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An Island Steeped In History – Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa, Silhouette Island, Seychelles

SEYCHELLES – 24th July, 2014 -The first recorded landing on the island of Silhouette, Seychelles was in 1609, by the East India Company, who took respite from the seas through the wood, food and water they found. This was not the first time men had set foot on the island; mysterious ancient graves believed to contain the remains of Arab sailors can still be found on the island. From the 1600s on pirates, freed slaves and settlers alike came to the island in search of a haven. Today Silhouette is home to one the largest National Parks in Seychelles and still houses tales of buried treasure. Immersed in history this beautiful island holds one of the most beautiful and best-kept secrets in the Seychelles, Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort and Spa.

A true private paradise, Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort and Spa, on Silhouette Island, is a mountainous beach hideaway nestled between a dazzling 2.5 km long white sand beach fringed with palms leaning over crystal-clear azure seas, strewn with granite boulders and bordered by lush tropical forest.

In the early 1800s the island was divided into sections and distributed to proprietors, including the notorious pirate Jean-Francois Hodoul. His involvement with Silhouette gave rise to the legend that the island harbors buried treasure. So it could be that while guests are relaxing on the beach or trekking through the jungle they could be atop a buried treasure chest?

However, the most notable of inhabitants at the time on Silhouette was Auguste Dauban. In 1867 the Dauban family had purchased the entire island, and by the time the family sold the island to the French Government, over 100 years later, they had truly left their mark on Silhouette. Auguste Dauban established many plantation crops from coconuts to vanilla, much of which can still be seen growing today throughout the island.

The family's legacy is marked by the name of the imposing peak Mount Dauban, which soars above a virgin jungle filled with rare hardwoods, exotic orchids and carnivorous pitcher plants. A further reminder of this great family is the hauntingly beautiful gothic-style Dauban mausoleum where a number of the family members are buried including Auguste Dauban.

The 19th Century plantation house, Grann Kaz, initially built by the Dauban family, has been faithfully resorted to its former glory and today serves as an authentic Creole restaurant, serving food which echoes the assortment of people who populate Seychelles. Creole cuisine features the subtleties and nuances of French cooking, the

exoticism of Indian dishes and the piquant flavors of the Orient, fused together to create a flavor unique to Seychelles.

Guests at Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort and Spa can find reminders of the history of Silhouette all over the island, amongst the modern luxury and exceptional service. To experience the indigenous spirit of the Seychelles, Silhouette Island is the perfect piece of paradise.

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About Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa:

Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa is located on Silhouette Island, 20 km northwest of Mahé; this luxurious mountainous beach hideaway is sandwiched between a dazzling 2.5 km long white beach with leaning palms over turquoise seas strewn with granite boulders and tropical forest. Only a 20 minute helicopter transfer from Seychelles International Airport, Mahe and a 45-minute boat trip via Bel Ombre Jetty, the resort is home to one of the largest nature reserves and National Marine Parks in the country. Guests can choose from three spacious and peaceful villa categories, from Garden Villas, to Beachfront Villas to Deluxe Hillside Pool Villas and Deluxe Beachfront Pool Villas. The jewel in the crown of these rooms is the magnificent Presidential Villa offering panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. Families, nature lovers, divers, adventure-seekers and romantics can all find a haven at Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa.

- World Travel Awards' Seychelles Leading Resort - 2013
- World Travel Awards' Seychelles Leading Spa Resort - 2013
- Global Traveller Awards' Best Resort in Africa – 2013
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