



ENGLISH VERSION

CREOLE FESTIVAL 2026

OUR MOMENTS



INTRODUCTION

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE, OUR IDENTITY, OUR PEOPLE

Festival Kreol is a living expression of the soul of Seychelles - reflected in our language, music, dance, cuisine, traditions, artistry and the distinctive way of life shaped by generations of Seychellois.

As we gather for the 41st Edition of Festival Kreol, we honour the richness of our Creole heritage and, above all, the people who have nurtured it, preserved its traditions and carried its spirit from one generation to the next. It is a time to recognise the stories, rhythms, customs and creativity that give our identity its unique voice.

This year carries an even deeper significance as Seychelles commemorates its 50th Anniversary of Independence. Our Golden Jubilee invites us to reflect on five decades of nationhood - the journey we have travelled, the challenges we have overcome, and the resilience, unity and sense of belonging that have shaped us as a people.

In this special year, Festival Kreol offers a meaningful reflection of who we are, where we come from and what we choose to carry forward. It is a bridge between generations, connecting the wisdom of our past with the creativity of our present and the aspirations of our future.

Let us honour the roots that ground us, cherish the culture that brings us together, and ensure that the spirit of our Creole heritage continues to inspire generations yet to come.

For our culture is our memory, our identity is our inheritance, and our people are the keepers of the story that carries Seychelles into the future.



NOU PEP

OUR PEOPLE

NOU LIDANTITE

OUR IDENTITY

NOU DESTEN

OUR DESTINY

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Public Event



Family Friendly



Online Event

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Paying Event



By Invitation

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REGATTA

BY: ROUND TABLE SEYCHELLES

SEYCHELLES REGATTA



FRI 2 | SAT 3 | SUN 4 | **BEAU VALLON** | 10AM

Get ready for Regatta 2026. Seychelles' biggest beach celebration returns to Beau Vallon with three unforgettable days of culture, entertainment, sports, delicious food, and community spirit.



SEYAURA SPECTACLE

BY: SRI LANKAN ASSOCIATION IN SEYCHELLES

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SAT 3 | **MUSIC STADIUM** | 9PM

A cultural stage production organised by the Sri Lankan Association in Seychelles, celebrating the diversity of culture through music, dance and live performances. The spectacle will feature a blend of international artists and local Seychellois performers, creating an opportunity for cultural exchange while showcasing both Seychelles' culture and international artistic traditions.



WORKSHOP-NATIONAL COSTUME PROGRAM

THU 8 | **ONLINE**

The second interactive session of the National Costume Project brings participating designers together to develop and refine their National Costume concepts. The workshop will focus on identifying meaningful elements of Seychelles' history, heritage, national symbols, natural environment and Seychellois identity, and exploring how these can be translated into design, colour, materials, motifs and silhouette. The session aims to give each designer a clearer creative direction and a strong conceptual foundation for developing a distinctive National Costume that is authentically Seychellois, contemporary and nationally representative.



ART EXHIBITION

NATIONAL GALLERY SEYCHELLES

FRI 9 | **NATIONAL ARTS GALLERY** | 5PM *OPEN TO PUBLIC: 10-31 OCT | 9AM-4:00PM

Nou Pep, Nou Lidantite, Nou Desten Art Exhibition is a celebration of 50 years of Seychelles' Independence and Festival Kreol, exploring our shared identity, heritage and journey through the eyes of the artists. Through diverse forms of artistic expression, the exhibition reflects our traditions, memories, experiences, challenges and hopes for the future, highlighting the important role of creativity in preserving and shaping the story of our nation.



BAZAR SPESYAL (CREOLE MARKET)

SAT 10 | **DOMAINE DE VAL DES PRES** | 10AM-6PM

A special Creole market will be held every Saturday throughout October at Domaine de Val des Prés, Au Cap. The market will provide a platform for local artisans, producers and small businesses to showcase and sell authentic Seychellois crafts, food and other cultural products. Live music every Saturday afternoon will add to the vibrant atmosphere, giving visitors the opportunity to discover traditional products and experience Seychelles' rich Creole culture, crafts and traditions.



FINAL MOMAN KREATIVITE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SAT 10 | **ICCS AUDITORIUM** | 2PM

A creative competition giving students from primary to post-secondary level an opportunity to express their artistic talent, imagination and creativity. The initiative encourages cultural expression, originality and artistic development, while providing a platform for young Seychellois talent to emerge, flourish and be recognised.

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REGIONAL MOUTYA

BY: FONDASYON KILTIREL SESELWA



SAT 10 | VICTORIA | 4PM-12AM

A regional presentation of Moutya, Seychelles' traditional dance and an important expression of the country's cultural identity. The activity aims to bring communities together to practise, perform and transmit Moutya traditions while highlighting the cultural contribution of the **Central Region**.



FINAL MOMAN KREATIVITE

SECONDARY & POST
SECONDARY SCHOOL



SUN 11 | ICCS AUDITORIUM | 2PM

A creative competition giving students from primary to post-secondary level an opportunity to express their artistic talent, imagination and creativity. The initiative encourages cultural expression, originality and artistic development, while providing a platform for young Seychellois talent to emerge, flourish and be recognised.



QUIZ "BATAYE"

MON 12 | ICCS AUDITORIUM-ROOM 1 | 10AM

A friendly knowledge competition bringing together sections of the Department of Culture. It promotes teamwork, general knowledge and interaction among staff.



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 NATIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS
COUNCIL OF SEYCHELLES

THU 15 | CARREFOUR DES ARTS | 10AM

A platform dedicated to young artists from all schools. The activity encourages artistic exchange, collaboration and recognition of emerging visual artistic talent.



FINAL INTERSCHOOL QUIZ & PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

FRI 16 | NATIONAL THEATRE - MT. FLEURI | 11AM-1:30PM

A Creole-language speech and quiz competition encouraging students to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and use of the Creole language. The activity promotes linguistic pride, strengthens knowledge of Seychelles' cultural heritage and encourages the continued use of Kreol Seselwa.



BAZAR SPESYAL (CREOLE MARKET)

SAT 17 | DOMAINE DE VAL DES PRES | 10AM-6PM

A special Creole market will be held every Saturday throughout October at Domaine de Val des Prés, Au Cap. The market will provide a platform for local artisans, producers and small businesses to showcase and sell authentic Seychellois crafts, food and other cultural products. Live music every Saturday afternoon will add to the vibrant atmosphere, giving visitors the opportunity to discover traditional products and experience Seychelles' rich Creole culture, crafts and traditions.



REGIONAL MOUTYA

FONDASYON KILTIREL SESELWA



SAT 17 | ANSE ROYALE | 4PM-12AM

A regional presentation of Moutya, Seychelles' traditional dance and an important expression of the country's cultural identity. The activity aims to bring communities together to practise, perform and transmit Moutya traditions while highlighting the cultural contribution of the **South East Region**.

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BATENM POUPET

SAT 17 | **DOMAINE DE VAL DES PRES** | 10AM

A well known traditional cultural activity providing an opportunity to showcase and preserve an element of Seychelles' traditional heritage. It contributes to keeping traditional practices visible and accessible within the Festival Kreol celebrations.



KARNAVAL ZANFAN

SAT 17 | **VICTORIA** | 12PM-6:30PM

A Children's Parade bringing together students from schools and youth clubs across Seychelles in a vibrant celebration of creativity, culture and expression. The parade will culminate at Stadium carpark, with an afternoon of performances and activities showcasing the talents of children and young people while fostering unity, confidence and community spirit.



SELEBRE NOU KREOLITE

SAT 17 | **ICCS AUDITORIUM** | 7PM

A dance and musical production celebrating Seychelles' Creole identity through choreography, music and performance. The presentation highlights the diversity and vibrancy of Creole culture while providing a platform for young local performers aged between 4 to 22 years old.

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LAUNCHING OF DEZENNEN KREOL DAN TAKE AWAYS

MON 19-31 | **SOCIAL MEDIA**  **FESTIVAL KREOL**

A Creole Culinary Competition involving participating takeaway outlets in Victoria, inviting the public to discover, enjoy and support local Creole cuisine. Throughout October, members of the public can purchase lunch from participating outlets and vote for their favourite through a poll on the Festival Kreol Facebook page, with the winner announced towards the end of the month.



1 DAY RESEARCH & REFLECTION SEMINAR

TUE 20 | **ICCS AUDITORIUM-ROOM 2** | 10AM

A one-day Research and Reflection Seminar, organised by the Department of Culture in collaboration with the University of Seychelles on 20 October 2026, as part of Festival Kreol and the commemoration of Seychelles' 50th Anniversary of Independence. Bringing together researchers, academics, students and cultural practitioners, the seminar will reflect on 50 years of Kreolite, exploring the evolution of our national identity, traditions and collective heritage, while considering our shared responsibility to preserve and pass this legacy on to future generations.

BY: UNIVERSITY OF SEYCHELLES



OFFICIAL CEREMONY

FRI 23 | **MUSIC STADIUM** | 6PM

The official 41st Festival Kreol celebration will bring together dignitaries, cultural practitioners, artists and members of the public to celebrate Seychelles' Creole identity and cultural heritage, reinforcing the message that culture is everyone's business.



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BY: TANMTANM EVENTS

FRI 23 | **STADIUM CAR PARK** | 11AM

A well known and popular public gathering forming part of the Festival Kreol celebrations each year, bringing together people through cultural activities, entertainment and community participation. It provides an accessible space for the public to engage with and celebrate Creole culture.



LIVE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

FRI 23 | **NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM** | 3PM-7PM

Live outdoor performance featuring local musicians and performers and providing entertainment throughout the Festival Kreol program in various spots across Victoria. These performances create opportunities for Seychellois artists to showcase their talent while contributing to the atmosphere and cultural character of the festival.



MOMAN KREATIVITE

SAT 24 | **ICCS AUDITORIUM** | 2PM

A creative competition giving students from primary to post-secondary level an opportunity to express their artistic talent, imagination and creativity. The initiative encourages cultural expression, originality and artistic development, while providing a platform for young Seychellois talent to emerge, flourish and be recognised.



REGIONAL MOUTYA

BY: FONDASYON KILTIREL SESELWA

SAT 24 | **LA DIGUE** | 4PM-12AM

A regional presentation of Moutya, Seychelles' traditional dance and an important expression of the country's cultural identity. The activity aims to bring communities together to practise, perform and transmit Moutya traditions while highlighting the cultural contribution of different regions.



LIVE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

FRI 24 | **MARKET STREET,STC,FRESH CUT,COLD STORAGE**

| 11AM-1PM

Live outdoor performance featuring local musicians and performers and providing entertainment throughout the Festival Kreol program in various spots across Victoria. These performances create opportunities for Seychellois artists to showcase their talent while contributing to the atmosphere and cultural character of the festival.



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TRADITIONAL WEDDING (TIFIN)

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SUN 25 | **SEAFRONT RESTAURANT** | 11AM

A traditional presentation showcasing the customs, music and celebrations of a Seychellois wedding, providing an opportunity to preserve and celebrate practices that form part of our shared heritage. As part of the 50th Anniversary of Independence, this year's presentation will honour a Seychellois couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, marking 50 years of love and commitment.



DiMANS KREOL BORLANMER

BY: LEKO PRODUCTION
ZILWA ENTERTAINMENT



SUN 25 | **BEAU VALLON (REGATTA SITE)/GRAND ANSE MAHÉ**

| 10AM

A community-oriented Creole Sunday celebration bringing cultural entertainment and activities closer to the public in a relaxed seaside setting. It promotes social interaction and provides an informal space for people to experience and celebrate Creole culture.



MOMAN KREATIVITE

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SUN 25 | **ICCS AUDITORIUM** | 2PM

A creative competition giving students from primary to post-secondary level an opportunity to express their artistic talent, imagination and creativity. The initiative encourages cultural expression, originality and artistic development, while providing a platform for young Seychellois talent to emerge, flourish and be recognised.



LIVE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE



MON 26 | **NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM** | 12PM-1:30PM

Live outdoor performance featuring local musicians and performers and providing entertainment throughout the Festival Kreol program in various spots across Victoria. These performances create opportunities for Seychellois artists to showcase their talent while contributing to the atmosphere and cultural character of the festival.



LIVE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE



TUE 27 | **KODEVAR-VICTORIA** | 12PM-1:30PM

Live outdoor performance featuring local musicians and performers and providing entertainment throughout the Festival Kreol program in various spots across Victoria. These performances create opportunities for Seychellois artists to showcase their talent while contributing to the atmosphere and cultural character of the festival.



ENTERTAINMENT & GIVEAWAYS

WED 28 | **AIRPORT/PORTS** | 12PM-1:30PM

A welcoming cultural activation designed to introduce visitors and returning residents to Festival Kreol and Seychelles' cultural identity. Performances and giveaways create a festive atmosphere and extend the festival experience to one of the country's main point of entry.

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WED 28 | ICCS AUDITORIUM, ROOM 1 | 11AM



A knowledge and cultural exchange bringing older and younger generations together to share experiences, perspectives and wisdom. Through meaningful dialogue and discussion, participants will learn from one another while strengthening intergenerational respect, connection and the transmission of knowledge, values and traditions to future generations.

CREOLE MASS

WED 28 | CATHEDRAL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | 12PM



A special religious service celebrating the Creole identity and cultural heritage of Seychelles. It forms part of the spiritual and community dimension of Festival Kreol and reflects the important place of faith and tradition within Seychellois society.

LIVE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES

WED 28 | AIRPORT/PORTS | 12PM-1:30PM



Live outdoor performances featuring local musicians and performers and providing entertainment throughout the Festival Kreol program in various spots across Victoria. These performances create opportunities for Seychellois artists to showcase their talent while contributing to the atmosphere and cultural character of the festival.

LIVE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES

THU 29 | NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM | 6PM-7:30PM



Live outdoor performances featuring local musicians and performers and providing entertainment throughout the Festival Kreol program in various spots across Victoria. These performances create opportunities for Seychellois artists to showcase their talent while contributing to the atmosphere and cultural character of the festival.

TONBOLA (CREOLE FAIR)

DAY 1

THU 29 | FREEDOM SQUARE-VICTORIA | 11AM-10PM



A three-day Festival Kreol public cultural and entertainment event bringing together communities, local businesses, artists and visitors in celebration of Creole heritage and the vibrant spirit of Seychelles. The programme will feature Creole food, traditional games, cultural activities, local businesses and live entertainment, creating opportunities for the public to experience and celebrate the traditions and contemporary expressions of Kreolite. The Culture Department will also showcase its sections, services and initiatives, offering a welcoming space for families and the wider community to gather, connect and celebrate Festival Kreol together.



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TONBOLA (CREOLE FAIR)

DAY 2

FRI 30 | FREEDOM SQUARE-VICTORIA

| 11AM-11PM



A three-day Festival Kreol public cultural and entertainment event bringing together communities, local businesses, artists and visitors in celebration of Creole heritage and the vibrant spirit of Seychelles. The programme will feature Creole food, traditional games, cultural activities, local businesses and live entertainment, creating opportunities for the public to experience and celebrate the traditions and contemporary expressions of Kreolite. The Culture Department will also showcase its sections, services and initiatives, offering a welcoming space for families and the wider community to gather, connect and celebrate Festival Kreol together.



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FRI 30 | MINI STADIUM-VICTORIA

| 9PM-3AM

A musical spectacle celebrating the achievements and contribution of five established Seychellois artists who have each dedicated more than 25 years to the local music industry. Held at the Mini Stadium, the production will pay tribute to their long-standing careers and accomplishments, while showcasing their musical journeys through live performances. The activity forms part of Festival Kreol's recognition of the important contribution of Seychellois artists to the development, preservation and promotion of the country's musical heritage.



REGIONAL MOUTYA

FONDASYON KILTIREL SESELWA

FRI 30 | GRAND ANSE MAHE

| 4PM-12AM



A regional presentation of Moutya, Seychelles' traditional dance and an important expression of the country's cultural identity. The activity aims to bring communities together to practise, perform and transmit Moutya traditions while highlighting the cultural contribution of **Western Region**.



LIVE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES

FRI 30 | NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM

| 6PM-7:30PM



Live outdoor performances featuring local musicians and performers and providing entertainment throughout the Festival Kreol program in various spots across Victoria. These performances create opportunities for Seychellois artists to showcase their talent while contributing to the atmosphere and cultural character of the festival.



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BAZAR DOMAINE

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SAT 31 | **DOMAINE DE VAL DES PRES** | 10AM-6PM

A special Creole market will be held every Friday throughout October at Domaine de Val des Prés, Au Cap. The market will provide a platform for local artisans, producers and small businesses to showcase and sell authentic Seychellois crafts, food and other cultural products. Live music every Friday afternoon will add to the vibrant atmosphere, giving visitors the opportunity to discover traditional products and experience Seychelles' rich Creole culture, crafts and traditions.



TONBOLA (CREOLE FAIR) DAY 3

SAT 31 | **FREEDOM SQUARE-VICTORIA** | 11AM-12AM

A three-day Festival Kreol public cultural and entertainment event bringing together communities, local businesses, artists and visitors in celebration of Creole heritage and the vibrant spirit of Seychelles. The programme will feature Creole food, traditional games, cultural activities, local businesses and live entertainment, creating opportunities for the public to experience and celebrate the traditions and contemporary expressions of Kreolite. The Culture Department will also showcase its sections, services and initiatives, offering a welcoming space for families and the wider community to gather, connect and celebrate Festival Kreol together.



A TRIBUTE TO OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE

SAT 31 | **ICCS AUDITORIUM** | 7PM

A special musical tribute honouring 12 Seychellois artists who have passed away and whose contributions have formed an important part of the country's musical heritage. The presentation will celebrate their lives, music and lasting legacy, providing an opportunity for audiences to remember and appreciate the artists who have contributed to the development of Seychelles' music over the years. The tribute will form part of the Tonbola program at Freedom Square on the evening of 31st of October.

BALBOBES -1 (CREOLE BALL)

SAT 31 | **BERJAYA BEAU VALLON BAY** | 9AM-6AM

Bal Bobes is the grand finale of the month-long Festival Kreol celebrations, a vibrant all-night celebration of Creole music, dance and culture, celebrating the true Seychellois spirit with creole music.

BALBOBES -2 (CREOLE BALL)

SAT 31 | **SEAFRONT RESTAURANT** | 9AM-6AM

Bal Bobes is the grand finale of the month-long Festival Kreol celebrations, a vibrant all-night celebration of Creole music, dance and culture, celebrating the true Seychellois spirit with creole music.

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DANM O SIRO KAVALYE O PETROL

SAT 31 | **EX FISHTAIL** | 8PM-6AM

Grand finale: an all-night celebration of Creole music and dance.

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“ Festival Kreol 2026

invites us to share, celebrate and create our moments - moments that bring together our people, our identity and the living spirit of Kreolite. ”

