



Passage from the Seychelles to Madagascar

INDIAN OCEAN CRUISE

Accompanied by
Expedition Naturalists

February 24 – March 9, 2026

Immerse yourself in a tropical paradise during this 10-night cruise off the eastern coast of Africa. Embark the deluxe small ship *Ponant Le Bougainville* on Mahé Island and sail through sparkling waters, exploring ten islands in the Seychelles and Madagascar archipelagos. During guided nature hikes, encounter and learn about extraordinary wildlife, lush tropical vegetation and geological wonders. Discover a vivid kaleidoscope of underwater life while snorkeling in pristine waters. Venture to remote atolls densely populated with myriad crab and tern species. Hunt for other fauna unique to this part of the world, including massive Aldabra giant tortoises, agile Maki Macaco lemurs and Brookesia Micra, one of the world's smallest chameleons. Extend your stay in Eden with the Seychelles post-tour extension.

Exclusive Highlights

- Embark on a memorable passage through the Indian Ocean on a 10-night cruise aboard an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship.
- Visit six Seychelles islands to witness some of the rarest indigenous wildlife and unique landscapes on Earth.
- Discover Madagascar's stunning white-sand beaches, native wildlife, geologic wonders and vibrant coral reefs.



Above: Mahé Island, Seychelles

Cover: Anse Source d'Argent beach, La Digue, Seychelles



Dear University of Michigan alumni travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent more than 60 years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for U-M travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us:

Convenience: Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hardest part is selecting where to go next.

Educational Enrichment: All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

Unique Explorations: Our tours are specially designed for U-M travelers, providing opportunities for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

We invite you to explore our collection at alumni.umich.edu/travel.

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855-764-0064 or alumnitravel@umich.edu.

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachele Neu'.

Rachele Neu, '08, MA'12



**For reservations, call Gohagan & Company at 800-922-3088
or visit gohagantravel.com/reserve**



Note: *This day-by-day itinerary is for guidance only. Due to the variable weather conditions of the southern oceans and wildlife viewing opportunities, excursion details may change during this expedition-style program.*

Day 1 | February 24

Depart your home city for Victoria, Mahé Island, Seychelles.

Day 2 | February 25

Day in Flight

Day 3 | February 26 **D**

Victoria, Mahé Island, The Seychelles | Embark
Arrive at Seychelles International Airport and transfer to embark *Ponant Le Bougainville*. This evening, attend a welcome briefing and safety drill, followed by dinner on board.

Day 4 | February 27 **B-L-R-D**

La Digue Island

La Digue Island crystallizes all the beauty of the Seychelles, with inviting turquoise waters, lush vegetation sheltering giant tortoises, palm-fringed beaches and iconic granite boulders. Visit the picture-perfect Anse Source d'Argent beach. This evening,

join your fellow travelers for a Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 5 | February 28 **B-L-D**

Aride Island | Curieuse Island
Protected from human impact and often called a "seabird citadel," Aride is home to some 112 species of birds, including 30 species of rare birds. Take a guided walk through this pristine nature reserve. Then visit Curieuse, one of the few places where giant

Aldabra tortoises roam in the wild. Look for them — and discover lush mangrove forests, distinctive red soil and soft-sand beaches — on a guided walk.

Day 6 | March 1 **B-L-D**

Remire Island
Remire Island boasts unique biodiversity. On a guided walk through the island's lush vegetation, observe diverse wildlife, including endemic birds and reptiles.



Snorkeling in the Indian Ocean



Day 7 | March 2 **B-L-D**

St. François Island

Rarely visited, St. François Atoll provides a fascinating glimpse into diverse marine life without the intervention of humans. On a guided walk, spy migrating seabirds and reptiles, and interesting trees.

Day 8 | March 3 **B-L-D**

Farquhar Atoll

The extensive salt flats and shallow waters around Farquhar make it a haven for many exotic species, including the bumphead parrotfish, which thrive here. Explore the pristine beaches, mangrove forests and coastal dunes.



Paradise Flycatcher,
Seychelles

Marvel at the variety of seabirds, including black-naped terns, a species that lives exclusively on coral islands. Watch for distinctive frigatebirds, masked and red-footed boobies.

Day 9 | March 4 **B-L-D**

Antsiranana, Madagascar

Take an off-roading island tour in a four-wheel-drive vehicle. Head uphill to Montagne d'Ambre National Park for a hike through lush landscapes to a waterfall. You may spot lemurs, chameleons and a variety of birds. Return to port and enjoy panoramic vistas of Diego Suarez Bay and Sugar Loaf Island as you descend.

Day 10 | March 5 **B-L-D**

Antsiranana

Enjoy a taste of paradise this morning on the beautiful white sand beach along the Emerald Sea. Swim and snorkel in the clear waters, looking for bountiful marine life (including possible dolphin and whale sightings off shore!) Savor a delicious seafood lunch.

Day 11 | March 6 **B-L-D**

Nosy Hara

The unspoiled beauty of this Marine National Park is breathtaking. This veritable open-air aquarium is inhabited by: whales and dolphins, hundreds of species

Sugar Loaf Island in Diego Suarez Bay, Madagascar



Ringtail lemurs, Madagascar



Panther iguana, Madagascar



White terns, Seychelles

of coral fish and corals, five species of sea turtles, 31 species of birds and 18 species of reptiles. Look for diverse wildlife, including Brookesia Micra, the smallest chameleon in the world. Afterward, relax on the beach, taking in the incredible vistas.

Day 12 | March 7 B-L-R-D

Nosy Komba | Nosy Tanikely | Nosy Be

On Nosy Komba, stroll through a village, and meet local people. Learn about plants cultivated on Madagascar — vanilla, ylang ylang and coffee.

Take a guided hike through the dense rainforest to encounter playful black lemurs in their natural habitat.

Lemurs are accustomed to humans and may get up-close and personal! Look out for chameleons, tortoises and birds too. This afternoon, explore Nosy Tanikely's unique ecosystem, including its diverse birdlife and endemic plant species. While snorkeling, look for reef fish, dolphins and sea turtles; underwater, you may even hear the songs of humpback whales! This evening, join your fellow travelers

for a Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 13 | March 8

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Nosy Be | Disembark | Mahé Island, Seychelles | Return To Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your included flight back to Mahé Island, Seychelles. Later in the day, board your international return flight to your home city.

Day 14 | March 9

Arrive in your home city.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.

Expedition Naturalists

Your multi-talented Expedition Team leads onboard discussions and presentations and accompanies you during excursions. This seasoned team of naturalists has traveled extensively in East Africa and the world's most remote regions. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. These collective experiences and a specialized interest in the world's ecosystems make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your expedition. They will be by your side throughout your journey to answer questions and share their knowledge about this majestic part of the world.



Aldabra giant tortoise, Seychelles

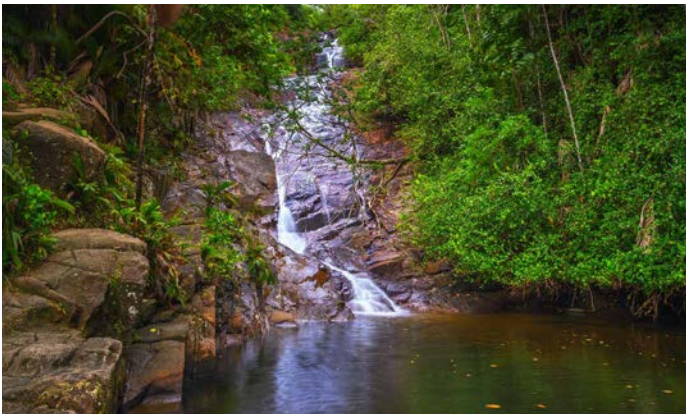


Ghost crab, Seychelles



Hawksbill turtle, Indian Ocean

POST-TOUR EXTENSION



Seychelles

March 8 to 12 (Program Ends: March 11)

Enjoy a deeper exploration of Mahé Island on this 4-day extension. Tour a traditional Creole village and learn about its history. Stroll through a local market, visit a botanical garden and marvel at the gorgeous views from the Mission Lodge lookout. Savor some time to explore and dine on your own as well. Accommodations for three nights at the deluxe *Kempinski Seychelles Resort*.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,595

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,525

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- 10-night cruise from Mahé Island, Seychelles, to Madagascar aboard the deluxe, exclusively chartered small ship *Ponant Le Bougainville*.
- Included internal flight from Madagascar to Mahé Island, Seychelles.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Acclaimed expedition naturalists enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- Visit six Seychelles islands to witness some of the rarest indigenous wildlife and unique landscapes on Earth.
- Discover Madagascar's stunning white-sand beaches, native wildlife, geologic wonders and vibrant coral reefs.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary water is available in your room and on excursions.
- Our extensive pre-departure materials better prepare you for your travel experience.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad when you purchase your air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).



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***The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 7/18/25 and paid in full at booking.**

These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

- All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes.
- Single supplements apply in select categories at 160% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
- Deposit amount is \$1,500 per person. Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.
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The exclusively chartered, deluxe *Ponant Le Bougainville* features a new generation of unprecedented design, technology and standards in comfort and elegance, and caters to the most discerning passengers. Each deluxe stateroom and suite has a private balcony.

2026 DEPARTURE DATE | February 24 to March 9 | Tour Begins: February 26

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
J	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft Deck 3, mid.	\$12,995	\$11,995
I	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft Deck 4, mid.	\$13,495	\$12,495
H	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$13,745	\$12,745
G	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$13,995	\$12,995
F	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft Deck 5, mid & aft.	\$14,245	\$13,245
E	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft Deck 6, mid & aft.	\$14,495	\$13,495
D	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291sq ft Deck 3, mid.	\$15,495	\$14,495
C	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft Deck 4, mid.	\$16,495	\$15,495
B	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft Deck 5, mid..	\$17,495	\$16,495
A	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$18,495	\$17,495
PS	Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft Decks 5 & 6, aft.	\$20,995	\$19,995
GS	Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft Deck 6, aft.	\$22,495	\$21,495
OS	Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft Deck 5, aft.	\$22,995	\$21,995

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: two twin beds or one queen bed; an elegant private bath with L'occitane products, a walk-in glass shower with rain head, body jets and a handheld shower; a wardrobe; flat-screen TV with state-of-the-art infotainment system; terrycloth robes and slippers; Egyptian cotton linens, duvet and pillow menu; Nespresso coffee; teas; personalized bar service; private climate control; personal safe and hair dryer.

The Gohagan Difference – An Inclusive Luxury Experience

For your comfort and convenience, our fares are comprehensive. We offer incredible inclusions not typical of all providers.

- Shore Excursions
- Wi-Fi/Internet
- Beverage Package
- Port Charges & Gratuities
- Travel Director(s)

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