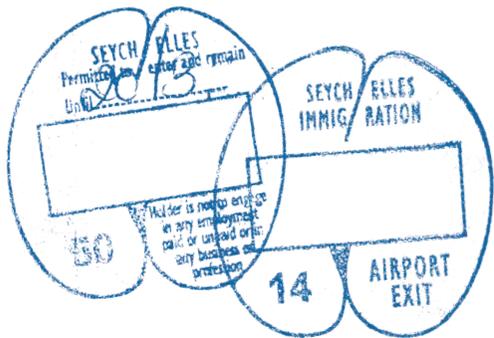





FlyCastaway

PROVIDENCE ATOLL, SEYCHELLES
09°24'14.27"S - 51° 2'55.15"E



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Overview

2019 Cost: USD\$12 600 pps ex Mahe (includes USD\$100 Global Rescue Medivac Insurance)

2020 Cost: USD\$13 600 pps ex Mahe (includes USD\$100 Global Rescue Medivac Insurance)

Group Size: 12 anglers & 4 guides (3 anglers to boat and guide)

Trip Duration: 6 Days Fishing / 7 Nights

Peak Season: Oct - Nov | March - April

FlyCastaway was the first outfitter to explore the fly-fishing opportunities on Providence Atoll back in 2004, following which we ran 6 highly successful seasons. Our operation on the atoll however came to a halt until as of April 2009 due to the threat of piracy in the Indian Ocean. Thankfully that threat is now under control and we are back and eager to show the world angling market why it is such a highly revered fishery.

Providence is just short of being the most southerly atoll in the Seychelles and contains two major landmasses, namely Providence North and Cerf Island. This remarkable atoll has remained largely untouched, with fewer than a thousand people having visited this tropical wilderness in the last century. Having spent seven seasons on Providence, we are in no doubt it is the most exciting and diverse saltwater fly fishing destination on the planet. The sheer size and amount of fish holding area makes both the flats and offshore angling potential almost limitless. It is a true fly fishing wilderness!

Providence offers fly fishermen the opportunity to wade and sight fish a

possible 46 kilometers of pristine sand and Turtle grass flats, an enormous lagoon system as well the numerous channels which link these structures with the Indian Ocean. Anglers can expect to target record size Giant Trevally, Bonefish, Triggerfish, Indo Pacific Permit, Milkfish as well as Bumphead Parrotfish. Our team of 4 professional FlyCastaway guides will lead you onto these flats using 4 x locally built mini Mahe panga style boats.

Guests are requested to arrive in Mahe the day before the charter flight to Farquhar as the charter flights out to the atoll are usually in the morning and to act as a buffer against flight delays/lost luggage etc (we only have one chance to get the group onto the atoll as the charter has other daily commitments and cannot be delayed for extended periods). The group will meet an hour before the scheduled departure time at the IDC Hangar (not at the main international airport) to weigh and check in their luggage. The flight from Mahe to Farquhar is one hour forty five minutes on-board a

private chartered Beechcraft 1900. Guests are then transferred in true

island style via tractor and trailer on a short fifteen minute ride to the slipway from where they are transferred to the mothership Maya's Dugong, which will carry them across to Providence (6-8 hours) as well act as our home and base for the week's fishing.

Maya's Dugong is an extremely well equipped expedition vessel which boasts the most experienced crew in the region. The 150 foot vessel can sleep 14 guests in 7 double cabins making her the ideal vessel for long range fly fishing expeditions in this area. The spacious vessel's large public areas allow for maximum enjoyment of guests' time onboard Maya's Dugong. A huge dining salon and lounge hosts guests in air-conditioned comfort for meals and entertainment and the outdoor leisure deck provides opportunities for al fresco dining and also serves as a comfortable lounge area.

There is also plenty of open deck space on-board for sun bathing and relaxing and a spacious bridge and observation deck allow guests to take in the adventure with a captain's eye view of all the surroundings.

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Endless wading flats

The Fishing

The Average Day

Typically anglers will be up early and after a quick breakfast head out to the flats to fish the first tide. We generally stay out on the flats with a packed lunch, especially if the prime tidal movement coincides with the lunch break. There is the option to come back to mothership for lunch if the tide allows, however it is best arranged with the head guide the evening prior. The following day's activities and schedule will be planned the night before between the guides and the captain. If you have any preferences please feel free to mention it to the guides. Current tidal movement and the species anglers wish to target will be taken into consideration

Bluewater

Deep water begins very close to shore at most of the anchorages and it is possible to fish these waters from the tenders. Here the most common species encountered are Dogtooth Tuna, Giant Trevally, Barracuda, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna, Sailfish and the occasional Marlin. Standard tackle is a 14 – 15 weight, usually rigged with a 700-grain or heavier line and/or an intermediate billfish taper. Surface fishing in blue water with the aid of teasers is also possible with large baitfish imitations from sizes 6/0 and upward being recommended. All FlyCastaway guides are experts in rigging, teasing and the handling of blue water fish.

Flats

Providence has two major land masses namely Cerf Island in the extreme south and North Island at the most northern part of the atoll. The seemingly endless flats not only surround both these islands but also run uninterrupted the entire 40 odd kilometers in between. They are primarily made up of Turtlegrass, with the larger white sand flats being found around the islands. Most of the flats are hard, making them ideal for wading. Fishing on these flats for species such as Giant Trevally, Triggerfish, Bumphead Parrotfish, Bonefish, Milkfish, Bohar Snapper, Bluefin Trevally, Indo Pacific Permit, Great Barracuda etc must rank as the best in the world at present. The guides will lead you onto the flats and help you identify the desired target species, the areas which they frequent and then explain the correct techniques with which to catch them.



Details

Cost

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Single supplement

USD\$2000 pp (2 rooms available)

Max Pax

12 anglers

Inclusions

- Return flight Mahe-Farquhar-Mahe
- 7 nights full board shared accommodation onboard Maya's Dugong
- All meals, desalinated water and soft drinks
- Landing fees
- 6 days guided fishing (3 anglers to a boat and guide)
- \$100 Global Rescue Medivac Insurance (Mandatory)

Exclusions

- International flights
- Overnight accommodation on Mahe
- Ground Transfers on Mahe
- Tackle & Flies
- Gratuities (This is purely discretionary however based on industry standards one can expect to pay US\$500pp for guide tips and US\$200 for crew tips based on industry standards)
- All beers (local and imported), spirits (local and imported), wine (imported) are available for purchase on board. A GST of 15% will be charged on all goods purchased on the mother ship.
- Travel Insurance
- Personal Expenses

Location

400 nautical miles South of Mahe

Getting there

Based on a standard seven day package The group will leave Mahe for a one hour forty five minute flight onboard an IDC chartered Beechcraft 1900 heading for Farquhar Atoll. Farquhar Atoll is home

to the closest island to Providence that harbors an operational airstrip. The mother ship will meet the group at Farquhar, upon arrival anglers and gear will be transferred to the boat. Once everyone has settled into his or her cabins the mother ship will leave for Providence 4- 8 hours away. On arrival at Providence Atoll, the group will spend the next six days fishing and exploring the islands, flats and channels of Providence Atoll. After fishing on the sixth day the mother ship will start heading back to Farquhar. The following day the group will fly out of Farquhar and head back to Mahe.

Target Species

Giant Trevally, Triggerfish, Bumphead Parrotfish, Milkfish, Bonefish, Barracuda, Bluefin Trevally, Sailfish, Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo etc

Fishing Season

October/November & March/April

Weather

Temperatures range between 30° - 35°C with high humidity.

Tender boats

Panga style skiffs

Safety and Piracy

A risk assessment performed by an international security company has concluded that the risk of attack in the area is extremely low. Also in their conclusion they approved the decision to take a small armed security force on board and it was stated that this would bring the security level of the operation to a satisfactory level. According to official sources there has never been a successful piracy attack on a vessel with an armed security force onboard. The security personnel will be located on the upper deck in order not to interfere with the clients' living place.

In addition to the safety precautions undertaken by the mother ship there are 4 drone planes based in the Seychelles with a Swedish coast guard patrol plane. There are Seychelles European, Japanese, Indian, American and Russian Coast Guard vessels in and around Seychelles waters at all times.

There are also three major centers setup around the Indian Ocean; Seychelles, UAE and Tanzania that collect and relay all information on potential piracy. The Seychelles Coast Guard has also just received their new aircraft to help the fight against piracy. The mother ship is equipped with VMS, tracking device that can ensure early detection of suspicious activity. Although every possible step and measure has been undertaken to avoid acts of piracy, it remains a risk undertaken by each angler on the trip. All clients / participants are required to sign the "Providence Terms and Conditions" waiver located in the pre trip information sent out upon booking.



Images

Due to the large amount of high quality images we have taken on Providence, we feel it far more appropriate for you to view the images of both the fishing and the mothership on our website www.flycastaway.com.

Pre Trip

Tackle & Gear

Single-handed 9ft #9wt & 12wt saltwater outfits with matching tropical floating lines. A comprehensive tackle and gear list along with an order form (should you wish to purchase your tackle through us) is issued after your booking has been confirmed. The guides will also carry limited stock of suitable flies and other terminal tackle, should you run out.

Wading

The hard white sand, turtlegrass or coral flats of Farquhar make for easy wading, thus separating it from other destinations in the world. As most of the fishing will be done whilst wading, good protective footwear is essential. Standard diver's neoprene booties with a reinforced rubber sole are not appropriate. More protective flats wading boots must be worn. There are a number of purpose made boots on the market which are excellent. See suggested brands in tackle and gear list. Guests will not be taken onto the flats without proper footwear!



Time Difference

GMT +4

Passports

Everyone travelling to Seychelles must have a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the end of travel

Visa Requirements

UK, US, EU, USSR and RSA passport holders do not require a visa for entering into the Seychelles for vacation purposes.

Medical & Health Requirements

Mandatory medical evacuation insurance is mandatory but is included in the package rate. A Yellow Fever certificate is required if travelling from a Yellow Fever infected area.

Language

Creole, English and French are spoken widely. All FlyCastaway guides speak English.

Travel Insurance

All guests are advised to have sufficient travel and trip insurance in place.

Currency

The currency of the Seychelles is the Seychelles Rupee (SCR), however all guests are requested to settle all gratuities, tackle and alcohol bills in USD\$. We can only accept USD\$ bank notes printed in 2006 onwards.

Credit Cards

Visa is the most widely accepted on Mahe. Please note NO credit card facilities are available onboard Maya's Dugong.

Currency Exchange

Banks are available for all arriving flights in the airport for currency exchange. We recommend exchanging only a moderate amount of money.

Gratuities

The recommended gratuity for the guides is US\$500 pp per week, and for the lodge staff/boat crew is US\$200pp per week. (Please note that this is only a guideline for guests interested in tipping the guides and the boat staff. All gratuities are up to the discretion of the individual guest.)

Satellite Phone & Communications

There is no cell phone reception on Providence. The Maya's Dugong is however equipped with a satellite phone which can be used by guests at an additional cost.

Plug Points & Power

There is permanent generator provided power onboard Maya's Dugong. Plug points in the rooms are British square three prong/Type G. (<https://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets/g/>)



Spawning Shrimp



Your guides

We have four world-class fly fishing guides onboard the Maya's Dugong, ensuring a three guest to one guide ratio. These four young men rank as some of the most experienced guides in the Indian Ocean. They are extremely passionate about the atoll and its fish species. At the same time they are very personable, great instructors and most importantly, highly motivated towards our guests needs. Each of them has a skipper's licence, a marine safety course and basic first aid training. They have an abundance of knowledge and experience in respect to successfully targeting all of Providence's flats and offshore species. Their passion and dedication is infectious and rest assured they will go the extra mile to ensure you experience the trip of a lifetime. All FlyCastaway guides are fluent in English and strong communicators.



TIMOTHY BABICH
FlyCastaway Head Guide



JUSTIN ROLLINSON
FlyCastaway Guide



WESLEY DE KLERK
FlyCastaway Guide



BRENDAN BECKER
FlyCastaway Guide



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Conservation

Jessica Glass is a PhD student at the African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity and Yale. She is conducting a DNA project on a variety of Indian Ocean species, including Bonefish (*Albula Vulpes*), Giant Trevally (*Caranx Ignobilis*) and Bluefin Trevally (*Caranx Melampygus*). FlyCastaway guides support Jessica in her efforts by recording data and gathering fin samples of fish caught by guests and guides.

FlyCastaway guides in the Seychelles also support the Billfish Foundation and Seychelles Sport Fishing Club in a sailfish tagging program. All sailfish caught on Farquhar and Providence Atoll's are tagged and recorded for this project.



Sponsors

We are hugely reliant on industry support from what we believe to be the finest tackle and apparel companies in our industry. We work closely with all of these brands to develop new product specifically suited for the Indian Ocean and Africa. They make our job easy and ultimately enable us to do what we do. We are proud to be sponsored by: G.Loomis, Airflo, WADE & Wild Coolers.



G.Loomis



AIRFLO



WADE
fly reels made for water



WILD
COOLERS

Standard Terms & Conditions

Booking Procedures

- All reservation made more than 12 months in advance requires an initial deposit of 20% of the total amount due to be received within 14 days of invoicing.
- Twelve (12) months prior to departure 50% of the total amount is due.
- All reservation made less than 12 months in advance requires an initial deposit of 50% of the total amount due to be received within 14 days of invoicing.
- Three (3) months prior to departure 100% of the total amount is due.
- If a booking is made less than 90 days prior to departure full payment is due immediately.

Cancellation

- If a cancellation is made 12 months or more prior to departure then 50% of the deposit will be forfeited.
- Cancellations made 12 to 6 months prior to departure, 50% of charter rate shall be forfeited.
- Cancellations made 6 months or less prior to departure, full individual charter rate shall be forfeited.
- Reservation for which payment are not received as on time as per the terms are subject to cancellation by FCA 7 days after notification.
- In case of cancellation by FlyCastaway money received will be paid back in full excluding bank charges.
- Rates are subject to change without prior notice

Conditions

All Cancellations must be made in writing. Deposit will only be refunded if a replacement can be found. Reservation for which payment are not received as on time as per the terms are subject to cancellation by FCA 7 days after notification.

- *Once a deposit is received, all revisions are subject to a US\$100 handling fee.
- *All prices are subject to availability of bookings, change by service providers, and are quoted at low season fares.
- *Rates are subject to change.
- *The ship/lodge reserves the right to cancel a sailing/trip due to bad weather conditions.

At time of quote flight charges, island fees and government taxes are correct but are subject to change without prior notice. Increases in any of these facets are out of the control of FlyCastaway and will be transferred to the client. Service providers used such as airlines and charter boat operators are independent business concerns and are in no way affiliated to FlyCastaway (FCA). Although all reasonable efforts will be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour, FCA cannot be held responsible in any way for bad or non-performance of service providers. While all possible efforts will be made to ensure the success of this tour, FCA cannot be held responsible in any way for cancellation in total or in part or non-performance in any way, due to bad weather or any other detrimental natural phenomenon/disaster, political unrest or war.

All guests must have a comprehensive medical emergency evacuation insurance policy, as well as travel insurance policy to cover them for the duration of the trip. It is the right of the live-aboard service provider to cancel any booking without refund, if the client is not adequately insured. In this case, adequate insurance means: an insurance that covers emergency medical evacuation from the scene of the illness or accident, to the nearest best hospital and then back to your hometown. Cancellation and curtailment insurance cover is also recommended. Furthermore all guests will be required to sign and return the Reservation and Indemnity Form prior to the trip.



Christmas Sand Prawn



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