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*Travel Guide*

# MAURITIUS

A jewel in the Indian Ocean, Mauritius is the perfect blend of paradise beaches, vibrant culture, lush landscapes, and luxury experiences. Whether you're seeking total relaxation, water-sport adventures, or breathtaking natural wonders, this island has something for everyone.

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# INTRODUCTION

Discover how to plan the perfect Mauritius getaway with The Getaway Collection Guide to the Mauritius — covering what to see, where to stay, and how to make the most of your trip for an unforgettable experience!



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# Destination HIGHLIGHTS



## IIE AUX CERFS

Stunning island playground with white-sand beaches, shallow turquoise lagoons and water sports galore perfect for a day trip. This picture-perfect paradise sits just off the east coast of Mauritius and is famous for its vibrant, tropical atmosphere. Spend the day snorkelling in calm crystal waters, parasailing over the lagoon, or relaxing beneath the palm trees with a cocktail in hand. The island also boasts an 18-hole championship golf course, beach bars, and plenty of secluded coves for those seeking a quieter escape.



## BLACK RIVER GORGES NATIONAL PARK

The island's largest nature reserve expect hiking trails, waterfalls, lush forests, and endemic wildlife. Spanning over 6,500 hectares, it's a paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. Wander through dense ebony forests, spot rare birds like the Mauritius kestrel and pink pigeon, and take in breathtaking viewpoints such as Alexandra Falls and Black River Peak. The park offers everything from gentle walks to challenging treks, making it a perfect escape into Mauritius' wild beauty.



## TAMARIN BAY

Famous for early-morning dolphin encounters and beautiful coastal scenery, Tamarin Bay is one of Mauritius' most magical marine spots. The calm, warm waters attract both spinner and bottlenose dolphins, offering visitors a chance to observe them in their natural habitat. Beyond the wildlife, the bay is framed by lush mountains and golden sands, creating a picture-perfect backdrop for kayaking, paddle boarding, or simply relaxing by the shoreline. With its laid-back village vibe and stunning sunsets, Tamarin Bay is a must-visit for ocean lovers and photographers alike.

# GETTING THERE



## BY AIR

Direct flights from the UK to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport.

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# HOTELS



**ONE&ONLY LE SAINT GÉRAN**

Arguably the most iconic luxury resort on the island . Located on a private peninsula on Mauritius's northeast coast. Offers over a mile of pristine palm-lined white-sand beach, a calm lagoon, luxurious rooms and villas, a top-notch spa and excellent restaurants. Great for honeymooners, couples and anyone wanting private beach luxury, peace, and high-end service.



**CONSTANCE PRINCE MAURICE**

Renowned for its elegant, tranquil atmosphere on a private peninsula often highlighted as one of the most luxurious stays in Mauritius. Highly rated for its refined hospitality, beautiful surroundings, and upscale amenities. A wonderful choice for those looking for a romantic getaway, luxury getaway, or a calm retreat away from the busiest tourist zones.



**SHANGRI-LA LE TOUESSROK RESORT & SPA**

A large, luxurious resort spread over many hectares, with multiple beaches, elegant rooms and suites, and access to a private island (Ilot Mangénie) for a unique and exclusive experience. Offers a mix of relaxation and activity: from spa and fine dining to water sports, golf, and island-hopping great for both couples and families. More lively than the quiet, secluded resorts ideal if you enjoy a vibrant resort atmosphere alongside luxury.

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ZILWA ATTITUDE

A stylish 4-star resort with a relaxed, authentically Mauritian vibe ideal for travellers who want “affordable comfort + charm.” Great if you enjoy a mix of beach time, local culture (they offer cultural activities), and a friendly, less “posh resort” atmosphere. Good for couples or small groups who want decent amenities without luxury-resort prices.



SOLANA BEACH MAURITIUS

A relaxed, adults-friendly 4-star resort on the east coast, known for good value, beachfront access and a calm vibe particularly popular with couples. Offers a simple, comfortable stay with beach access, some water sports, and a peaceful setting without the high-end price tag of 5-star resorts. A solid choice if you want a beachfront escape that balances quality and affordability.



MERVILLE BEACH HOTEL

A comfortable mid-range beachfront hotel with a friendly vibe, good value for money, and direct access to beach + local restaurants/shopping in Grand Baie. Offers amenities like pools (including a spa pool), free water-sports, and simple but pleasant rooms good for families, couples, or friends travelling together. A good option if you want stay close to nightlife and shops while keeping accommodation costs reasonable.

# Local TRANSPORT

## TAXI AND RIDESHARE

Metered Taxis exist in main towns and tourist areas.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

Public Buses: Operated by the National Transport Corporation. They cover most towns and tourist spots.

## CAR HIRE

Best for exploring remote areas and beaches at your own pace.



# DINING *and cuisine*

Mauritius is a culinary melting pot, blending Indian, Chinese, French and Creole influences into a vibrant and flavorful cuisine. Staple foods include rice and curry, often served with vegetables, lentils, or fresh seafood, reflecting the island's coastal abundance.

Street food is a must-try, from farata and samosas to refreshing aloude drinks, while local markets in Port Louis are perfect for fresh tropical fruits. Beverages range from locally produced rum and black tea to fresh fruit juices, making every meal a sensory experience.



# Top 5 EXCURSIONS

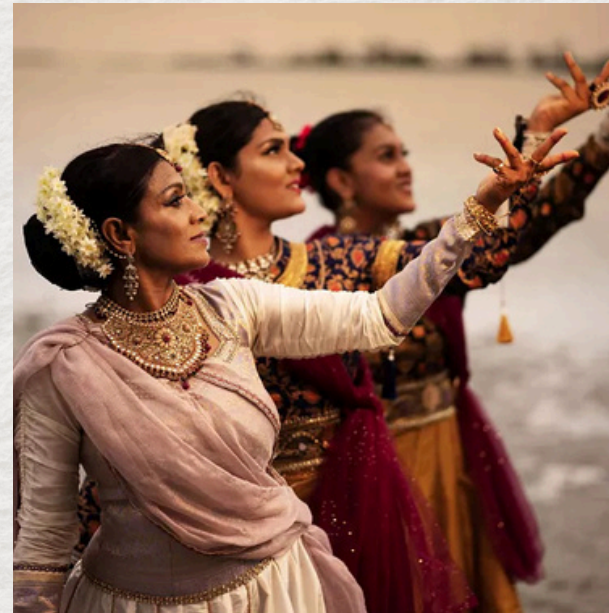
1. **Île aux Cerfs** - A stunning island off the east coast known for white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and water sports like parasailing, snorkelling, and kayaking.
2. **Black River Gorges National Park** - Mauritius' largest national park, perfect for hiking, birdwatching, and discovering native flora and fauna.
3. **Chamarel & Seven Colored Earths** - Explore the Seven Colored Earths, a unique geological formation with sand dunes of different colours.
4. **Port Louis & Market Tour** - Dive into the island's culture with a visit to the capital city, its bustling markets, and historical sites.
5. **Catamaran Cruise & Dolphin Watching** - Take a catamaran trip along the west coast, often including snorkeling in coral reefs and spotting dolphins in the wild.



# Cultural EXPERIENCES

## MAURITIUS CULTURE

Mauritius is a vibrant cultural mosaic, shaped by Indian, African, Chinese, and European influences, offering travelers a rich tapestry of experiences. You can explore the island's Hindu temples, like Ganga Talao, and witness colorful festivals such as Diwali or Holi, which bring streets and temples alive with music, lights, and rituals. The Aapravasi Ghat in Port Louis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, tells the story of indentured laborers and the island's multicultural history. Local markets, like the central market in Port Louis, offer a sensory feast of spices, street food, and handicrafts, while Creole villages showcase traditional music, dance, and cuisine.



# Best SUPPLIERS

## HOTEL ONLY

Back office 'stays' search, Ratehawk, Expedia, Travel Pack, Gold medal, Major, JTA, Direct

## PACKAGE SUPPLIERS

Major Travel, Gold Medal, Travel Pack, JTA.

## EXCURSIONS

Viator, Expedia, attraction world.

## CAR HIRE/TRANSFERS

Holiday extras, Holiday Taxis, JTA, Flexible autos



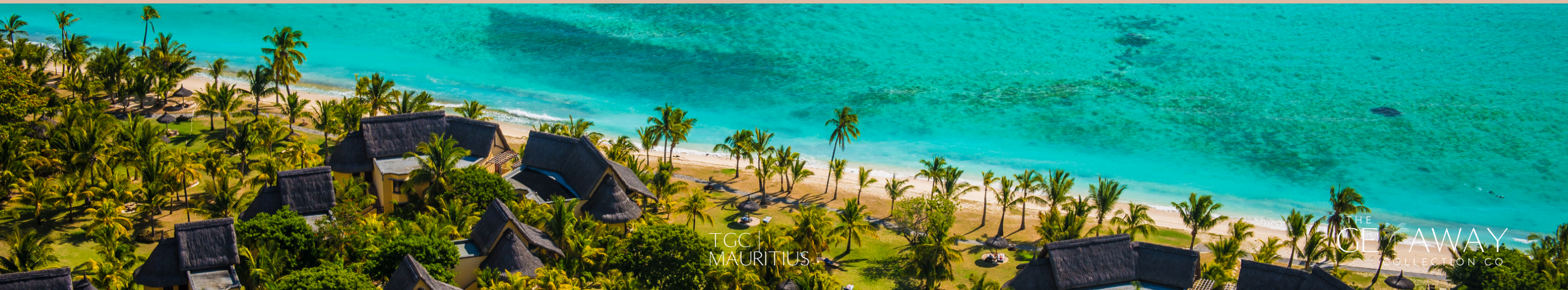
# Best TIME TO VISIT

## Peak Season: May to December

- Weather: Cool, dry, and sunny—ideal for beach activities, sightseeing, and hiking.
- Pros: Comfortable temperatures (around 20–25°C / 68–77°F), lower humidity, calm seas for swimming and snorkeling.
- Cons: Slightly more expensive due to peak tourist season.

## Summer Season: November to April

- Weather: Hot, humid, and rainy, with occasional tropical cyclones (mainly Jan–Mar).
- Pros: Lush green landscapes, lower prices, and fewer tourists.
- Cons: Some days can be very hot (30°C / 86°F+), and rain showers are frequent, especially in January and February.





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