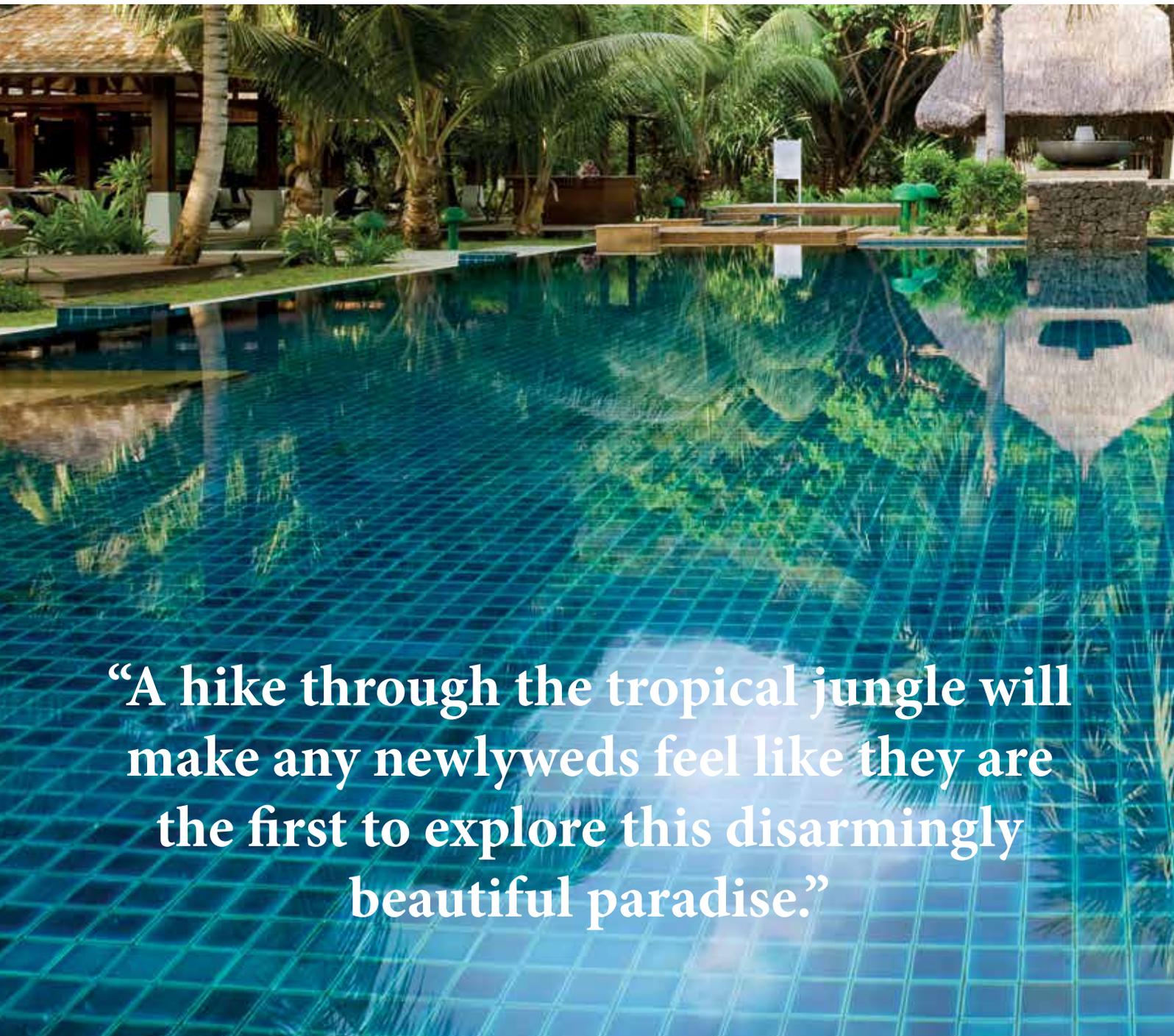




LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Get away this Valentine's Day with a romantic trip to Seychelles' Silhouette Island

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Approached from a distance Silhouette Island is a striking sight, with an expansive tropical forest enclosing an imposing mountain whose peak tips into a crown of clouded glory.

Located along a 2.5km stretch of powder-soft beach, Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa is a hub of relaxation; pristine beaches, modern and spacious villas, a first class spa and fine dining. The resort's comprehensive range of couple's packages are designed to maximise the island's full romantic potential, ensuring all the guest's needs are taken care of to the very last detail.

Upon arrival at the airport couples are whisked away across the Indian Ocean in an exhilarating speedboat or helicopter transfer. Guests then choose between the beautiful Garden Villas and the picturesque Beachfront Villas, featuring bright natural contemporary furnishings, wonderful pitched timber ceilings, delightful outdoor showers and wooden verandas leading onto lush exotic gardens and white sandy beaches. The spacious Deluxe Hillside and Deluxe Beachfront Villas come with private swimming pools, large circular bathtubs and thatched outdoor dining rooms, ideal for candlelit bathing and dinners.

For the ultimate intimacy, privacy and splendour, the hillside Presidential Villa is the pride of Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa. With panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, the spacious two bedroom villa boasts an extravagant private deck and one of the largest private swimming pools, along with your own secluded beach.

During the couples' stay, a romantic evening turndown service is provided where the bed is strewn with frangipani and hibiscus and an atmospheric scented flower bath prepared. If you're looking to get out and about to soak up the local culture there is also a variety of restaurants, all serving fine food in romantic settings too; ranging from modern Italian at Portobello under the stars, to fresh seafood and Japanese at Sakura, to traditional Seychellois Creole cuisine served in a beautifully restored 140-year old plantation house.

Couples will find a wide range of enchanting excursions to suit all desires. The magnificent reefs showcase a staggering array of marine life, while on-shore, a hike through the tropical jungle will make any newlyweds feel like they are the first to explore this disarmingly beautiful paradise.

For the ultimate in luxury living, couples must visit the Silhouette Spa at Labriz; truly one of the most strikingly beautiful spas in the world, designed to bring the elements of nature closer to guests and to offer an organic, raw and natural ambience with a treatment menu to match. The spa boasts spacious indoor and outdoor couples therapy suites, which offer unrivalled views of the jungle-clad slopes of Mount Dauban and the Indian Ocean. The comprehensive spa menu ranges from instruction in the ancient art of yoga to the pacifying effects conveyed by the secrets of Balinese therapies, to Seychelles island spa rituals, leaving you feeling cleansed and revitalised.

The 'launching point' for all on-island and sea pursuits, the Eco Centre, affords couples the chance to discover the marine world of the Seychelles, as well as Silhouette Island, through hiking and exploratory journeys of the island's natural biodiversity. Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa also lays claim to the only five star National Geographic PADI diving center in the Seychelles region. Furnished with a decompression chamber and equipment suited to divers of every experience level, adventure is assured. Back on dry land fascinating guided mountain walks through the jungle with the resident naturalist explains and brings to life the spectacular sights and wildlife endemic to this equatorial forest.

Whether you opt to explore Silhouette's breath-taking natural beauty or wile away the days beachcombing, relaxing at the spa and indulging in fine dining experiences, Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa will provide you with an unforgettable escape in one of the world's most romantic settings.



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