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10 Days Self-Drive Discover Mauritius

Mauritius, an Indian Ocean island nation, is known for its beaches, lagoons and reefs. The mountainous interior includes Black River Gorges National Park, with rainforests, waterfalls, hiking trails and wildlife like the flying fox. Capital Port Louis has sites such as the Champs de Mars horse track, Eureka plantation house and 18th-century Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Gardens.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecRy6PUWyC0>



Day 1 – Welcome To Mauritius

Arrival at Mauritius Airport

Meet & Greet by the (Mauritius) Representative. Guest will be welcomed at the arrival hall of the SSR International Airport by the Holiday Airport Representative. We are easily identifiable with the clipboard bearing the logo and name of the clients.

All guests will be welcomed with an arrival kit. Arrival kit will include:

- Welcome message
- 1 bottle of water (0.5L)
- Information concerning the stay
- Contact details of our dedicated hotel representative for assistance and information
- 24 hours Emergency Contact Number

Pick Up of the rented car at the airport

Drive to **Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Resort (3*)**

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at hotel



Amid this lavish green garden, surrounded with tropical coconut palm trees, lies the secluded and intimate Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Resort. This sublime hotel remains a nice place to relax in a tropical setting which is blessed with a white fine sandy beach and shallow crystal-clear sea water. Furthermore, the hotel is well-equipped with an inviting swimming pool, sun beds, straw chairs, relaxing places with magnificent ocean views, and a lush green garden to wander leisurely. The atmosphere surely tempts to invite couples, families and friends to spend a relaxing moment. Each room is spacious and well equipped with air conditioning, private bathrooms, satellite TVs, minibar, and consists of floor-to-ceiling windows. Rooms also come with a private balcony where you can enjoy the breathtaking sea view.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paUtkrq4r3Y>

Day 2 – Self Drive North Tour

Breakfast at Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Hotel

SELF DRIVEN FULL DAY NORTH TOUR

Exclusion: Guide, lunch & drinks, all entrance fees

YOUR TRIP

Visit of the capital, Port Louis

MARIE REINE DE LA PAIX

Marie Reine de la Paix is an open catholic church on the side of Signal mountain, with beautiful panoramic view of the city, Port-Louis. It is a very popular spot visited daily by many locals and tourists for prayers as well as to enjoy the amazing green scenery. Climbing about 82 steps leads up to the monument.

Once at the top, allow yourself to relax and take in the absolutely gorgeous scenery. The amazing gardens surrounding the church is a real beauty with patches of flowers of different colors.

THE CAUDAN WATERFRONT: a modern and elegant shopping centre

The Caudan Waterfront is unique shopping mall which combines a modern architectural design with a rich historical background. Le Caudan Waterfront is a must for shopping offering the best shopping experience with a great selection ranging from accessories such as jeweleries, watches; souvenirs and crafts, body care, clothing for men, women, children along with beach wear and sports wear, stationery and books among many others. Visitors to the mall will also discover a big section of shops selling local as well as international brands, numerous restaurants and cafes, banking and parking facilities, a movie theater as well as a casino.

CENTRAL MARKET OF PORT LOUIS

It is a very energetic market with stalls piled high with tropical fruits and vegetables and also a large array of spices and herbal medicines. The meat, fish and sea food are in a separate section of the market. Discover the food court of the market where you can choose from a variety of local snacks and foods such as dhol puri, briyani, and the typical Mauritian refreshing drink *Alouda* among many others. Many local souvenirs and handicrafts are also available, along with t-shirts and others fabrics.

AAPRAVASI GHAT which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Located in Port-Louis, Apravasi Ghat was the first immigration office in Mauritius and covers an area of 1,640 m². Built in 1849 by the British government, Apravasi Ghat is a historical site through which nearly half a million immigrants from India, Eastern Africa, Madagascar, China and Southeast Asia transited, from 1849 to 1920, to work in sugar plantations as indentured labourers. Nearly

70% of Mauritians can trace their roots back to Aapravasi Ghat. Some of the original stone buildings can still be found on the site and there are strategically placed life-sized models of the immigrants. The site was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2006 for its crucial role in the island's social history.

SSR BOTANICAL GARDEN (also known as Pamplémousses Garden) - Magnificent Pamplémousses Botanical Garden, world renowned for the variety as well as the rarely species

This 50-acre, 18th-century private garden of Mahé de Labourdonnais, the French governor of Mauritius, is the third oldest botanical garden in the world. Created by naturalist Pierre Poivre, it's packed with more than 600 trees from around the world. In the centerpiece, a pond of giant Amazon waterlilies may be admired. The garden is home to dozens of varieties of palm trees, medicinal plants, fish ponds and other endemic plants such as the ebony. One can also admire the traditional architecture of the 'Château Mon Plaisir' built in the garden.

Drive back to Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Resort

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at hotel

Day 3 – Self Drive North Beaches Tour

Breakfast at Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Hotel

SELF DRIVEN FULL DAY NORTH TOUR

Exclusion: Guide, lunch & drinks, all entrance fees

YOUR TRIP

Trou Aux Biches Public Beach

Grand Baie Public Beach

La Cuvette Public Beach

Pereybere Public Beach

Cap Malheureux Public Beach

Mont Choisy Public Beach

Drive back to Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Resort

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at hotel

Day 4 – Check Out at Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Resort

Breakfast at Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Hotel

Check out at Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Hotel

SELF DRIVEN FULL DAY SOUTH TOUR

Exclusion: Guide, lunch & drinks, all entrance fees

Visit start at Trou aux Cerfs a dormant volcano with a well - defined cone and crater

Visit at ship model factory to share the passion of the vessel which sailed the ocean in the past.

Visit a crater lake situated in a secluded mountain area namely Grand Bassin is considered the most sacred hindu place in mauritius. Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Please refer to the following link for more information: <https://www.exoticholidaymauritus.com/grand-bassin/>

Leading to Black River Gorges on the high plateau with beautiful panoramic view defined endemic flora and fauna. Please refer to the following link for more information: <https://www.exoticholidaymauritus.com/black-river-gorges-national-park/>

Chamarel Waterfall is the highest waterfall (90M). Please refer to the following link for more information: <https://www.exoticholidaymauritus.com/chamarel-waterfall/>

Visit the famous Chamarel 7 Coloured Earth - It is of seven distinct colours (approximately red, brown, violet, green, blue, purple and yellow). Please refer to the following link for more information: <https://www.exoticholidaymauritus.com/chamarel-7-coloured-earth/>

Visit at La Rhumerie de chamarel the high quality rum making factory and rum tasting.

In the South West part of Mauritius, in the heart of a fertile valley, lies the Rhumerie de Chamarel. Situated in the vicinity of the "Coloured Earths of Chamarel", one of Mauritius' most popular tourist attractions and the place to visit while in Mauritius, the road leading to the Rhumerie is lined with vast plantations of sugar cane growing side by side with pineapples and other tropical fruits. Exuding an inimitable sense of warmth and authenticity, the Rhumerie welcomes guests for an all-encompassing tourism experience ranging from a guided visit of the distillery and rum tasting to a tasty meal at L'Alchimiste, its own stylish and creative "A la Carte" restaurant.

Drive to Villas Caroline Beach Hotel

CHECK IN AT VILLAS CAROLINE BEACH HOTEL (3*)

Dinner at Hotel

Overnight at the hotel



The 3-star Villas Caroline offers comfort and convenience whether you're on business or holiday in Mauritius Island. The property offers a wide range of amenities and perks to ensure you have a great time. Service-minded staff will welcome and guide you at Villas Caroline. Each guestroom is elegantly furnished and equipped with handy amenities. The property offers various recreational opportunities.

Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHQmrDSYxeE>

Day 5 – Self Drive Tour – Vallee Des Couleurs National Park

Breakfast at Villas Caroline Beach Resort

SELF DRIVEN TOUR - AT VALLEE DES COULEURS NATURE PARK

Exclusion: Guide, lunch & drinks, all entrance fees and activity costs

The visit of La Vallee des Couleurs begins with the access to the Exhibition room where you will be shown an outline of the different places of interest the park reserves for you to discover. You will then discover the fern garden without which any visit in the park would be incomplete, unless one wants to miss out on the beauty of tree ferns, wild orchids or other native flowers like the Trochetia (Boucle d'oreille/Ear ring) and the Bouquet Banané (achna Mauriciana), which only blooms at the end of every year.

The park is also home to tortoises, monkeys, stags, fish and also birds such as the Pink Pigeon, Paille Queue, Cateau Vert with various endemic trees like the Ebony, Bois de Natte, Takamaka and other rare plants also contributing to the beauty of the park.

Cascade Vacoas, Cascade Bois de Natte, Cascade Cheveux d'Ange and Cascade Chamouzé are the four wonderful waterfalls where you will have the feeling of peace and feel relax listening to rustling water. The park also offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the South Coast.

There are a number of activities available at the park including hiking and trekking for nature

lovers.

Drive back to Villas Caroline Beach Hotel

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight at the hotel

Day 6 – Free to Relax at the Hotel

Breakfast at Villas Caroline Beach Hotel

Relax and enjoy the beautiful white sandy beach of the resort and the turquoise blue lagoon.

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at the hotel

Day 7 – Check In at Preskil Isand Resort

Breakfast at the Villas Caroline Beach Hotel

Check out at Villas Caroline Beach Hotel

SELF DRIVEN SOUTH EAST TOUR

Exclusion: Guide, lunch & drinks, all entrance fees

YOUR TRIP

Eureka House

The Eureka house was restored and opened to the public as a museum in 1986. Eureka House is a unique Creole house built in 1830 located by the river of Moka. It is an elegant Créole residence originally owned by British and French aristocrats in the 19th century, the Eureka Mansion and its grounds provide an intriguing glimpse into colonial life. The house is filled with antiques and photos of the period. The house also has a magnificent garden surrounded by waterfalls of the Moka River. Eureka House is reputed to be one of the largest houses on the island, with 109 doors and windows. The tactile elements include the old colonial architecture of this site.

Blue Bay beach: Relax on the beach.

Blue Bay beach with its crystal clear turquoise blue water is considered one of the most beautiful beaches in Mauritius. Situated on the southeast coast, not far from Mahébourg, Blue Bay offers a fine stretch of white sandy beach, and deep, clear, light-blue water. Blue bay is the perfect place for relaxation, swimming and snorkeling, as it is considered the best place for snorkeling in Mauritius. Blue Bay is considered one of the best displays of color variety, changing constantly from sunrise to sunset. It is one of those beaches in the world where it is simply hard to get a bad picture. The contrasts are simply amazing. In the Blue Bay lagoon, the marine flora is alive and blooming. Feel the powdery sand through your hands and enjoy a nice relaxing time on the beach.

Biscuiterie H Rault (Manioc Biscuit Factory)

The Biscuiterie H Rault is a unique biscuit factory, located in the south-east of Mauritius. The family-owned factory specializes in the production of cassava (locally known as manioc) biscuits. For over 140 years, the factory has followed the traditional method, producing a wide variety of flavored cassava biscuits. During the First World War, Mauritius was affected with a shortage of rations including flour, so they turned to cassava flour. The biscuit factory had about 100 people working daily in order to supply the entire island with these biscuits. You will have the opportunity to witness the century-old recipe in the making and may even run into one of the family members. The tactile elements include the different biscuit making process in place and eventually the texture of the cassava biscuits.

Town of Mahebourg

Mahebourg is a traditional Mauritian village situated on the southeastern coast of Mauritius. Mahebourg is named after Bertrand François Mahé de La Bourdonnais, one of the most successful governors of the French period. The well-planned wide streets in the old section of Mahébourg still bear testimony to the Dutch and French colonial past. Today Mahébourg is a bustling center of local trade. The new waterfront complex offers you to enjoy nice refreshing walks along the sea side.

Visit of Vieux Grand Port

'Old Grand Port', north of Mahébourg, is the cradle of Mauritian history: the place where the first human inhabitants of the island landed on 9 September 1598 under the command of Wybrandt Van Warwyck. The Dutch later built a fort 3km further north in what is now the town of Vieux Grand Port. It was the local headquarters of the Dutch East India Company until 1710, when the Dutch abandoned the island. The site was then taken over by the French. The tactile elements include the architecture of this historical place.

Drive to Preskil Island Resort (4*)

Check in at Preskil Island Resort

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at the hotel



On a peninsula in the South-East of Mauritius, between the historic village of Mahébourg and the Blue Bay Marine Park, sits Preskil Island Resort, superior 4-star family hotel. While your kids (from 3 to 12) take part in a selection of educational and recreational activities at the Tikoulou Kids Club, relax by the sumptuous infinity pool and enjoy the beauty of this place full of charm, finesse and elegance.

With its spectacular views of the islands of the South-East of Mauritius, including l'île aux Aigrettes or l'île au Phare, and the impressive Lion mountain, Preskil Island Resort offers a convivial atmosphere and some authentic islander experiences. Only a few minutes away from the national airport, Preskil Island Resort is the ideal destination for visitors from all four corners of the world, coming to stay in Mauritius. A calm yet vibrant place, where you'll easily feel at home...

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lvz0IFL_gv8

Day 8 – Self Drive East Coast Road Trip

Breakfast at Preskil Island Resort

SELF DRIVEN EAST COAST ROAD TRIP

Exclusion: Guide, lunch & drinks, all entrance fees

Drive along the eastern coastal road of the island to discover beautiful landscapes of the island. Enjoy the scenic views along with the amazing beaches. From Pointe D'Esny to Belle Mare Public Beach, you will be mesmerised by the marvels of Mauritius.

Pointe D'Esny Public Beach
Trou D'Eau Douce Public Beach
Palmar Public Beach
Belle Mare Public Beach

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at the hotel

Day 9 – Self Drive Tea / Rum / Crocodile Adventure

Breakfast at Preskil Island Resort

SELF DRIVEN TEA RUM CROCODILE ADVENTURE

Exclusion: Guide, lunch & drinks, all entrance fees

YOUR TRIP

Bois Cheri

The tour starts with a guided tour of the tea factory of Bois Cheri followed by a visit of the tea plantation and tea museum. Indulge in a tea tasting exercise in a panoramic cottage with breathtaking views of the impressive tea plantation and all the south of the island.

La Vanille Nature Park

Continue your discovery of the island with a visit of La Vanille Nature Park which is home to various species of animals, reptiles and plants set in lush vegetation of palm trees, giant bamboos among others and natural freshwater springs. These plants provide shades to the giant tortoises and crocodiles. The park contains a

great number of Nile crocodiles and giant tortoises which can be admired safely as well as Mauritian reptiles and mammals including skinks, phelsumas (geckos), giant tortoises, turtles, bats, deer, mongooses, monkeys and pigs. You will discover the lost world of the dodo – the extinct bird endemic to Mauritius. Amateurs of butterfly will be marvelled with one of the world's largest private collections of 23 000 butterflies and other insects from Madagascar, the Mascarene Islands and all around the world.

Le Saint Aubin

Situated a few kms from the north of Souillac, nearby Riviere Des Anguilles, enjoy a guided tour of the Saint Aubin House. The next step is a visit of the sugar factory set up so as to enable visitors to understand all the steps of sugarcane processing. Discover the production of the delicious "Rhum agricole". Continue with a visit of "La Maison de la Vanille" where you will discover the conversion of the orchid flower to fragrant vanilla pod.

Gris Gris

The tour ends at Gris Gris beach located in the south of the island. The sea at Gris-Gris is very rough with the waves crashing against the black cliffs made of volcanic rock offering an amazing show of the power of nature. The waves are incredibly powerful and the landscapes offer opportunities for beautiful pictures.

Drive back to Preskil Island Resort

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at the hotel

Day 10 – Departure

Breakfast at Preskil Island Resort

Check out at Preskil Island Resort

Return trip to SSR Airport.

Assistance at the Airport by (Mauritius) Representative.

Handing over of rented car to the representative of Exotic Holiday (Mauritius).

BON VOYAGE!

What is Included

- 1 Kia Rio car (or similar) on rental for 10 days (pick up and drop off at the airport)
- 1 bottle of water (0.5L) per person upon arrival.
- 3 nights stay at Mont Choisy Coral Azur Beach Resort in 1 double Coral standard garden view room on half board basis

(as per proposed itinerary below)

- 3 nights stay at Villas Caroline Beach Hotel in 1 Standard Room on half board basis (as per proposed itinerary below)
- 3 nights stay at Preskil Island Resort in 1 Superior Room on half board basis (as per proposed itinerary below)
- Meet & Greet at the airport by the (Mauritius) Representative
- Regular Visit from a (Mauritius) Representative During the Stay
- Verification of flight
- 24-hour emergency contact
- Assistance by Exotic Holiday (Mauritius) Representative on departure at the airport

What is excluded

- The rates exclude all excursion costs (guide, drinks, all entrance fees & any other related fees in the proposed self-drive itinerary.
- Drinks excluded
- Rental Refundable Deposit around Euro 650 and documents fee
- Flight
- Full comprehensive travel insurance
- COVID-19 Test
- Any additional items of a personal nature

Costs

10 Days Package Price from:

01-10 To 15-10-21	EUR 2,110 per person sharing
16-10 To 31-10-21	EUR 2,180 per person sharing

- Rate is based on a minimum of two people traveling.
- Single travelers supplement and child rate will be quoted on request.
- The rates are subject to change without warning if there is an increase to bed levies, fuel prices or sales by third party suppliers or any other circumstances which is beyond our control.
- Price and availability are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.
- Standard booking terms & conditions remain applicable at all times.

Notes

- Cancellation Policy:
 - Within 30 days to 16 days prior to arrival – 50% of booking costs will be charged.
 - Less than 15 days prior to arrival – 100% of booking costs will be charged.
 - No show - 100% of booking costs will be charged
 - Early departure - 100% of booking costs will be charged

