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SIX SENSES ZIL PASYON, SEYCHELLES OPENING AUTUMN 2016

The unspoiled private island of Félicité is the setting for the newest Six Senses resort – an oasis of serenity, seamlessly blending the design into the natural beauty of the island

The 652-acre (263-hectare) Félicité Island is one of the most dramatically beautiful and unspoiled islands of the 115-island nation that is the Seychelles. With massive granite boulders fringing the shoreline and picture perfect beaches it is the island's dramatic beauty that will make it the perfect location for the new Six Senses Zil Pasyon opening in autumn 2016.

True to Six Senses heritage of creating exceptional guest experiences in places of incredible beauty, the 30 villa Six Senses Zil Pasyon occupies just one third of the island's land total - the rest is left to the beauty of nature and wildlife. The resort includes 30 villas plus 17 private residences. There will also be six distinctive dining and bar venues on the island, sport and leisure facilities, three pristine sandy beaches and an outdoor main pool. A highlight of any Six Senses resort is of course the Six Senses Spa which will feature nearly 7,000 square feet (650 square meters) of spa space spread over 19,000 square feet (1,765 square meters) of towering rocks, boulders and oceanfront. The resort also features the Trouloulou Kid's Villa, an interactive camp just for children between 4 and 12 years old.

Drawing upon the renowned Six Senses perspective of providing innovative and extensive facilities wedded to environmental responsibility, the resort has been brilliantly designed to embrace the untouched picturesque landscape of the island. Designed by Six Senses Architecture and Design team and Richard Hywel Evans of Studio RHE in London, the resort features contemporary architecture and interiors that perfectly complement the island environment.

The resort's architecture features uniquely attractive and



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comfortable spaces that appear to have evolved naturally as a collection of structures or a 'village' that is true to the island setting. An intentionally restrained base palette of stone, timber, tile and fabric is used to reflect the natural surroundings of weathered rock, petrified timber, vibrant vegetation and rare orchids. Moments of dynamic expression and exuberance are then created through the controlled use of color, art, fabric, furniture and movement.

The inspiration for the interior design again draws on the island's natural assets to create spaces and moods that rest in harmony with their place. The lines are clean and simple, creating a seamless transition from indoor to outdoor. The furniture and fittings have all been carefully selected to complement the landscape and vividly-colored flora and fauna. There are unsurpassed vistas of the ocean and surrounding islands from the higher points on the island. Into this setting nestles the villas.

Villas

Each villa offers great privacy, embraced by tropical vegetation and spacious grounds and most importantly unsurpassed vistas of the ocean and a private infinity pool. The 28 one-bedroom pool villas and two (2) two-bedroom pool villas range from 2,150 square feet (200 square meters) to 5,380 square feet (500 square meters). Villa exteriors feature the subtle grains of balau timber with wooden shingle roofs. Exposed wooden beams feature in the living area's vaulted ceiling in each villa, while fully operational bow windows expand and immerse guests into raw nature or when closed, create a personal climate-controlled environment. Each villa has a large private sun deck and outdoor dining area as well as a private wine cellar and ice machine. As with every Six Senses resort, each villa will have its own Guest Experience Maker (GEM).

Spa

Six Senses Spa Zil Pasyon introduces contemporary architecture to the island and through its materiality, texture and form will accentuate the island's natural geography. Combined with the integration of sustainable processes and technologies, it is designed to become an integral part of the island's ecosystem, to offer guests a symbiotic experience of Félicité's environmental and built features. The spa includes five individual villas for treatments, hammam, sauna, saltwater pool, steam, yoga platform and nail bar and will provide innovative ancient holistic treatments from in-house experts and regular visiting wellness practitioners.

Restaurants and Bars

Dining and drinks at Six Senses Zil Pasyon runs the gambit of relaxed sophistication and memorable experiences with its six bar and dining options. The Village is the setting for Island Café, a destination-dining locale. Offering breakfast and dinner inspired by flavors from the Seychellois spice route, this is a

melting pot of European, Asian and African fare. Drinks and snacks are served throughout the day in an open lounge and includes a coffee parlor, signature cocktails and tiffin-box menu. This is also the home of the Chef's Kitchen, where just a handful of guests interact with the chef as dinner is prepared.

The upper floor of the Island Café, Lakanbiz, presents a selection of flavored and aged rums while The Wine Cellar features an impressive collection of labels from the old and new worlds. It's the perfect place for a private fine dining experience for two or as many as eight; the venue will also include regular wine tastings hosted by the master sommelier.

Beside the water's edge is the 'no meat' Ocean Kitchen, where the catch of the day is but one of the amazing seafood dishes on the menu. Located next to the pool is the Koko Bar. In addition, every villa offers a variety of dining settings with wonderful views, while numerous magical destination dining venues can be organized around the island.

Activities

The resort's main swimming pool is set at the water's edge where the ocean's waves break over a rock wall. There are also three white sand beaches to choose from and the chance to swim with turtles. Other activities include Trouloulou - the kids' villa with a two-story tree house and archeological sand pit; cooking classes; indoor screening room, signature outdoor Cinema Paradiso and library. There is also Boulodrome - a petanque court and Laboutik which will sell select designer clothing, swimwear, local artwork and home décor. Something unique will be the island's numerous scenic and inspirational walking trails which vary in length from 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) to 4 miles (6.4 kilometers).

The resort's Experience Center has all the equipment that is required for exhilarating water activities, including dive excursions around the island plus snorkeling, sailing, kayaking and standing paddleboard. Six Senses host can arrange private fishing trips and visits to neighboring islands by boat such as hiking in the Coco de Mer Valley or climbing to the top of the hill to Sunset Point for magnificent twilight experiences. Other highlights include cycling on La Digue, the smallest of the three main inhabited islands and guided tours of the Vallee de Mai, the UNESCO World Heritage Site in the heart of Praslin National Park.

Getting There

The resort is located 30 nautical miles northeast of Mahe. Guests reach the island via a 20-minute helicopter journey or a 90-minute boat trip.

Villas rates start at EUR 1,200 per night on a bed and breakfast basis. For additional details, contact your travel specialists or visit [sixsenses.com](https://www.sixsenses.com).

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About Six Senses Zil Pasyon

Six Senses Zil Pasyon is located on the private island of Felicite, the fifth largest island in Seychelles offering unsurpassed vistas of the ocean and surrounding islands. This 30-villa resort occupies one third of the total island and has been brilliantly designed to embrace the picturesque landscape of untouched beauty. Six Senses Zil Pasyon will offer several dining options, an amazing Six Senses Spa built atop towering boulders facing the sea and a wide range of interesting activities and excursions.

About Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas

Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas is a hotel and spa management company comprised of 10 resorts and 28 spas under the brand names Six Senses, Evason and Six Senses Spas. **Six Senses** operates resorts in far-flung locations of incredible natural beauty known for their distinctive and diverse design personalities. Each of the eight properties is supported by a leadership commitment to community, sustainability and wellness.

Six Senses Spas offers a wide range of holistic wellness, rejuvenation and beauty treatments administered under the guidance of expert therapists. Six Senses Spas operates 18 standalone spas in prestigious hotels and resorts as well as located aboard a ship and the premier class lounges of two major airports.

Evason introduces a collection of two unique resorts that follow the Six Senses philosophy of uncompromised responsibility to sustainability and to the community. Family friendly, these properties also provide a strong value focus while offering a vast array of guest services and personal attention.