

SEYCHELLES DRESS CODE

The rules regarding dress vary considerably between countries and depend largely on tradition, climate and customs. Attending receptions, dinners and luncheons require some caution as well as special attention. Clothing, especially in the case of ladies should always be discreet. If no mention of dress is made then it is taken for granted that attire is informal.

In Seychelles the prescribed dress is casual wear unless otherwise stated. This code is acceptable and respected by practically everybody.

[In French :tenue décontractée, tenue informelle, tenue tropicale]

However when traveling abroad, one must bear in mind the following :

FOR MEN

“Casual”/“informal”

Casual or informal wear for men includes long trousers with a short sleeve or a long sleeve. A tie may also be worn.

“Lounge Suit”/“Tenue de Ville”

This is the most common dress and is a classic business suit, worn with matching shirt and tie.

“Morning Coat” (Formal)

It is worn during formal official functions held in daytime especially in the open-air. Very common in UK

“Black Tie”

This is specified for most official dinners and evening functions but never in the daytime. Dinner dress for the semi-formal evening occasion is often referred to as “dinner jacket”, black tie, “Tuxedo” trousers and white smoking shirt.

Black Tie is worn very often in the USA, Canada and Japan, not much in Europe except for very formal occasions.

“White Tie”

White tie is occasionally referred to as “tails” and in some countries, tenue de soirée or evening dress. It is specified for formal evening entertainments, balls, dinner, dances, receptions and at the opera only when invitations reads “White Tie”. Never worn during day time in the USA.

FOR LADIES

“Casual”

For ladies, a casual wear would be somewhat more relaxed. A classic business suit, “midi” or knee length dress or skirt with a blouse.

“Informal”

This applies to receptions after 6.00 p.m. Cocktail dress or blouse and elegant long skirt; gloves are optional. If worn, the right hand glove should always be removed when going through a receiving line. Both must be taken off when eating or drinking.

“Morning Dress” (Formal)

An afternoon dress or a classic suit. A hat can also be worn.

“Black Tie”

This indicates a dinner dress, either long or short, or a long skirt with an elegant blouse.

“White Tie”

Long evening gown, and if sleeveless, long above-elbow length gloves can be worn. Gloves need not be removed when going through a receiving line or while dancing. Of course, one never eats or drinks with gloves on.

N.B: *For more formal occasions one can rent the specified attire from specialty shops.*

The use of the term “casual” above implies in all cases, “smart and casual”.