

MAURITIUS

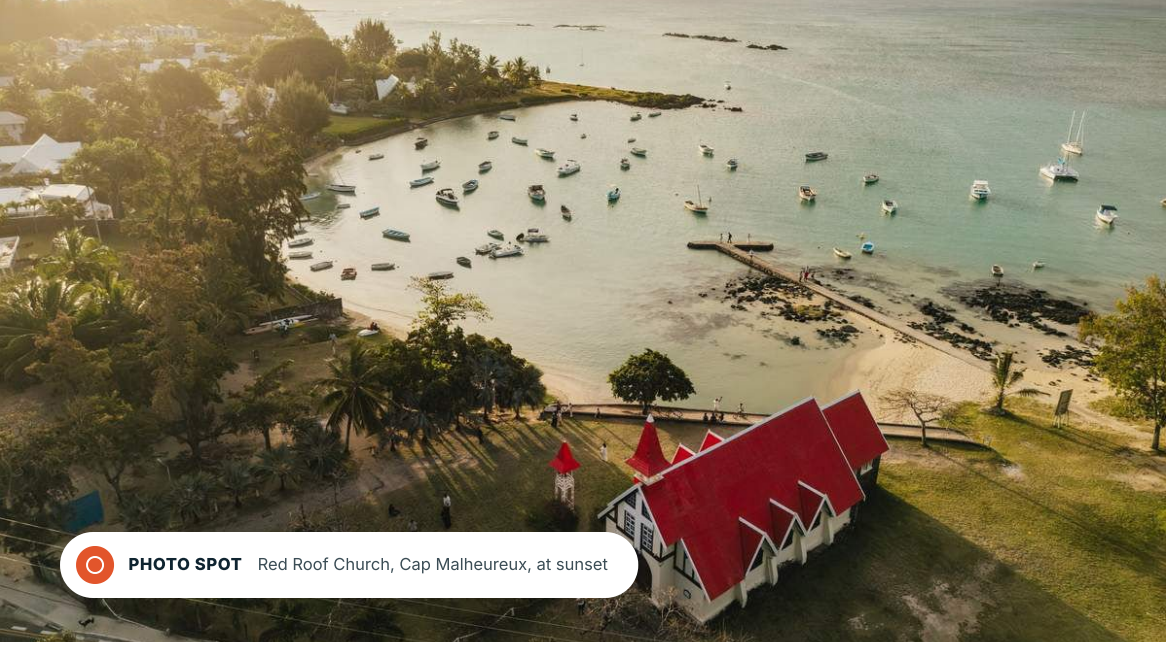
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WELCOME

AN ISLAND WHERE THE WORLD MEETS

Mauritius has always been a crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe. Today it welcomes holidaymakers, incentive groups, conference delegates, film crews and investors from every continent, in English and in French.

In a single destination, Mauritius offers lagoons and beaches, mountains and nature parks, golf and sport, a living mix of cultures, great food, luxury and art, together with first-class venues for meetings and events.

This guide is for travel professionals, event organisers and media. It shows what to see, what to sell and where to meet. The Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority and its partners are at your side to prepare every trip and every event.

Benoit Harter, Director, Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA)

GETTING TO MAURITIUS

CONNECTED TO AFRICA AND THE WORLD

Some 25 non-stop routes to Africa, Europe, the Gulf, Asia and Australia

DIRECT FLIGHTS INCLUDE

Johannesburg · Paris · London · Dubai · Mumbai · Kuala Lumpur · Perth

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non-stop routes
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One time zone with the Gulf
2–3 hours ahead of most of Africa

Visa-free

for many nationalities
Including US citizens and many African nationals for short stays. Check your nationality at passport.govmu.org.

All year

warm and sunny
Summer Nov–Apr, mild dry winter May–Oct; sea 23–28 °C.

English

& French spoken
Creole is the everyday language of all Mauritians.

Online form

before you fly
Complete the All-in-One Travel Form at safemauritius.govmu.org.



Coin de Mire, north coast

AIR CONNECTIVITY

NON-STOP FLIGHTS TO MAURITIUS

Some 25 non-stop routes link Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport (MRU) with Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

FROM / TO	AIRLINES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT TIME
AFRICA & INDIAN OCEAN			
Rodrigues Mauritius (domestic) · RRG	Air Mauritius	5 daily + 6th flight 4x weekly; extra flights at peaks	1h30
Réunion (Saint-Denis) Reunion (France) · RUN	Air Mauritius, Air Austral, Corsair	Air Mauritius ~4 daily; Air Austral 1-3 daily; Corsair ~1-2 weekly	45-50 min
Johannesburg South Africa · JNB	Air Mauritius, South African Airways, FlySafair	Air Mauritius 6-7x weekly; SAA daily; FlySafair 4x weekly	4h15-4h35
Cape Town South Africa · CPT	Air Mauritius, South African Airways, Airlink	Air Mauritius 3x weekly; SAA 3x weekly; Airlink 2x weekly	~4h30
Nairobi Kenya · NBO	Kenya Airways	~4-7x weekly	4h15-4h20
Addis Ababa SEASONAL Ethiopia · ADD	Ethiopian Airlines	3x weekly	5h00-5h30
Antananarivo Madagascar · TNR	Air Mauritius, Turkish Airlines	Air Mauritius 5x weekly; Turkish 2x weekly	1h55-2h00
Mahé Seychelles · SEZ	Air Seychelles, Discover Airlines, Edelweiss	Air Seychelles ~4x weekly; Discover 2x weekly and Edelweiss 1x weekly as part of Europe triangle flights	2h35-2h50
EUROPE			
London Gatwick United Kingdom · LGW	Air Mauritius, British Airways	Air Mauritius 5x weekly; BA 3x weekly	11h40-12h45
Paris CDG France · CDG	Air Mauritius, Air France	Air Mauritius daily; Air France daily in winter peak; up to 17 weekly at peak	11h45-12h15
Paris Orly France · ORY	Corsair	~4-5x weekly	11h35-12h15
Frankfurt Germany · FRA	Condor, Discover Airlines	Condor ~4x weekly; Discover 1-3x weekly	11h15-12h10
Zurich Switzerland · ZRH	Edelweiss	2-3x weekly	10h40-11h15
Vienna Austria · VIE	Austrian Airlines	3-7x weekly depending on season	10h15-10h50
Rome SEASONAL Italy · FCO	ITA Airways	3x weekly from 25 Oct 2026	10h20-11h20
Geneva SEASONAL Switzerland · GVA	Air Mauritius	1x weekly	11h25-11h50
Istanbul Turkey · IST	Turkish Airlines	~10x weekly	9h20-9h55

AIR CONNECTIVITY

NON-STOP FLIGHTS (CONT.)

FROM / TO	AIRLINES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT TIME
MIDDLE EAST			
Dubai United Arab Emirates · DXB	Emirates (Air Mauritius codeshare)	3x daily	6h35-6h40
ASIA			
Mumbai India · BOM	Air Mauritius, Air India	Air Mauritius 3-4x weekly; Air India daily	6h20-6h40
Bengaluru India · BLR	IndiGo	daily	5h55-6h05
Delhi India · DEL	Air Mauritius	1x weekly	7h35-7h45
Chennai India · MAA	Air Mauritius	1x weekly	5h50-6h00
Kuala Lumpur Malaysia · KUL	Air Mauritius	2-4x weekly depending on season	7h20-7h25
AUSTRALIA			
Perth Australia · PER	Air Mauritius	2-3x weekly	~8h40

Winter 2026/27 schedules, approximate and subject to change; check with the airlines. Flight times are averages and vary by direction.

AIR MAURITIUS

The national carrier links Mauritius with Africa, Europe, India, Asia and Australia, with codeshare partners worldwide, including group fares and dedicated services for MICE groups. airmauritius.com



Coastal road at Maconde



Port Louis harbour · Photo: MTPA

CRUISE

ARRIVING BY SEA

Cruise ships berth at the Christian Decotter Cruise Terminal in Port Louis harbour, minutes from the Caudan Waterfront and the capital's markets and museums. The season runs mainly from November to May.

Who calls	Mainstream and luxury lines, including AIDA, Costa, MSC, Princess, Cunard, Silversea, Seabourn and Ponant
Itineraries	Indian Ocean and "Vanilla Islands" cruises linking Mauritius, Réunion, the Seychelles and Madagascar, plus world cruises
Start or end here	Some ships begin and end their voyages in Port Louis: combine a cruise with a stay on the island
Shore excursions	Port Louis heritage walk, Pamplemousses Garden, Chamarel and the south-west, catamaran to the islets, golf



Port Louis and the harbour from the air

Source: CruiseMapper, MTPA · October 2026

WHERE TO GO

30 PLACES NOT TO MISS

Numbers match the map on the next page.



Port Louis & Le Caudan

Capital, waterfront, museums



Kwan Tee Pagoda

1842, oldest in the Southern Hemisphere



Chinatown

Pagodas and clan temples



Champ de Mars

Horse racing since 1812



Le Pouce

Sunrise hike above Port Louis



Balfour Garden

Beau Bassin, gorge and waterfall views



Pamplemousses Garden

Giant water lilies, lotus



Cap Malheureux

Red Roof Church at sunset



Domaine de Labourdonnais

Château, orchards, distillery



Northern islets

Coin de Mire, Flat Island



Île aux Cerfs

Sandbanks, golf, boat trips



Blue Bay Marine Park

Coral, glass-bottom boats



Île au Phare

Lighthouse in Grand Port bay



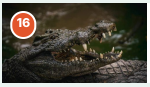
Curepipe Botanical Garden

Highland garden, rare palms



Bois Chéri

Tea plantation and tasting



La Vanille Nature Park

Crocodiles and giant tortoises



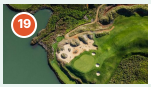
Rochester Falls

Falls over basalt columns, Souillac



Vallé Advenature Park

23-colour earth, ziplines, Nepalese bridge



Bel Ombre

Golf and nature reserve



Maconde

Wild south coast viewpoint



Le Morne

UNESCO World Heritage, lagoon



Crystal Rock

By speedboat from the west



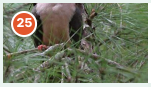
Chamarel

Seven Coloured Earth, waterfall



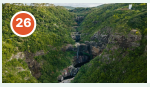
Black River Gorges

National park, viewpoints



Pétrin

Trails, the rare pink pigeon



Tamarind Falls

Seven Cascades, canyoning



Tamarin

Bay, salt pans, dolphins



Casela Nature Parks

Safari and adventure



Trois Mamelles

Iconic peaks at sunset



Trou aux Cerfs

Volcanic crater, Curepipe

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MAP

MAURITIUS AT A GLANCE



1 Port Louis & Le Caudan
2 Kwan Tee Pagoda
3 Chinatown
4 Champ de Mars
5 Le Pouce
6 Balfour Garden
7 Pamplemousses Garden
8 Cap Malheureux
9 Domaine de Labourdonnais
10 Northern islets
11 Île aux Cerfs
12 Blue Bay Marine Park
13 Île au Phare
14 Curepipe Botanical Garden
15 Bois Chéri
16 La Vanille Nature Park
17 Rochester Falls
18 Vallé Advenature Park
19 Bel Ombre
20 Maconde
21 Le Morne
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Airport · SVICC convention centre · Black River Gorges National Park

Rodrigues lies 560 km to the east, 90 minutes by air. Map for orientation only; positions approximate.

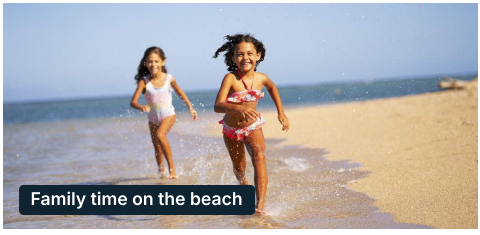


BEACHES

150 KM OF WHITE SAND

Mauritius is ringed by fine white-sand beaches, most of them public and protected by the coral reef. Each coast has its own mood: calm lagoons in the north and east, sunsets in the west, wild cliffs in the south.

North	Mont Choisy, Trou aux Biches, Pereybère: calm turquoise water, ideal for swimming and snorkelling
East	Belle Mare, Palmar, Trou d'Eau Douce and Île aux Cerfs: long stretches of sand and a wide lagoon
West	Flic en Flac, Tamarin, Le Morne: golden sunsets, dolphins at dawn, kitesurfing at Le Morne
South-east	Blue Bay: clear water over a protected marine park
South	Gris Gris and Maconde: dramatic cliffs and waves, for viewing rather than swimming



Family time on the beach

SWIM SAFELY

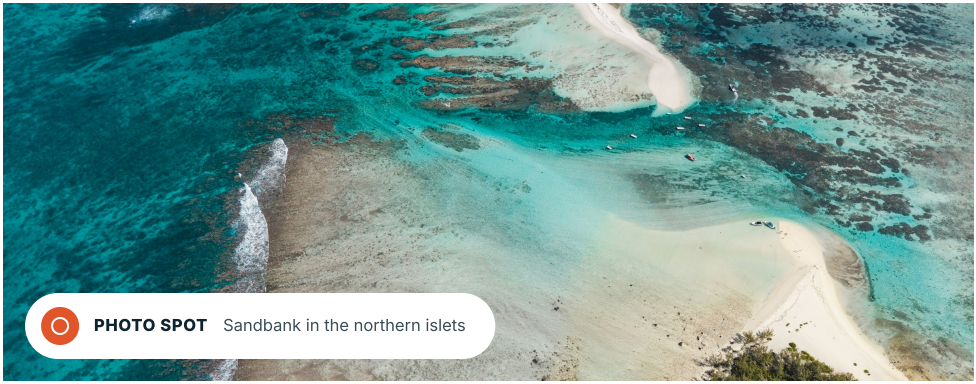
Swim inside the lagoon, where lifeguards are on duty at main public beaches. Wear reef-safe sunscreen and never stand on coral.

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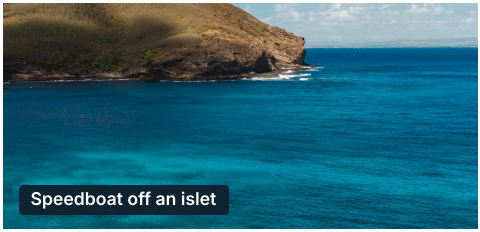
LAGOONS & ISLETS

CATAMARAN DAYS

Mauritius is almost entirely ringed by coral reef. Inside it, calm lagoons, sandbanks and islets are made for catamaran days, snorkelling and long lunches on board. Boats leave from every coast, and whole catamarans can be chartered for families and groups.



CRUISE	DEPARTS FROM	HIGHLIGHTS
Northern islets	Grand Baie	Full day to Coin de Mire, Flat Island and Gabriel Island; snorkelling, lunch on board
Île aux Cerfs & waterfall	Trou d'Eau Douce	Lagoon of the east, Grande Rivière Sud-Est waterfall, beach barbecue
Dolphins & west coast	Black River, Tamarin	Morning dolphin watching, Île aux Bénitiers, Crystal Rock, lunch on the islet
South-east lagoon	Mahébourg, Blue Bay	Île aux Aigrettes nature reserve, Île au Phare, Blue Bay Marine Park
Sunset cruise	West coast, Grand Baie	2–3 hours at golden hour, drinks and canapés on board
Private charter	All coasts	Whole boat for a family or group: incentive day, proposal, birthday


Speedboat off an islet

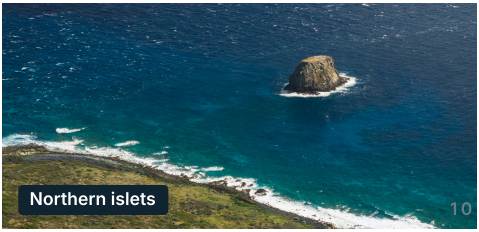

Northern islets



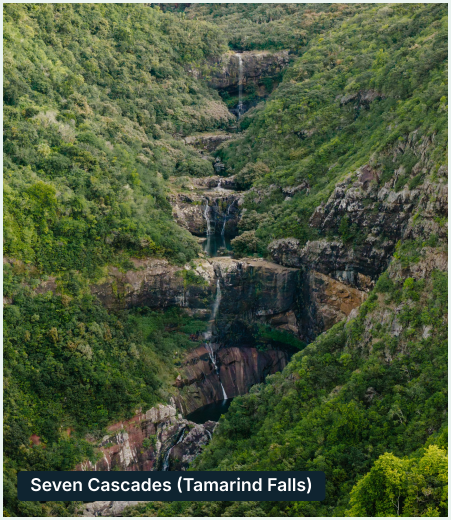
PHOTO SPOT Chamarel viewpoint

NATURE

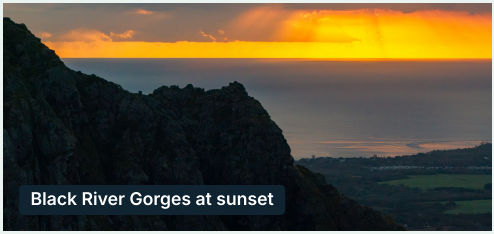
BEYOND THE BEACHES

Hike the Black River Gorges National Park, see the Seven Coloured Earth of Chamarel and stand above the Seven Cascades. The island's green heart is only 30 minutes from the coast.

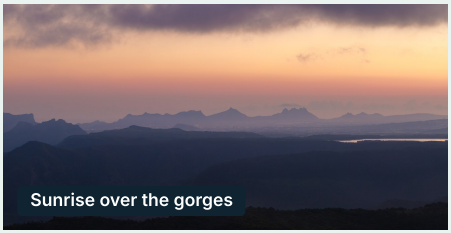
In the north, the Pamplemousses Botanical Garden, created in the 18th century, is famous for its giant water lilies and lotus ponds. Also: Rochester Falls, Pétrin trails, Curepipe and Balfour gardens, La Vanille Nature Park.



Seven Cascades (Tamarind Falls)



Black River Gorges at sunset



Sunrise over the gorges



Savannah below the Rempart and Trois Mamelles · Photo: MTPA

FLORA & FAUNA

A LIVING LABORATORY

Isolated in the Indian Ocean, Mauritius evolved species found nowhere else, from the lost dodo to rare birds saved from extinction. Native forests, island reserves and nature parks let visitors see this heritage up close.



Paille-en-queue



Rusa deer



Giant tortoise

Rare birds	Mauritius kestrel, pink pigeon and echo parakeet, all brought back from the brink; the white-tailed tropicbird (paille-en-queue) soars over the cliffs
Giant tortoises	Aldabra tortoises roam freely at La Vanille Nature Park, Île aux Aigrettes and the François Leguat Reserve in Rodrigues
Rusa deer	Introduced in the 17th century, herds graze the estates of the west and south; see them at Casela and on estate safaris
Native forest	Ebony, endemic palms and the national flower, the trochetia, in Black River Gorges, Ebony Forest Chamarel and Ferney Valley
Island reserves	Guided visits to Île aux Aigrettes, a restored coastal forest off Mahébourg

Photos: MTPA



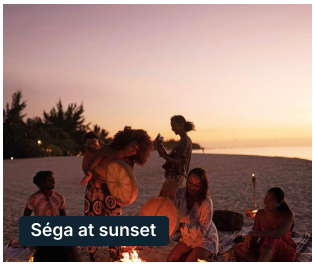
CULTURE

ONE ISLAND, MANY CULTURES

Mauritians have roots in Africa, Asia and Europe, and the calendar follows every tradition: Spring Festival, Diwali, Cavadee, Holi, Eid and Christmas are all celebrated together. On the beach at sunset, the ravanne drum sets the rhythm of the séga, the island's own music and dance, a favourite for gala evenings.

UNESCO

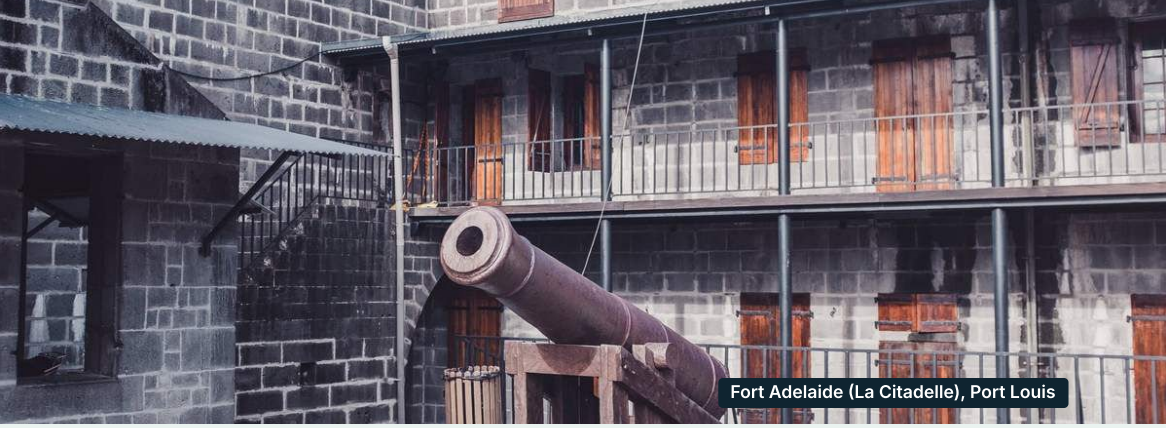
World Heritage: Aapravasi Ghat, Port Louis (2006) · Le Morne Cultural Landscape (2008), symbol of resistance to slavery.
Intangible heritage: Mauritian séga tipik · Bhojpuri Geet-Gawai songs · Sega tambour of Rodrigues.


Séga at sunset


The ravanne


Kathak dance

Photos: MTPA



Fort Adelaide (La Citadelle), Port Louis

HERITAGE

PORT LOUIS & HERITAGE

Aapravasi Ghat	UNESCO site where indentured labourers landed from 1849
Central Market	Fruit, spices, street food and crafts
Champ de Mars	Racecourse since 1812, races March–December
Kwan Tee Pagoda	1842, oldest Chinese pagoda in the Southern Hemisphere
Blue Penny Museum	Le Caudan: the rare 1847 "Post Office" stamps
Intercontinental Slavery Museum	In the island's oldest building, a 1740 military hospital on the quay
Le Morne	UNESCO cultural landscape, south-west
National History Museum	Mahébourg: naval history, Battle of Grand Port (1810)
Eureka	Colonial house, Moka
Nelson Mandela Centre	Centre for African and Creole culture, Port Louis
Folk Museum of Indian Immigration	Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka
L'Aventure du Sucre	The story of sugar and of Mauritius

Photos: MTPA



GASTRONOMY

A MELTING-POT CUISINE

Indian, Chinese, French and African flavours meet in every Mauritian kitchen. Curries and rougailles simmer side by side with fried noodles, fresh fish from the lagoon and tropical fruit. Eat at a village table d'hôte, a beach shack or one of the island's fine-dining resort restaurants. Halal, vegetarian and other dietary needs are widely catered for.

AT THE TABLE

Cari	Curries: chicken, fish, octopus
Rougaille	Tomato, onion and chilli stew
Vindaye	Fish with mustard and turmeric
Briani	Spiced rice with meat or fish
Palm heart	The "millionaire's salad"

STREET FOOD

Dholl puri	Split-pea flatbread with curry
Roti & farata	Warm flatbreads, curries, chutney
Gâteau piment	Crispy chilli lentil fritters
Mine frit	Fried noodles, Chinatown style
Alouda	Iced milk drink with basil seeds



Fish vindaye



Roti stall



Samoussas

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Rhumerie de Chamarel

ISLAND FLAVOURS

SUGAR, RUM & TEA

For three centuries sugar cane has shaped the island's landscapes, its people and its cuisine. Sugar estates, distilleries and tea gardens make memorable visits and private-dining venues for groups.

L'Aventure du Sucre	Interactive museum in the old Beau Plan sugar factory, Pamplemousses
Rum	Distillery tours and tastings: Rhumerie de Chamarel, Saint Aubin, Château de Labourdonnais
Tea	Bois Chéri: tea factory, museum and tasting with a lake view
Phoenix beer	The island's favourite beer, brewed in Mauritius since 1963
To take home	Vanilla, spices, special unrefined sugars and rum

Photos: "dronepicr", CC BY 2.0 (Chamarel) · Please drink responsibly



GOLF

A GOLF ISLAND

Play all year on eleven 18-hole courses between lagoon, mountains and cane fields, several designed by champions. The Gymkhana Club claims the oldest course in the Southern Hemisphere. Golf days, pro-ams and tournaments are a classic for incentive groups.

COURSE	REGION	HOLES	DESIGNER
Île aux Cerfs Golf Club	Île aux Cerfs, east	18 · par 72	Bernhard Langer
Anahita Golf Club	Beau Champ, east	18 · par 72	Ernie Els
The Legend	Constance Belle Mare Plage, east	18 · par 72	Hugh Baiocchi
The Links	Constance Belle Mare Plage, east	18 · par 71	Rodney Wright & Peter Alliss
La Réserve Golf Links	Heritage, Bel Ombre, south	18 · par 72	Peter Matkovich & Louis Oosthuizen
Le Château	Heritage, Bel Ombre, south	18 · par 72	Peter Matkovich
Avalon Golf Estate	Bois Chéri, south	18 · par 72	Peter Matkovich
Tamarina Golf Club	Tamarin, west	18 · par 72	Rodney Wright
Paradis Golf Club	Le Morne, south-west	18 · par 72	Tony Johnstone
Mont Choisy Le Golf	Mont Choisy, north	18 · par 72	Peter Matkovich
Mauritius Gymkhana Club	Vacoas, centre	18 · par 68	Golf played here since 1844

Photos: MTPA



Championship golf by the lagoon

INTERNATIONAL GOLF

A STAGE FOR WORLD GOLF

Mauritius Open

The AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open is co-sanctioned by the DP World Tour and the Sunshine Tour. The 2026 edition is played at Mont Choisy Le Golf, in the north.

MCB Ladies Classic

Mauritius joined the Ladies European Tour in 2026 with the MCB Ladies Classic, a 54-hole event on The Legend course at Constance Belle Mare Plage.

For groups: book a tournament package or a pro-am, organise your own corporate golf day with a gala dinner, or combine golf with a spa and lagoon programme. Check dates of upcoming editions with the MTPA.

Sources: Heritage Resorts & Golf; Ladies European Tour; Golf Today · October 2026



PHOTO SPOT Kitesurf at Le Morne

SPORT & ADVENTURE

SEA, LAND & AIR

Kitesurf & surf	Le Morne is a world-class kite spot; surf at Tamarin
Big-game fishing	Marlin and tuna from Black River; best November–March; tag-and-release encouraged
Riding	Beach and lagoon rides at Le Morne, estate trails in the north and east
Trekking	Sunrise hikes on Le Morne Brabant and Le Pouce, Black River Gorges trails, Ferney Valley
Padel & tennis	40+ padel courts, courts in many resorts
Pirogue regattas	Traditional sailing races in the lagoon



Beach ride



Coastal trail



Pirogue regatta

Photos: MTPA

TRAIL & HIKING

RUN THE ISLAND



TRAIL SPOT Sunrise over the Moka range

Photo: MTPA



Le Morne Brabant · Photo: MTPA

DESTINATION TRAIL

FROM THE GORGES TO LE MORNE

In a few dozen kilometres, Mauritius packs jagged volcanic peaks, endemic forest, waterfalls, sugar-cane plains, cliffs and beaches. Run a trail at dawn and swim in the lagoon in the afternoon. The terrain is varied, technical and open to every level, from a 5 km discovery run to a 135 km ultra.

MAURITIUS BY UTMB

A stop on the UTMB World Series, starting at Le Morne in June 2027: four distances of 22, 55, 97 and 135 km, with up to 5,400 m of elevation gain.

STANDARD BANK ROYAL RAID

The island's first trail race, created in 2006, through private estates of the south and the Black River Gorges. Three formats: RR12, RR30 and RR65 (about 65 km, 2,350 m elevation gain).

Black River Gorges	The largest national park: native forest, waterfalls, viewpoints and marked trails; home to the Mauritius parakeet and the pink pigeon
Le Morne Brabant	UNESCO-listed basalt monolith and start of Mauritius by UTMB
Peaks & ridges	Le Pouce, Pieter Both, the Bambous mountains and Lion Mountain for panoramic climbs
Rodrigues	Coastal and mountain paths, with its own trail race in November

TRAIL CALENDAR 2026–2027

RACES TO ENTER

EVENT	WHERE	DISTANCES	DATE
Moka Trail	Beau Bois, Moka	5–30 km	3 Oct 2026
Moris Ride/Run	Flic en Flac	5 / 12 / 20 km	10 Oct 2026
Urban Trail Crève Cœur	Beau Bois, Moka	5 / 10 km	17 Oct 2026
Rotary Trail – Art of Healthy Living	Black River	3 / 7 / 12 km	24 Oct 2026
Avalon Trail	Bois Chéri, Savanne	11 / 19 km	31 Oct 2026
Trail de Rodrigues	Grande Montagne, Rodrigues	7–75 km (5 races)	8 Nov 2026
Parakeet Challenge	Black River Gorges	6 km	14 Nov 2026
Mahébourg Night Blaze Run	Mahébourg, Grand Port	5 / 12 km	14 Nov 2026
Colgate Trail	Petit Raffray	5 / 10 km	15 Nov 2026
East Coast Trail	Trou d'Eau Douce	6 / 15 km	28 Nov 2026
Ring Trail	Black River Gorges	11 / 25 km	5 Dec 2026
Bois Chéri Saint Aubin Trail	Bois Chéri, Savanne	5 / 16 km	12 Dec 2026
Urban Trail Domaine Lagrave	Bois Chéri, Savanne	10 km	19 Dec 2026
Standard Bank Royal Raid	Saint Félix, Bel Ombre, Black River Gorges	12 / 30 / 65 km	8 May 2027
Mauritius by UTMB	Le Morne	22 / 55 / 97 / 135 km	mid-June 2027

Main races only. Dates and distances to be confirmed with the organisers.

When to come. The austral winter, May to October, is cooler and drier: ideal for running. Summer is hot and humid, with a cyclone risk.

Combine. Mountains, forests and lagoons are close together: mix trail, relaxation and culture in one stay.

Find out more. randotrail.mu · roag.org · fmtri.mu · mauritiusnow.com

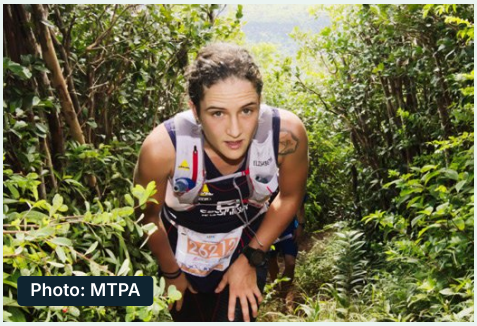


Photo: MTPA



ON THE WATER

CATAMARANS, DOLPHINS & SUBMARINES

Catamaran cruises. Day trips to the islets with lunch on board, and sunset cruises on the west coast. Whole boats can be chartered for groups.

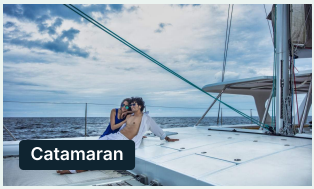
Blue Safari Submarine. Since 1998, near Grand Baie: dive to 35 metres among coral and fish, or drive a subscooter, no diving licence needed.

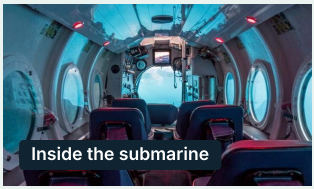
Snorkel & dive. Reefs, wrecks and lagoons all around the island; glass-bottom boats at Blue Bay Marine Park.

DOLPHINS & WHALES: RESPECT THE RULES

- Book only with a licensed operator.
- Boats approach slowly from the side, never circling the animals.
- No touching, feeding or noise.
- Swimming with dolphins: maximum 3 people in the water, with a lifesaver.
- Swimming with whales is forbidden; boats keep 100 m away.

Tourism Authority (Dolphin and Whale Watching) Regulations 2012, as amended in 2023.


Catamaran


Inside the submarine


Reef life

Photos: MTPA / mauritiusnow.com; Blue Safari Submarine



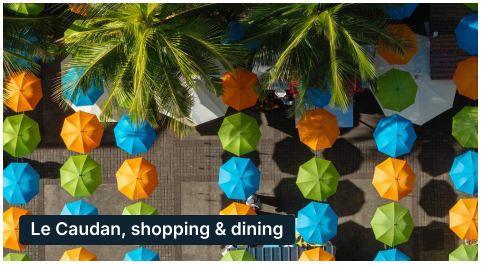
Le Caudan Waterfront, Port Louis

LUXURY

DIAMONDS, WATCHES & FINE JEWELLERY

Tax-free shopping. Mauritian jewellers such as Poncini and Adamas offer diamonds, fine jewellery and Swiss watches at Le Caudan, Floreal and in the main malls: Bagatelle, Tribeca, Cascavelle and Grand Baie. Show your passport and flight details in partner boutiques; purchases can be delivered to the airport for collection on departure.

Jewellery made in Mauritius. The island has a long tradition of diamond cutting and fine jewellery. Local jewellers and designers create pieces in diamonds, gold and pearls, and many offer made-to-measure designs: a lasting souvenir of the island.



Le Caudan, shopping & dining



Île aux Cerfs by boat

Tax-free shopping: departure within 30 days, partner shops showing the Tax Free Shopping logo · taxfreeshopping.mu



Luxury yacht at Le Caudan marina · Photo: MTPA

LUXURY

YACHTS, VILLAS & PRIVATE TRAVEL

Mauritius is one of the Indian Ocean's leading luxury destinations, with world-class resorts, private villas and discreet, personal service.

Luxury yachting	Crewed motor and sailing yachts for day trips or several days around the island, from Le Caudan marina, Grand Baie and the west coast: snorkelling, lunch on a sandbank, sunset on board
Resorts & villas	Five-star resorts on every coast, private villas with butler, chef and pool, and whole-resort buy-outs for families and groups
By air	Helicopter transfers from the airport and scenic flights over Le Morne, the lagoons and the waterfalls; private aviation handled at SSR International Airport
Fine living	Gourmet restaurants, rum and wine cellars, championship golf and signature spas



Port Louis waterfront



Nature retreat · Photo: MTPA

WELLNESS & SPA

TIME TO RECHARGE

Between lagoon, forest and mountains, Mauritius is made for slowing down. Most resorts have a signature spa, and the island's Indian heritage has made Ayurveda part of everyday life.

Signature spas	Spa villas, hammams and treatment rooms by the sea in the island's five-star resorts
Ayurveda	Consultations, traditional treatments and tailored programmes with qualified practitioners
Island rituals	Massages and scrubs with local ingredients: coconut, vanilla, sugar cane, tea and essential oils
Yoga & retreats	Sunrise yoga on the beach, meditation, detox and fitness stays; eco-lodges in the forest
Active wellness	Hiking, trail running, cycling, paddle and swimming in the lagoon, plus healthy island cuisine



Eco-lodge, Bois Chéri



Local craftsmanship · Photo: MTPA

SHOPPING · LOCAL CRAFTS

MADE IN MORIS

Look for the **Made in Moris** label: created by the Association of Mauritian Manufacturers, it brings together more than 300 local companies and identifies products made in Mauritius with real local value added.

WHAT TO BRING HOME

Model ships	Hand-built replicas of famous sailing ships
Flavours	Vanilla, tea, spices, special sugars and rum
Textiles	Knitwear, beachwear and embroidered linen
Crafts	Basketry, wood, ravanne drums, local art
Jewellery	Designer pieces and fine jewellery

WHERE TO SHOP

Port Louis	Central Market and the Caudan craft market
Grand Baie	Bazaar and boutiques
Markets	Mahébourg on Mondays, Quatre Bornes and Flacq
Malls	Bagatelle, Trianon, Cascavelle, La Croisette
Estates	Shops at sugar, rum and tea estates



Le Caudan Waterfront

Made in Moris label: Association of Mauritian Manufacturers

MICE · MEETINGS, INCENTIVES, CONFERENCES, EVENTS

MEET IN MAURITIUS



Cocktail reception under the banyans



Live music on stage

From a board retreat in a 19th-century château to a 3,500-seat plenary, Mauritius hosts events of every size, all within an hour's drive, with the lagoon as backdrop. In December 2026 the island hosted the US-Africa Business Summit, gathering heads of state, ministers and business leaders.

Photos: MTPA

MICE

WHY MEET IN MAURITIUS

5,000

delegates at the largest venue
SVICC, Pailles: 3,500-seat plenary hall and 10 meeting rooms

1 hour

from venue to beach
Venues, hotels and activities are all close together

EN · FR

bilingual and stable
Strong institutions, safe, reliable telecoms

All year

warm climate
Summer Nov–Apr, mild dry winter May–Oct

FOR YOUR GROUP

- Air Mauritius group fares, dedicated check-in counters and custom touches for large events
- Hotels you can take over entirely, with pop-up branding
- Experienced DMCs for transfers, coaches, guides and programmes
- Event producers for staging, sound and light, marquees, décor, catering and entertainment
- Halal, vegetarian, vegan and Jain catering on request

MICE VAT EXEMPTION

Qualifying MICE events can benefit from a VAT exemption on accommodation, under a scheme managed by the Economic Development Board (EDB).

Conditions have included a minimum of 50 foreign participants staying at least 3 nights. Check current terms with the EDB.

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Beach dinner setting



Gala banquet under a marquee

Photos: Impact Production Group



Conference dome at La Pirogue · Photo: Impact Production Group

MICE VENUES

CONVENTION & EVENT CENTRES

The Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre (SVICC) is the largest in the Indian Ocean: a column-free plenary hall for 3,500 seated or 8,000 standing, 10 meeting rooms and 450 parking spaces. Theatres, auditoriums and an arena complete the offer.

VENUE	LARGEST SPACE	THEATRE	BANQUET	ROOMS	WEBSITE
Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre (SVICC) Pailles, near Port Louis	Plenary Hall	3,500	2,000	10	svicc.mu
Trianon Convention Centre Trianon, near Ebene	Main auditorium	3,000	tbc	6	via MTPA
Caudan Arts Centre (theatre & convention centre) Le Caudan Waterfront, Port Louis	Theatre / auditorium	431	tbc	tbc	caudan.com
J&J Auditorium Phoenix	Main auditorium	2,300 - 2,500	tbc	2	via MTPA
Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI) Auditorium Moka	Auditorium	500	tbc	2	via MTPA
Côte d'Or National Sports Complex Côte d'Or	Arena	3,000	tbc	tbc	via MTPA

Maximum capacities as published; layouts vary, confirm with each venue. tbc = to be confirmed. ● technical sheet available: ask the MTPA for the full venue directory with links.

MICE VENUES

HOTELS & RESORTS

Most resorts have meeting rooms, and many can be taken over entirely for a group. The largest hotel conference spaces are listed first.

VENUE	LARGEST SPACE	THEATRE	BANQUET	ROOMS	WEBSITE
The Ravenala Attitude Turtle Bay, Balaclava	B-Leisure	800	tbc	7	hotels-attitude.com
InterContinental Mauritius Resort Balaclava Fort Balaclava	Grand Ballroom	600	tbc	9+	intercontinental.com ●
Maritim Resort & Spa Mauritius Balaclava / Turtle Bay	Historical ruins park	250	750 (outdoor)	9	maritim.com
Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa Flic en Flac	Isle de France	350	250	6	hilton.com
Sofitel Mauritius L'Imperial Resort & Spa Wolmar, Flic en Flac	Imperial Room	250	130	3	sofitel.com
Sugar Beach - A Sun Resort Flic en Flac	Plantation	350	120	3-4	sunresortshotels.com
La Pirogue - A Sun Resort Flic en Flac	Conference Room	250	150	2	sunresortshotels.com
Long Beach Mauritius (Sun Resorts) Belle Mare	Multifunctional room	230	76	3	sunresortshotels.com ●
Hennessy Park Hotel Ebene Cybercity	Ballroom	360	220	4	via MTPA ●
Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel Le Caudan Waterfront, Port Louis	Le Sirius	195	96	5	via MTPA
The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa Balaclava	Banyan ballroom	tbc	tbc	5	marriott.com ●
Le Méridien Île Maurice Pointe aux Piments	Chamarel Ballroom	tbc	100	1	marriott.com

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Beach gala at a resort · Photo: Impact Production Group

HOTELS & RESORTS (CONT.)

VENUE	LARGEST SPACE	THEATRE	BANQUET	ROOMS	WEBSITE
Shandrani Beachcomber Resort & Spa Blue Bay / Mahebourg	Conference Room	180	tbc	1	beachcomber-hotels.com ●
Paradis Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa Le Morne	Conference Room	180	64	1	beachcomber-hotels.com ●
Victoria Beachcomber Resort & Spa Pointe aux Piments	Conference Room	180	tbc	1+	beachcomber-hotels.com ●
Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa Trou aux Biches	Conference Room	150	tbc	1	beachcomber-hotels.com ●
Canonnier Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa Pointe aux Canonniers	Main conference room	100	tbc	tbc	beachcomber-hotels.com ●
Shangri-La Le Touessrok Trou d'Eau Douce	Orchid Room	120	80	2	shangri-la.com
Constance Belle Mare Plage Belle Mare	Conference Room	100	tbc	1	constancehotels.com ●
One&Only Le Saint Geran Belle Mare / Poste de Flacq	Conference Room	tbc	tbc	3	oneandonlyresorts.com ●
Four Seasons Resort Mauritius at Anahita Beau Champ	Ballroom	tbc	110	tbc	fourseasons.com
Radisson Blu Azuri Resort & Spa Roches Noires	Crepuscule	90	60	1	radissonhotels.com
Indian Resort & Spa Le Morne	tbc	tbc	tbc	4	via MTPA
Heritage Le Telfair Golf & Wellness Resort Bel Ombre	Conference Room	70	35	1	heritageresorts.mu
Voila Bagatelle Bagatelle, Moka	Educator Main	100	tbc	4-5	voilahotel.mu ●
Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort Bel Ombre	Onyx	80	30	3	outrigger.com
LUX* Grand Gaube Grand Gaube	Cinema / conference room	60	tbc	2	luxresorts.com

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MICE VENUES

SPECIAL-EVENT & INCENTIVE VENUES

Colonial estates, distilleries, nature parks and historic sites for gala dinners, launches and team building.

Domaine de Labourdonnais · Mapou
1856 colonial château, orchards and gardens; up to 5,000 in the grounds; conference room for 60

L'Aventure du Sucre · Beau Plan, Pamplemousses
Sugar museum in the old Beau Plan factory; events up to 3,000 on site; conference room for 100

Château de Bel Ombre · Bel Ombre
19th-century château and gardens in the south; small conferences up to 70, gala dinners

Jam Inn · Petite Rivière, west
Open-air grounds in the west for concerts and closing parties, up to 6,000 standing

Le Caudan Waterfront · Port Louis
Waterfront promenade, squares and Caudan Arts Centre for launches and street-style events

Rhumerie de Chamarel · Chamarel
Distillery, rum tasting and restaurant among the cane fields of Chamarel

Casela Nature Parks · Cascavelle
Safari, adventure activities and team building in the west

Domaine de l'Étoile · Ferney Valley, east
Nature estate in the Ferney valley, east: quad biking, archery, hiking and team building

Champ de Mars Racecourse · Port Louis
Historic racecourse in Port Louis, racing since 1812; private boxes on race days



"Africa Chic in Gold" gala concept, L'Orangeraie, Balaclava · Visual: Impact Production Group



Gala dinner at Château de Labourdonnais · Photo: Stage-In Ltd

INCENTIVES

IDEAS FOR GROUPS

1 **Island day**

Catamaran fleet to Île aux Cerfs or the northern islets, barbecue lunch on a sandbank.

2 **Château dinner**

Private gala in a colonial estate such as Labourdonnais, Eureka or Château de Bel Ombre.

3 **Beach gala**

Séga dancers, ravanne drums and fireworks on the beach at sunset.

4 **Active challenge**

Golf tournament, quad biking, ziplines at Vallé, kayak in the mangroves, safari at Casela.

5 **Race day**

A private box at the Champ de Mars, racing since 1812 (season March–December).

6 **Taste of the island**

Rum tasting at a distillery, tea at Bois Chéri, Creole cooking class.



Fireworks show · Photo: IPG



Race day



Wedding set-up: clear marquee, gazebos and beach lounges · Photo: Stage-In Ltd

WEDDINGS & CELEBRATIONS

FROM BEACH VOWS TO BIG FAT WEDDINGS

Mauritius hosts intimate beach ceremonies as easily as multi-day celebrations for several hundred guests. With its large Indian-heritage community, the island knows every ritual: Hindu priests, mandap, mehndi, sangeet and haldi, and Indian chefs for vegetarian, Jain and halal menus.

Everything is on the island: logistics, technical production and suppliers. DMCs, event producers, caterers and decorators deliver large weddings every season, with no need to import teams or equipment.

BIG FAT WEDDINGS

- Resort buy-outs for 3–4 days of festivities
- Baraat arrival on the beach, sangeet under a marquee, reception in a ballroom or colonial estate
- Marquees, staging, sound, light, fireworks and décor from experienced local producers
- Florists, henna artists, photographers, Bollywood and séga entertainment

GOOD TO KNOW

- Civil weddings are possible for visitors after a short stay on the island, with documents translated into English or French
- Hotel wedding coordinators handle the formalities
- Favourite settings: Le Morne lagoon, Red Roof Church, Île aux Cerfs sandbank, Domaine de Labourdonnais

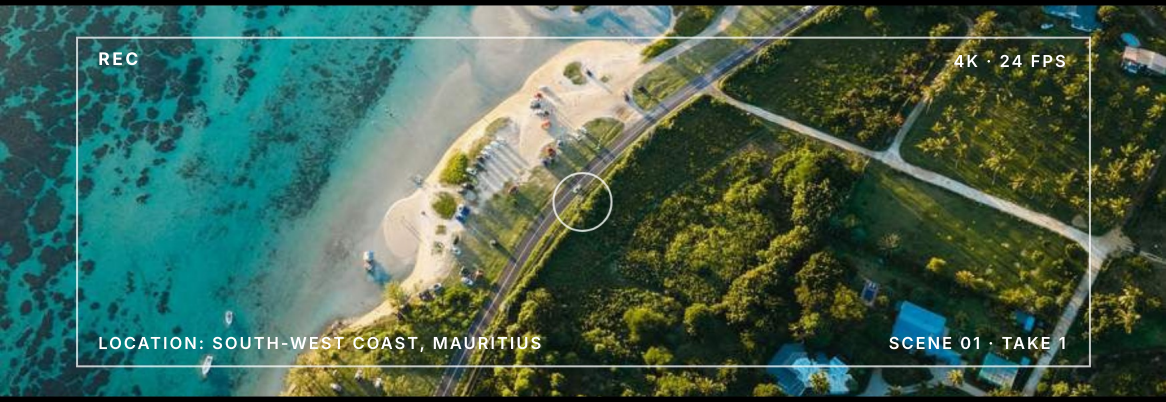


Sunset vows



Reception under a clear marquee · Stage-In

Photos: Stage-In Ltd, MTPA · Check current wedding formalities with your DMC or hotel.



FILM & PRODUCTIONS

FILMING IN MAURITIUS

Lagoons, mountains, sugar-cane fields, colonial houses and a modern city within one hour's drive: Mauritius is a ready-made film set for features, series, commercials and brand content.

FILM REBATE SCHEME

30–40%

Cash rebate on qualifying production expenditure incurred in Mauritius, for local and foreign producers.

- Minimum spend: about USD 100,000 for a film; USD 20,000 per TV episode
- Higher rate for larger productions
- Apply online before shooting starts

Terms change: confirm with the EDB and MFDC.

CONTACTS

MFDC	Mauritius Film Development Corporation · film permits and shooting authorisations M6 Hugh Otter Barry Street, Floreal +230 696 3137 · mauritiusfilm@intnet.mu mauritiusfilm.govmu.org
EDB	Film Rebate Scheme applications +230 203 3800 · creativeindustry@edbmauritius.org

Sources: EDB (edbmauritius.org/creative-industry), MFDC, EP production incentives · October 2026


Port Louis waterfront

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT

DOING BUSINESS IN MAURITIUS

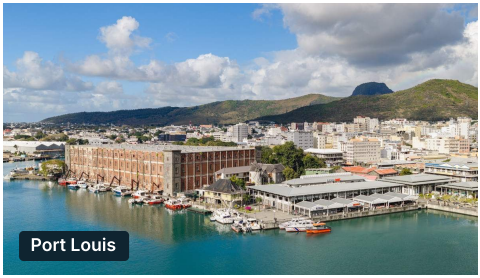
A gateway between Africa, Asia and the rest of the world, Mauritius offers a stable, well-regulated international financial centre, a bilingual workforce and wide access to African markets through the African Union, SADC, COMESA and the AfCFTA.

Key sectors include financial services, ICT, manufacturing, renewable energy, the ocean economy, real estate, the creative industries and tourism.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (EDB)

The national agency for investment and business: incentives, permits, occupation and residence permits, business visits and B2B meetings.

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Port Louis


Sugar cane, the island's first industry



ISLAND ESCAPE

RODRIGUES

Part of the Republic of Mauritius, Rodrigues lies 560 km to the east, a 90-minute flight away. A small island of 108 km² surrounded by a wide lagoon with 18 islets, where time moves slowly: fishing villages, quiet beaches, hiking trails and fresh seafood. The perfect add-on to a Mauritius stay.

Giant tortoises	François Leguat Reserve: tortoises and limestone caves
Île aux Cocos	Boat trip to a seabird sanctuary in the lagoon
Port Mathurin	Small capital and its Saturday market
Kitesurf & hiking	Trade winds all year; coastal trail to the eastern beaches

Photos: MTPA

GOOD TO KNOW

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Entry. Passport valid 6 months beyond your stay. Many nationalities, including US citizens, need no visa for short stays; check passport.govmu.org or call +230 260 2073. Complete the All-in-One Travel Form online. A yellow-fever certificate is required if arriving from an endemic country.

Tourist fee. Since 1 October 2025, hotels collect EUR 3 per person per night from non-resident guests aged 12 and over, at check-in.

Money. Mauritian rupee (Rs, MUR). Visa and Mastercard widely accepted; ATMs everywhere. Keep rupees for markets and street food.

Internet. Free Wi-Fi in hotels and malls. Local SIM or eSIM (Emtel, my.t) at the airport.

Electricity. 230 V, mostly British three-pin sockets (type G). Bring an adapter.

Driving. On the left. A foreign licence is valid for 4 weeks. Most visitors use a driver or DMC transfers.

Dress. Light business attire for meetings. Cover shoulders and knees in temples and mosques.

Tipping. Not compulsory; service is often included. Good service is always appreciated.

EMERGENCY

Police 999 or 112 · Ambulance (SAMU) 114 · Fire 115 · Coast guard 177 · Tourist police 213 17 40



Tamarin Bay and the Rempart mountains

CLIMATE & DISTANCES

WARM ALL YEAR

	AIR °C	SEA °C	RAIN MM
Jan	30°	28°	236
Feb	30°	28°	241
Mar	30°	28°	191
Apr	29°	27°	170
May	27°	26°	97
Jun	25°	25°	84
Jul	25°	24°	84
Aug	25°	23°	76
Sep	26°	23°	53
Oct	27°	24°	51
Nov	29°	25°	66
Dec	29°	27°	163

Averages for Port Louis; the central plateau is cooler. Source: weather2travel.com. Cyclone season roughly November–April: follow official advisories.

FROM THE AIRPORT

SVICC, Pailles	45–60 min
Blue Bay	15 min
Port Louis	50 min
Belle Mare	50 min
Bel Ombre	50 min
Flic en Flac	1 h
Le Morne	1 h
Grand Baie	1 h 15

Approximate, by car, depending on traffic.

EXCURSIONS & SAMPLE ITINERARY

FIVE DAYS, ONE ISLAND

1 **Port Louis, memory & heritage**

Aapravasi Ghat (UNESCO), Intercontinental Slavery Museum, Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, Blue Penny Museum, Central Market and Le Caudan.

2 **The north**

L'Aventure du Sucre and Pamplemousses Garden, Blue Safari submarine near Grand Baie, sunset at the Red Roof Church.

3 **The wild south-west**

Casela Nature Parks safari, Black River Gorges, Chamarel Seven Coloured Earth and Rhumerie de Chamarel, sunset at Le Morne.

4 **The green south**

Vallé Advenature Park ziplines and waterfalls, Bois Chéri tea, Rochester Falls and the coast road to Maconde.

5 **East coast & Ferney**

Hike or 4×4 in the Ferney Valley nature reserve, then Île aux Cerfs by boat and the Grande Rivière Sud-Est waterfall.


Casela


Vallé Advenature Park


Blue Safari

Festival International Kreol, Spring Festival, Diwali, Cavadee and race days at the Champ de Mars: see the events calendar on mauritiusnow.com.

ITINERARIES

THEMED DAY TRIPS

Six ideas to mix and match, for individuals and groups

Roots & memory

FULL DAY

Aapravasi Ghat (UNESCO) · Intercontinental Slavery Museum · Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture · lunch in Port Louis · Le Morne Cultural Landscape (UNESCO) at sunset

Port Louis in a morning

HALF DAY

Central Market and street food · Blue Penny Museum · Fort Adelaide views · Chinatown and Kwan Tee Pagoda · Le Caudan Waterfront

Sugar, rum & tea

FULL DAY

L'Aventure du Sucre · Pamplemousses Garden · lunch at a sugar estate · Bois Chéri tea tasting · Rhumerie de Chamarel

Wild south-west

FULL DAY

Casela Nature Parks safari · Black River Gorges viewpoint · Chamarel Seven Coloured Earth and waterfall · Le Morne

Green south & Ferney

FULL DAY

Ferney Valley nature reserve hike or 4×4 · Vallé Advenature Park ziplines · Rochester Falls · coast road to Maconde

Lagoon & reef

HALF OR FULL DAY

Catamaran to Île aux Cerfs or the northern islets · snorkelling · Blue Safari submarine near Grand Baie · glass-bottom boat at Blue Bay

Our partner DMCs tailor each programme with transport, licensed guides and meals. Ask the MTPA for the list.

MTPA BY YOUR SIDE

USEFUL CONTACTS

MTPA	Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority · destination information, tours, MICE support and partner DMCs 4th–5th Floor, Victoria House, St Louis Street, Port Louis · +230 203 1900 · mtpa@intnet.mu · mauritiusnow.com · mymauritius.travel
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SVICC	Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre, Pailles · +230 206 0500 · svicc.mu
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LE MORNE TO MACONDE, THE WILD SOUTH COAST



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