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Capital: Victoria **Time:** GMT + 3 (GMT + 2 from last Sunday in March to Saturday before last Sunday in October).

Background: A lengthy struggle between France and Great Britain for the islands ended in 1814, when they were ceded to the latter. Independence came in 1976. Socialist rule was brought to a close with a new constitution and free elections in 1993.

Location: Eastern Africa, group of islands in the Indian Ocean, northeast of Madagascar

Map References: Africa

Area: total: 455 sq km, land: 455 sq km, water: 0 sq km

Climate: tropical marine; humid; cooler season during southeast monsoon (late May to September); warmer season during northwest monsoon (March to May)

Terrain: Mahe Group is granitic, narrow coastal strip, rocky, hilly; others are coral, flat, elevated reefs

Natural Resources: fish, copra, cinnamon trees

Population: 79,326 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Seychellois (singular and plural), adjective: Seychelles

Ethnic Groups: Seychellois (mixture of Asians, Africans, Europeans)

Religions: Roman Catholic 90%, Anglican 8%, other 2%

Languages: English (official), French (official), Creole

Economy: Since independence in 1976, per capita output in this Indian Ocean archipelago has expanded to roughly seven times the old near-subsistence level. Growth has been led by the tourist sector, which employs about 30% of the labor force and provides more than 70% of hard currency earnings, and by tuna fishing. In recent years the government has encouraged foreign investment in order to upgrade hotels and other services. At the same time, the government has moved to reduce the dependence on tourism by promoting the development of farming, fishing, and small-scale manufacturing. The vulnerability of the tourist sector was illustrated by the sharp drop in 1991-92 due largely to the Gulf war. Although the industry has rebounded, the government recognizes the continuing need for upgrading the sector in the face of stiff international competition. Other issues facing the government are the curbing of the budget deficit and further privatization of public enterprises. Growth slowed in 1998-99, due to sluggish tourist and tuna sectors.

Industries: fishing; tourism; processing of coconuts and vanilla, coir (coconut fiber) rope, boat building, printing, furniture; beverages

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 280 km, paved: 176 km, unpaved: 104 km (1996 est.)

Ports and Harbors: Victoria

Airports: 14 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 6: 1,524 to 2,437 m: 1, 914 to 1,523 m: 3, under 914 m: 2 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 8: 914 to 1,523 m: 4, under 914 m: 4 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all.

Duty Free: permitted goods: 200 cigarettes or 250g tobacco; 1 litre of spirits or 1 litre wine (or 2 litres of either spirits or wine); 125ml of perfume or 250ml of eau de toilette; gifts to a value not exceeding SRs 130.

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travelers. Mains water is normally chlorinated, and whilst relatively safe may cause mild abdominal upsets. Bottled water is available.

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