

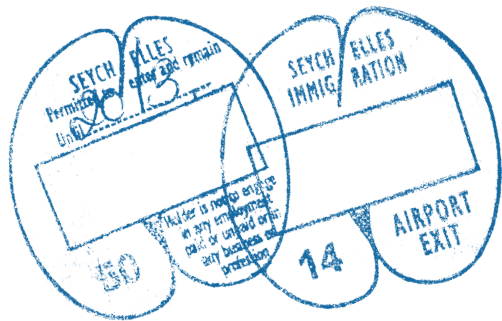
FlyCastaway

FARQUHAR ATOLL, SEYCHELLES

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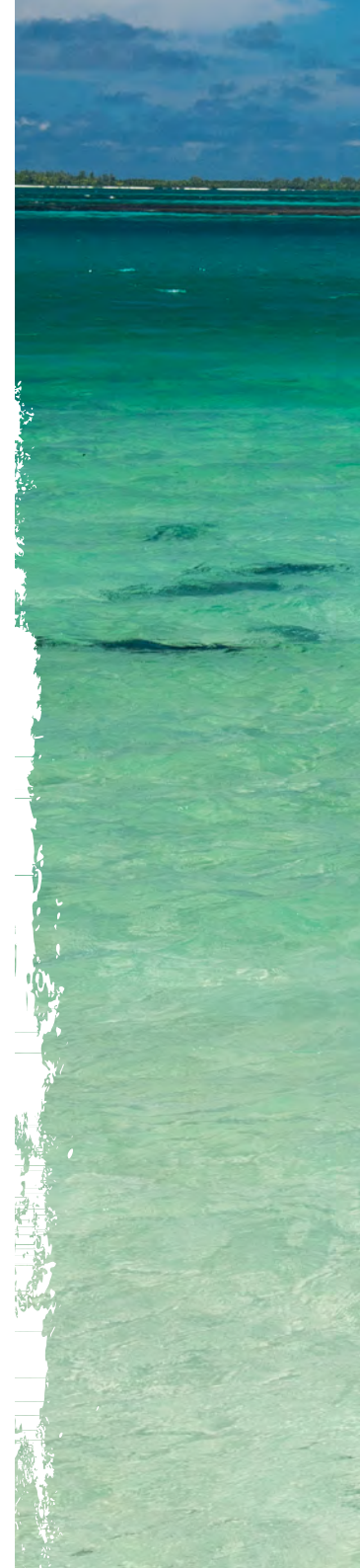


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A person is seen from behind, standing in shallow, crystal-clear turquoise water. They are wearing a light green long-sleeved shirt, grey shorts, and a red hood. They are holding a fishing rod and a line that extends across the water. Numerous fish, likely snappers, are visible swimming in the water around them. The background shows a distant shoreline under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

Into the wild

Overview

Cost: US\$9000 per person sharing ex Mahe

Group Size: 10 Anglers and 5 guides per week (2 anglers per guide and tender boat)

Trip Duration: 6 Days / 7 Nights

Peak Season: Oct-Dec | late Feb - early May

Farquhar Atoll is the most southerly atoll in the Seychelles chain of islands lying just over 700km to the southwest of the main island Mahe. This remote atoll has a total area, including the large lagoon, of 170.5 km² which is 18 km north to south and 9 km east to west. The total island land mass is 7.5 km² with a serviced concrete landing strip situated on the most northerly island. The main group of islands form a long curve which describes the eastern side of the atoll. Largest of these are Isle du Nord and Ile du Sud, with the smaller Manaha gaps and islands between them. Further south is Goelette and to the open western side of the atoll lies the small group known as Trois Îles. The large ear-shaped lagoon provides easy access to the countless flats, channels and surf zones which make Farquhar such a diverse fishery. Farquhar has a small population of local Seychellois, whose main roles include running a small line-fish operation as well as acting as a skeleton crew which manage the island and service the airstrip

Guests are requested to arrive in Mahe no later than the evening prior the charter flight to Farquhar and overnight in Mahe, as the charter flight departure times out to the atoll are generally in the morning. Guests cannot afford to risk delaying the charter as it has other routes it needs to attend to after Farquhar. The group will meet an hour before the scheduled departure time at the IDC Hanger (not at the international airport) to check in and weigh their luggage. The flight from Mahe to Farquhar is one hour forty-five minutes onboard 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 lodge, which will be their home and base for the week's fishing.

Guests are accommodated in three simple but comfortable duplex style chalets (two separate bedrooms per chalet), the island catering for a maximum of ten anglers at one time. Each bedroom has two single beds and an en-suite bathroom. Rooms are equipped with 24 hour 220 volt electricity, air-conditioning and have a constant supply of hot water. There is full housekeeping, with laundry done every second day. There is a separate

communal air-conditioned dining, lounge and bar area where guests can enjoy their meals and relax. Meals prepared by the chef are a mix of Creole and international style of cooking. An outside undercover dining area on the waters edge with a magnificent view forms an idyllic backdrop for certain evening meals when the weather allows. All drinking water (desalinated) and soft drinks are included in the price that has been quoted. Local beer, together with a basic selection of spirits and wine are available for purchase on the atoll.

The group will spend the next six days fishing and exploring the islands, flats, channels and bluewater of Farquhar Atoll. On the seventh morning the group will pack up their gear and prepare to fly back to Mahe. The time of the flight from Farquhar to Mahe will be provided to you in an itinerary prior the trip. It is thus extremely important that guests do not book return international flights which depart Mahe before 20:00pm on the day you land back in Mahe as the charter times are not fixed and can change at short notice! If in any doubt please contact us prior making your travel arrangements!



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Endless wading flats

The Fishing

The fishing at Farquhar has over the past few years become synonymous with the term 'fly fishing paradise' and has provided all those fortunate enough to visit her shores the opportunity to fish some of the finest and most productive flats the Indian Ocean has to offer. These flats consist of hard white sand, turtle grass and broken coral which make for comfortable wading.

Anglers can wade and sight fish to an impressive variety of species which include Bonefish, various Trevally species including the ferocious trophy sized Giant Trevally, the finicky Indo-Pacific Permit, Triggerfish, Barracuda, Bumphead Parrotfish and Milkfish. Farquhar is certainly best known for the sheer diversity of species it offers anglers fortunate enough to visit her shores, so if stalking Bonefish in skinny water, throwing crab flies at the colourful and charismatic tailing Triggerfish or holding your nerve as a large GT charges in at your fly interests you...well then Farquhar is certainly the venue for you.

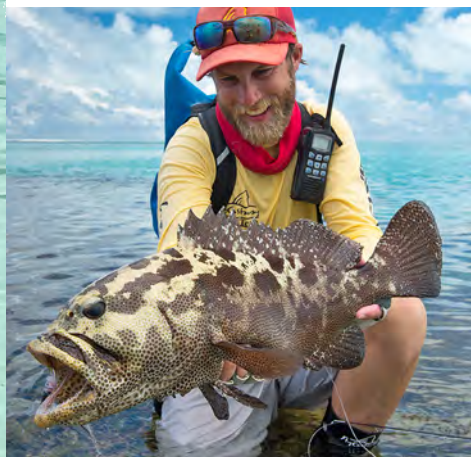
Deep water too begins very close to shore and spending some time tussling with some of the monsters which prowl the deep blue is certainly a very exciting and rewarding bonus. Here the most common species encountered are Giant Trevally, Barracuda, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna, Dogtooth Tuna, Grouper, Bohar Snapper and Sailfish...all of which are guaranteed to show your backing the light of day!

Whether it's on the flats or offshore, the FlyCastaway guides will help you identify your desired target species, the areas which they frequent and explain the correct techniques with which to catch them...they will without question go the extra mile for your fish of a lifetime.

The first part of the season traditionally runs from early October to late December and the second part from late February to early May with a break over the festive season. These are the peak periods as January is one of the rainiest months in the Seychelles. From middle

May to October the strong south-eastern monsoon winds blow incessantly. These winds bring cold water onto the flats and make fly fishing an unpleasant and unproductive experience. We stick to the fore mentioned dates to ensure all guests have an unforgettable fishing experience.

We have a fleet of 5 x 17.3 ft Angler skiffs and 2 x 18ft custom built panga skiffs, the Angler's each carry a single 90 HP 2-Stroke Yamaha engine, whilst the panga skiffs each carry 2 x 25HP 2-Stroke Yamaha engines. These boats have been specifically designed and fitted to fish both the flats and offshore waters of the Seychelles in comfort and safety. Each boat is skippered by one of the 5 world-class professional FlyCastaway guides all of whom are qualified skippers and speak English.



Details

Cost

US\$9000 per person sharing
excluding Mahe

Single supplement

Special Request – Please contact us for
more details!

Max Pax

10 anglers

Inclusions

- Return flight Mahe-Farquhar-Mahe
- 7 nights at the lodge
- Shared accommodation
- All meals
- Soft drinks & desalinated water
- Landing fees
- 6 days guided fishing
(2 anglers to a boat and guide)

Exclusions

- International flights
- Overnight accommodation on Mahe
- Ground Transfers on Mahe
- Tackle & Flies
- Alcohol
- Travel Insurance

- Mandatory emergency medical evacuation policy (FlyCastaway recommends Global Rescue)
- Gratuities (This is purely discretionary however based on industry standards one can expect to pay US\$700pp for tips)
- Personal Expenses

Location

450 nautical miles S of Mahe

Getting there

Guests are requested to fly into Mahe, Seychelles preferably the evening before the chartered Beechcraft 1900 takes off for the 1 hour 45 min flight to Farquhar. Guests are requested to contact us prior booking their international flights as the charter times are not fixed each season and the times are subject to change.

Target Species

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

Fishing Season

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October until mid December and again from late Feb until early May

Weather

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

Tender boats

7 x custom built boats





Images & Video

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

Blogs

Please feel free look at the weekly guide reports from Farquhar Atoll all of which can be found on <https://flycastaway.wordpress.com/category/farquhar>



Flexo Crab

Pre Trip

Tackle & Gear

Single-handed 9ft #9wt & 12wt saltwater outfits with matching tropical floating lines. We do have 4 x 12 weight G-Loomis Crosscurrent fly rods and Wade Caranx fly reels and 4 x 9 weight G-Loomis Crosscurrent fly rods and 4 x Wade Albula reels which can be rented on a weekly basis. 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 emergency medical evacuation insurance. 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.

Currency

The currency of Seychelles is the Seychelles Rupee (SCR). US Dollar or Euro are however widely accepted and are the preferred currency for gratuities and expenditure on Farquhar.

Credit Cards

VISA is the most widely accepted on Mahe.

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\$150pp per week. (Please note that this is only a guideline for guests interested in tipping the guides and the boat/lodge staff. All gratuities are up to the discretion of the individual guest.)

Satellite Phone & Communications

There is no cell phone reception or WiFi on Farquhar. The guesthouse is however equipped with a satellite phone which can be used by guests at an additional cost of US\$4 per minute.

GSM

There are two GSM network operators in Seychelles: Airtel (Telecom) and Cable & Wireless. Both networks are GSM 900. As of this writing, only C&W has any roaming agreements, and only with BT Cellnet in the United Kingdom. Both offer prepaid services; for about US\$40 you can get a GSM card and make international calls to any country, anytime for about USD 1.50 per minute.



Spawning Shrimp





Your guides



Marabou Fleeing Crab

The Farquhar team is made up of some of the Indian Ocean's most skilled, professional and approachable guides. Determined and passionate, they are committed to ensure each guest on Farquhar experiences the incredible diversity this fishery is best known for. Whether it be stalking finicky Triggerfish, hunting down Giant Trevally or accurately presenting to Bumphead Parrotfish whilst on the flats or lining up Milkfish, teasing in Sailfish or dredging up monster Doggies whilst offshore, this team has the knowledge and communication skills to help you land that fish of a lifetime!



MATTHIEU COUSSON
FlyCastaway Head Guide



NIC ISABELLE
FlyCastaway Guide



PETER KING
FlyCastaway Guide



JAROD PAELLE
FlyCastaway Guide



GERRY NOURRICE
FlyCastaway Guide



JUSTIN ROLLINSON
FlyCastaway Guide

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: Columbia Sportswear, G.Loomis, WADE, Airflo & 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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