

What you should know about our eco-lodge

Bird Island is not a run-of-the-mill Island Resort and your chalet not the air condition box you normally encounter in most hotels. Reading the following will enable you to better understand our eco-lodge to enjoy your stay with us to the fullest.

- Your chalet is open plan and naturally ventilated by the sea breeze. You can close your doors and windows for privacy. The doors do not close by lock as part of our relaxed island concept, and there's no need. We pride ourselves on how safe our guests have always felt.
- You are on a tropical island surrounded by wildlife - harmless little creatures: birds, geckos, bugs, and sometimes, the odd little mouse.
- Because we are a Nature Reserve we do not use insecticides. We control our wildlife by carefully managing their habitats, but they remain free to roam so do not be surprised if you see the odd red Madagascar Foddy in breeding plumage 'fighting' his image in your bedroom mirror or a Brown Noddy preening – or alas, relieving himself: not to worry, they are mainly fish eaters! - himself/herself on your balustrade. His/her nest may be nearby.
- Your chalet is cleaned for your arrival. Your bed is made up and there are fresh towels in your bathroom. You may notice that your shower water is slightly brackish. This is because we use well water - rainwater that naturally floats on the seawater - which we carefully pump for your good use. Its salinity and the salinity of the sea air are the reasons why all water fittings are in plastic.
- Lights: We have had to install electric lights for you in the chalets. The birds don't like it much - to them the light of the moon and the stars are sufficient but the geckos love it as they attract insects. We have also avoided very bright lights as they frighten the turtles who come up the beach at night to lay their eggs. We recommend that you turn off all the

lights when you leave your chalet at night. We have provided you with a torch to guide you when there is no moon.

- Drinking water: The thermos flask in your room will be empty. You can have it filled at the Bar, Restaurant or Reception. You may feel hot from the tropical climate so drink plenty of water.
- The sun sets in the west opposite the Lodge and rises in the east at Passe Coco. When you face north the west is on your left.
- For Further Information: Office, Bar, Restaurant, Alex, Nick, Jesse, Electronic Information near the Bar, Wifi.
- DANGERS: Bird Island is a Wild Nature Reserve so we kindly ask for all visitors to act appropriately.

The Bird Island Team