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Fact Sheet



# SV Sea Shell & SV Sea Pearl



# Introduction

## About Our Traditional Schooners

Blending the rustic charm of traditional early 1900s schooners with comfortable accommodation and modern amenities, S.V. Sea Shell and S.V. Sea Pearl are platforms of adventure, discovery and relaxation in the islands of Seychelles. Imbued with their own special histories, these vessels offer a distinctive true-to-Seychelles island experience.

Sea Shell and Sea Pearl allow 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 the island of Praslin. 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 programmes 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.







# Vessel Histories

## The Story of SV Sea Shell

The S.V. Sea Shell was built in Holland in 1920, and first used as a pilot vessel to guide foreign ships from Holland and France across the English Channel.

The vessel was actually sunk by its owner to prevent her from being used in World War II, but she was recovered in 1949 and re-designed as a fishing boat.

In 1982, she was purchased by a Dutch sailor who named her "Elisabeth Louw" after his mother. He laboured for three winters, stripping the vessel to her hull to carry out a total renovation. Upon completion, she was used as a sailing school in the English Channel and North Sea.

In 1996 she was purchased for use as a charter vessel in Seychelles and re-named "Sea Shell". Central heating was replaced with air-conditioning, accommodation was upgraded and since 1997, she's cruised the beautiful Indian Ocean waters of Seychelles with Silhouette Cruises.







Vessel Fact Sheet - S.V. Sea Shell & S.V. Sea Pearl

# 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 Shell & S.V. Sea Pearl

## Accommodation & Service

### Rustic Charm, Historic Ambience

Sea Shell and Sea Pearl each feature 8 air-conditioned guest cabins in two different categories. Category A cabins offer a double bed with extra bunk, whereas Category B cabins feature single bunk beds for two or sometimes three 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 Shell & Sea Pearl are



each 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.







# Vessel Fact Sheet - S.V. Sea Shell & S.V. Sea Pearl

## 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 Shell & S.V. Sea Pearl

# Activities

### Sailing

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

### 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 and wrecks 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.

All vessels are 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).





# Technical Specifications - Sea Shell

## 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
- ✿ 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)

## Overnight Capacity

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

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

- ✿ 5 double-bed cabins with 1 single bunk
- ✿ 3 twin bunk bed cabins

## Capacity for Day Trips

Sea Shell 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, with packages inclusive of the local registrar, fees and associated. Contact us for details.

## Technical Information

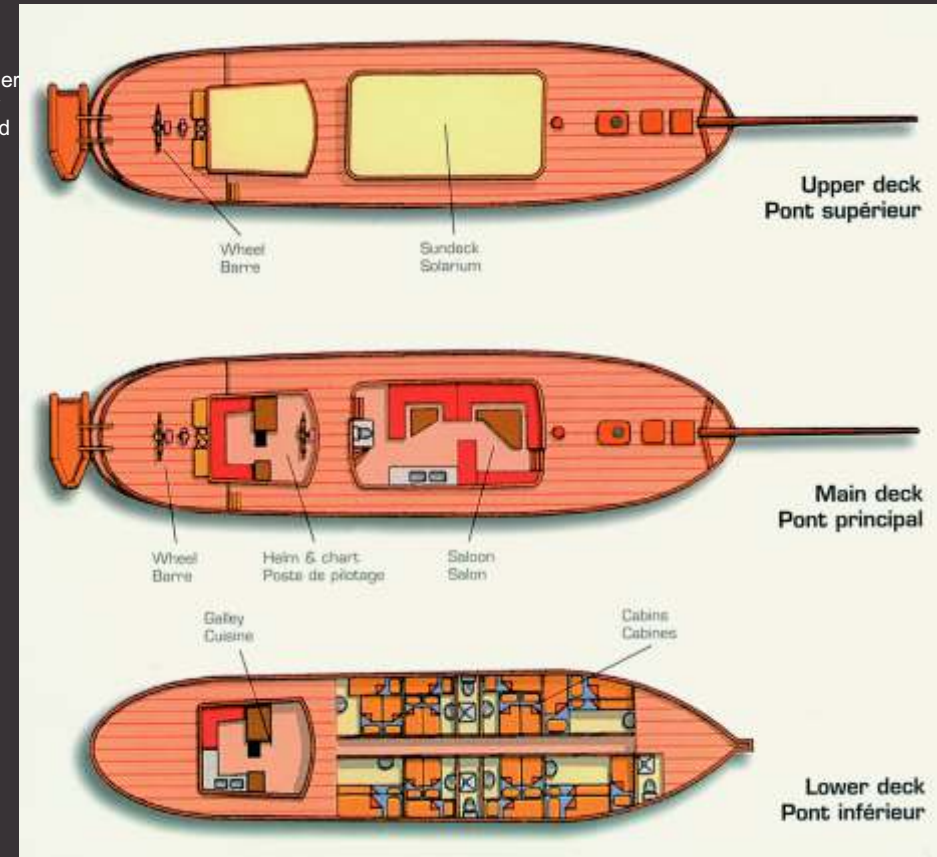
TYPE OF VESSEL	2-Mast Topsail Schooner
DESIGNER	Hogendoorn/Van Meer
SHIPYARD	Vige Haarleem, Holland
BUILT	1920
RE-BUILT	1949, 1982, 1996
SAIL AREA	ca.520sqm
DIMENSIONS	36.17 x 6.58 x 2.90m
DRAFT	2.90m
HEIGHT	1.90m
BUILD	Riveted Steel
DISPLACEMENT	160.110 tons
MAIN ENGINE	Henschel 300hp, Type 6R 1416A
SPEED OF ENGINE	7 knots
ECHO SOUNDER	Space Age Electric
FISH FINDER	Lawrence Ax28
GPS	Valsat
NAVETEX	JRC
RADAR	Furuno 701
TENDER BOAT	6m Mini Mahe 55 hp
ELECTRICITY	380V, 220V, 24V

## Communications

VHF	Sailor 244
2 X VHF MOBILES	
RADIO TELEPHONE	Furuno Short/Medium Wave Transceiver (+248) 514 041
CELLULAR PHONE	
SATELLITE	
COMMUNICATION	Available

## Crew

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



## Electricity

Electrical outlets are conveniently located in all guest cabins as well as in the saloon, using 220V power, with European two prong, round pin plugs as below:







## Vessel Fact Sheet - S.V. Sea Shell & S.V. Sea Pearl

# Technical Specifications - Sea Pearl

### Facilities & Amenities

- ✿ Air conditioning in all interiors (cabins, saloon)
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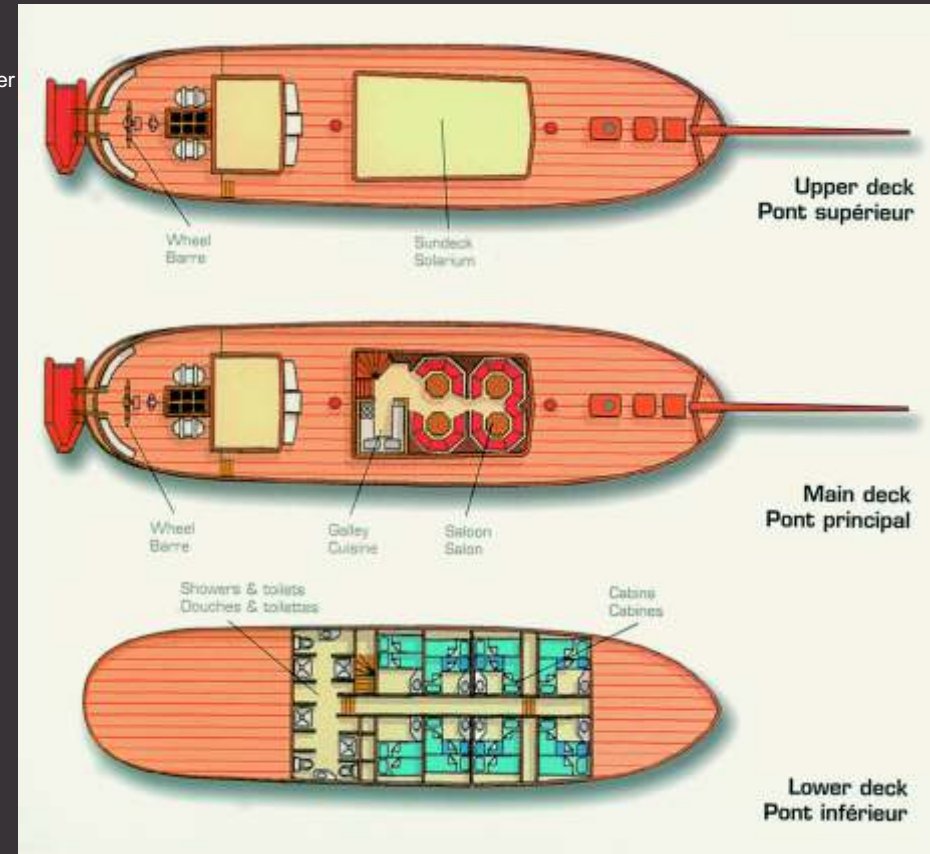
TYPE OF VESSEL	2-Mast Topsail Schooner
DESIGNER	De Swindt
SHIPYARD	Vlaardingen, Holland
BUILT	1915
RE-BUILT	1992, 1999
SAIL AREA	ca.520sqm
DIMENSIONS	35 x 6.6 x 2.75m
DRAFT	2.75m
HEIGHT	1.90m
BUILD	Riveted Steel
DISPLACEMENT	155 tons
MAIN ENGINE	Cummins MPC 300hp
SPEED OF ENGINE	7 Knots
ECHO SOUNDER	Standard Horizon
FISH FINDER	Furuno
GPS	Valsat
NAVETEX	JMC-NT-9000
RADAR	Furuno FR-711N
TENDER BOAT	6m Mini Mahe 55hp
ELECTRICITY	380V, 220V, 24V

### Communications

VHF	Sailor RT 2048
2 X VHF MOBILES	
RADIO TELEPHONE	Sailor SSB RE2100 Immarsat-C TNL 70001 (+248) 513 355
CELLULAR PHONE	
SATELLITE	
COMMUNICATION	Available

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