

Cheval Blanc Seychelles



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This 115-island nation in the Indian Ocean just welcomed the LVMH hotel brand's first African outpost. [Cheval Blanc Seychelles](#) does away with the expected thatched-roof aesthetic in favor of 52 modern-looking villas, with one to five bedrooms each, by celebrated designer Jean-Michel Gathy (Aman New York; Marina Bay Sands, in Singapore). I stayed in a sleek villa painted bone white, with views of aquamarine waves, a 41-foot-long pool, and an outdoor shower I shared with a giant snail one day and a pair of curious geckos the next. The minimalist main lodge has chic lounges, two infinity pools, and four of the hotel's five elegant restaurants. The fifth, Mizumi, is on the waterfront, serving East Asian dishes including dim sum and excellent sushi in a historic cottage. The Guerlain Spa has a hammam and eight hillside cabanas, each with different design touches: a quartz massage table in one, mother-of-pearl walls covering another. *Doubles from \$2,500.* —

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