

Providence

The Last Frontier



Providence Atoll is one of the southern most atolls in the Seychelles and contains two land masses, Providence North and Cerf Island. This remarkable atoll has remained largely untouched over the years and is considered by some of our most experienced guides as the “hidden jewel” of the Seychelles. The sheer size and topographical structure

creates a truly unique fishery. The flats and offshore angling potential on and around Providence is almost limitless. It is a true fly fishing wilderness. Anglers can wade and sight fish 46 kilometers of pristine sand and Turtlegrass flats, an enormous lagoon system as well the numerous channels which link these structures with the Indian Ocean.



Why FlyCastaway

Since 2002 FlyCastaway have explored hosted and guided anglers at the **most exciting and remote destinations** in the Indian Ocean. Our pioneering spirit and attention to detail has ensured that to this day FlyCastaway is the **go-to outfitter in the Indian Ocean**. Our talented guide team has gained **invaluable experience** over the years, which enables us to offer our guests the competitive edge and take them one step closer to the **fish of a lifetime**.

The Seychelles & Providence



The Republic of the Seychelles consists of **115 islands** scattered over western part of the Indian Ocean. Most of the islands were formed by **granite or coral atolls** growing from the depths of the ocean. The flats around these atolls offer fly anglers some of the most **exciting saltwater flyfishing** they are ever likely to encounter.

FlyCastaway **first explored** Providence atoll in 2004 and immediately identified it as a **top end fishery**. From 2005 to 2009 we operated long range mother ship trips to Providence, gaining **valuable experience** and learning the finer nuances of the atoll. Today we can proudly say that **no other guide team** has the experience or knowledge base to operate on Providence compared with FlyCastaway. We hand pick the dates on Providence to ensure our guests are there during the **best possible time**.



How it works



Itinerary: The group will leave Mahe for a **one hour forty minute flight** onboard a Beechcraft 1900 heading for **Farquhar Atoll**. Farquhar is the closest island to Providence that harbors an airstrip. The mother ship will be waiting for the group at Farquhar and on arrival anglers and gear will be transferred to the boat. Once everyone has settled into their cabins the mother ship will depart for **Providence 6-8 hours** away. The group will spend the next **six days fishing** and exploring the atoll. After fishing on the sixth day the mother ship will start heading back to Farquhar. The following day the group will depart Farquhar and head back to Mahe.



Typical Day: After a **quick breakfast** anglers and guides head out to the flats to fish the first tide. After the session they **return to the boat for lunch** before heading out later the afternoon for the second session. During the **midday break** anglers can re-hydrate in an air-conditioned environment. There is also an **option to stay out** on the flats with a packed lunch. The following day's activities and schedule will be planned the night before between the guides and the captain. Current, tidal movement and the species anglers wish to target will be taken into consideration.



Offshore Fishing: The blue water fishing can be nothing but **spectacular** on the atoll and certainly worth spending a session or two offshore. Deep water begins **close to shore** and its possible to fish these waters from the tenders. The most common species are Dogtooth & Yellowfin Tuna, GTs, Wahoo and Sailfish.



Based on **historic catch returns** and **5 years experience** on the atoll we have identified what we consider to be the **prime period**. The season is **split in two**, the first part is October to mid November and the second part late March to end April. Both periods are **carefully selected** to make sure there is as much cold water as possible on the flats, **maximizing** the guests **fishing experience**.



Flats fishing: Providence is a species lover's **nirvana**. No other atoll offers the same **diversity of species** or the sheer number of unique and exciting fishing scenarios. So whether your bucket list includes GT's, Triggerfish, Bumphead Parrotfish, Bonefish, Milkfish or Indo-Pacific Permit, **Providence has them all** and many more. Added to which the flats are made up of **hard sand or turtlegrass flats**, making them ideal for wading