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AN ISLAND OF CONTRAST

Some 30km from the main island of Mahé, Ile du Nord, or North Island, enjoys private seclusion within the Inner Island group of the Seychelles. Luminous white beaches cosset a tropical interior of coconut palms and takamaka trees cradled between three granite outcrops, 110m to 180m in height, whose polished grey ramparts rise from the white sands and filigree reefs of the azure ocean.

North Island is a sanctuary where natural habitats, long neglected, have been rehabilitated so that endangered Seychelles fauna and flora could be reintroduced and given a place to grow and thrive. On this floating paradise, 11 guest villas have been built from local materials reaped from the rehabilitation process, where luxury and simplicity mingle to form a signature architectural style we call 'barefoot luxury'.

North Island is a place that unashamedly aims at providing the very best in privacy, location, accommodation, services, facilities and experience, yet has restored its environment to a place of verdant plenty – a Noah's Ark afloat in warm tropical waters in colours of blue and aquamarine. The true essence of North Island is a rare encounter that is in harmony with the environment – one that touches and inspires the lives of all who walk her beaches, dive her waters and contemplate her beauty.



THE HEART OF NORTH

The Piazza is the natural focal point of the Island, gathered around and beneath a large Indian almond tree. The architecture blends ovals and minimalist lines that lead the eye to the uninterrupted 360-degree views of beach, tree and the inner Island.

The furnishings symbolise lightness and escape and a wide deck leads seamlessly onto the beach and the endless horizon. The complete openness of the lounge and bar area is transparent and minimalist, while inviting sun-bed loungers and cushions supply sumptuous comfort.

The Library and scattering of artefacts are part of an ongoing essay in the old trading history of this magical place. Adjacent to the serenity of the Library is the fully-equipped PADI-certified Activity Centre. Both are housed in original coral block buildings that date back to North Island's days gone by as a copra plantation.

Browse the Boutique, a treasure trove of gifts and keepsakes from your island lifestyle, or relax at the main pool, a 45m long infinity pool carved into Spa Hill and hidden away from the lounge, that has breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean.







OUR VILLAS

Each of our 11 villas is a home for a couple or family, lovingly and individually handcrafted by Seychellois and African craftsmen from wood, local-hewn stone and glass.

This is your haven: a warm inviting space in which to enjoy a complete sense of ease and freedom. Should you wish, all 11 villas and the island as a whole can become your own private domain.











VILLA NORTH ISLAND

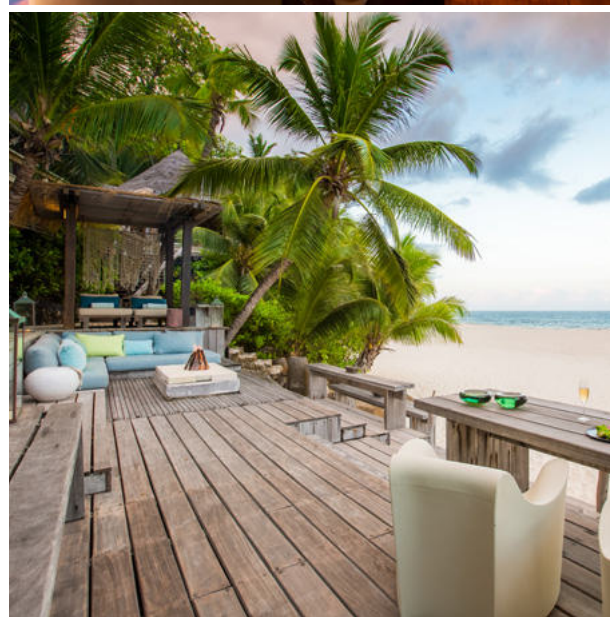
Villa North Island is the quintessence of privacy and exclusivity. Tucked away at the far end of East Beach, it is the ultimate honeymoon villa with a multitude of secluded spaces and unparalleled sea views.

The sheer volume, scale and luxury of this villa are unimaginably decadent as it spreads out across multi-tiered levels, cascading down granitic boulders with direct beach access to the ocean below.

Designed just for two, Villa North Island is the last word in romance.









DINING ON NORTH

A mélange of cultural influences is combined with the abundance on offer from the Indian Ocean and the island's organic richness to create North Island's taste. Balanced, delectable and attractive, each meal is a feast to stimulate the senses.

The 'spoil, surprise, personalise' concept presides over your culinary encounter, where our chef develops your own daily suggestions based on your preferences and desires.

Your mouth-watering experience is perfectly rounded off by some of the world's great wines and champagnes from our cellar.

A choice of exotic, beautiful dining settings complement your meals, from the large dining area set against a backdrop of natural granite with superb views over the sea, to secluded beaches, the pool deck or the privacy of your villa.







WELLNESS ON NORTH

The Spa on North Island is a holistic journey of visual and textural contrasts, arousing and rejuvenating the senses.

For the more energetic, the gym provides state-of-the-art equipment for an all-round workout, while yoga classes provide relaxation for body, mind and soul.

Our Spa is a place of exquisite natural beauty and timeless relaxation.





NORTH AT PLAY

On land or in water, the choices on North Island are many and varied. Cool forest trails and mountain biking create an air of tropical exploration, snorkelling or diving in the warm seas reveal a world of marine wonder, sea kayaking or fishing expeditions thrill the active, surfing or stand-up paddle boarding excite the energetic, while boating to other islands satisfies the adventurous.

An evening cruise complete with an Indian Ocean sunset is the perfect way to finish the day.







FAMILY ON NORTH

North Island loves to spoil all generations. The Island is the ultimate playground for your children with a wide range of activities on land or in the water designed to keep young minds and bodies active. The natural beauty, pirate history, space and freedom will liberate your kids' imaginations and sense of fun as they explore the Island.

Each family's North Island experience is tailor-made and our Beach Buddy programme is based on the preferences of each child. Parents are invited to join in, but all activities are supervised providing peace-of-mind. A full childminding service is available to allow you time to enjoy the romance of the Island together.



OUR BEACHES

Four idyllic beaches offer sanctuary all year round.

East Beach extends off the Piazza and in front of the villas. As the sun sets, West Beach is washed in pastel colours and the bar is the perfect place for a relaxing evening cocktail.

Honeymoon Beach is an idyllic hideaway and Petite Anse offers shelter and seclusion.

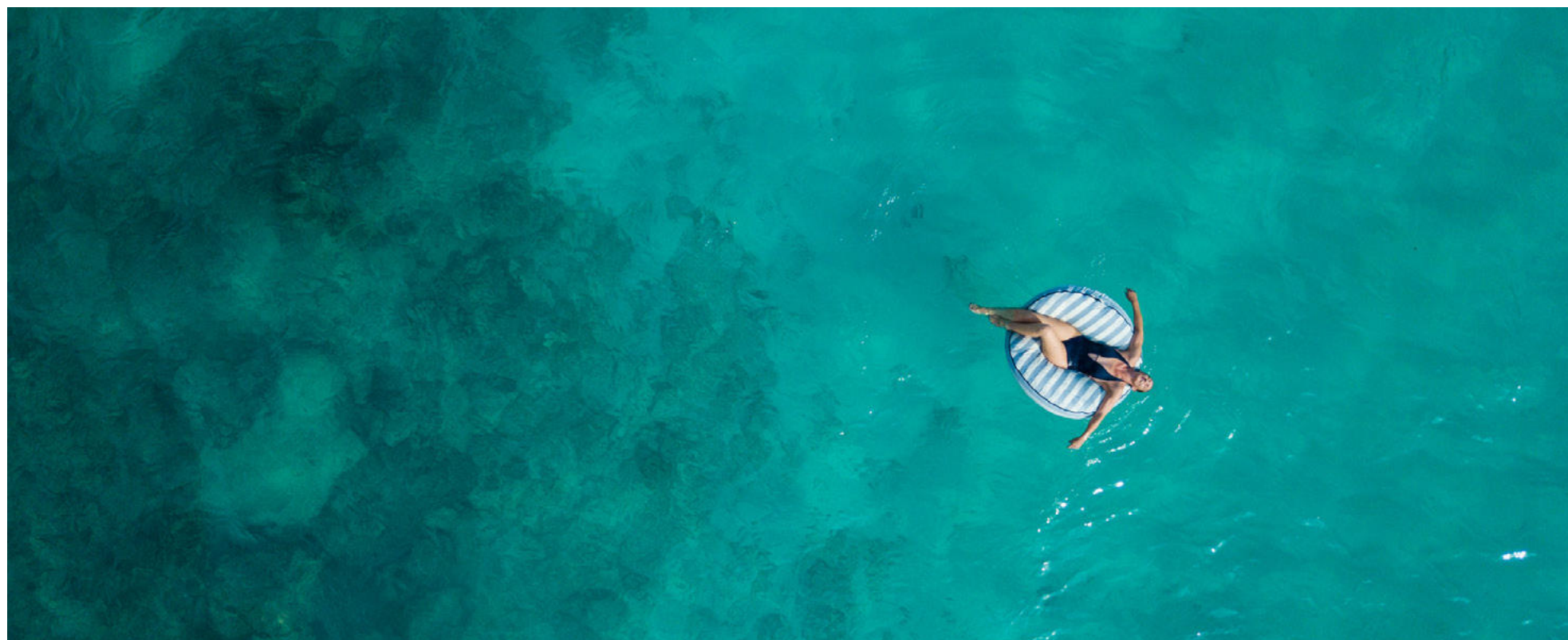




ISLAND ROMANCE

True luxury is uninterrupted time together and North Island provides so many choices as to how to spend it memorably. The North Island team delights in creating special moments for couples and ensuring that your experience is exactly what you want from your time on the Island.





ISLAND EXCLUSIVITY

North Island's 201 hectares of natural beauty offers a wealth of secluded spots perfect for romantic moments for two, or special memories shared as a family. From the privacy of your expansive villa where you can dine overlooking panoramic ocean views to the romance of Honeymoon Beach, a paradise reserved just for you and your private beach picnic – the choice of picturesque destinations is endless.







GIVING BACK

North Island is a fertile paradise – the perfect setting for our Noah’s Ark conservation programme. Thanks to thousands of indigenous plant species grown in our nursery and then transplanted throughout the island, its habitat has been restored to become a place where fauna and flora endemic to the Seychelles can flourish.

Alien species have been successfully eradicated and excitingly, endemic species such as Seychelles blue pigeons and Seychelles sunbirds as well as breeding populations of wedge-tailed shearwaters and white-tailed tropicbirds have returned of their own accord. Hawksbill and green turtles nest on our beaches once more. The next phase has involved introducing more indigenous life. A founder population of 25 Seychelles white-eyes, of which a mere 400 remained on Earth, was introduced in 2007 and gratifyingly settled down to nest and produce the next generation in a place of safety and plenty. The population on the Island currently stands between 134 and 152 birds, with North now responsible for a significant proportion of the world population of the species: a responsibility we have taken on with enthusiasm and pride.

Spending time with our Environmental Team at the Environment Centre or out and about on the island will allow you to marvel at the full scope of what has been done in order to create a true Noah’s Ark in the Indian Ocean.





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