

## **Mauritius**

# **Authenticity, Warmth and Relaxation**

While the jewel of the Indian Ocean is celebrated for its white sandy beaches, it is equally worth exploring for its history, culture, and rich diversity. Mauritius fuels the dreams of travellers seeking a taste of the exotic. This paradise of vibrant colours and intoxicating flavours is home to a multicultural population that proudly identifies as: "one people, one nation."

"Here, everything changes - the sky, the sea, the rocks, the wind. You leave richer than when you arrived."

- IMG, Nobel Prize in Literature



Discovering this stunning island is often imagined from the comfort of a luxury hotel overlooking the ocean. Yet Mauritius is full of authentic treasures and local surprises. From ebony forests to sugar cane fields, from colonial houses turned into charming guesthouses, to Creole culture and Hindu spirituality, this journey reveals the island in all its splendour. Experience Mauritius in a new way under dazzling sunshine, while enjoying a well-deserved moment of relaxation.

#### You will like

- Meaningful exchanges and shared experiences
- O Discovering the authentic Mauritius
- A few days of absolute relaxation
- Scenic walking trails in truly unique landscapes
- The thrill of boat trips and the sea
- Up-close encounters with dolphins
- Stunning beaches, idyllic islets, and magnificent waterfalls
- Tailor-made activities

#### **Barometer**













#### **Practical information**

⊋ Age & public : For solo travellers, small groups, and families with children

Operation: 12 days on site

→ Dates & travel periods: All year long, at the date of your choice (the best travel period is from October to April)

**℮ Luggage handling**: None (luggage transported by vehicle)

#### **Program**

**Legend: B L D** = meals included in the price of the trip (**B**reakfast, **L**unch and **D**iner)

**Note:** the outline of this program (steps, activities, etc.) is given for information purposes only. It may undergo modifications or adjustments depending on technical criteria, safety requirements, current climatic conditions and availability. Our guides always do everything possible to make the best possible decisions and options.

#### little note:

Tout voyage qui sort des sentiers battus comporte parfois des évènements imprévus (grève, route coupée, fête locale...); votre capacité d'adaptation aux conditions locales (transports, nourriture, hébergements, imprévus, aléas climatiques), comme à des événements inattendus sera aussi une clé à la réussite de votre voyage. Nous comptons sur vous pour avoir un esprit délibérément « positif » et ne jamais oublier votre sens de l'humour. Nous vous souhaitons un très beau et riche voyage.

## Day 1: Arrival in Mauritius (Meals: --- ; Transport: self-drive)

Upon arrival, collect your rental car at the airport and drive to your guesthouse. This is the perfect base for families seeking rest, peace, and tranquillity, as well as for kite surfers, funboard enthusiasts, and scuba divers who will be amazed by the richness of the coral and fish species.

After an initial welcome and tour of your accommodation, enjoy free time to explore the surroundings at your own pace. Savour this true ode to tranquillity and soak up the relaxed, charming local atmosphere. Meals are at your own arrangement, with an overnight stay at the guesthouse.

## Day 2: Dolphin Encounter and Visit to Casela Nature Park (Meals --- ; Transport: self-drive)

Kick off your stay with a thrilling start: drive to your meeting point in Tamarin for a truly unique and unforgettable experience.

Enjoy an intense and memorable moment with your family by swimming with dolphins in their natural habitat, sharing an exceptional time with these magnificent creatures in the open sea. This incredibly moving encounter also brings you close to breathtaking landscapes and wonderful wildlife.

In the afternoon, explore a 14-hectare nature reserve (entrance included). Home to an astonishing variety of birds and

animals, it's the perfect playground for the whole family. While the little ones delight in the mini-farm, adults can enjoy exciting outdoor activities amidst pristine nature.

Meals are at your own arrangement (not included), with an overnight stay at the guesthouse.

#### Day 3: Environmental Awareness on Île aux Aigrettes (Meals: -L-; Transport: self-drive)

Today, drive your rental car to the meeting point at Pointe Jérôme. Declared a nature reserve in 1965, Île aux Aigrettes lies in the bay of Mahebourg. This small coral island is a sanctuary for wildlife and plant life.

Enjoy a full-day immersion into the pristine nature of Île aux Aigrettes and try to imagine what Mauritius looked like over 400 years ago. The island offers a remarkable glimpse of the ecosystem before human arrival.

Learn more about the work of the biologists on the island. The knowledgeable and highly active team will gladly share their day-to-day experiences. You'll also have the chance to take part in plant cutting and potting in the nursery. Finally, share a lunch with a scientist and discuss their hands-on conservation work.

Other meals are at your own arrangement (lunch included), with an overnight stay at the guesthouse.

#### Day 4: Sea and Trail - A Full Nature Experience (Meals: -L-; Transport: self-drive)

Depart the guesthouse by rental car and head to today's meeting point at Andrea Lodge. Today, reconnect with untouched nature and the majestic landscapes of southern Mauritius. Embark on a unique hiking experience and discover the wonders of one of the island's most pristine and protected areas. Follow the trail of La Roche Qui Pleure for a truly impressive spectacle.

Be amazed by the many hidden waterfalls at Gris Gris. Enjoy lunch at the lodge, surrounded by nature, with breathtaking views over the southern coast. Other meals are at your own arrangement (lunch included), with an overnight stay at the guesthouse.

#### Day 5: Cruise to the Four Islands of South-East Mauritius (Meals: -L-; Transport: self-drive)

Depart the guesthouse by rental car and meet again at Pointe Jérôme. Embark on a speedboat cruise to explore some of the most beautiful islands off the south-east coast of Mauritius. Learn more about their history and their roles during the colonial era.

Be pampered by the crew and enjoy a snorkelling session at one of the island's most stunning sites. Other meals are at your own arrangement (lunch and drinks included), with an overnight stay at the guesthouse.

## Day 6: Hike in La Vallée de Ferney and Visit to Mahebourg Village (Meals: --- ; Transport: self-drive)

Depart the hotel by rental car and make your way to the meeting point at La Vallée de Ferney.

Reconnect with nature at La Vallée de Ferney, overlooking Mahébourg Bay and at the foot of Lion Mountain. Ferney is both a historical and natural treasure of Mauritius, home to one of the island's last endemic forests. Accompanied by your guide, experience the unique sensation of walking through native forest, with breathtaking views and complete silence, far from civilisation. (Entrance included)

After the hike, head to the village of Mahébourg and admire its colourful historic houses. Join enthusiastically in the life of this vibrant fishing community. Stroll through the lively streets lined with small shops and soak up the local charm. In the afternoon, visit the family-run biscuit factory dating back to the 18th century, which has been producing cassava biscuits since 1870. Learn the baking techniques and unique recipes that have made this local business a success, and enjoy a delicious tasting.

Meals are at your own arrangement, with an overnight stay at the guesthouse.

#### Day 7: Wonders of the South - Full Day in Southern Mauritius (Meals: --- ; Transport: self-drive)

Today, discover the spectacular, untamed natural beauty and mountainous terrain of southern Mauritius. Experience a unique visit to a local vineyard producing litchi wine and take a walk to the hidden Alexandra Falls.

Explore the mystical temples by the sacred Grand River and marvel at the stunning Chamarel Falls and the famous Seven Coloured Earths. (Entrance not included)

Meals are at your own arrangement, with an overnight stay at the questhouse.

#### Day 8: Guided Tour of Northern Mauritius (Meals: ---; Transport: self-drive)

Check out and return your rental car at the airport. Then meet your driver-guide for a tour of Port Louis, a capital rich in history. Bustling and full of life, the city beautifully blends the island's past and present. It is also a vibrant tapestry

of cultures, religions, and traditions reflected in the daily life of its people.

Visit the city's landmarks, including the Champ de Mars Racecourse, Saint Louis Cathedral, Place d'Armes, Jummah Mosque, the Parliament, Port Louis Market, and the Citadel (Fort Adelaide). Part of the tour is on foot, giving you the opportunity to sample local delicacies and enjoy a refreshing drink. Don't miss the artisanal market at the Caudan Waterfront – a perfect spot to pick up local souvenirs.

In the afternoon, before transferring to your new accommodation, follow the northern coastline to discover the region's most beautiful beaches. Pass through the seaside village of Grand Baie and Cap Malheureux, where numerous ships have been wrecked on the coral reefs.

Meals are at your own arrangement during the day; dinner is included, with overnight stay at the hotel.

## Days 9-11: Free Days - Relaxation and Optional Activities (Meals: BLD ; Transport: none)

Enjoy a few days of relaxation and take part in optional activities offered by your hotel. Lunch and dinner are included, with overnight stays at the hotel.

Day 12: Departure from Mauritius (Meals: B--; Transport: depending on your hotel location)

Breakfast at the hotel and Check-Out.

Transfer to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Airport.

#### **Prices and conditions**

**Price per Person** (varies depending on the total number of travellers, adults and children combined, the high or low season rates applied to accommodation, the type of lodging chosen, and the rental car)

- 4 travellers: from €1,895 per person
- 2 travellers: from €2,295 per person
- Solo travellers or groups of +4 travellers: on request

#### **Supplements**

- Additional and optional activities: meals with locals, cooking classes, fishing, hiking, horse-riding, etc.: on request
- Additional night(s) in the accommodation of your choice (guyesthouse, eco-lodge, unique lodging, all-inclusive hotel, etc.): on request
- Transfer for arrivals/departures at times different from the first registered participants: from €60 per person per transfer.

## **Trip Extensions**

• La Réunion Extension or Rodrigues Extension: on request

#### **Flights**

• Price depending on the date of booking, the airline, and the travel dates.

### Included in the price

- Trip organisation travel booklet and itinerary booklet
- Return transfer to the Airport
- Transfer between the two accommodations
- Guesthouse and All In Hotel (3 nights)
- Rental car during 8 days
- Guides during excersions and activities
- Meals as outlined in the programme
- Tourist and entrance fees in sites, parks, or nature reserves as outlined in the programme
- Complete "Emotion Planet" activity programme
- Invitation to take part in relationship-based activities, a journey to the heart of oneself
- Pharmacy (first aid)

Hotel and tourist taxes

#### **Not Included**

- Anything not listed in the "Included" section, and any changes to the itinerary during our stay
- Transport to destination: domestic and/or international flight, round-trip train...
- Carbon offsetting of your flight and travel (on a voluntary basis)
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Meals not included as mentioned in the programme
- Drinks, tips, and personal expenses
- Excess luggage

#### **Contact**

Discover these colorful countries, the heart & values that drive us and comments from former travelers.

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