

Turtle Bay



Verdant hills blanketed in peridot hues lead beyond soft sand beaches to an alluring, majestic bay. Aquamarine merges with sapphire in shallow waters, while turquoise turns to emerald beneath the white clouds that hang in a vast sky. Surrounded by the magnificent splendor of the Indian Ocean, Mauritius is a precious jewel of an island. Unrivaled moments transpire as the grace of nature reveals itself in the gentle sway of a palm forest or the delicate petals of a lotus blossom. On the northwestern shore of this rare isle, The Grand Mauritian Resort & Spa offers an unparalleled starting point for an enchanting encounter with Mauritius' abundance of delights.

Memorable Experiences

Island Music

Hear local bands at the open-air artist's corner at the Caudan Waterfront.

Scenic Cocktails

Gaze across luminous seas while sipping a tropical libation at Bar 68.

Breezy Adventures

Sail across the Indian Ocean from Grand Baie to the island of Ilot Gabriel.

Aquatic Haven

Explore the tropical underwater world of nearby Marine Nature Park.

Distinctive Details

Tea Route

Within the lush hillsides of Mauritius' glorious interior, historic plantations and colonial mansions reveal the island's tea industry, an intrinsic aspect of the native culture since the age of Queen Victoria.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

Port Louis Cultural Walk

Set out from Le Caudan Waterfront to discover a fascinating circuit of authentic sites such as historic markets, monuments, buildings, and gardens. The Port-Louis Cultural Walk provides an informative itinerary into the town's vibrant past.

Destination Information

Country Mauritius
Province Port Louis
Elevation 0-828 Meters
Population 1,264,866
Language Mauritian Creole, French, English



Country Code: 230



Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport (MRU)



Transportation:
Car, Taxi, Boat, Bike



Mauritian Rupee

Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



The Grand Mauritian

Turtle Bay, Mauritius
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Culture

A multi-tiered past is honored in sacred settings and historic colonial mansions.

Highly Recommended



The Grand Bassin Temple

Tranquility hovers above the jade waters of a sacred lake. Curving shores bow down toward a majestic temple that extends from the water's edge to the low peak of a verdant hill. Pale pink domes undulate against a forest setting, crowning this highly significant abode of Hindu worship. Long stone staircases wind along the incline, linking temple structures and leading to radiant statues. There stand Shiva and Lakshmi, vivid gods swathed in azure and vermillion, with yellow hibiscus blossoms scattered at their feet.

Address: Grand Bassin, The Savanne Region, South Mauritius



Maison Eureka

Jasmine scented air drifts through sun-dappled palms. Purple azaleas bloom along shaded paths, leading the way to gentle waterfalls. Serene English gardens surround a gracious colonial mansion where an atmosphere of British aristocracy is excellently preserved. Beyond the wide veranda of a white façade, a series of doors opens upon exquisitely furnished rooms. Bone china rests upon a carved mahogany dining table while calico prints drape across four-poster beds in charming boudoirs. In wallpapered salons, faded photographs and timeworn books fill the shelves.

Address: La Maison Créole Euréka, Moka

Phone: (230) 433-8477

Family



The Labourdonnais Orchards

Yellow-green bananas cling to heavy branches, while fragrant mangoes and plump guavas dangle beneath a verdant cover of leaves. Within this sumptuous Eden, ochre paths lead through an unparalleled array of tropical fruit trees and vivid native blooms. Fifty hectares of carefully maintained gardens blossom with the emblems of a fertile terrain. Whether on foot or on bicycle, this extraordinary oasis delights the senses with its exhilarating scenery. Guided tours inform about each exquisite variety of plant.

Address: Mapou, a few kilometers from Grand Bay

Phone: (230) 266-1533



L'Aventure de Sucre

Long leaves dance in the breeze, rippling like a pale green sea beneath the cerulean Indian Ocean sky. Emblematic fields of sugar cane rise and fall with the land around an iconic plantation. A historic sugar mill, transformed into a modern museum, L'Aventure de Sucre is filled with thrilling exhibits that trace every detail of sugar production and present a legacy inseparable with the island's past. Taste flavorful rums in the museum's boutique and indulge upon an exceptional lunch beneath a romantic veranda, surrounded by ebullient fuchsia blossoms.

Address: Beau Plan, Pamplemousses

Phone: (230) 243-7900



Shopping

From fine art to precious jewels, a wealth of goods is inspired by tropical radiance.

Indigenous Flavors



The Craft Market at Caudan Waterfront

Bags woven of dried grass pile high beneath an expansive ceiling. Vivid prints dance across cotton pareos displayed against tall lime green columns. The radiant hues of the tropics mingle with the evocative handicrafts of this bountiful region in a two-story bazaar. From jars filled with earth-toned spices, to sculptures carved of driftwood, and hand-embroidered linens with red hibiscus and the blue motifs of the sea, a rich stock of authentic items fill dozens of stalls.

Address: Le Caudan Waterfront, Old Pavillon Street, Le Caudan, Port Louis
Phone: (230) 211-9500

Local Charms



Port Louis Central Market

Beneath the curved arches of a Victorian gate, ironwork doors open upon a bustling scene. This splendid open-air market is filled with dozens of vendors who set out their colorful goods beneath the shade of wide awnings. Plump limes fill straw bowls in yellow and green hues. Waxy leaves peak out from within neat rows of ripe mangoes crowned with a garnish of shiny red peppers. Pineapples exude a succulent aroma that leads toward stalls of authentic crafts. This historic marketplace in the heart of Port Louis embodies the essence of Mauritian trade.

Address: Farquahar Street, Port Louis

Local Specialty



Vaco Art Gallery

A Mauritian bride wears a wreath of white hibiscus. Green pineapples and lavender toucans mingle in a cheerful scene. From the white walls of this emblematic studio, dazzling paintings blossom like modern stained glass windows. Combining the vibrant palette and stunning iconography of the tropics, Vaco, one of Mauritius' own native sons, creates stunning works with themes like "Voyage on the Southern Seas." His vivid paintings are inspired by travels to Australia and Polynesia, as well as the environs of his own magical homeland.

Address: Dodo Square, Grand Bay
Phone: (230) 263-3106

Shops & Boutiques



Poncini

Pink sapphires glisten amongst diamonds set into the thick white gold band of a bombée pavée ring. A solitary Tahitian black pearl dangles from a distinctive pendant. The nuances of a green tourmaline reveal themselves as the magnificent stone moves against the light. Stunning pieces of jewelry sparkle from within the glass cases of this respected boutique. The colonial façade of its historic building on Place du Théâtre in Port Louis gives way to an elegant haven where the world's finest gems are showcased alongside elegant watches by Hermes, Omega, and Tissot.

Address: Place du Theater, Port Louis
Phone: (230) 212-0818



Cuisine

Unparalleled settings offer intimate encounters with exquisite Indian Ocean cuisine.

Acclaimed



Season By Stephane

The sound of falling water fills the soft air of evening as gentle lights reflect off the calm surface of Turtle Bay. Hanging gardens embrace an impressive dining room, open to the warm sea breezes, and crowned by a vast ceiling of dark teak. The island's four indigenous cuisines merge upon the menu of this extraordinary restaurant. Dishes of North African, Asian, Thai, and Mauritian heritage take shape within the kitchen of executive chef Stephane Brallet, while an expert sommelier aids in the selection of a South African pinotage or French grand cru.

Address: The Grand Mauritian Resort & Spa, Mauritius, Turtle Bay, BalACLava
Phone: (230) 204-1400



Brezza

A medley of sautéed mushrooms, broccoli, and tomatoes merge with pesto and pine nuts in an aromatic dish of homemade potato and ricotta gnocchi. Taleggio cheese from Lombardy, on the edge of the Italian Alps, fuses with creamy pumpkin in saffron risotto. Surrounded by the breathtaking romance of sapphire pools illuminated at night, acclaimed chef Matteo Francini presents authentic recipes from the Tuscan and Umbrian regions. A selection of crisp white and sophisticated red, Italian wines are on offer to compliment every exceptional dish.

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Le Café des Arts

Vivid paintings hang upon ancient stone walls, swathing their textured surfaces in broad strokes of lime green and dynamic curls of scarlet. Painted by the artist Maniglier, a former pupil of Matisse, the modern works contrast thrillingly with the storied building which houses them. Seychelles fish and lobster is feasted upon at this former sugar mill, converted into a one of Mauritius' culinary gems. Amidst the restaurant's evocative decor, potted plants flank a startling pool.

Address: Victoria 1840, Old Sugar Mill, Trou d'Eau Douce
Phone: (230) 480-0220

Indigenous Flavors



Varangues Sur Morne

Chopped walnuts, slices of red apple, and hearts of palm mingle in an exquisite salad. Breadcrumbs coat a filet of smoked marlin. Shrimp, encrusted with fresh coconut, lies on a bed of tamarind and mint. The flavors of Africa blend with the spices of the Orient in the tantalizing menu of this authentic island restaurant. Surrounded by tropical gardens, this former gamekeeper's lodge is graced with an air of rusticity. Beneath beamed ceilings, simple wooden furnishings offer unparalleled views of the breathtaking mountains that rise above the Baie du Cap.

Address: 110 Route Plaine Champagne, Chamarel
Phone: (230) 483-6610



Noteworthy

Astonishing experiences await in the remote corners of this breathtaking island.

Day Excursions



Pamplemousse Gardens

Two rows of towering royal palms cast fringed shadows upon a pedestrian avenue. Gentle breezes jostle their arid pinnate foliage, offering soothing rhythms that merge with the soft murmur of the Citron River. The sweet aroma of Queen Victoria lilies beckons from beyond thickets of yellow bamboo and cinnamon groves, leading to a breathtaking pond covered in immense lily pads. Caribbean laurel, Philippines breadfruits, and Chinese litchis surround this exquisite oasis, their green foliage joined by the vivid blossoms of spotted orchids and pink bougainvillea.

Address: Pamplemousses is Located in the North of Mauritius, nearby Port Louis



Chamarel

The earth seems to whisper as it quietly undulates. Soft curves slope gently into each other, their myriad shades of purple and red separating into layers. Together, they form mesmerizing patterns that fade from plum to peach, their subtle nuances reveal themselves at every angle. Surrounded by dense greenery, these magnificent colored dunes are one of the island's most enchanting natural wonders. Nearby, an astonishing waterfall plummets over the side of a majestic cliff, plunging hundreds of feet to the volcanic rocks below.

Address: Southwest Mauritius, 35 kilometers from Port Louis



Ile aux Cerfs

Across the aquamarine waters of an Indian Ocean lagoon, a paradise island emerges. The softest white sands encircle the palm forests of its interior, forming unsurpassed beaches. Natural tranquility permeates the environs as gentle waves wash up upon the shoreline. The sea shimmers with infinite hues of turquoise and azure. Just six hundred meters off the East Coast of Mauritius, this secluded Eden offers exceptional opportunities for snorkeling, boating, swimming, and parasailing.

Address: Off the East Coast of Mauritius

Adventure



Casela Nature & Leisure Park Lion Walks

Young lions walk along the banks of the River du Rampart, their sandy coats glowing golden in the morning light. A careful group of adventurers follows quietly behind, experiencing an unbelievable encounter with each passing minute. Led by expert guides, Safari Adventures Lion Walks provide a rare opportunity to spend an intimate hour with some of the world's most majestic creatures. Watch the lions play in their natural habitat, and stroke their soft blond fur as they make their way through this serene refuge.

Address: Safari Adventures, Royal Road, Cascavelle

Phone: (230) 452-5546