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A romantic beach scene at sunset. In the foreground, a table with a white tablecloth is set with a bottle of orange juice, glasses, and plates. Two wooden chairs with white cushions are positioned around the table. In the background, a couple is walking along the beach, holding hands. The ocean is visible in the distance under a warm, golden sky.

# *The Honeymooners'* DREAM ON THE SEYCHELLEAN ARCHIPELAGO

A remote and natural paradise, the Seychelles archipelago is the quintessential honeymoon destination, and for good reason. With a generous dose of luxury resorts, idyllic beaches, verdant rainforests and an abundance of marine life, Seychelles offers something unique that will sweep you and your partner off your feet.

Looking for a honeymoon destination to celebrate the beginning of the rest of your lives together after your wedding day? Well, here's an incredibly itinerary that may entice you into choosing Seychelles as your post-nuptial's destination of choice...



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ward-winning luxury travel company Ker & Downey® Africa carries as well-established reputation for curating some of the most enticing offers for honeymooners and couples seeking to connect with each other in the most pristine of settings. Afterall, which lovebirds would shy away from an opportunity that is postcard perfect, with their feet wading through the waters of azure oceans by day and romantic, exquisite dinners by night. With a truly once-in-a-lifetime honeymooners romantic 11-day Luxury Seychelles Honeymoon, complete with private islands and exclusive-use villas, newlyweds can spend their time unwinding in the lap of luxury at the Four Seasons Desroches and Six Senses Zil Pasyon or partake in an array of activities on offer to add a sense of adventure to the experience. Think private sunset cruises, island-hopping snorkeling excursions and private movie screenings under the stars.

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#### DAY 1-5

#### FOUR SEASONS DESROCHES, DESROCHES ISLAND

The itinerary begins on Mahé Island – the international gateway to the Seychelles archipelago – where you will board a light aircraft and be whisked away to your very own private Eden on Desroches Island. You'll be welcomed by the team at Four Sea-





sons Desroches and accompanied to your luxurious Ocean View Pool Villa for 5 nights in paradise.

### *What to expect from Four Seasons Desroches*

The sole resort on the island, Four Seasons Desroches consists of 71 accommodation options ranging from rustic-chic suites to expansive villas, each guaranteeing utmost privacy with a private pool, cabana, and a secluded garden with direct access to the beach. Inside, the villas combine traditional and contemporary Creole style with bursts of bold colour.

Your time on the island can be as active or leisurely as you desire. The island offers plenty of adventure and, while there is a network of buggies to transport you from A to B, you will also be provided with your very own bicycle with which to explore over 15km of biking trails around the island. Try your hand at ocean kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling and scuba diving or enjoy a wealth of on-land activities including yoga, tennis, and beach volleyball. For wildlife lovers, there is an inland animal sanctuary where you can meet the Aldabra Giant Tortoises, who are cared for by the Island Conservation Society.

Toast the day's adventure at the resort's poolside bar or enjoy a world-class dining experience at one of the on-site restaurants.

To make your honeymoon extra special, Ker & Downey® Africa includes a 75-minute couples massage at the resort's world-class spa, as well as a complimentary private stargazing experience on the resort's runway, exclusively for you and your loved one.

### **DAY 6-10 SIX SENSES ZIL PASYON, FÉLICITÉ ISLAND**

Next up, you will return to Mahé Island for your onward journey to Félicité Island by helicopter. The 20-minute flight takes you



over dense palm jungles, pristine beaches, and vibrant coral reefs to Six Senses Zil Pasyon – the exclusive resort on Félicité Island. The team will await your arrival at the resort's private helipad and accompany you to a private one-bedroom Hideaway Pool Villa where you can pop your complimentary bottle of bubbles on arrival to celebrate your recent nuptials.

### *What to expect from Six Senses Zil Pasyon*

Six Senses' first foray into Africa, the luxurious Six Senses Zil Pasyon boasts 33 exclusive villas moulded around the island's granite boulders and ocean. Each villa is fitted with a private pool and ensures utmost privacy for honeymooners.

The beach-front hub of restaurants, bars, a boutique, modern gym, swimming pool and library set the scene for the main guests' area. The world-class spa with five double treatment villas overlooks the ocean and offers a wide range of holistic wellness and rejuvenation treatments. The spa features an elevated pool with a sundeck, as well as a yoga and meditation pavilion to enhance guests' wellness journey.

Located in the north, Six Senses Zil Pasyon is encircled by Grande Soeur, Petite Soeur, Coco and Marianne Islands, offering the ultimate island-hopping experience. Your personal Guest Experience Manager will provide you with a range of activities within the resort as well as further afield. Soak up the sun on this island paradise with an array of water sports, snorkeling excursions to nearby island reefs, or dive into the deep to witness sheltered reefs brimming with vibrant marine life.

Your honeymoon itinerary includes a 60-minute couples massage, as well as a sunset cruise complete with a bottle of bubbles, delicious canapes, and a private movie screening at the resort's outdoor cinema under the stars. 

