

RAFFLES HOTEL AND SPA, PRASLIN, Seychelles

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The Raffles Hotel and Spa is a 74 suite hotel located on the island of Praslin in the Seychelles. The project was challenging in many different ways, construction in the Seychelles is generally considered to be the most difficult in the Indian Ocean. Construction on the off shore island of Praslin, famous for its Coco de Mer,

found at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Vallee de Mai, is even more challenging, and the site, located on the east side of the island consisted of slopes greater than 15%. The design process had to consider the logistics of such challenges. The hotel consists of: 74 suites, eight one bedroom villa suites, four two bedroom villa suites, pool bar

and restaurant, spa and gym. It also has all day dining restaurant, seafood restaurant, Deli café restaurant and speciality restaurant, kids club and business centre.

De-salinization plants are included to provide the hotel with potable water and the waste treatment plants provide irrigation water to maintain the beautiful natural vegetation. The materials used throughout this hotel project are consistent with building construction in Seychelles. The basic structural work is concrete frame with local concrete block infill panels. The roof construction is lightweight, steel framed, boarded and finished with a raised seam aluminium cladding. The use of local red granite, peculiar to the island of Praslin, is limited. Being such a small island, only 38



Outdoor facilities



Detailing details