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Fact Sheet - SV Sea Pearl





Vessel Fact Sheet - S.V. Sea Pearl

Introduction

About Our Traditional Schooner

Blending the rustic charm of traditional early 1900s schooner with comfortable accommodation and modern amenities, S.V. Sea Pearl is the platform of adventure, discovery and relaxation in the Seychelles Islands.

Imbued with her special history, this schooner offers a distinctive true-to-Seychelles island experience. Sea Pearl allows guests to discover the islands' most exclusive and hard-to-reach places, from tiny granite islets to beautiful hidden coves.

From November to April, weekly 7-night cruises depart every Saturday from Port Victoria, Mahé venturing throughout most of the inner island archipelago. From May to October, a shorter 6-night cruise is offered from Praslin Island.

Both itineraries are ideal options for individuals, couples and small families who seek the advantages of a yacht experience without bearing the costs of chartering an entire boat.

Charters are also available for up to 16 pax for groups of Friends, family or executives who wish to discover the islands privately in their own way.

A number of special niche programs have been developed to cater for charter groups seeking a more specific activity to enjoy in the islands, such as bird-watching, sport-fishing, hiking, diving and more: cruises can be tailored to almost any special interest.





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Vessel Histories

The Story of SV Sea Pearl

The S.V. Sea Pearl is the oldest vessel in the Silhouette Cruises fleet, having been built in 1915 in Vlaardingen, Netherlands as a sailing-fishing vessel named "Dirk".

In 1930 she was the last sailing vessel in the Dutch Herring fleet. After decades of fishing the North Sea she was redesigned in 1991 into a schooner rigged sailing ship, sailing the Caribbean Islands and Canada under the name "Regina Chatarina".

In 1999, she was completely refitted and renamed "Sea Pearl" and delivered to Seychelles to commence charter operations around the islands of Seychelles, becoming the second vessel in the Silhouette Cruises fleet.





Vessel Fact Sheet - S.V. Sea Pearl Accommodation & Service

Rustic Charm, Historic Ambience

Sea Pearl features 8 air-conditioned guest cabins in two different categories. Category A cabins offer a double bed with extra bunk(s), whereas Category B cabins feature single bunk beds for two individuals.

Each cabin has a washbasin as well as reading lights, storage cupboard and power connections for charging computers and cameras or using other electronic devices such as hair-dryers. Bathroom facilities are compartmentalised separately from the cabins and guests share these facilities during the cruise.

Cabins and bathrooms are cleaned daily by our crew.

The public areas include a main air-conditioned saloon, as well as a covered open-air back deck/leisure area, a padded sundeck and netting on the bow which serve as suspended hammocks for guests to relax and unwind.

The Silhouette Cruises Service Concept

Our service is what sets us apart from most small-ship cruises. With a mostly Seychellois crew attending to our guests, traditional Creole cuisine prepared daily and a relaxed, casual atmosphere onboard, we've created a special brand of hospitality that is natural, authentic and true to the Seychelles.



Sea Pearl is hosted by a crew of 8, to ensure our crew-to-guest ratio is always at least 1-to-2, even at maximum occupancy.

The crew includes a captain, engineer, 2 deckhands, 2 stewardesses, a dive instructor and a dedicated chef.



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Dining & Cuisine

Our Cuisine

Our chefs use fresh local ingredients to create an enticing blend of authentic Creole cuisine and international favourites. Each chef plans out their own menus for every cruise week, encouraging diverse and creative creations for every meal.

Breakfast features fresh fruit along with one of our chef's preparations, such as eggs or crepes, with toast, juice and tea/coffee. Buffets for lunch and dinner provide a culinary tour of the archipelago and its wide-ranging influences from Europe, Africa, South Asia and the Far East.

Meals can be enjoyed in the air-conditioned saloon for seated dining, or picnic-style on the back deck lounge area or sun deck.

Bar Service

Our stewardesses are always at the ready to serve drinks from our bar, be it for an afternoon refreshment, an aperitif at sunset or a glass of wine with dinner. However, in order to create an atmosphere in which our passengers can feel at home onboard, we also allow self-service at our bar - guests are welcome to help themselves to drinks from the refrigerator at the bar by simply marking down their selections, which will be added to their bar bill for settlement at the end of the cruise.





Vessel Fact Sheet - S.V. Sea Pearl Activities

Sailing

Sea Pearl features traditional manual rigs. When winds allow, guests are welcome to try their hand at sailing the old-fashioned way under the supervision of our crews.

Sea & Sport Activities

Equipment for snorkelling and bottom-line fishing, as well as kayaks and stand-up paddle boards, are all available onboard on a complimentary basis.

Island Excursions

Each day onboard presents a new opportunity to explore isolated bays and coves, colourful marine parks, and protected nature reserves or uninhabited islands. Spotting the incredibly rare Magpie Robin and other endemic birds, visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vallée de Mai, or getting up close and personal with a giant tortoise, are just a few of the many special experiences that await on the islands we visit.

Diving

Diving and snorkelling in the Seychelles reveal the best of the magical underwater world that the Indian Ocean has to offer. Unique granite boulder formations, coral reefs are home to colourful tropical fish, turtles, sharks, rays and many other species.

Some of the best dive sites in Seychelles' inner islands are easily accessible on our cruises. Each vessel has a dedicated PADI dive instructor onboard to accommodate the needs of both seasoned and novice divers alike. Introductory dives for first-timers and even PADI Open Water or Advanced Open Water courses can be conducted onboard, these need to be coordinated in advance.

The vessel is equipped with two dive compressors, 16 cylinders + refills, weights, assorted wet suits (shorties) and 8 full diving sets for hire (guests are also welcome to bring their own equipment).





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Technical Specifications

Facilities & Amenities

- ✿ Air conditioning in all interiors (cabins, saloon)
- ✿ Sun deck w/mattress and bow-net hammock
- ✿ Covered back deck/lounge
- ✿ TV, DVD, stereo in saloon
- ✿ 4 showers and 3 toilets
- ✿ Deck shower
- ✿ Beach and bath towels provided
- ✿ Complimentary table water & tea/coffee w/meals

At Additional Charge:

- ✿ Bottled water, soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits are all available for purchase
- ✿ Laundry on request (additional charge)

Crew

- 1 Captain
- 1 Mechanic
- 1 Dive instructor
- 1 Chef
- 2 Stewardesses
- 2 Deckhands

✿ Overnight Capacity

Sea Pearl is licensed for a maximum of 20 passengers on overnight stay plus 8 crew.

There are 8 air-conditioned cabins - berths are as follows:

- ✿ 6 double-bed cabins with 1 or 2 single bunk(s)
- ✿ 2 twin bunk bed cabins

Technical Information

TYPE OF VESSEL
2-Mast Topsail Schooner

DESIGNER
De Swindt

SHIPYARD
Vlaardingen, Holland

BUILT
1915

RE-BUILT
1992, 1999

SAIL AREA
ca.520sqm

DIMENSIONS
35 x 6.6 x 2.75m

DRAFT
2.75m

HEIGHT
1.90m

BUILD
Riveted Steel

DISPLACEMENT
155 tons

MAIN ENGINE
Cummins MPC 300hp

SPEED OF ENGINE
7 Knots

ECHO SOUNDER
Standard Horizon

FISH FINDER
Furuno

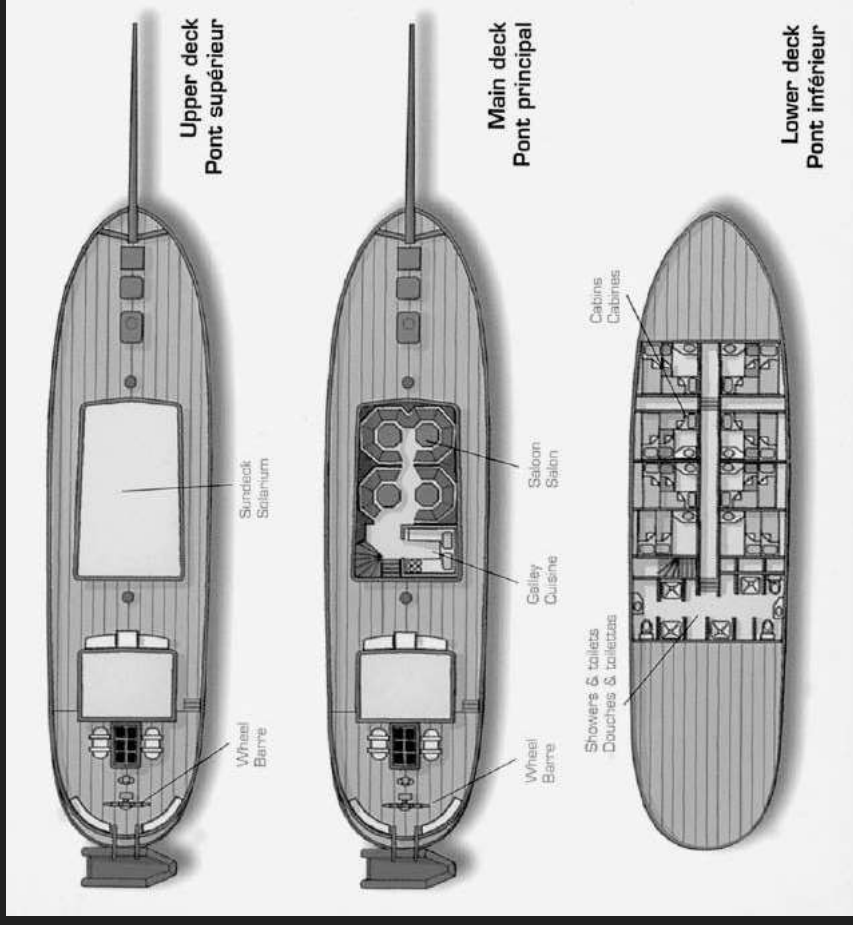
GPS
Valsat

NAVTEX
JMC-NT-9000

RADAR
Furuno FR-711N

TENDER BOAT
6m Mini Mahe 55hp

ELECTRICITY
380V, 220V, 24V



Communications

VHF
2 X VHF MOBILES

RADIO TELEPHONE
Sailor SSB RE2100
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CELLULAR PHONE
SATELLITE
COMMUNICATION
Available

✿ Capacity for Day Trips

Sea Pearl is licensed for up to 50 passengers on day trips and sunset cruises. Contact us for more information on possibilities.

Weddings & Special Occasions

Weddings can be arranged onboard both the weekly scheduled departures and on a customised charter basis. Contact us for details.