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Introduction



Mauritius is situated in the Indian Ocean, approximately 1 490 mi (2 400 km) off the south-east coast of Africa. The island, which is of volcanic origin, covers an area of 720 mi² (1 865 km²). Coral reefs surround most of the coast except in the south. The island boasts more than 90 miles (145 km) of white sandy beaches and clear-water lagoons, protected from the open sea by the world's third largest coral reef. Beautiful mountain scenery and dense tropical forests add to the natural beauty of the island.

The island also offers gentle, swaying fields of sugar cane, outstanding hotels and a delectable cuisine that blends Indian, Creole and French cooking to brilliant effect. But, above all, it is the warm hospitality of the Mauritian people that makes this idyllic island such a unique incentive destination.

The first Europeans to visit Mauritius were the Portuguese, at the beginning of the sixteenth century. The Dutch who settled in the island in 1598 named it Mauritius after Prince Maurice of Nassau. Among other things, the Dutch introduced sugar cane and Java deer, before leaving in 1710 for The Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. About five years later, in 1715, the French occupied the island, renaming it "Isle de France". It was under the French Governor, Mahé de Labourdonnais, that Mauritius knew its first development: a harbour was built. Port Louis, named after the ruling king Louis XV, became the capital of Mauritius. Trade on the island thrived; Mauritius could supply enough sugar and rum to the surrounding islands and visiting vessels. Today, Mauritius is a developing country focusing on the textile and technology industries as well as tourism as its primary means of revenue.

Easy Access



The Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport in the southeast of the island, is the major gateway for travellers coming from abroad.

Air Mauritius is the home carrier and operates a network of routes to the local islands and to international destinations in Africa, Australia, Europe and Asia. International Airlines, including Air France, Emirates, British Airways, Condor, Euro Wings, South African Airways, Air India, Turkish Airlines, Kenya Airways, Egypt Air and Malaysia Airlines serve Mauritius from their home base. Mauritius is a 12 hours non-stop flight from London. Flight departures usually take place in the evening, arriving in Mauritius the next morning.

Flights to and from South Africa depart daily from Johannesburg on Air Mauritius and SAA. In addition, Air Mauritius now flies to and from Durban over peak season and to Cape Town twice weekly. British Airways / Comair has a once weekly flight between Johannesburg and Mauritius, departing on a Saturday. Flying time is between four and five hours. For resorts on the East Coast, transfer time is around 30 minutes, while the capital, Port Louis, and resorts in the north take around one hour by road.

Climate

Between January and April the weather in Mauritius is at its hottest and most humid, with temperatures reaching above 86°F (30°C). It does rain at this time of the year, but tends to come in heavy, short-lived showers. During February, Mauritius occasionally experiences the tail winds from anti-cyclones, which generally last a couple of days. Once an anti-cyclone has passed, the result is typically warmer and less humid conditions.

May to August are the 'cooler' months in Mauritius, although the day time temperatures remain warm at an average 77°F (25°C). During this period, the west coast of Mauritius is generally a few degrees warmer than the east, due to the eastcoast trade winds. September to December is known as a great time to visit Mauritius, the temperatures are higher, traditionally between 80°F (27°C) and 86°F (30°C), and the humidity is lower.



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Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max Temp °C	30	30	29	28	27	25	24	25	25	27	29	30
Min Temp °C	22	22	22	21	19	17	16	16	17	18	19	21
Max Temp °F	86	86	84	82	80	77	75	75	77	80	84	86
Min Temp °F	71.6	71.6	71.6	69.8	66.2	62.6	60.8	60.8	62.6	64.4	66.2	69.8
Rainfall mm	200	197	218	130	96	77	55	59	39	41	53	127

HOTELS

ONE&ONLY LE SAINT GÉRAN



Hotels

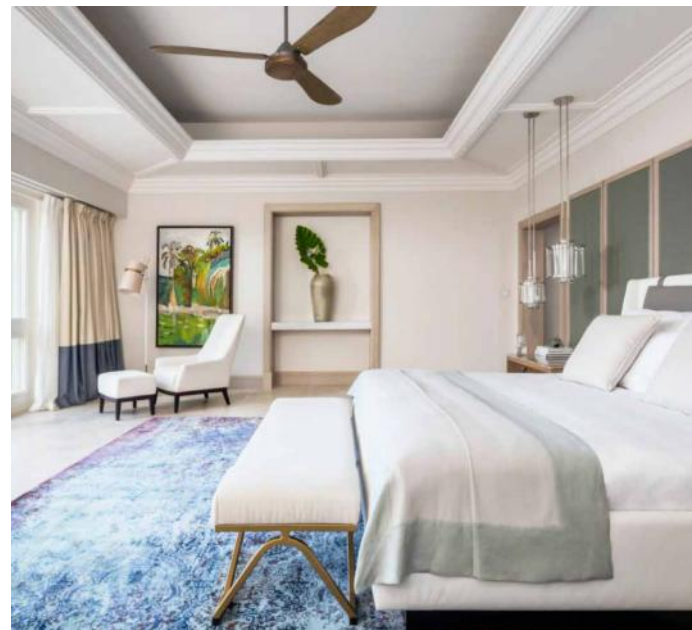


One&Only Le Saint Géran | 5* Property | 162 suites & villas | www.lesaintgeran.oneandonlyresorts.com

Incomparable and distinguished, One&Only Le Saint Géran presides peacefully over the silver-white sands on its own private peninsula. Here, in the immaculate gardens, under the gentle sway of a thousand coconut palms, Mauritian style reigns supreme. The resort's calm, easy luxury is complemented by attentive, yet unobtrusive service. The resort is located one hour from the airport and 40 minutes from the capital of Port Louis. Exquisite taste and grand opulence seamlessly blend with state-of-the-art technology in the resort's 162 suites and single villa. All feature private terraces or balconies offering views over the ocean, a cove or a tropical garden.

Created by Michelin-starred chef Vineet Bhatia, PRIME contemporary grill offers guests an unparalleled Mauritian cuisine experience. For lighter meals, La Terrasse with its beautiful ocean views provides a scenic and delicious alternative. One&Only partnered with ESPA to create a centre for pampering excellence and well-being. A serene sanctuary with its own private lap pool, the spa offers a holistic approach - complete treatment together with a personalised sports programme and nutritional analysis.

A sheltered lagoon provides calm waters for a variety of complimentary water sports. The lush 9-hole Gary Player golf course, located within the resort's manicured grounds, has its own clubhouse and includes the One&Only Golf Academy. Natural daylight fills state-of-the-art conference and boardroom facilities which can accommodate groups of up to 80 guests. Included in the property are unique venues for private use: Belle Mare Peninsula – a garden location with sufficient space for 200 guests.



Hotels



Long Beach Mauritius Resort & Spa | 5* Property | 225 rooms | www.longbeachmauritius.com

Long Beach Golf Resort & Spa is situated on the Belle Mare Peninsula on the east coast of the island, approximately 40 minutes from the airport.

All 270 y₂ (225 m₂) rooms offer sea views, with a minimum of 60 of space. Rooms are equipped with 42" LCD flat-screen TVs with satellite channels international direct-dial telephones, WiFi Internet access, iPod stations, electronic room safes, hairdryers and individually controlled air conditioning.

The urban-style piazza is the cornerstone of the hotel, with restaurants, bars and shops. In total the resort offers five restaurants: Le Marché for extensive buffets, Saponi - an Italian restaurant, Hasu offering authentic Japanese restaurant, Chopsticks for casual Chinese and Tides, a beach restaurant.

Facilities include three pools, a spa, access to three golf courses, as well as a five-a-side football pitch, climbing wall and skating pathway. The property offers venues of up to 130 y₂ (110 m₂) for conferences, meetings and incentives.



Hotels



The Residence Mauritius | 5* Property | 163 rooms | www.theresidence.com

The Residence Mauritius is located on the beachfront in Belle Mare, on the east coast of the island. The hotel is a 50 minute drive from the airport. The Residence Mauritius is considered one of the jewels of the international hotel scene and harmoniously combines modernity and tradition.

Reliving the magnificence and splendour of yesteryear's palaces, a 24-hour butler is assigned to each suite and room and will unpack and pack luggage, run a bathtub, take care of laundry and provide an ironing service.

The hotel prides itself on its superb cuisine. Here, local produce is fused with a selection of fine recipes from around the world to create a symphony of subtle aromas. These culinary delights can be savoured in the hotel's three, top end restaurants, namely The Dining Room, The Verandah and The Plantation. Enjoy afternoon tea and evening cocktails in The Bar.

The Sanctuary is a 720 y² (600 m²) temple of relaxation dedicated to the well-being of body and the soul. The spa offers a wide selection of massages, custom-made programmes and treatments.

A variety of land-based activities and water sports are on offer, from tennis courts and a gym to windsurfing and snorkeling. The hotel offers two air-conditioned rooms for meetings and events.



Hotels



LUX Belle Mare | 5* Property | 186 rooms | www.luxresorts.com

Tucked away in lush tropical gardens near the quaint, sleepy village of Belle Mare, this luxury hotel in Mauritius graces a glorious stretch of the island's eastern coast. It is located 28 mi (45 km) from the airport. London-based design queen, Kelly Hoppen, has breathed new life into the resort with her fresh take on traditional Mauritian hospitality. Dressed in soothing whites and vibrant colours, each of the thatch-roofed suites and villas is blessed with sea views. The hotel would be fantastic for a group buyout, FIT or a family.

At the heart of the resort, the island's largest swimming pool is an idyllic spot for relaxing by day or night. Indulge in sweet-scented treatments at the LUX* Me spa, work on your swing at one of three world-class golf courses or workout at the fitness centre.

The property has numerous bars and restaurants to choose from. MIXE - the main restaurant, Beach Rouge, Beach Restaurant & Lounge, Café LUX*, Tea House - experience the flavoursome and authentic tea ceremony with an international tea selection, KBar Lounge with a relaxed ambience and Mari Kontan.

Duck Laundry offers contemporary Chinese cuisine with duck as main feature in a traditional atmosphere. Michelin-starred chef Vineet Bhatia presents Amari by Vineet, which offers a royal Indian setting with contemporary flavors.

There are two additional LUX properties in Mauritius, LUX Le Morne, which is flanked by the rugged, majestic Le Morne mountain and Lux Grand Gaube, located on the north coast of Mauritius.



Hotels



Shangri-La's Touessrok Resort & Spa | 5* Property | 203 rooms | www.shangri-la.com

After an extensive six-month renovation, Shangri-La's Le Touessrok Resort & Spa, Mauritius, recently reopened under the Shangri-La brand.

This property lies to the east of the island, on a beautiful stretch of sandy coast, with magnificent views of the tranquil Trou d'Eau Douce Bay. In the lagoon are two beautiful islands; Ilot Mangénie and Ile aux Cerfs, home to the resort's 18-hole championship golf course – one of the best in Mauritius. The hotel is a 55 minute drive from the airport.

All accommodation at Shangri-La's Le Touessrok Resort & Spa provide guests with a personalized sanctuary. Having undergone meticulous and thorough redesign and renovation work, the rooms sets the standard for very elegant island chic with that special Shangri-La touch.

Shangri-La's Le Touessrok Resort & Spa, Mauritius, offers guests some of the finest dining options on the island, with new concepts such as beachside dining at Republik Beach Club & Grill, and the freshest contemporary Japanese cuisine at Kushi. Le Bazar, a dedicated restaurant with show kitchens, offers an innovative blend between Asian and international cuisine with the look and feel of a market place.

Safran features classical Indian cuisine in a modern setting with an open kitchen and is elegant and romantic. CHI, The Spa draws inspiration from the origins of the Shangri-La legend, which describes a place of personal peace, enchantment and well-being.



Hotels



Four Seasons Resort Mauritius at Anahita | 5* Property | 136 villas & residences | www.fourseasons.com

Located on the east coast between a sanctuary and a lagoon, the Four Seasons Resort Mauritius at Anahita invites guests to connect with nature in an exquisite setting. The travel time from the airport is 45 minutes.

Guests can choose between an all-day restaurant featuring modern Southern French cuisine, an Italian specialty restaurant serving seafood on the island with views of the lagoon, and Bambou, a pool bar and grill serving pan-Asian cuisine. Each villa boasts its own private plunge pool and a 24 hour concierge service.

The hotel also has numerous function venues for unique events, including the conference room, the Le Club or a beach-side BBQ. With the Indian Ocean as backdrop, the Spa is a natural haven where infusions of Afro-Indian cultures combine to revitalize guests with a blend of therapies as diverse as Mauritius itself. It features 12 pavilions, including eight suitable for couples.

The Four Seasons Resort Mauritius at Anahita has a California-edge pool linked to a secluded infinity pool, as well as three sandy beaches, a PADI dive centre and a water sports centre.

Golfers can enjoy the Ernie Els-designed, Par 72, 18-hole championship golf course with six oceanfront holes, private clubhouse and Golf Academy. Introductory courses for non-golfers or beginners include an overview of all aspects of the game, including swing, short game, bunkers and putting - a fun day on the "greens".



Hotels



Shandrani Beachcomber Resort & Spa| 5* Property | 327 rooms

Located in the unspoilt south region of Mauritius, Shandrani is a friendly five-star resort with a lively vibe. It is located 19 mi (30 km) from the airport.

Set on a private peninsula, lapped by the Blue Bay Marine Park rich in sea life, Shandrani is bordered by three beautiful and separate beaches, each with its own scenery and ambience. The famous Ile aux Aigrettes nature reserve is a short boat ride away and a must-see for nature lovers.

The resort features four beachfront restaurants, each offering a unique setting and atmosphere. Le Grand Port and Le Sirius offer international cuisine, Ponte Vecchio offers Mediterranean and Italian cuisine and Teak Elephant offers Thai.

The 9-hole golf course runs adjacent to the beach, offering breathtaking views over the ocean. A sailing school and a diving centre affiliated to PADI will delight all sports enthusiasts. On-site is one of the most exotic spas in Mauritius, the Shandrani Spa, which is set amidst lush tropical surroundings. The air-conditioned conference room seats 140 pax classroom style and 180 pax theatre style.



Hotels



Shanti Maurice Resort & Spa | 5* Property | 61 suites & villas | www.shantimaurice.com

Located in the Northern shore, the boutique-style Shanti Maurice offers one of the best beaches in Mauritius and some of the most elegant and extensive private villas. The resort is a mere 21 mi (35 km), or a 40 minute scenic drive, from the airport. Limousine and helicopter services are available upon request. The suites and villas at Shanti Maurice Resort & Spa are all ocean-facing and among the largest in Mauritius.

The villas all have private pools and are surrounded by exotic private gardens, terraces and courtyards. The culinary art is sacred at Shanti Maurice. Using fresh produce direct from the ocean, the hotel garden or nearby farms, chefs offer casual beach barbeques, fine Cape-inspired dinners at the oceanfront restaurant and simple, healthy fare from the Garden Wok menu.

Shanti Maurice Resort & Spa recently introduced 'Grandma's Kitchen', a new concept which offers guests the unique experience of dining with one of the staff members' grandmother in her own home. The highlight of this property is without doubt the gorgeous and spacious Shanti Spa.

The spa therapists work with nutritionists, personal trainers, Yoga masters and Ayurvedic physicians to encourage optimum health, mental well-being, revitalised senses, positive dietary changes and spiritual awakening.

The resort offers a wide variety of sports and recreational activities, including non-motorised watersports, tennis, golf, jogging, trekking, power walking, aqua fit, pilates, garden tours and cooking classes, to name but a few. The hotel's conference facility provides theatre-style seating for up to 80 guests.



Hotels



The St. Regis Mauritius Resort | 5* Property | 172 rooms & villas | www.stregismauritius.com

The St. Regis Mauritius Resort is located on the southwestern side of the island, overlooking the soft white sands of Le Morne Beach and its turquoise lagoon.

The St. Regis Mauritius Resort features 172 elegantly appointed rooms and suites including Spa Suites and Villas. The interior designs are in the traditional colonial style with interiors complimenting contemporary, traditional and indigenous styles.

Located at the Health Pavilion, the Iridium Spa is to be found at the heart of the property in a colonial style building overlooking the Indian Ocean. Iridium Spa has 12 spacious treatment rooms including 2 couple treatment rooms and a men's salon. There is also an extensive gym. The renowned St. Regis Butler Service can also be found at this Mauritian property – includes beverage service, unpacking service and garment pressing.

The hotel has six different restaurants on site. Le Manoir – the main restaurant which seats 80 guests; Inspiration – small private restaurant next to le Manoir for 8 guests The Boathouse Bar and Grill – an elegant beachside gourmet experience. Simply Asia – the signature restaurant by Michelin star chef Atul Kochhar seating 80 guests, Atsuko – a Japanese restaurant for 36 guests and Floating Market an Asian-Chinese venue seating 60 guests.

The hotel also boasts The Astor Room adjacent to the Manor House that can seat 180 delegates theatre style and 80 banquet style. There are also two executive boardrooms and a cinema. For the sports minded there are two golf courses a mere 20 minutes away.



Hotels



Dinarobin Beachcomber Gold Resort & Spa | 5* Property | LeParadis 299 & Dinarobin 184 rooms | www.beachcomber-hotels.com

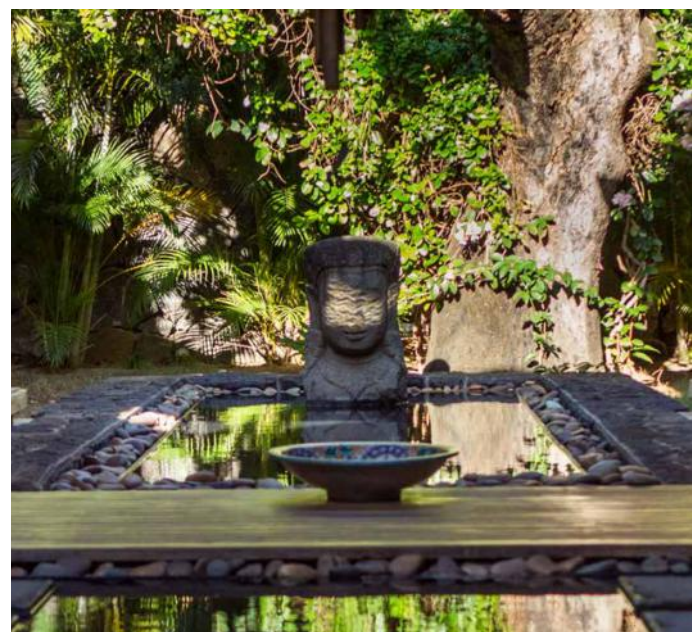
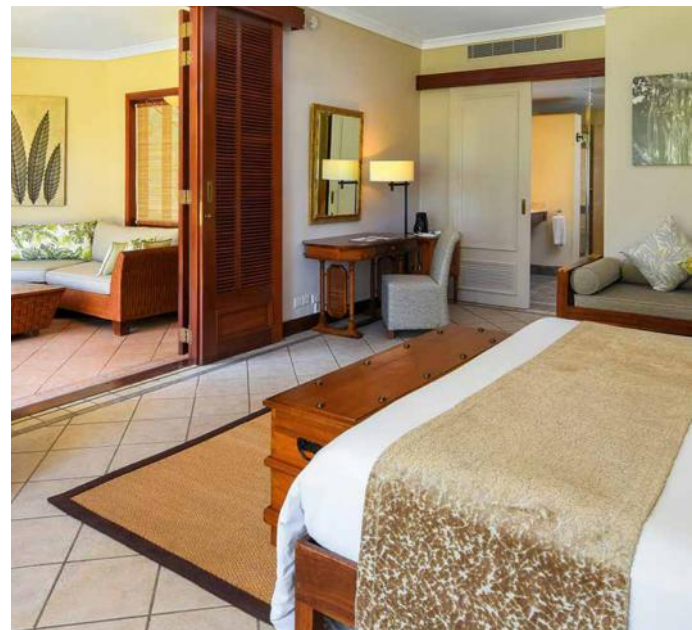
A luxurious five-star resort in Mauritius, Dinarobin Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa is a haven of peace and tranquillity – the perfect setting for your luxury holiday in Mauritius and the ideal resort to renew your body and soul.

Cascading pools dotted with islets rich with flowers, spacious wooden decks, terraces designed with sea views and tropical gardens planted with exotic trees make Dinarobin Beachcomber the symbol of tropical beauty in Mauritius.

Located on the most beautiful shoreline in Mauritius with the magnificent Le Morne mountain acting as a dramatic backdrop, Dinarobin Beachcomber offers a private village setting. The resort features luxurious allsuite accommodation that blends harmoniously into the lush tropical gardens.

Dinarobin Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa and Paradis Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa, an adjacent Beachcomber resort of the same class, share facilities. Guests of Dinarobin Beachcomber have access to the 18-hole Par 72 golf course at Paradis Beachcomber and to eight charming restaurants, four at each hotel.

Also on offers a range of complimentary land and water sports. The Spa is without a doubt the most elegant spa in Mauritius and the perfect place to unwind and be pampered. The resort's fabulous setting is complemented by world-class service. The ever-attentive staff attends to your every whim in the restaurants, in your suite or on the beach as you rest in the shade under your straw canopy.



Hotels



The Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa | 5* Property | 193 rooms | www.hilton.com

The Hilton Mauritius is located on the west coast of the island, in the scenic village of Flic en Flac. The hotel is an hour's drive from the International Airport and 15 minutes from Casela Nature Park.

All 193 rooms and suites are laid out in a series of two or three-storey pavilions, facing out to the sea and the setting sun. Guests can choose between guest rooms with tasteful Asian and Mauritian interiors opening onto private balconies or patios, or Suites with beachfront locations.

For dinner, enjoy an extensive buffet at the main restaurant, savour an authentic Thai meal at the Ginger Thai Restaurant, discover innovative and refined cuisine or enjoy a romantic meal on the jetty. Drink exotic cocktails as you watch the sun set from one of two resort bars.

The Spa Mauritius is pure sensory indulgence. On offer is a full range of body and face treatments, a fitness centre, a hydrotherapy bath, steam room and sauna, as well as yoga classes.

The hotel has three floodlit outdoor tennis courts and a landscaped outdoor pool and includes free beachside windsurfing, sailing and water-skiing lessons. The Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa offers a spectacular beach setting and event facilities for a maximum of 350 guests.



Hotels



The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa | 5* Property | 190 rooms | www.westinturtlebaymauritius.com

The resort is located in a peaceful spot in the historic Balaclava area, facing the idyllic Turtle Bay, a protected marine park on the north-west coast of Mauritius. It is approximately 1 hours' drive from the airport.

Each of the 190 studios, rooms and suites feature Westin Heavenly furnishing and amenities such as the Heavenly® Bed and the Heavenly® Bath in a spacious bathroom and, as an added touch, a "fresh-air private balcony or terrace" that allows guests to connect with nature.

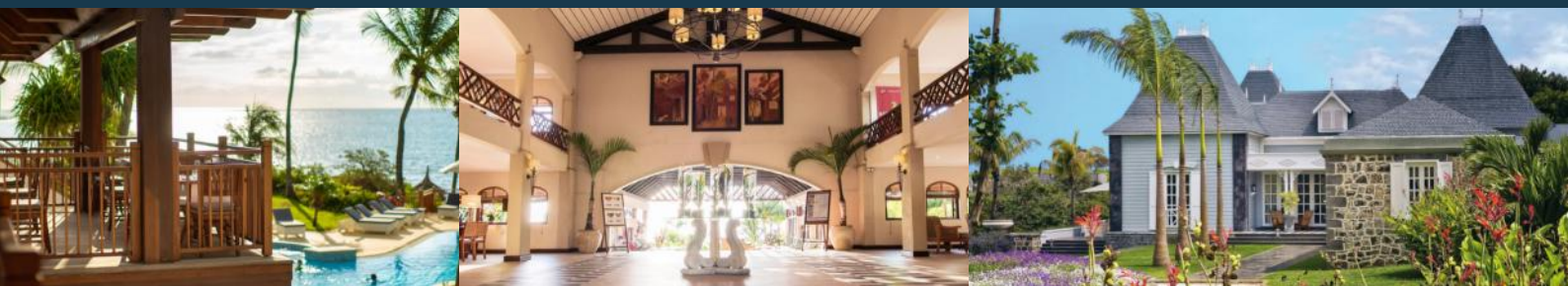
The resort offers a total of seven bar and dining areas. Seasonal Tastes provides all-day dining in a delightfully landscaped seaside-garden setting. Kangan is a modern Indian restaurant set in a tropical environment. Fusion specializes in a contemporary interpretation of cuisines from the rich Mauritian cultural heritage. Beach Grill is a beach- and poolside restaurant, perfect for a long, lazy laid-back lunch.

Spread over 25 acres (10 hectares) and an idyllic beach frontage, the resort offers two swimming pools, a tennis court, a Westin Wellness Fitness Studio and a variety of water sports. The Heavenly Spa is located in a private garden, which allows guests to immerse their mind and body in a soothing sanctuary of tranquility.

The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa, Mauritius offers four meeting rooms that are bright, airy, and easily customizable to meet the specific needs of your meeting or event. The large ballroom can accommodate up to 200 guests and can be divided into two smaller conference areas, each with individual access and supporting technical facilities.



Hotels



Maritim Crystals Beach Hotel | 5* Property | 215 rooms | www.maritim.com

The Hotel is located on the island's north side at 'Turtle Bay', the republic's first Marine National Park. Set amidst expansive, landscaped grounds, the drive from the airport takes approximately 60 minutes. Guests who like to arrive in style can charter a helicopter and land on the hotel's private heli-pad.

The hotel is conveniently located between the capital, Port Louis, and Grand Baie - both approximately 9 mi (15km) from the hotel. The towns offer shopping, museums, bazaars, restaurants, markets, cafés, discotheques and more.

All 215 rooms offer either a balcony or terrace and come equipped with a bathroom, hairdryer, make-up mirror, air conditioning, tea and coffee making facilities, an electronic safe, TV with video and radio channels, a telephone, WIFI internet connection and a minibar.

The hotel has 3 main restaurants; Belle Vue - for breakfast and buffets, Château Mon Désir - for fine dining and La Marée beach restaurant. Wonderfully integrated within the resort's 62 acre (25 hectare), landscaped gardens, the Tropical Spa covers an expansive 4 186 y² (3 500 m.). In addition to the usual nonmotorised water sports, the hotel also features a diving school manned by qualified instructors. The hotel also has a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts and an Equestrian Centre.

The Maritim offers a large selection of venues for meetings and events. The conference centre boasts a large air-conditioned hall, with seating for 350 guests, its own foyer and a terrace overlooking the bay.



Hotels



The Oberoi Beach Resort | 5* Property | 71 rooms | www.oberoihotels.com

The Oberoi Beach Resort Mauritius hugs the shores of Turtle Bay, well situated on the island's northwest Coast. Set on more than 20 acres (8 hectares) of beautiful, sub-tropical gardens, the hotel offers an impressive 656 y (600 m) of beachfront. The capital city of Port Louis and the small, buzzing town of Grand Baie lie a mere 9 mi (15 km) away and the airport is 55 minutes away by road.

Every room features a romantic four-poster bed. Wooden slatted ceilings and restful, neutral tones create a sense of quiet grandeur. Each bathroom comes complete with a separate shower and a pale marble sunken bath overlooking an open-air walled garden.

The hotel's Villas boast their own lush gardens and dining gazebos, most of them overlooking a private swimming pool, with views of the sea. The hotel offers two world-class restaurants with international cuisine and seafood on the menu.

The Spa at The Oberoi Mauritius is a sanctuary in the gardens and includes a beauty parlour, steam bath and gym, as well as individual spa suites with private Jacuzzis. Traditional Mauritian treatments using natural local oils and star fruits in conjunction with conventional therapies are on offer.

For the more energetic, the hotel has a tennis court, motorised and non-motorised water sports, a gym and private swimming pools. The Oberoi Beach Resort, Mauritius offers exclusive banquet and private meeting rooms with state-of-the-art audiovisual facilities for select business gatherings, board meetings and seminars. The largest venue can provide theatre-style seating for 36 guests, suitable for smaller groups.



Hotels



Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Resort & Spa | 5* Property | 377 suites & villas | www.beachcomber-hotels.com

A strip of white sandy beach, a turquoise lagoon with crystal-clear waters, a 86 acre (35 hectare) tropical garden...These are some of the timeless charms of Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Resort & Spa.

Its situated on the north west coast of Mauritius, one of the best climates that provides the perfect setting for dramatic sunsets. Approximately 1hours' drive from the airport.

Set amid tropical gardens, the suites are arranged in stylish bungalows laid out in spacious crescents offering absolute privacy. Facing towards the beach and the lagoon, each crescent has its own slate swimming pool.

The 27 Villas, with two or three bedrooms, are carefully spread out in the heart of tropical gardens. The hotel offers a choice of six restaurants including Thai, Italian and Indian cuisine, fish, buffet and 'a la carte' dining.

Additional features include a spacious and modern spa and a wide range of land and water sports. A modern conference room, able to accommodate up to 150 people theatre-style, is equipped with all the necessary meeting facilities.



Hotels



Mauricia Beachcomber | 4* Property | 237 rooms | www.beachcomber-hotels.com

Located on the sunny northern coast of Mauritius, is cosmopolitan and relaxed, simple, yet cosy. The airport is 47 mi (75 km), and Port Louis, the capital, only 16 mi (25 km) away. Comfort and simplicity take centre stage. The hotel's architecture is a departure from the traditional Mediterranean style. Great effort has been made to emphasize the sweeping views of the bay from public areas.

The resort is within walking distance of the lively village of Grand Baie, one of Mauritius' main tourist hubs, providing guests with a choice of restaurants, bars, discotheques and boutiques during their stay. All 237 rooms and suites are sea-facing and provide the following facilities: individually controlled airconditioning, international direct dialling, television (satellite channels) and mini bar with complimentary tea and coffee making facilities.

Les Quais Restaurant seats 500 guests, offers international cuisine and overlooks the swimming pool. Le Nautic Restaurant seats 100 guests, offers fresh seafood and overlooks the ocean. The hotel features a local band and nightclub six nights a week and regular themed evenings. Mauricia Beachcomber also includes a lovely Wellness Centre. Inspired by the serenity of an oasis, the cabins are designed to resemble nomadic tents and cleverly arranged around a shaded pool. A variety of land and water sports are also available.

Known as one of most popular group resorts in Mauritius, Mauricia Beachcomber provides an optional all inclusive package, which gives guests the luxury of relaxing with total peace of mind during their stay. Guests also have access to the facilities of a sister hotel, Le Canonier, located close the hotel.



HIGHLIGHTS



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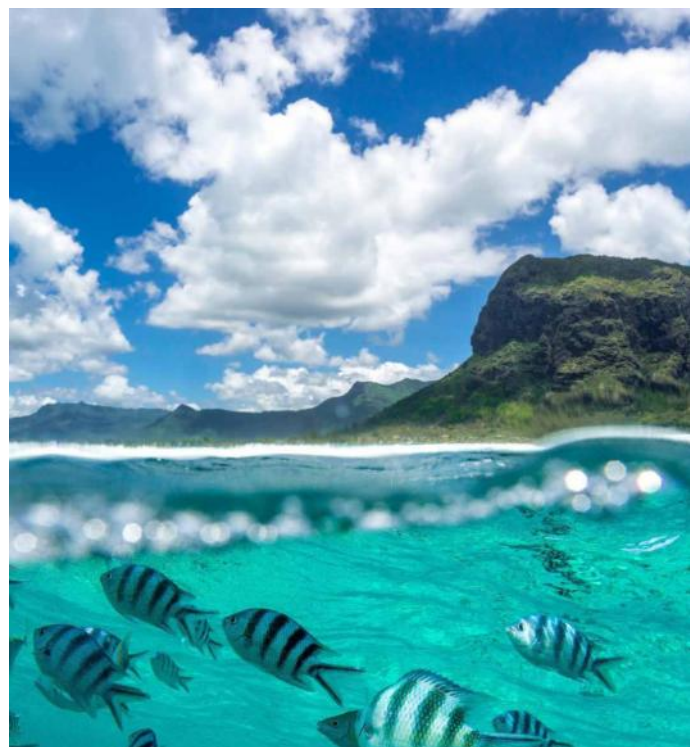
Catamaran Cruises

Catamaran Cruise to Ile aux Cerfs is exceptional catamaran cruise departs from Trou d'Eau Douce and sails along the east coast to the island of Ile aux Cerfs, arguably the most beautiful beach in Mauritius, and certainly one of the most photographed.

Catamaran Cruises to the Northern Isle – Take to the waves on board a superb catamaran, departing from Grand-Baie on the north coast. With the wind in the sails, head for an uninhabited desert island, white sand, sea shells, exotic fish and magnificent coral. Sail 6 mi (10 km) out into the vast, open Indian Ocean before you reach the sensual shores of Ilot Gabriel.

Catamaran Cruises to Ile aux Bénitiers – This cruise departs from the west coast and begins with a gentle sail to Tamarin Bay, a haven for black and long beaked dolphins. Explore the rich Indian Ocean sea life in the crystal clear lagoon opposite Ile aux Bénitiers, located at the foot of a world heritage site, the mountain of Le Morne Brabant – a true paradise!

Vessels are available in various sizes for group charter purposes. Each boat can accommodate between 20 to 30 persons. Maximum capacity depends on the group's departure point. North Coast: 200 guests, East Coast: 250 guests, West Coast: 200 guests.



Highlights

Swim with Dolphins

Swim alongside the Spinners Dolphins of Tamarin Bay and connect with these extraordinary mammals in a truly unique setting. Please note that because this excursion is about observing the mammals within their natural habitat, any physical interaction is prohibited in accordance with prevailing laws pertaining to their protection and to that of their environment.

This trip is done on speed boats, because it is much easier to find the dolphins and takes less time to reach the sites than on catamarans. Duration is approximately two hours and the chances of seeing dolphins come with a 90% success rate.

Diving and Snorkeling

Mauritius is home to some of the world's most breathtaking coral reefs and marine life. Filled with hundreds of brightly-coloured fish, the underwater world of Mauritius is an amazing natural wonder.

Both beginners and certified divers can enjoy safe, relaxed dives in these perfect conditions. One of the most well-known and popular dive sites in Mauritius is the Cathedral, which is located off the Flic en Flac on the western coast of Mauritius.

Other famous dive sites in Mauritius include the Whale Rock, the submerged crater near Ile Ronde and the Roche Zozo which is an underwater rock pinnacle.



Highlights

Port Louis Shopping

The best way to see the delicious fresh produce that Mauritius offers is to visit one of the island's many vibrant food markets. Port Louis has bustling covered markets, brimming with vegetables, spices, herbs, salted dried fish and fresh meat.

Also in the capital is the Caudan Waterfront, which is a series of interlinking smaller malls and shops. The Floreal/ Curepipe area offers factory shops for cashmere items, Ralph Lauren and other designer labels which are manufactured on the island.

There is a market in Quatre Bourne on Thursdays and Sundays. Next to Port Louis, Grand Baie is the most sophisticated town and also offers a great relaxed shopping experience.

Chamarel

Located in the north of the island, Chamarel is an interesting geological attraction, commonly referred to as Seven Coloured Earth.

Chamarel features an undulating surface of multi-coloured sand, with swirling patches of blue, green, red, purple and yellow earth, apparently caused by the weathering of volcanic rocks.

Nearby, the stunningly beautiful Chamarel waterfall cascades its way down from the moors through the primeval vegetation.



Highlights

Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens

The extraordinary Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens, also known as a world garden, delights local visitors and tourists alike.

In 1988, Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens was officially renamed "Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Gardens" in honour of the first prime minister of Mauritius and the father of its independence.

Here, scattered across the almost 300-year-old garden, you'll find beautiful palm trees, camphor laurels and baobabs, and a wide variety of water lilies and endemic plants of all shapes and sizes.



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Activities

Adventure Rally

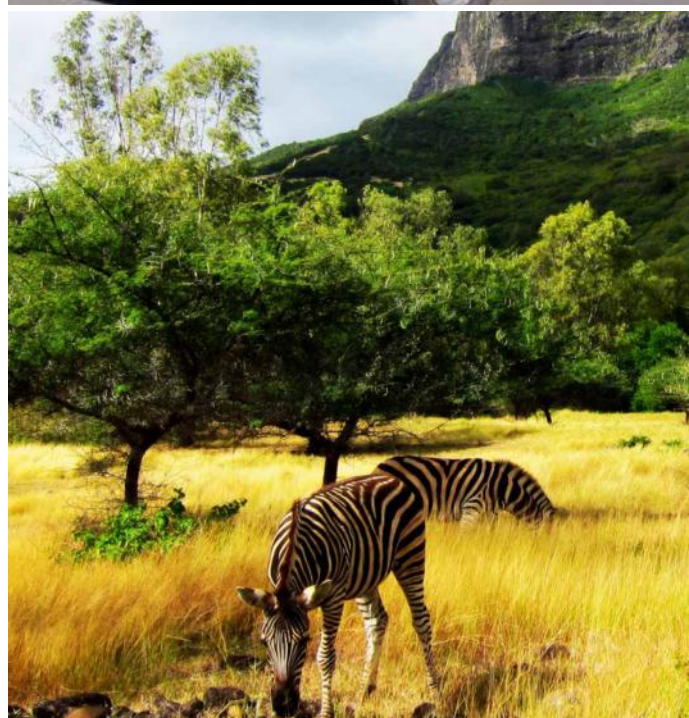
A unique way of exploring the island is by jeep and a fun and informative way of incorporating this into the programme is with an Adventure Rally. In the morning guests are greeted at their hotel with a fleet of small 4x4 jeeps or open-topped cars. A safety briefing is given, before the group is divided into teams of 4 and each team then selects their vehicle.

This is a self-drive activity. Each group is given a set of instructions which will guide them around the island. At various check points they will need to sign-in and even complete a fun activity for extra points. Along the way guests drive along the beautiful coastline, interact with the locals and explore the various famous landmarks.

Casela Nature & Leisure Park

The Casela Nature & Leisure Park is located in the western part of Mauritius between Flic en Flac and Tamarin. The park covers an area of about 35 acres (14 hectares). In the park you can see around 1 500 birds of over 150 species and a variety of animals such as the impressive giant turtles and various mammals such as lions and monkeys.

The park is covered in a variety of beautiful exotic plants and flowers. For lunch, enjoy a meal at the Le Mirador Restaurant. For groups, there is a whole array of adventure activities including quad biking, Segway tours or an adventurous hiking tour with several ziplines, including the longest zipline in the Indian Ocean. The park now also offers a "Walk with Lions" activity.



Activities

Catamaran or Pirogue Regatta

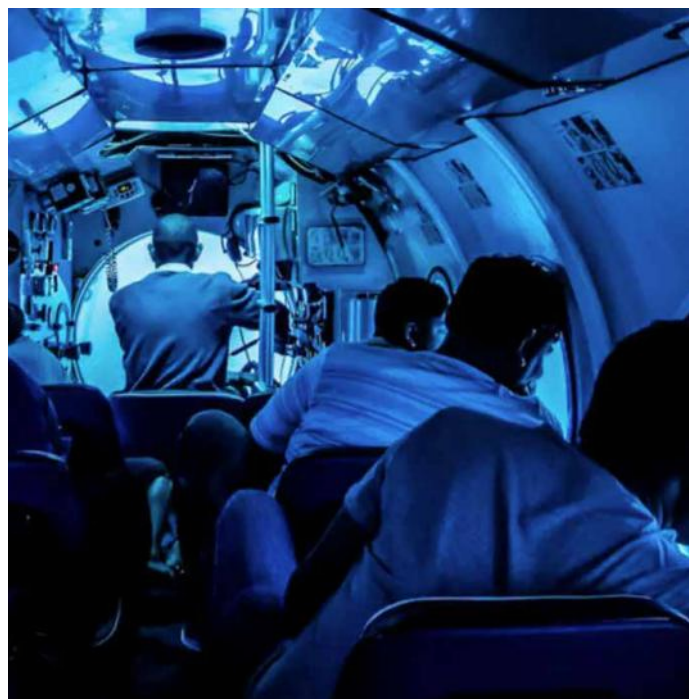
This can be done on the West Coast (Black Bay) or in the North (Grand Baie). Each catamaran can carry between 15 - 30 guests whilst large groups of up to 200 guests can be accommodated. For a really exciting activity, groups can take part in a catamaran regatta.

The boats are fully skippered, so it's just a matter of enjoying the thrill of the race, the deep blue sea and the spectacular Mauritian coastline. This fun activity can also be done in Pirogue's which are traditional, wooden sailing boats.

Submarine & Subscooter

This activity is located in the north of the island at Grand Baie. Guests are taken out to sea, by speedboat, to reach the base boat housing the submarine and Subscooter. There are 2 submarines, a 10 seater and a 5 seater, both of which reach a depth of 38 y (35m).

The Subscooter is not unlike a 2 seater jet ski, with a glass helmet that traps the air, so you only get wet from the waist down. You breathe freely and naturally in a large transparent panoramic dome as you explore the ocean and the rich tropical marine life. The Subscooter reaches a depth of 3.3 y (3 m) and dives last approximately 45 minutes. Excursions are always escorted by professional divers. For an extra "incentive touch", companies can float an underwater banner with their logo.



Dining

The cuisine of Mauritius is a blend of Creole, Chinese, European and Indian influences. Mauritius has had strong ties with French culture throughout its history and was left with a very French "savoir vivre". Even today, the popularity of French dishes like the bouillon, tuna salad, daube, civet de lièvre or coq au vin served with good wine show the prevalence of French culture in Mauritius.

With the passing years, some have been adapted to include the more exotic ingredients of the island to create unique and delicious flavours.

Specialties:

- Venison (in season)
- Camarons (freshwater prawns) in hot sauces
- Octopus
- Dhol purri (a wheat pancake stuffed with ground peas and served with curry)
- Gateaux piments (chilli cakes)

Regional drinks include rum, beer, fresh coconut milk and Alouda (almond-flavoured ice milk drink). For special events, Mauritius offers a number of exclusive venues. These are normally stately old homes which have been renovated and converted into function spaces.

