

Denis

PRIVATE ISLAND
SEYCHELLES

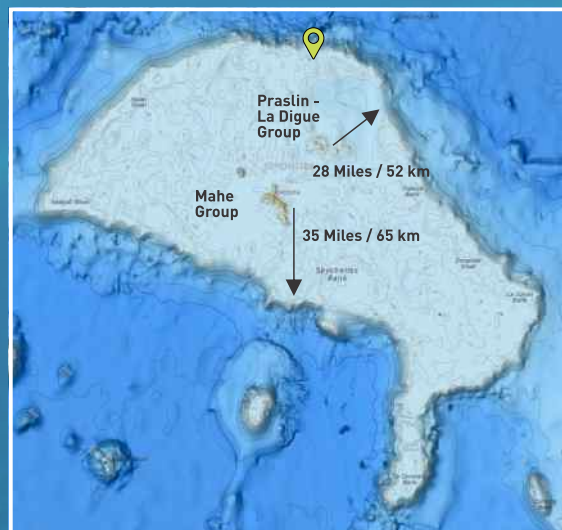


What's the Catch?



Denis Private Island lies about 95 kilometres north of Mahé, at the edge of the Seychelles bank – an underwater plateau that plunges down from an average depth of 60 m around the granitic inner islands, to about 2000 metres into the depths of the Indian Ocean. This abrupt change of depth is known as “The Drop Off” and is just 15-20 min travel time from Denis Island.

The marine topography surrounding Denis Island is richly structured. In many places one finds reefs and elevations, which are hotspots for bottom fish, Trevallies and schooling juveniles, which attract the pelagic predators such as Sailfish and Black Marlin. The nearby Drop Off is a dramatic change in the ocean bed which produces a dynamic marine environment for abundant and often record-breaking catches of pelagic species including sailfish, tuna, dorado and marlin. Trolling along that ledge you'll find some of the best sports fishing worldwide, in terms of strike frequency and catch variety, as you venture above the deep blue water and enter the feeding grounds of Blue & Striped Marlin and large Yellowfin Tuna.



This multitude of submarine environments offers ideal conditions for an amazing variety of fishing experiences, making Denis Private Island a veritable paradise for both the versatile and the specialised angler.



Hop aboard our vessel with some of the Indian Ocean's most prolific fishermen. Discover the subtleties of a range of different fishing styles, to suit any level of expertise. And take comfort from the knowledge that holidays for fishing, romance and family don't have to be mutually exclusive.

12 Exotic Species to Target on a Denis Private Island Fishing Trip



Marlin



Sailfish



Barracuda



Wahoo



Yellowfin Tuna



Dogtooth Tuna



Grouper



Snapper



Trevally



Bonefish



Triggerfish



Indo Pacific Permit

Extremely good fishing, without the extremes

Whereas many top fishing destinations boast gruelling travel itineraries in order to reach the best fishing grounds, Denis is a different story. One of the most abundant marine ecosystems on earth – where a cast-away underwater continent gives way to the furthest depths of the Indian Ocean – sits just a 15-minute boat ride away from the island.



World-class pedigree

It's little wonder, then, that Denis makes for one of the leading Indian Ocean destinations for International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) slams. The island also boasts the single leading team in the Indian Ocean for sailfish strikes that have been tagged and released.

The lure of variety

Trolling for big game is far from the only type of fishing offered on Denis, however. Jigging, popping or bottom-fishing can be an exhilarating challenge in these waters. And for a unique historical experience, a traditional Seychelles hand-line is one of the most satisfying ways to fish, in the very manner that was practised from the days of old.



Fly Fishing

Fly fishing can also be enjoyed, but guests are requested to bring their own equipment, as this is unavailable on the island. Fly-fishing can be done from shore or from kayak on certain points of the island, whereas blue-water fly-fishing from a big game vessel is also an interesting venture to try. On the flats and sea grass meadows, anglers can target bonefish, trevallies and other reef dwellers. Bonefish are sought after for their strength, unmatched speed. These powerful fish are not known for being palatable, but rather for the rigorous fight they put up when being reeled in.



Seasons & Best Times to Fish

Fishing is **a year-round** endeavour on Denis and one fishing variety or another is guaranteed to be available for you to try, no matter the season.

Sea conditions can be choppy between the end of May and beginning of October, but this also makes it the best period to troll for marlin and sailfish.

Black marlin, as well many other pelagics, can be caught all year-round, including during the notably calm periods in March/April and October/November, for a much more comfortable trolling experience for beginners. Bottom-fishing also tends to be a more pleasant experience during these months, but can be enjoyed virtually any time **from September to May**.



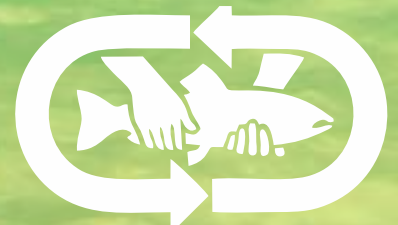
Our chefs prepare can your catch for some guaranteed fresh Sushi and/or Grilled fish





Conservation

- The management of Denis Island Private and its fishing teams strictly abide by a catch-and-release policy for all billfish, and even for other fish species, unless for sustainable food consumption.
- Certain zones immediately surrounding Denis have been granted protected status and fishing is strictly prohibited in these waters. These areas have been identified as important and their protection contributes to the future health of fish populations. Please contact our staff to learn more about regulations concerning these areas.
- Sea turtles have been granted official protection under Seychelles law and should not be caught or molested irrespective of their location.
- Spear fishing is not allowed in Seychelles in order to protect the integrity of sea corals.



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