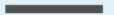




An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half of the image shows clear, turquoise water with visible coral reefs. The bottom left corner shows a dense forest of palm trees. A sandy beach runs diagonally across the middle, with white foam from waves washing onto the shore.

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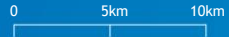
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WELCOME

Dear Guests,

A very warm welcome to you from all the Hello Islands DMC team!

We invite you to explore the most cosmopolitan island under the sun with us.

Our dearest wish is for you to experience our true and authentic hospitality and to collect many positive impressions and emotions about our unique island.



We have very carefully selected the tours, cruises and other activities in this brochure. Each one has been judiciously chosen to ensure that you get the best quality and value. You will always be accompanied by our professional drivers and guides.

We encourage all our partners to be environment conscious and to ensure the protection of our fragile and precious natural habitat.

Please discuss your plans with our representative who is available 24/7 for you.

They will be able to counsel you and provide you with our best offers.

Thank you for visiting Mauritius. We appreciate and value having you as our guest.

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Sidonie Antoine
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background, appearing to be 'SL'.

Stephane Louise
Director

MAURITIUS - IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DATES

1512

The Portuguese seafarer Pedro Mascarenhas discovers the island.



1638-1710

Dutch colonisation. Deforestation of the Ebony Forests. Extinction of the Dodo.



1735 - 1746

François Mahé de Labourdonnais governs the island and decisively shapes the future of the colony.



1794

France abolishes slavery. Mauritius experiences a very strong resistance by the local sugar planters.

1835

Slavery is abolished. Indentured labour for the sugar estates is imported from India.

1864

The first railway goes into service. It operates for 100 years - until 1964.



1892

The worst 'cyclone' recorded yet devastates the island.

1968

Mauritius gains independence from Great Britain.



1992

March 12: Mauritius becomes a republic.

1598

First Dutch Landing. They name the island 'Mauritius' after their Prince Mauritz (Maurice) of Nassau.

1715

The French annex the island and rename it 'Isle de France'.

1767-1772
Pierre Poivre

administers the island together with "Gouverneur Dumas". He improves the infrastructure and starts the Botanical Garden of Pamplemousses.

1810

The British conquer the island and rename it 'Mauritius'.



1847

The 'Blue Penny' stamp is printed.

1866-1868

Malaria epidemic
50,000 deaths.

1946

First flights take off for Europe and Africa.



1976

First free elections. Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam becomes the first Prime Minister of an independent Mauritius.

MAURITIUS | THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS

ORIGIN	Volcanic - about 10 million years old
GEOGRAPHY	South-western Indian Ocean - just below the Tropic of Capricorn Latitude 20° south - Longitude 57° east
AREA	1,865 km ²
COASTLINE	177 km surrounded by coral reefs
HIGHEST PEAKS	Black River Peak (828 m), Pieter Both (823 m), Le Pouce (812 m)
CLIMATE	Tropical, modified by the southeast trade winds; warm, dry winter (June to October); hot, wet, humid summer (November to May)
POPULATION	1,365,000 (2018 estimate)
ETHNIC GROUPS	Indo-Mauritian 68%, Creole 27%, Sino-Mauritian 3%, Franco-Mauritian 2%
RELIGIONS	Hindu 48.5%, Christian 26.3%, Muslim 17.3%
LANGUAGES	English is the official language, but Creole and French are far more widely used.
GOVERNMENT	Parliamentary democracy - elections every 5 years
ECONOMY	Since independence in 1968, Mauritius has developed from a low-income, agricultural-based economy to a middle-income diversified economy with growing industrial, financial, and tourism sectors. For most of this period, annual growth has been of the order of 5% to 6%. A stock exchange was established in 1989 with the aim to finance the increasing investment needs of the future. The Freeport has become a major gateway between Asia and Africa. The island is expected to continue its development into a regional centre for tourism, finance and education.



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- & many more.....



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CATAMARAN CRUISES & BOAT TRIPS

- Catamaran to Ile aux Cerfs Cruise
- Turquoise Cruise to Ile aux Cerfs
- Dolphin Discovery
- Swim with Dolphins
- Speedboat Trip to Ile aux Cerfs
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WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | FULL DAY

“WILD SOUTH WEST”



POPULAR TOUR TO THE SCENIC AND PANORAMIC SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE ISLAND!



Start at the extinct **Trou aux Cerfs** volcanic crater with a 360° view over the island. At 'Voiliers de l'Océan', see a display of stunning models of **historical sailing ships**. Continue to the sacred lake of **Grand Bassin** (Ganga Talao) followed by a stop at the viewpoint over the **Black River Gorges**, home to most of the island's endemic flora and fauna. Lunch is at the authentic village of Chamarel, where you will also visit the world-class **La Rhumerie de Chamarel** and taste some of the finest rum in the world. Admire the 90m-high **Chamarel Waterfall** and the iconic **Seven-Coloured Earth**, before returning to your hotel.

For visitors staying in the Southern part, this itinerary will change.

IMAGES

- 1. Chamarel Seven Coloured Earth
- 2. Rhumerie de Chamarel
- 3. Grand Bassin
- 4. Black River Gorges
- 5. Chamarel Waterfall

MONDAY & THURSDAY | FULL DAY

“DODO’S TRAIL”



AN INTERESTING KALEIDOSCOPE OF MAURITIUS



Visit the bustling and exciting capital city of **Port-Louis!**

Enjoy the stunning view over the capital city from Fort Adelaide, also known as the **Citadel**. Descend into the city, driving past the **Champ de Mars**, the first horseracing track built in the southern hemisphere. From **St. Louis Cathedral**, you will walk towards the centre, passing via the Theatre and Government House. Walk through the notorious **Central Market** and onwards to promenade along the **Caudan Waterfront**. Enjoy an authentic **Creole Lunch** followed by a leisurely walk in the **Pamplemousses Botanical Garden** before returning to your hotel.

Optional: Visit the Blue Penny Museum, home to the famous Blue Penny stamp and a magnificent statue of Paul & Virginie. Entrance fee not included.



IMAGES

1. View of Port Louis harbour
2. Moka Range and Pieter Both
3. Port Louis Central Market
4. Creole Lunch
5. Caudan Waterfront
6. Pamplemousses Botanical Garden

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“MAURITIUS A LA CAR”



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DISCOVER MAURITIUS WITH YOUR PERSONAL DRIVER-GUIDE.

Do you prefer to explore the island at your own pace?

Our driver-guides are very knowledgeable and will design with you an attractive itinerary for the day. They will drive you in one of our comfortable vehicles and make you visit the points of interest you wish to see. Taking into account the distance and traffic conditions, the tour will last approximately 8 hours.

Please note: lunch, beverages or entrance fees are not included.



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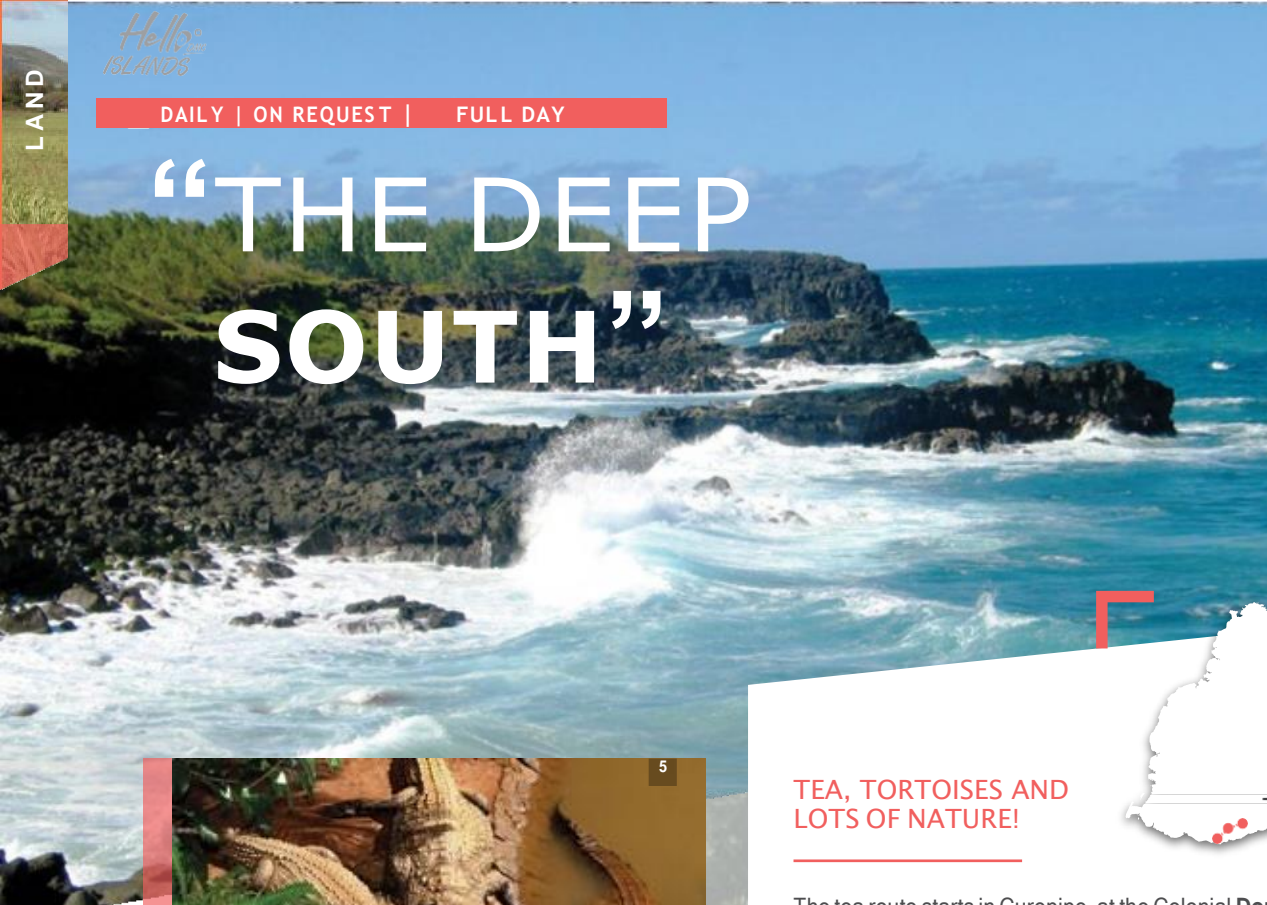


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1. “Flamboyant” trees
2. Gunner’s Quoin
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6. Your personal Driver-Guide

“THE DEEP SOUTH”



TEA, TORTOISES AND LOTS OF NATURE!

The tea route starts in Curepipe, at the Colonial **Domaine des Aubineaux**, built in 1872. Continue to the **tea plantations of Bois Chéri**. Visit the factory and the museum, and enjoy a tea tasting. In the South, visit **La Vanille Nature Reserve** (Crocodile Park) and the Colonial estate of **Saint Aubin** (vanilla and anthurium plantations, an old sugar factory and the rum distillery, including a tasting followed by lunch). At **Gris Gris**, enjoy the view over the rugged basalt cliffs of the south coast where the sea throws wave after wave against the shore.

IMAGES

1. “La Roche Qui Pleure”
2. Bois Chéri tea plantations
3. Colonial Estate of Saint Aubin
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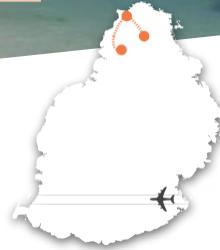


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ROLLING SUGAR CANE FIELDS, PICTURESQUE VILLAGES AND TOWNS, AND A BIT OF HISTORY!



Visit the **Chateau de Labourdonnais** and admire the beautiful colonial architecture. Stop at the remarkable **L’Aventure du Sucre** (Sugar World) - an old sugar factory converted into a museum - to learn how the production of sugar has so heavily impacted Mauritian history and culture.

After lunch, tour the North coast; visit Anse La Raie, the iconic red-roofed **chapel** at Cap Malheureux, Bain Boeuf and Pereybere. Stop for a visit of **Grand Bay**, including its popular “Bazaar”, before returning to your hotel.

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1. La Cuvette and Gunner’s Quoin
2. Grand Baie Bazaar
3. Chateau de Labourdonnais
4. Sugar World
5. Chapel of Cap Malheureux
6. Grand Baie beach

“MAHÉBOURG & ILE AUX AIGRETTES NATURE RESERVE”

VISIT THE OLDEST AND MOST CHARACTERISTIC TOWN AND AN ISLAND NATURE RESERVE!



Start at the **Biscuiterie Rault**, an over 100-year-old **manioc (cassava) biscuit factory**, unique in the world, and sample these very special biscuits with a good cup of tea. Appreciate the authentic ambience of this old town during a short walk through the old streets and a visit of the **traditional market**. The pretty **Naval Museum** commemorates the famous **battle of Grand Port in 1810**. The very authentic Creole Lunch at **Karay Mario**, a small delightful restaurant is an exceptional experience. In the afternoon, visit **Ile aux Aigrettes**, the island nature reserve in the lagoon, and appreciate the conservation works done by the Mauritius Wildlife Foundation to preserve the endemic flora and fauna of Mauritius.



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IMAGES

1. Ile Aux Aigrettes
2. Pink Pigeon
3. Mahébourg Market
4. Biscuiterie Rault
5. Mahébourg Church
6. Mahébourg Bridge

SUNDAY | MONDAY-SATURDAY ON REQUEST | DURATION

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CATAMARAN CRUISE TO ILE AUX CERFS



CRUISE THE WATERS AROUND THE "ILE AUX CERFS"

Depart from **Trou D'eau Douce** village in the centre of the east coast. Sail to **Grande Rivière Sud Est** and visit the famous **waterfall** on a small ferry boat. Enjoy some excellent **snorkelling** inside the lagoon. Lunch is a **BBQ-buffet** on board (unlimited drinks). In the afternoon, sail to **Ile aux Cerfs** and enjoy the spectacular beaches before sailing back.

IMAGES

1. Catamaran
2. Grand River South East Waterfall
3. East Coast
4. BBQ lunch on board
5. Ile aux Cerfs

SUNDAY | MONDAY - SATURDAY ON REQUEST | FULL DAY

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CATAMARAN CRUISE 'TURQUOISE'

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CRUISE THE MAGNIFICENT LAGOON OF THE EAST FROM MAHÉBOURG TO "ILE AUX CERFS"

Sail within the impressive scenery of the **eastern lagoon** with the imposing mountain ranges on the land side and clear turquoise waters (up to 5 km wide), fringed by the white waves of the protective reef - **snorkel** in the clear and tranquil waters - see the '**Grand River South East' Waterfall - BBQ Lunch** served on board (unlimited drinks) - anchor on the beach at Ile Aux Cerfs - enjoy a perfect swim and explore the island before the relaxing sail back to **Pointe Jérôme**.

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- 1, 3 & 5. Catamarans
2. Grand River South East Waterfall
- 4 & 6. Snorkelling in the lagoon

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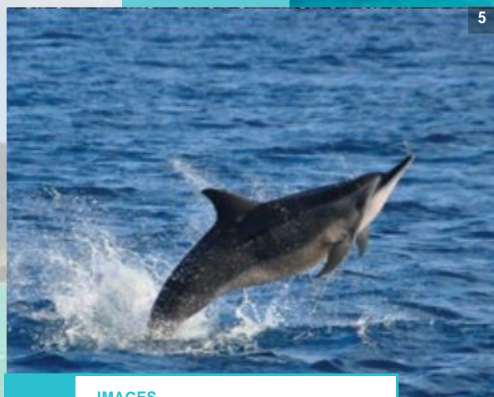
“DOLPHIN DISCOVERY”



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EXPLORE THE WATERS OF THE WEST COAST



“Oplezir” is a large comfortable catamaran (20m long). From **Black River**, look out for the numerous dolphins at home on the west coast. The chances of seeing them are excellent. There are 2 species of dolphins: ‘**Spinner**’ and ‘**Bottlenose**’ dolphins. Watch these delightful creatures for a while. Then enjoy some excellent snorkelling on the Coral Reef, surrounded by the magnificent scenery from **Tamarin Bay** down to the **Le Morne Mountain**. After a BBQ lunch on board, you may explore **Benitiers Island** with its long sandy beach. Cruise back in the afternoon.



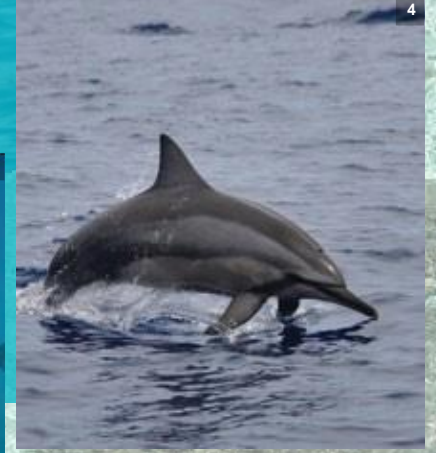
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1. Dolphin Discovery
2. Crystal Rock
3. Catamaran
4. Ile Aux Bénitiers
5. Dolphin

SUNDAY | MONDAY - SATURDAY ON REQUEST | FULL DAY

“SWIM WITH DOLPHINS”



THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

Start early from Black River and search for ‘Spinner’ and ‘Bottleneck’ dolphins in comfortable motorboats. The well-trained crew will guide you when and how to get into the water, and how to behave with these wonderful creatures.

After this unique experience, you can snorkel to your heart’s content before cruising to the long beach of Benitiers (Clam) Island.

Enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch sitting on the sand. Beach walk or just relax before returning to Black River in the afternoon.

Half-day trips: return to the jetty after snorkelling.

Please note that our partners are committed to observe official dolphin watching guidelines!



IMAGES

- 1 & 5. Swim with Dolphins
2. Crystal Rock
3. Ile Aux Bénitiers
4. Dolphin observation

TUESDAY | MONDAY/WEDNESDAY ON REQUEST | FULL DAY



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“SPEED BOAT TO ÎLE AUX CERFS”



SPEND AN EXHILARATING DAY ON THE EAST COAST!



Depart from 'Pointe Jérôme' to the Blue Bay Marine Park and a super snorkelling experience - cruise near the islands 'Ile de la Passe' & 'Ile aux Phares' (short visit) & 'Ile aux Flamants' - Lunch is a beach BBQ on the wild side of 'Ile aux Cerfs' - visit the impressive waterfall of 'Grand River South East' - on the way back, stop at the small beach of 'Ile aux Aigrettes' for a last drink. Seafood lunch (Gambas) against supplement!

IMAGES

- 1 & 4. Ile aux Cerfs
- 2 & 3. One Love Speedboat

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“ÎLE DES DEUX COCOS”



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CHILL ON A PRIVATE LUXURY ISLAND.

‘Île des Deux Cocos’ (Coconut Island) lies in the clear turquoise waters of the Blue Bay Marine Park.

Indulge in the luxurious amenities and visit the old refurbished Governor’s villa. Swim, snorkel or see the wonders of the Marine Park through a glass bottom boat. Spend time over the lavish lunch buffet under the palm trees and enjoy the home-made ‘rhum arrange’; drinks are all inclusive throughout. A perfect day!



IMAGES

1. Île des Deux Cocos
2. Beach
3. Snorkelling in Blue Bay Marine Park

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OBSERVE THE GENTLE GIANTS OF THE OCEANS



Whales so big, so majestic and so amazing can be observed off the West and off the North coasts of the island. Sperm whales are known to be residents along the west coast and can be seen all year. Humpback whales migrate during the winter months from July to November and can best be seen around the islands in the North.

(The chance to see whales is good, but there is no guarantee.)

Your representative will provide you all relevant information

IMAGES

1. Sperm whale
2. Humpback whale
3. The “Blue Quest”



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“WHALE WATCHING”



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“BIG FOOT” QUAD BIKING



AN EXCITING WAY
TO SEE THE HIDDEN
TREASURES OF THE
SOUTH



Ride a quad bike along the steep cliffs of the southern coast past the scenic 'Cascade Mamsel' to 'Gris Gris' and 'La Roche qui Pleure' (Crying Rock) - Head on through endless sugarcane fields past small villages, Hindu temple to the stunning 'Rochester Falls' - Drive along rivers and into the hills to the stunning 'Leon' waterfall - Swim in the clear water under the falls. The 'L'Exil' lodge is close by - relax with a tasty lunch while overlooking the fall.

Drive across the old 'Senneville Bridge' to La Vanille Nature Park for a visit before returning to base.



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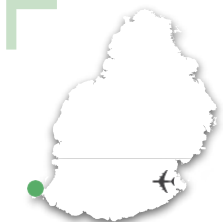
- 1 & 3. Quad Biking
- 2. 'Leon' Waterfall
- 4. 'Gris Gris' and 'La Roche Qui Pleure'
- 5. Rochester Falls

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“EXPLORER” HIKING

LE MORNE MOUNTAIN, UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Hike up the iconic ‘Le Morne Brabant’ mountain in the southwest corner of Mauritius - Cover a steep elevation of about 500m to reach the ‘V’ pinnacle just below the top - 360° views are breath taking.

Other trails are: Black River Gorges - Black River Peak - Chamarel Waterfalls - La Tourelle - Trois Mamelles (Minimum age of 13 years old and difficulty level of 2 out of 5)

🗓️ ON REQUEST | ⌚ 2-3 HOURS

THE LATEST CRAZE!

Electrobikes are now available at different parts of the island and with different routes to explore. Very popular is the Southern Route (3-4 hours) from Bel Ombre to Le Morne through Baie du Cap, Maconde Bay. At La Prairie, sample a drink of delicious coconut water. Discover Le Morne Village and its slavery history, and taste some ‘Rotis’ made by the locals of the village.

Your representative will advise you about the locations.



“ELECTROBIKES”



ON REQUEST | FULL DAY

RENT A CAR



Driving in Mauritius is fun. We drive on the left and vehicles coming from the right have priority. Our roads are quite good but not always well indicated. A GPS works reasonably well and it is great fun to explore the island under your own steam. Rent a car from one of the numerous operators; they offer a large variety of vehicles. Drivers must be over 21 years.

ON REQUEST | 3 - 4 HR

“TASTE BUDDIES”



Discover the rich history and culture of our capital, and taste the best street food Port Louis has to offer. Join this culinary journey, deep in the heart of our capital and experience authentic street food. Starting at the Caudan Waterfront, we will walk through Port Louis and stop at the best food spots for bite-sized delights. Sink your teeth into a warm roti, take a sip of freshly-squeezed juice, and let the flavours fuse.

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“HELICOPTER FLIGHTS”

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See the stunning sights of Mauritius from the air. It is breathtaking. The various flight routes take you over endless sugar cane fields, wide lagoons fringed by the white waves on the coral reefs, the islands in the north, an underwater waterfall, rugged mountains and canyons with beautiful waterfalls.

Air Mauritius has a fleet of 2 Bell Jet ranger for 4 passengers.

Corail Helicopters have 2 EX120 B for 6 passengers.

Tours last between 15 minutes to 1 hour, with various itineraries based on flight duration, helipad locations and weather conditions. Individual tours can also be arranged.



ACTIVITIES

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- UNDERSEA WALK
- SEA KAYAKING
- HIKING
- CANYONING

ACTIVITIES

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- **CROWN LODGE**
(Horse Racing;
May-November)
- **SEAPLANES**
- **SKY DIVING**
- **BIG GAME FISHING**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YOUR DEPARTURE

Your representative will advise you at least 24 hours in advance of your pick-up time for your departure transfer. It is usually 3 ½ - 4 hours before the departure of your flight.

CANCELLATIONS:

The following Rules apply for Cancellations:

- Any cancellation of a confirmed booking: Administrative Fee:.....Rs 1000
- Cancellation at least 24 hours before departure:Full Refund less Administrative Fee
- Cancellation on the day of departure:No Refund
- No show - confirmed clients do not show up:No Refund
- Weather conditions not suitable to clients:No Refund
- Activity is cancelled because of adverse weather conditions:Postpone to next possible day or Full Refund
- Activity is cancelled after starting due to bad weather:Partial Refund

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

All tours, cruises and activities are subject to changes in case of

- Adverse weather conditions
- Closure of restaurants or other facilities
- Changes beyond our control

We commit to providing you with the best alternatives possible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The excursions offered herein are organized and operated by Hello Islands Ltd and its partner companies, who are solely responsible for contractual fulfillment. Sales activities and cash collection are carried out by representatives of Hello Islands Ltd on behalf and for the account of Hello Islands Ltd. All the information in this excursion brochure has been compiled by best knowledge and serves of the means of orientation. They do not describe any travel services in the legal sense and do not contain any commitment or guarantees. Despite our ongoing commitment to keep all data up to date, errors are not to be excluded completely. The excursion programme may be subject to modification without prior notice.

Emergencies:

In case of an emergency, please contact your dedicated representative directly. Optionally, you can ask the hotel reception for assistance, they will best know how to get in touch with us. Additionally, you can call our office during office hours: (+230) 606 0990

Loss of Credit Cards: Mastercard, Visa or Amex: call +230 202 5010

Sun: The tropical sun can be fierce. Please protect yourself with good sunscreen. Wear hats and sunglasses and a t-shirt when snorkelling.

Tiping: is not compulsory but in order if the service is good (5 - 10%).

Valuables: It is highly recommended to deposit any valuables and money in your room safe or the hotel safe.

Personal Belongings: Please take care of your personal belongings when on excursions or cruises. Please ensure that all your belongings are with you when you leave a vehicle or a boat. Hello Islands DMC or the operator are not responsible for any lost items.

PRIVATE CAR TRANSFER



Why not travel to the airport in the comfort of a chauffeur driven **Private Car**.

Please enquire with your representative.

JET PRIME



Enjoy the luxury of departing through the private **JET PRIME** at the airport.

Stay relaxed in the comfortable surroundings while all the formalities, check-in, immigration and security procedures are being taken care of by the friendly staff. Enjoy some of the excellent food and beverages or do some duty-free shopping. Transfer to your plane by Limousine. **What a way to travel!**

Please enquire with your representative.

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