 20 new cabin crews after a six weeks training in in flight services and flight emergency procedures, evacuations and slide drills in South Africa. This makes a total of 130 Seychellois cabin crew employed on the international operations network.

February - Air Seychelles hosts the 65th African Airlines Association meeting at Berjaya Beau Vallon bay Hotel in February. The meeting was represented by Egypt Air, Air Zimbabwe, Air Namibia, Air Mozambique, Ethiopian Airlines and Cameroon airlines and Air Seychelles and was the first meeting of the sort to be held in Seychelles.
Air Seychelles joined AFRAA in 1993.

March - Code-share with Air Mauritius on the London-Mauritius via Seychelles route terminates 24th March 2007. Equally the code-share between HM- MK on Mauritius-Seychelles route terminates same date.

Air Seychelles becomes the 'launch customer' for the new Twin Otter DHC6-400 after having signed an agreement with the Canadian-based Viking Air Limited to purchase two brand new Twin Otters DHC-6 Series 400 aircraft. Both aircraft are expected to join the HM inter-island fleet during the first quarter of 2009.

June - The official opening by Vice President Belmont of the national airline's CIP Lounge (Commercially Important Passengers) on the 26th June to coincide with the national festivities. The lounge is baptised 'Salon Vallee De Mai' after our World Heritage site, and is based at the the International airport. The new lounge is designed to a very high standard and reflects the image of a modern and efficient airline. It provides an ambiance of quiet elegance and a high standard of comfort, tranquility and spaciousness. It has a capacity of sitting 90 persons and was named by the airline staff Ms Kathline Payet.

July - Once again the national airline becomes one of the main supporters of the 22nd national Creole festival through the sponsorship of ten international tickets valued at Rs50, 000 (rupees).

July 4th - The airline hosts a regional E-Commerce in the Aviation Industry training course, at the Training Academy at the International airport. The training was sponsored by AFRAA and participants represented, South African Express Airways, Air Namibia, Air Burundi, Air Zimbabwe and Afriqiyah (Libya) Airways and Air Seychelles.

A special Air Seychelles charter flight flew over 200 local athletes to Madagascar for the 7th edition of the Indian Ocean Games, under the command of Captain Cyril Benstrong. Air Seychelles flew home the athletes on the 22nd August 07.

The national airline makes regional history. Young female Nicole Chang-Leng is made the airline's first female pilot. She was presented with her four bars at the Salon Vallee De Mai, by Capt David Savy, making her the very first Seychellois to captain B767 jets.

August - Proud Captain Nicole Chang-Leng took command of the first 'All Female Flight' crew on her first flight as Commander on the Seychelles-Mauritius-Seychelles route assisted by first officer Lishad Peermohamed Matharu and Cabin Services Officer, Brenda Esparon.

October - Air Seychelles announces new services to Bangkok, Milan, and increased services to Paris and Mauritius effective December 2007 with the arrival of its new B767.

Air Seychelles hosts the regional training in 'Professional Skills for Instructors' at the Training Academy in October that year. There were 26 participants mainly from Kenya Airways, Cameroon Airlines, Air Namibia, TAAG Angola Airlines, Ethiopian Airline and Air Seychelles.

November - Air Seychelles officially receives its IOSA certificate (IATA Operational Safety Audit) for having met the established international standards set by IATA. Mr Vinod Chidambaram IATA's regional Director, handed over the certificate to Capt David Savy at the Salon Vallee De Mai. Air Seychelles can now clearly demonstrate to the industry that it has invested heavily in a safety management system that goes a long way to ensure compliance and proactive risk management in all operational areas.

November - Air Seychelles hosts regional Security Management Training at the airline's Training Academy conducted by IATA for participants from Kenya Airways, Air Madagascar, South African Airways, Air Namibia, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Hewa Bora Airways Congo), Aero Contractors (Nigeria), Air Seychelles and Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority. At the opening, Capt David Savy urged all African airlines to embark upon and set up quality security management systems in their respective airline to enable them to efficiently respond to major crises that may arise.

December - Air Seychelles acquires its third B767 for its International fleet. The new B767-200 is named 'La Belle Creole' after a national name competition and won by Baie Lazare teacher, Germaine Morel. The B767-200 takes a total of 222 passengers and is sub-leased for 30 months, from a British firm XL Airways UK Limited based in London-Gatwick. This addition to the international fleet will operate on the regional routes namely, Mauritius, Johannesburg, Singapore, Bangkok.

December - Air Seychelles recruits 15 new cabin crew, making a total of 129 Seychellois crew crew employed on its international network.

Air Seychelles inaugurates its first flight to Bangkok/Thailand on the 18th December linking Seychelles to the new market in South East Asia. All the 222 passengers and crew were welcomed at the Suvarnabhumi Airport with flower garlands. This inaugural flight was under the command of Capt Harry Samson. Air Seychelles announces 2 weekly flights to Bangkok.

December - Air Seychelles B767-300 aircraft, the Vallee de Mai suffers heavy damage after being towed into a barrier fence by a tow truck at Paris – Charles de Gaulle. International operations are seriously affected during the festive season. Major crisis management exercise launched by top management.

Air Seychelles enters into short-term lease agreements with other airlines to lease aircraft for its international operations due to damaged aircraft on ground at Paris Charles de Gaulle.

2008

January - Air Seychelles confirms lease agreement with LOT Polish Airlines for a wide bodied B767 -300 to join its international operations until March 2008.

Air Seychelles moves its Sales & Reservations offices from Victoria House after being there for 27 years to its new location at Independence House.

February - Boeing Commercial Planes of Seattle undertake repair works on the damaged B767-300ER aircraft, the Vallée de Mai on ground at Paris- CDG. The repair works is filmed by National Geographic TV Channel for its programme – The world’s Toughest Fixes.

March - The Vallée de Mai aircraft completes repair works after ten weeks in the hangar at Paris CDG and re-enters the fleet on March 6th 2008.

Air Seychelles re-organises its top management team and Dr Rajiv Bissessur is appointed as the national airline’s new CEO. Captain David Savy stays on as Chairman of the board of directors.

July - Air Seychelles launches its new duty free shop, named ‘Trezor’, and which is based in the departure lounge of Seychelles International airport.

Air Seychelles’ Executive Chairman, Captain David Savy announces that the national airline would face a delay in acquiring the two B787 Dreamliner aircraft originally planned for delivery in May 2010 and September 2010 due to production delays at Boeing. Both aircraft are being acquired through a lease agreement with ILFC an expected to be delivered to Air Seychelles in May 2012 and November 2012.

Air Seychelles’ announces that it is to acquire a fourth Boeing 767 aircraft. The B767-207EM aircraft will be named Amirantes and registered as S7-ILF. It will be in a 2-class configuration with 24 Pearl Class seats and 169 economy class seats. The aircraft was manufactured in 1984 and will be powered by Pratt & Whitney engines. Air Seychelles announces that it will resume flights to Mumbai and Maldives as from October. Air Seychelles invests R11m in a new Flight Operations Building at the Airport and is expected to be completed in November 2009.

September - The UK-based XL Airways goes into administration and collapses. Air Seychelles’ B767-207EM EXL aircraft *La Belle Creole* was sub-leased from XI Airways and is grounded at Seychelles International Airport.

October - Air Seychelles third Boeing aircraft, acquires a B767-205EM named *Amirantes* landed at Seychelles International Airport after a five hour flight from Johannesburg where the aircraft had undergone paintwork bearing the revamped livery and corporate branding of the national airline. It was under the command of Captain Francois Jackson assisted by First Officer, Christopher Lespoir.

November - Air Seychelles appoints SWITCH (local web company) to develop its website.

December - Air Seychelles launches a weekly service to Moscow (Vnukovo) using the Boeing 762-200 S7-ILF aircraft on December, 2008. The flight departs Mahe on Saturdays and returns on Sundays.

2009

January - Air Seychelles B767-200S7-EXL aircraft, *La Belle Creole* formerly operating as part of the national airline's International and regional fleet is handed over to its owners, GA Telesis and departs Mahe Island on 17th January 2009.

President James Michel appoints the airline's new Board of Directors. Members are:

Captain David Savy – Executive Chairman
 Mr. Eddie Belle – Director
 Mr. Jean-Paul Adam – Director
 Mr. Patrick Payet – Director
 Mr. Jean Weeling Lee – Director
 Mrs. Fiona Robinson – Director
 Mr. Bill Jackson – Secretary

The national airline Air Seychelles enters into agreement with Fourhtour, a Russian tour operator for a hard-block seat allocation on Moscow-Seychelles return route.

February 28th - Air Seychelles resumes flights to Zurich and Frankfurt. Flights to Zurich will be on Thursdays returning on Fridays and Frankfurt will be on Saturday night with the return flight leaving on Sunday.

April 29th - Air Seychelles fourth Boeing aircraft, a B767-200ER named *Isle of Bijoutier* landed at the Seychelles International Airport from Johannesburg where the aircraft had undergone paintwork bearing the revamped livery and corporate branding of the national airline. It was under the command of Captain Cyril Benstrong and First Officer Steve Lablache.

July 25th - Air Seychelles fifth Boeing aircraft, *Isle of Fregate*, a B767-300ER, landed at the Seychelles International Airport from Budapest. This arrival coincides with the airline 20th anniversary of B767 aircraft operations. The aircraft was under the command of Captain Ralph Saminaden and First Officer John Rachel.

July 30th - Air Seychelles promotes two new Boeing B767 Commanders, Captain Mervin Sicobo and Captain Michael Mendes.

August 5th - Air Seychelles Emergency Response Manager, Ireney Ernest, was a member of the CARE team responsible for family support following the crash of Yemenia Flight 626 into the Ocean off the Comores Island on June 30th June 2009.

September 17th - President James Michel reviews the airline's new Board of Directors.

Members are:

Captain David Savy – Executive Chairman

Mrs Veronique Herminie

Mr Jean-Paul Adam

Mrs Daniella Alis Payet

Mr Jean Weeling Lee

Mrs Simone De Comarmond

Mr Hans Aglae

Mr W Jackson – Secretary

2010

January 24th - Air Seychelles begins operations to the Falkland Islands as part of a contract with the UK Ministry of Defence. This first flight operated by a B767- 300 Isle of Fregate S7-FCS flew from Brize Norton Royal Air Force Base in Oxfordshire, UK to the Ascension Islands and then onto the Falklands in the South Atlantic. The contract is to provide the only scheduled airlink to Ascension and the Falklands known as the South Atlantic Airbridge. President James Michel welcomed this operations and noted that in the increasingly competitive international airline market, it is encouraging to see that Air Seychelles is seeking to adopt innovative business practices beyond its core business.

March 4th - Air Seychelles announces that as part of its corporate strategic plan to expand regional network and launch services to a second South African city, Cape Town.

International Scheduled Destinations

Air Seychelles, the Seychelles national carrier and largest operating carrier in the Seychelles, flies to 9 destinations. Air Seychelles is the main supporter of the Seychelles Tourism Economy, ensuring the Seychelles Islands are connected to key destinations in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Air Seychelles operates scheduled flights to:

- Paris (Charles De Gaulle)
- Rome (Fiumicino)
- Milan
- London (Heathrow)
- London (Gatwick)
- Johannesburg
- Cape Town
- Mauritius
- Singapore

Route Map



Domestic Scheduled Destinations

The Inter-Island Network

Each year, thousands of passengers discover the extraordinary beauty of the Seychelles Islands, thanks to Air Seychelles' Inter-Island network:

Air Seychelles operates some 30 daily scheduled flights to:

Praslin

Air Seychelles also operates daily charter flights to:

Operated in conjunction with island owners/charters only

Alphonse

Bird

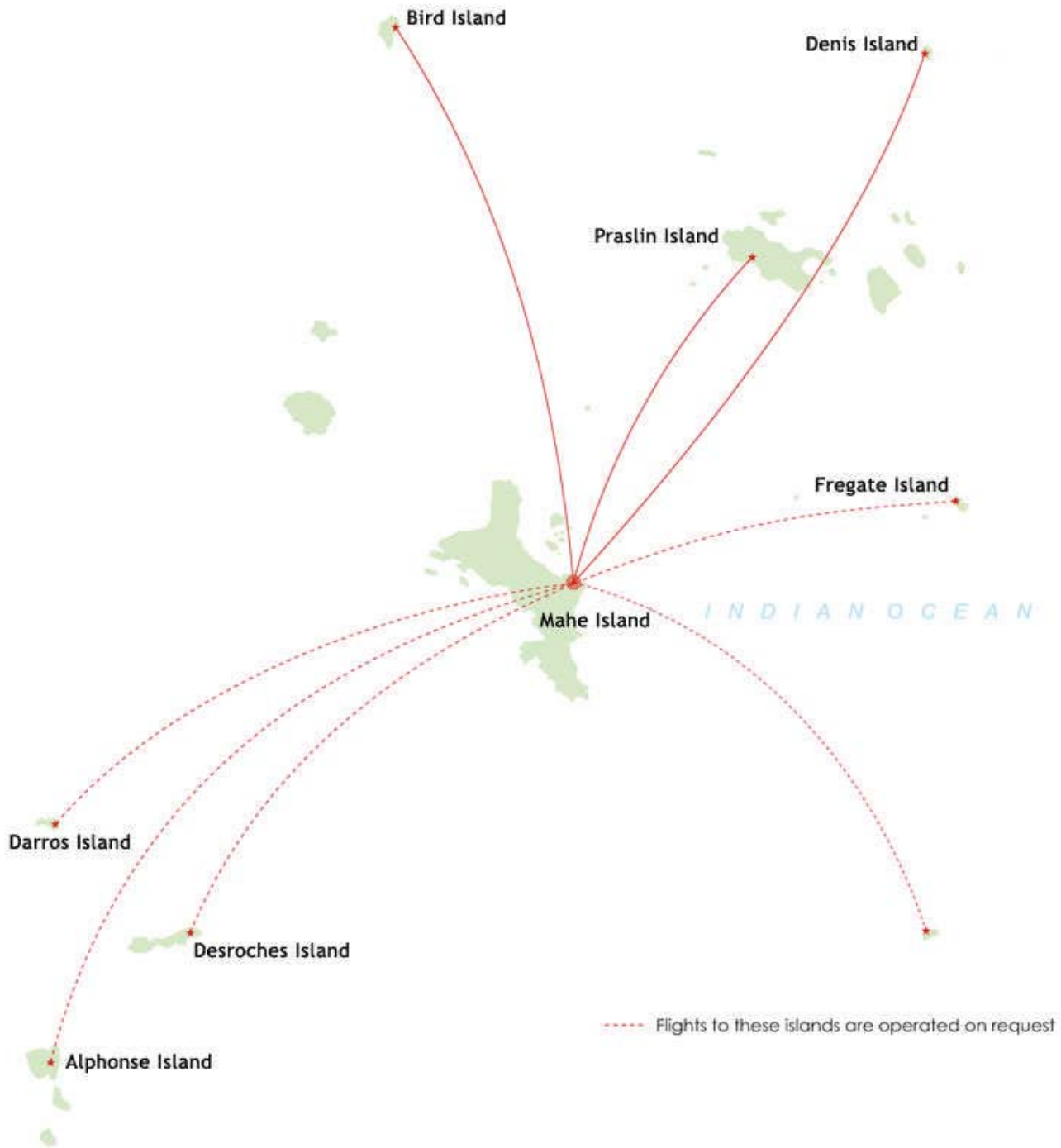
Darros

Denis

Desroches

Fregate

Domestic Route Map



Activities / Operations

Cargo

In addition to general handling, Air Seychelles offers courier services and door to door delivery.

Cargo capacity on the B767-300ER is ten tons.

Capacity on the B767-200 is seven tons.

Overhaul and maintenance

Maintenance for both B767's is subcontracted to AMO Britannia Airways.

Maintenance for B767-200 is carried out by Singapore Airlines in Singapore.

Other services

Air Seychelles is the sole ground handling company that provides services at Seychelles International Airport.

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