

Mauritius

Questions & Answers

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO FLY THERE?

Air Mauritius flies directly to Mauritius, a journey of approximately 8 hours ex Perth; and 12 hours ex Melbourne.

WILL WE BE MET AND TRANSFERRED?

Yes, where transfers have been included in your arrangements, our operator (Summer Times) will have their representative meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel.

TRANSFER TIME

You may be surprised to know that Mauritius is a large island and that it will take around 15 minutes to get to south-east resorts, 1 hour to Port Louis and up to 1 and a half hours to reach resorts on the north, west, south and central east coasts.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE/S

English is the official language, however Creole and French are more widely spoken by the locals.

SEASONS

Winter: May to September

Summer: October to April

There are no clearly defined wet / dry seasons however the highest rainfall is in February & March. The east coast is cooler in Summer / Winter and quite windy from May to August.

FOOD

Mauritius's cuisine is adapted from 3 continents, creating a fantastic combination of international delights. The hotel buffets range from exotic (tourist class) to spectacular (4-star and upward).

WATER SPORTS

Snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing and lots more are included, while charges apply for water-skiing (most resorts), diving, deep sea fishing and parasailing.

HALF BOARD AND FULL BOARD - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Costs covered prior to departing from Australia:

Half Board: Extensive breakfast + dinner.

Full Board: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

All Inclusive: All meals + some water sports + some beverages.

Dining may not be available at all restaurants for your selected meal plan. Also note that bottled water (mineral/sparkling) will be chargeable by the hotel in most cases unless stated otherwise. Please contact your travel agent for further information."

THE NATURE OF RESORTS IN MAURITIUS

Visitors will need to know that most Mauritian resorts (other than those in the Grand Bay area) are quite remote and that the only way to get to visit shops and other areas is by car or taxi. When you stay at resorts away from Grand Bay, it's almost like living on a cruise vessel, with the resort endeavoring to provide all facilities within its grounds.

TRANSPORT: HOW TO GET AROUND?

Sightseeing is readily available through our operator. Otherwise, public transport (yellow buses), hire cars and taxis (be sure to fix the price prior to departure) are available.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?

Casual during the day-time and smart casual for evening activities. As you would expect, the higher the category of resort, the better the standard of apparel.

WHAT IS THE CURRENCY?

The local currency is Mauritian Rupees

WHAT CAN WE DO IN MAURITIUS OVER AND ABOVE THE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY HOTELS?

Duty-free shopping.

Water activities, Undersea Walk and cruises.

Golfing

Sightseeing: Botanical Gardens, Rochester Falls and/or Black

River Gorges National Park. Visit Port Louis' modern and old historical sights, art galleries & museums.

WHAT IS THERE TO SHOP FOR?

Port Louis: Ultra modern shopping centres sell a wide range of local and international goods; and there are markets where you can purchase souvenirs.

Grand Bay: Has a variety of tourist shops and day / night markets. Quatre

Bornes: Thursday markets.

NIGHT LIFE AND ENTERTAINMENT?

Hotels generally provide evening entertainment which might include bands, cabaret and sega dancing. Some have night clubs and a few have casinos.

WHAT ARE THE BEACHES LIKE?

Most resorts have white sandy beaches, protected by reefs; and the water is warm year-round - ensuring comfortable swimming conditions. For those who are interested, the surf is best along the south-western coast.

MONEY EXCHANGE AND CREDIT CARDS

Most credit cards have a ready acceptance at resorts and we recommend you use one to pay your hotel account. For general expenditure, we suggest you change a sum of money on arrival at Mauritius's airport where the rates will be significantly better than at hotels and / or resorts.

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