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Once again, we're thrilled to bring you the latest edition of the Mauritius Expat Guide - your trusted companion as you embark on the wild adventure that is expat life in Mauritius.

This year's guide could not come at a more exciting time! With a new government in place, Mauritius is entering a phase of significant change and ambitious goals are being set for its economy, policies, and international relations. While this document aims to be the ultimate blueprint for your expat project in Mauritius, we do advise following the local edition of our *Expat Mag* for all the latest updates.

Once again, we also aim to celebrate those who have chosen to embrace the Mauritian island life. You'll find snippets of their adventures throughout the guide. Drawing inspiration from seasoned professionals, enterprising entrepreneurs, fulfilled retirees, and daring adventurers, this guide is designed to equip you with the knowledge and insights needed to thrive in Mauritius. Whether you're pursuing professional growth, entrepreneurial success, or an island-life style retirement, these stories will inspire and guide your journey.

Beyond personal experiences, the guide provides critical information to ease your transition. As the island is being steered in a new economic era, it remains open to welcome foreign talent, investment as well as retirees who want to enjoy their golden years under our tropical sun. At *Expat.com*, we will strive to remain on top of changes to immigration laws, expat job quotas, foreign investment opportunities and everything in between.

To help you once you're on the grounds we have also curated an exhaustive directory, encompassing everything from leisure activities and administrative services to healthcare and more. We aim to be your go-to companion for navigating the island's many offerings.

We are here to walk this path with you, offering essential information and fostering connections within a community of dreamers, just like you! Explore our forums, take advantage of tailored services, and stay informed about real-time opportunities on our platform.

May the 2025 edition of the Mauritius Expat Guide be the beginning of a fulfilling journey on the island!

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Dear esteemed readers,

As the new year dawns and with it the much-anticipated launch of Expat.com guide 2025, it is an opportune time to reflect on why Mauritius remains the top choice for global citizens seeking a more fulfilling lifestyle. The Economic Development Board of Mauritius is proud to collaborate with Expat.com on this remarkable initiative, which highlights the many incentives for living, working, retiring, and investing in Mauritius. This comprehensive guide serves as a key resource for unlocking the exceptional opportunities the island offers to expatriates.

For decades now, Mauritius has been recognized as a dynamic hub for international business and residency. Known as the "gateway between Africa, the Middle East, and Europe," the island offers much more than its tropical beauty. Ranked among Africa's leaders in wealth management, investment, and quality of life, Mauritius hosts 5,100 high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs), ranking 6th on the continent for millionaire concentration, alongside thousands of expatriates who call it home.

Mauritius emerges as a compelling choice for investors, retirees, and digital nomads alike. The country's robust healthcare system, coupled with internationally accredited private clinics, ensures peace of mind. Families also benefit from access to world-class international schools, opening doors to global opportunities for the younger generation. Mauritius also earns top positions in global indices like the World Happiness Report (1st in Africa), the Mo Ibrahim Index, and the Kayak Work from Wherever Index, cementing its status as a safe, sought-after destination.

Building upon this, the Mauritian government has introduced streamlined work and residence permits and a Premium Visa for digital nomads. Booming sectors such as financial services, ICT, healthcare, and renewable energy present exciting career prospects. Professionals seeking employment in Mauritius can also now apply for an Occupation Permit while on a tourist visa.

Mauritius also stands out as a prime destination for property investment. With its stable legal framework, political stability, and tax advantages, the island offers schemes like the Property Development Scheme (PDS), Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), and Smart City Scheme, enabling non-citizens to acquire luxurious properties. Investments starting at USD 375,000 also grant residency rights, enhancing the island's appeal for those looking to settle.

For retirees, Mauritius offers unmatched benefits, including the removal of local bank account requirements and expanded Premium Visa options for retirees and medical patients. Tailored insurance plans and flexible residency options make Mauritius a haven for retirees seeking tranquillity and comfort.

With its focus on sustainable development, renewable energy, entrepreneurship, and smart infrastructure, Mauritius sets the standard for modern island economies. Combining natural beauty and innovation, the island is the perfect destination for living, working, investing, and retiring.

Whether you are planning to relocate, retire, or explore investment opportunities, we invite you to experience the unparalleled charm and limitless potential of this island paradise.

Welcome to Mauritius - a place to call home, for now and always!





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Mauritius

Where is Mauritius?

Mauritius, located in the Southern Hemisphere, lies in the Southeast of the Indian Ocean, just north of the Tropic of Capricorn, at 20° South latitude and 57° East longitude. It is considered part of Southern Africa. The island of Mauritius constitutes approximately 91% of the total area of the Republic of Mauritius, covering 1,865 km².

The total area of the Republic of Mauritius is 2,040 km², which includes several islands, islets, and dependent reefs, notably Rodrigues Island and the archipelagos of Saint-Brandon and Agalega. Mauritius has around 330 km of coastline, surrounded by lagoons protected by coral reefs.

Port Louis, the capital of Mauritius, was initially founded during the Dutch period in the 17th century but was significantly developed under Mahé de Labourdonnais during the French

colonial period in the 18th century. Labourdonnais undertook the expansion of the port to welcome ships in a naturally sheltered harbor, protected by surrounding mountain ranges. Today, the Government House, alongside other main government institutions and many financial entities, is located in Port Louis.

While Port Louis is the largest city on the island, there are also other important urban centers like Curepipe, Quatre-Bornes, Beau-Bassin/Rose Hill, and Vacoas/Phoenix. In addition to these cities, there are many villages distributed throughout various districts, contributing to the island's geographic and cultural diversity.

The island is divided into 10 districts:

- ▶ Black River (West);
- ► Flacq (East);
- ► Grand Port (Southeast, home



to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport);

- ► Moka (Center);
- ▶ Pamplemousses (Northwest);
- ▶ Plaines Wilhems (Center);
- Port Louis (Northwest, home to the capital and the port);
- ▶ Rivière du Rempart (Northeast);
- Savanne (South).

Other islands of the Republic:

- Rodrigues (capital: Port Mathurin);
- ► Agalega;
- ► Saint-Brandon;
- Chagos Archipelago d iscussions are currently being held to elevate certain villages into towns. According to the Ministry of Local Communities, Triolet, Goodlands, Bambous,





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Flacq, and Mahébourg could be upgraded to municipalities, provided they have the required infrastructure and administrative facilities

Nine districts are located on the main island, the 10th district being Rodrigues Island, a dependency of the Republic of Mauritius located 550 km North-East of Mauritius.

Since October 12, 2002, Rodrigues has been an autonomous district. It is esteemed to be:

- ▶ 226 km from Reunion Island;
- ▶ 1,132 km from Madagascar;

- ▶ 3,318 km from the East African coast;
- ▶ 5,110 km from India;
- > 7,722 km from Australia;
- ▶ 7,941 km from China;
- > 9,400 km from France.

History

In the 5th century, Arab navigators visited the island and named it Dina Arobi. They did not colonize the island and only used it as a stop to rest and replenish food supplies.

1507-1512: The Portuguese found the island and named it Ilha do Cirne. They did not stay for long after struggling to adapt to the environment.

1598: The Dutch landed on the

island and named it Mauritius, in honor of their Prince Maurice of Nassau. The island became a supply point for ships on route to India. The Dutch deforested the island of its endemic ebony trees to trade its precious dark wood. They also started the agriculture of sugarcane on the deforested land. They eventually abandoned the island because of the difficulty of adapting to the environment.

1721: The French arrived and renamed the island "Isle de France". They brought enslaved Africans to work on their sugar plantations. French pirates and privateers also plundered English ships sailing nearby to go to India.







1735: François Mahé de La Bourdonnais was appointed Governor of the French colony, and his rule heralded a new phase in the development of the island, especially of the capital Port-Louis. Enslaved Africans as well as free Tamil (South Indian) artisans built the capital as we know it today.

1810: After a difficult battle, the British took possession of the island from the French

1814: The island was officially attached to the British Empire and renamed Mauritius (its former Dutch name).

1835: Slavery was finally abolished, about 30 years later than in the rest of the British Empire.

1834 to 1910: The abolition of slavery pushed the colonists to

hire indentured (contract) Indian laborers, who were also called "coolies." This "Coolie Trade" provided the new workforce for the sugarcane industry. Although they were free men, the Indian immigrants worked under oppressive conditions. In the early 20th century, free Chinese immigrants also arrived and set up small shops in the capital and around sugarcane plantations.

1968: On March 12, Mauritius gained independence from the British Empire. It became a democratic nation-state, with Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (after whom the airport is named) as the first Prime Minister.

1992: Mauritius became a full Republic, and Queen Elizabeth II stopped being the symbolic head of state. vided into 70 seats: 62 representatives are elected directly and 8 additional MPs, known as "Best Losers," are chosen from ethnic minorities to ensure a fair representation of the population.

The Mauritian flag

- ▶ The flag of the Republic of Mauritius has 4 horizontal stripes which are red, blue, yellow and green. The interpretation of these colors is subjective and depends on one's historical interpretation, but here are some common interpretations:
- ▶ Red like the flowers of the flamboyant tree, or like the blood spilled by the enslaved people and coolies (indentured Indian laborers) who built the island.
- ▶ Blue like the sky and the ocean. Also a symbol of the Mascarene islands.
- Yellow like the golden sand of Mauritian beaches. Also a symbol of sunlight.
- Green like the wide stretches of sugarcane fields that cover the island. Also a symbol of fertility.



KRIS LUTCHMAYAH, A BRITISH ENTREPRENEUR:

"Having cherished numerous unforgettable moments on the island, I had always nurtured the dream of living in Mauritius and immersing myself in its beauty. Opening

a restaurant not only allowed me to pursue my passion for culinary arts but also brought to fruition my longstanding aspiration of making Mauritius my permanent home.

Throughout the years, my connection with Mauritius has deepened, and I've cultivated a profound appreciation for the country's cultural heritage, traditions, and natural wonders. It brings me immense joy and a sense of achievement to live and work in a place that holds such a special and cherished spot in my heart."

The Republic of Mauritius

The President of the Republic is the Head of State. Execu-

tive power is held by the Prime Minister, who heads the government. Members of Parliament are elected every 5 years by universal suffrage. Parliament is di-





The national anthem was written by Jean-Georges Prosper and its musical score was composed by Philippe Gentil in 1968 for the celebration of the independence of Mauritius. Only the English version is official, even if translations into French and Creole exist. Here is the official version:

O Motherland of mine,
Sweet is thy beauty,
Sweet is thy fragrance,
Around thee we gather,
As one people,
As one nation,
In peace, justice and liberty,
Beloved country,
May God bless thee,
For ever and ever.

Mauritian currency

The official currency is the Mauritian rupee; the generic sign of the Mauritian rupee is Rs, and the international code of the



rupee is "MUR".

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The first Mauritian rupee banknotes were introduced in 1876, followed by coins a year later. The Bank of Mauritius issues banknotes in denominations of Rs 25, Rs 50, Rs 100, Rs 200, Rs 500, Rs 1,000, and Rs 2,000. Coins are available in Rs 1, Rs 5, Rs 10, and Rs 20, alongside smaller coins called cents: 20, 25, and 50 cents. The 5-cent coin was discontinued in 2013. Since then, banknotes have been printed on a polymer-based material, giving them a slightly transparent, durable quality. However, older paper notes from before 2013 are still in circulation.

It's important to note that the Mauritian rupee is only exchangeable within Mauritius. Currency exchange offices are available at the airport, and you can also exchange money at banks or currency exchange bureaus, which are scattered across the island. Be aware that only foreign banknotes can be exchanged—not coins!

As of mid-2024, the rupee depreciated by 2% to 5% against major international currencies like the euro, the US dollar, and the British pound. While this creates additional financial pressure for those earning or saving in rupees, it can be advantageous

for those who earn or save in foreign currencies.

Most bank cards, including China's Union Pay cards, are widely accepted across Mauritius. However, you may incur foreign transaction fees when using an international card.

On the other hand, online banks like Wise and Revolut are not commonly used in Mauritius. While you can send or receive foreign currencies through their apps, they don't support the Mauritian rupee, and they don't offer cards that work locally. Similarly, services like Google Wallet and Apple Pay are rarely used on the island. However, local alternatives such as My.t Money (from Mauritius Telecom) and Juice (from MCB) are available for digital payments.

Economy

In both the Mauritian public and private sectors, there is growing skepticism about relying solely on the tourism sector to measure the country's economic recovery. It is now widely acknowledged that true economic revival hinges not only on tourism, but also on the performance of other key industries, alongside advancements in emerging sectors like marine services.

The success of other small island economies with a tourism industry, notably the Seychelles and the Maldives, underscores the importance of sustained efforts to diversify and strengthen the

Mauritian economy. As previously mentioned, the depreciation of the Mauritian rupee is a persistent challenge. Addressing it demands a strong anti-inflation policy coupled with a re-evaluation of foreign currency management to stabilize the local currency. Another pressing economic problem is the brain drain and labor shortage. The emigration of young Mauritian talent to Canada, Australia, and France has created severe labor shortages in local industries, including tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, and construction. As a result, many Mauritian companies have turned to hiring expat workers from countries like Bangladesh, Nepal and Madagascar.

Inflation in 2024

In October 2024, inflation in Mauritius rose to 3.40% from 3.10% in September. However, this represents a significant improvement from the peak of 7.04% in 2023. This improvement is primarily due to a slower rate in the increase of prices across various sectors, especially food and non-alcoholic beverages. As a result, the cost of living for consumers increased at a more moderate pace during this period.

Economic freedom in Mauritius

In the most recent Economic Freedom Index by the Heritage Foundation, Mauritius claimed the top position in Africa. With a score of 71.5, it ranks 19th out of 43 countries worldwide, or right behind Germany. This underscores the reputation of Mauritius as one of the freest and most business-friendly nations not only of its continent, but of the world. It highlights Mauritius' continued commitment to economic freedom, business-friendliness, and innovation on both regional and global levels.

The Global Innovation Index 2024 of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) also demonstrates that Mauritius has retained its status as the most innovative economy of the African continent. Here, the country ranks 55th out of 133 economies and 9th out of all upper-middle income economies worldwide. Mauritius scores particularly high points for the strength of its institutions, its human capital and its mar-

ket sophistication. The WIPO notes that it is among the national economies to have risen the most through the ranking in the last decade.

Find more detailed data about these emerging economic sectors on the website of the *Economic Development Board (EDB)*.

Population

Mauritius is a multicultural island enriched by diasporic links to multiple countries and cultures, and according to the latest figures, it is home to a population of around 1,200,000 residents. The ethnic breakdown of the population is as follows:

- ► Indo-Mauritians: around 68-70%;
- Afro-Mauritians (Creoles): around 26-27%;
- ➤ Sino-Mauritians and Franco-Mauritians: 3-6%.

The main religion practiced in Hinduism, followed by Catholi-











































cism and Islam.

Climate

Mauritius enjoys a subtropical climate with temperatures ranging from 25 to 35°C with regular trade winds from the Southeast. Temperatures are higher during the wet season (November to April, summer in the Southern Hemisphere) and cooler during the dry season (May to October, winter).

Seasons

In summer, temperatures easily reach 30°C. However, these temperatures remain bearable, thanks to a light sea breeze in the West and a stronger wind on the East Coast. The central plateau is, cooler. The diurnal amplitude in summer is 14 hours, with sunrise between 5:00 and 5:45 a.m. and sunset between 6:45 and 7 p.m. The heat accumulated during the day remains present at night.

In winter, however, temperatures between day and night can be very different. On sunny days, temperatures range from 22 to 27°C. After sunset, however, temperatures drop rapidly to 19°C near the coasts and 16°C on the central plateau. The days are shorter, lasting 11 to 12 hours. In the middle of winter, the sun rises around 6:30 a.m. and sets around 6:00 p.m. Rainfall is minimal in the coastal regions, while the central plateau receives more precipitation.

The effects of climate change in Mauritius

The World Risk Report 2024 classifies Mauritius as a medium-risk country in terms of vulnerability to climate change, ranking it 104th out of 193 countries. Small islands are generally at higher risk, and Mauritius' low-lying coasts, along with its beaches and protective mangrove swamps, face the threat of submersion due to rising sea levels. The tourism industry, a key pillar of the island's economy, would face significant challeng-



es if its pristine beaches were

As highlighted by the UN Environment Program and the local Ministry of Environment, climate change is exacerbating heavy rainfall, flash floods, tropical cyclones, and droughts in Mauritius. It is normal to get tropical cyclones in the summer months, that is between November and March, but climate change is causing these cyclones to intensify more rapidly, sometimes reaching the strength of Category-5 hurricanes.

In January 2024, the tropical cyclone Belal caused chaotic flash floods that carried away cars in the capital. Similar flash floods occurred in 2013. In May 2022, the Ministry of Environment created a 10-year climate change plan to make the island-state more resilient to these disasters and the effects of climate change in general.

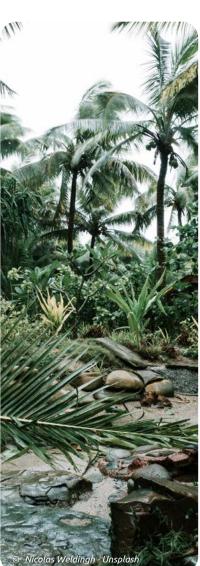
Climate change is disrupting rainfall patterns, leading to erratic periods of intense rainfall followed by drought. This has resulted in periodic water cuts in some regions of the island over the last few years. If your area of Mauritius experiences occasional water cuts, it is wise to have a backup plan, such as storing bottled water during droughts. Residents of beachside villas should ensure their properties are protected from erosion and waves, for example, by planting vegetation or installing jetties.



Rising temperatures are also impacting coral reefs and fostering the proliferation of viruses, parasites and diseases. This presents an additional challenge for the island to address.

Cyclones

Between January and March, high temperatures, high humidity and an unstable atmosphere can lead to the development of tropical depressions. Ocean temperatures above 26°C at depth (about 28/29°C at the surface) are favorable to the formation of tropical depressions.



The high temperature produces intense evaporation and moisture transfers from the ocean to the atmosphere. The state of the air mass and the wind circulation will be the final conditions for the development of the tropical depression.

Cyclone alert

In the Indian Ocean, cyclones range from tropical storms to intense tropical cyclones. If these depressions become a threat to the island, the weather station broadcasts different classes of warnings through the media.

Class 1: Issued 36 to 48 hours before expected gusts of up to 120 km/h in Mauritius or Rodrigues. Daily activities may continue as usual, but residents should remain alert and follow updates from the media.

Class 2: Issued to provide, if possible, 12 hours of daylight before the onset of 120 km/h gusts. Residents can move freely, but schools are closed, and boats are removed from the water and secured.

Class 3: to allow (if possible) 6 hours of daylight before the onset of 120 km/h gusts. The population should remain sheltered, businesses should release employees and insurance companies no longer cover vehicles on the road.

Class 4: when gusts reach 120 km/h and there is no improvement. People should stay in their

homes.

Security Bulletin: A security bulletin will be issued following a cyclone warning class 3 or 4, indicating that the cyclone is moving away and that there is no longer any risk of gusts of 120 km/h.

End of warning bulletin: This bulletin is issued when all warnings have been removed.

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Mauritius Meteorological Services

Language(s)

While Mauritius doesn't have an official language declared in its constitution, English is the main administrative and parliamentary language because of the legacy of British colonialism.

All official texts are written in English. Mauritian Creole and French are, however, the two languages most spoken by the population in everyday life. French is the main language of the media.

Outside of these three main languages, each ethnic group has its own languages, often an ancestral one. They are Bhojpuri (nowadays mostly spoken in the countryside), Hakka, Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, Marathi and Arabic.













































The last six are taught as optional subjects in public schools, while the first three are mainly taught within families. Some of these languages are supported by Speaking Unions and cultural centers, such as the Bhojpuri Speaking Union.

Health status

COVID-19: All COVID-related measures officially ended on October 31, 2023. Masks are no longer required in public, nor is vaccination mandatory.

However, it is recommended to wear masks, when at the airport, in hospitals and in old-age homes. It might also be safe to follow the news to be aware of COVID cases and take the necessary precautions.

Malaria: There is no malaria in the country. Only a few imported cases have been identified in recent years.

Chikungunya: The 2005/2006 Chikungunya epidemic has been contained.

Dengue: In July 2024, the media highlighted 5,903 cases of dengue fever in Mauritius and Rodrigues, a situation corroborated by the Ministry of Health. The Minister emphasized the need for community collaboration to address the issue, urging citizens to manage waste effectively and prevent stagnant water, especially in key areas such as Port-Louis, Roche-Bois, and Baie-du-Tombeau.

Pollution: It is primarily caused by exhaust fumes. The waste collection and treatment system is not yet efficient enough to handle the growing population, driven by tourism and new residents in Mauritius

Rabies: There is no animal rabies in Mauritius. Note, however, that there are many stray dogs and cats without any vaccination and that one should be careful or consult a doctor in case of a bite.

AIDS: In 2024, 9,109 people were suffering from HIV/AIDS, although it is estimated that around 14,000 people in Mauritius have AIDS. There are screening centers across the island, as well as rapid tests in pharmacies.

Needle exchange has been set up in Mauritius with the contribution of PILS (Prévention Information Lutte contre le Sida) in order to reduce the risks of contamination by injection.

No serological test for HIV infection is required for visitors entering the country. However, in order to obtain an Occupation Permit, a certificate of seronegativity must be produced and the test must be done in Mauritius. HIV increasingly affects women in Mauritius and is mainly transmitted through needle sharing.

Drug addiction: In the last few years, the drug addiction situation in Mauritius has reached a concerning level, particularly with the resurgence of drug use, especially heroin, reminiscent of its peak in the 1990s.

Moreover, the prevalent use of synthetic substances, crafted with chemicals sourced from China and mixed with everyday products like tea, tobacco, or herbs, has become widespread. These substances are cost-effective, making them easily accessible to young people who pool resources to afford doses at affordable prices.

As per an official survey conducted in 2021, approximately 55,000 individuals aged 18 to 59, constituting 7.4% of this population segment, engage in non-injection drug use, encompassing cannabis, synthetic substances, and heroin (snorted, inhaled, or smoked).

Nevertheless, many experts contend that these figures likely underestimate the true extent of drug addiction in Mauritius.











































Public holidays

Public holidays in Mauritius are planned to reflect the island's diverse multicultural and multi-religious population. In the spirit of fairness, the government has designated public holidays that honor all cultures and religions.

The Mauritian calendar has 15 public holidays of which 7 are on fixed dates:

New Year's Day: January 1st and

Commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery: February 1st;

Independence Day: March 12th;

Labor Day: May 1st;

Commemoration of the arrival of indentured laborers: November 2nd;

Christmas: Catholic holiday celebrated on December 25th.

The 8 other holidays are linked to religious ceremonies, and their dates vary according to the lunar calendar:

Thaipoosam Cavadee: Tamil celebration around mid-January / early February;

Spring Festival: Chinese New Year celebrated around the end of January / beginning of February;

Maha Shivaratree: Hindu celebration around February / March:

Ugadi: Telugu New Year celebrated around the end of March / beginning of April;

Eid-Ul-Fitr: Muslim celebration marking the end of the fasting month - Ramadan;

Ganesh Chaturthi: Hindu celebration around the end of August / beginning of September;

Divali or Deepavali - the festival of light: Hindu festival celebrated around October / November in honor of the victory of good over evil;

All Saints' Day: a Catholic celebration on November 1st, celebrated every other year alternating with the Assumption celebrated on August 15th.

Other religious celebrations or commemorations are not public holidays but will still attract attention. These are:







































Holi (the festival of colors) generally celebrated in March of each year, one day after the full moon;

Ganga Asnan, the festival of the Ganges, in November;

Easter Monday, the date of celebration varies between March 23 and April 26;

Eid al-Adha, celebrated during the 12th month of the lunar calendar. The date changes each year depending on the observation of the moon.

Mauritius as a member state

Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

Founded in 1984, the Indian Ocean Commission is an intergovernmental organization of the islands in the southeastern Indian Ocean that has five member states: Comoros, Réunion (an overseas department of France), Madagascar, Mauritius, and the Seychelles. Its role is to defend the interests of the member islands and their economic, social, geographical, and biological specificities.

The goals of the IOC include the following:

▶ Political and diplomatic cooperation aimed at supporting regional stability and good political governance among member countries;

- Economic and commercial cooperation aimed at integrating island economies into the regional and global economy;
- ➤ Sustainable regional development for the preservation of terrestrial and marine natural resources;
- Protecting people and improving of their quality of life;
- ➤ Strengthening regional identity and bringing societies closer together through increased cultural exchange and networking opportunities for professionals and associations.

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AFRICAN UNION (AU)

This organization has been designed to promote development, human rights, and democracy throughout Africa.

Website: African Union

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE (OIF)

As a member of the OIF, Mauritius collaborates with the <u>French</u> <u>Cultural Institute (IFM)</u> of the French Embassy and several NGOs in the yearly International Francophonie Day, which takes place on March 20.

Website: Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC)

This organization's mission is to promote the economic development of southern Africa.

Website: SADC

COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS

Mauritius is one of the 54 member states of the Commonwealth. The member countries are united by their historical ties with the United Kingdom and the English language. They remain autonomous while sharing common political, economic and social interests.

Website: Commonwealth

INDIAN OCEAN RIM ASSOCIATION (IORA)

Mauritius is home to the general secretariat of the IORA, an association which groups 20 countries from Africa, Asia and Oceania. To quote the main administrative office in Réunion,

The objective of the IORA is to "develop trade, industrial and economic cooperation to promote sustainable growth and balanced development of its member states and the region. It promotes the liberalization of trade and the lowering of tariff barriers to improve the flow of goods, services, investments and technologies in the Indian Ocean."

Website: IORA

Entering the Mauritian territory

Are you looking to come to Mauritius on a short-term visa in order to scout for opportunities or to get a feel for life on the island? Here are the entry requirements for short-term visas.



Short stays in Mauritius

A short stay is defined as any stay of up to 6 months within a 12-month period. Mauritius offers several categories of short-stay visas:

Tourist Visa: a tourist visa of up to 6 months within a calendar year can be granted on a case-by-case basis, subject to immigration requirements. Holders of a tourist visa may also take advantage of their stay in Mauritius to apply for a Premium Visa or an Occupation Permit.

Business Visa: a business visa may be granted for up to 120 days within a calendar year. However, visa holders can stay for a maximum of 90 days per trip. They are not permitted to receive

any remuneration in Mauritius, as this visa is solely intended for establishing or conducting business or investment activities in the country.

Social Visa: this visa is granted for 45 days to non-citizens who have been sponsored by a religious organization (often called "sociocultural organizations" in Mauritius) to engage in cultural and religious activities.

Multiple Entry Visa: it is granted only to foreign business people with business interests in Mauritius who require a visa before travel. It allows a maximum stay of 120 days per calendar year, and each trip must not exceed 90 days.

Transit Visa: this visa is granted to passengers on stopover in

Mauritius for a maximum of 24 hours on their way to a third country. It is a visa on arrival that is issued at the port of entry in Mauritius itself.

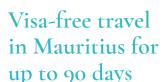
Medical Visa: issued to non-citizens who are coming to Mauritius for medical treatment in a private (not public) healthcare institution approved by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. Granted on arrival in Mauritius, it covers the duration of the treatment but cannot exceed 6 months.

Important

These short-stay visas do not authorize their holders to carry out any commercial activity and generate income during their stay in Mauritius.

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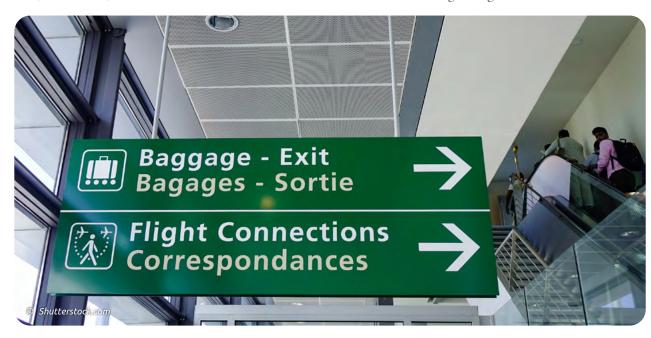
One of the benefits of Mauritius' strong diplomatic ties with various nations is that citizens from many countries can visit Mauritius without a visa for 3 months, or 90 days to be exact. However, it is important to remember that these travelers cannot conduct business, work part-time or pursue studies during that stay, unless they apply for a work, business or student visa. Below is the list of countries whose citizens enjoy short-stay visa-free travel to Mauritius:

Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Cap Verde, Chad, Chile, China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Congo, DRC, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica (not the Dominican Republic), Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, South Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Russia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, UAE, UK, US, Vanuatu, Vatican, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Citizens of the following countries, meanwhile, can obtain a visa on arrival when they land at

the airport or disembark from a ship in Mauritius. For the majority of these countries, the visa lasts 60 days, but it lasts only for two weeks for Algerian, Malagasy, Comorian, Nigerian and Iranian nationals as per the latest information of the Passport and Immigration Office.

Albania, Algeria, Andor-Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Colombia, Comoros, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Ivory Coast, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Macedonia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Palau, Panama, Peru,



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Philippines, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Uruguay, Vene-

zuela, Vietnam, Yugoslavia.

Citizens of the other countries not mentioned in the two lists above must apply for a visa at least a few months before flying or sailing to Mauritius. Both short-stay travelers who need a visa and those who don't must fulfill the following conditions:

- ► Have a valid passport for the entire duration of their stay;
- ► Have a return ticket;
- ► Have proof of accommodation in Mauritius;
- ► Have proof of funds of 100 USD per day.

Students and interns traveling to Mauritius

Student Visa: First, the international student needs to submit all of the required documents to their host university in Mauritius as well as pay their tuition fee deposit (and any other fees required before the start of the semester). Then, their host institution will forward their supporting documents to the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) in Port-Louis, which will process the student visa and issue it by email.

Visa for interns: Non-citizens can obtain an internship visa under the condition that they (i) have a degree and (ii) have an internship agreement of a maximum of 6 months with a host company or institution in Mauritius, and (iii) will not receive a salary in Mauritius, although they can receive a stipend from their host organization for basic expenses like transport.











































Health requirements for traveling to **Mauritius**

All travelers, whether citizens or non-citizens, must complete an identification and health form upon arrival in Mauritius. To avoid long queues at the airport, these forms can also be filled out online in advance via this *link*, immediately after receiving your boarding pass at your port of departure.

Application for extension of stay in Mauritius

Non-citizens holding visas, residence permits, or occupation permits are required to adhere to the conditions for extending their stay. The specific requirements for an extension are outlined below:

For Tourist Visas:

- ▶ Proof of a return ticket;
- ▶ Bank statement of the last 3 months as proof of funds;
- ▶ A passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the return
- ▶ Exact contact details of the accommodation provider, whether it be a hotel, an Airbnb, or the house of a private individual.

For Residence Permits:

▶ A Permanent Residence Permit (PRP) is valid for 20 years and can be renewed upon expiration. If residency was obtained through the purchase of property under an approved scheme, the right to reside is linked to the period of ownership of the property.

For Occupation Permits:

▶ The initial validity period of an Occupation Permit (OP) varies based on the type (e.g., foreign employee, investor). It is possible to renew an OP when it is nearing its expiry date.

Conditions for renewing an Occupation Permit (investor and self-employed):

- ▶ An Occupation Permit holder's company must have achieved annual sales of at least Rs 4 million from the third year of its operation. If this criteria is met, the permit can be renewed after 10 years.
- ► For individual self-employed holders of the Occupation Permit, they must show proof of having earned Rs 800,000 a year to renew that permit.

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Safety of foreign residents in **Mauritius**

As elsewhere in the world, petty crimes and burglaries occur in Mauritius, especially in busy areas such as Port-Louis, Grand Bay and Flic en Flac.

Nevertheless, the majority of crimes reported to the authorities in Mauritius are nonviolent, apart from a few rare cases, serious enough to make the news headlines from time to time.

Safety tips for visitors and residents of Mauritius:

- ▶ Be careful with your bags and valuables in popular areas;
- ▶ Keep separate copies of important documents, such as passports;
- ► Check and upgrade the security of your accommodation, including your hotel room, if you notice any deficiencies;
- ► Avoid walking alone at night on beaches or in poorly lit areas, especially in the back alleys of Port-Louis' business district:
- ▶ Always be careful when withdrawing money from ATMs;
- ► Always have your local police station contact numbers handy.

Long stays and residence permits in Mauritius

Looking to retire, work or invest in Mauritius? For stays of more than 6 months, you will have to apply for a visa or a residence permit, depending on the type of stay.



The student visa

The student visa in Mauritius is a permit that authorizes an eligible non-citizen to enter and stay in Mauritius to study fullor part-time in:

- An institution of higher learning registered with the Higher Education Commission;
- Or in a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority;
- ► Or to attend a practical training course which is part of higher education.

The applicant must have received a letter of acceptance from the institution he/she wishes to join in Mauritius and must be enrolled:

- ▶ In one or more programs at a recognized institution of higher learning or TVET institution to take specific modules full-time for 1 or 2 semesters, a certificate or diploma course for at least one academic year;
- Or at a recognized institution of higher learning to take a full-time or part-time undergraduate degree course;
- Or at an accredited institution of higher education to take full- or part-time post-

- graduate courses (including Master's, MPhil or PhD level);
- Or doing post-doctoral research;
- Or coming to Mauritius as part of an exchange program of a maximum duration of 1 year with a recognized institution of higher learning.

Applying for a student visa in Mauritius

The application for a student visa must be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) by the institution of higher education or the vocational education and training institution (TVET) in which the student is enrolled.









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Once the international student has returned all the required documents and made the payments to their host university in Mauritius, the institution will submit all the supporting documents to the PIO located in Port-Louis. The PIO will process and issue the student visa by email.

The application for a visa to attend a practical training course as part of a higher education program must be submitted directly to the PIO by the trainee or by the host institution/company in Mauritius.

List of documents to be submitted for the student visa:

- ► The "Application to Enter Mauritius" form duly completed and signed by the applicant;
- 2 recent passport-size photos of the applicant;
- Photocopy of the applicant's passport bio-data pages;
- Original letter of admission to a recognized educational or TVET institution:
- ▶ Details of the duration of the course and confirmation from the Higher Education Commission or the Mauritius Qualifications Authority that the course chosen is fullor part-time;
- Documented proof of availability of funds or financial ability to cover the cost of study and stay in Mauritius;
- A medical certificate stating that the applicant does not suffer from any contagious or infectious disease.

A test for HIV and Hepatitis B and a chest X-ray must be performed at a private medical laboratory, clinic or hospital in Mauritius. The test results and the chest X-ray report must be submitted to the PIO within one month of arrival.

Internship visa

This visa is intended for non-residents wishing to complete practical training in Mauritius as part of their higher education program.

This visa is meant for non-citizens who:

- Intend to follow a practical training or an internship in order to improve their skills and experience. They must present to the PIO proof of acceptance from the concerned institution or company in Mauritius;
- ► Are degree holders;
- ▶ Will not receive any remuneration in Mauritius; however, their host organization in Mauritius may grant them a stipend.

Application for a trainee visa to follow a practical training or an industrial internship in Mauritius

The applicant's file must be submitted by the host institution/company sponsoring the foreigner in Mauritius on behalf of the latter or by the applicant in person at the PIO.

List of documents to be submit-

ted for the trainee visa:

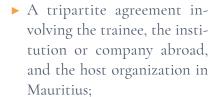
- "Application to Enter Mauritius" form duly completed and signed by the applicant;
- 2 recent passport-size photographs of the applicant;
- Photocopy of the bio-data pages of their passport;
- Acceptance document for practical training or internship in local companies, in sectors such as textile, banking, hospitality, consultancy firms, professional bodies, etc., as part of a study program in an educational institution abroad or at the request of the head office of a company based abroad;
- ▶ Details of the duration of the practical training/industrial placement/internship and confirmation from the accepting local company that the placement/training is full-time. The duration of the training/placement/internship must not exceed 6 months;
- ▶ Proof from the institution or company that the training to be undertaken in Mauritius is part of a program of study followed by the applicant or that it is a requirement to enhance the trainee's skills and experience;











- ▶ Proof of availability of funds or financial capacity to cover the costs of the internship and the stay in Mauritius;
- A medical certificate attesting that the candidate is not suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.

Visa receipt

The granting of the internship visa is determined by the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) within 2 weeks of the date of submission, provided that the application is complete and accompanied by the appropriate supporting documents. Any application not accompanied by the required documents will not be considered.



The PIO will notify the host organization/company/local business where the trainee intends to attend a practical training course or the trainee abroad of the outcome of the application, as appropriate.

The PIO will then issue the trainee with a temporary entry permit valid for one month to travel to Mauritius.

Important

Within 2 weeks of arrival in Mauritius, the trainee must report to the Passport and Immigration Office, Residence Permit Section, 8th floor, Sterling House, 9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port-Louis, to obtain a residence permit (trainee) for a maximum period of 6 months.

The residence permit

If the stay does not have an end date, the traveler must apply for a residence permit:

- ► If he/she simply wishes to live in Mauritius;
- ► If he/she wishes to start a business and work in the country.

What residence permit should you consider?

The Retired Residence Permit

The retired residence permit in Mauritius is available to expats who meet the following conditions:

- ▶ Not be of Mauritian nationality;
- ▶ Be over 50 years of age;
- ▶ Present a certified bank statement showing either a minimum amount of USD 18,000 or a guaranteed minimum income of USD 1,500 per month;
- ➤ Submit proof of transfer of funds to their local bank account to the Economic Development Board at the end of each year;
- Provide the Mauritian tax authorities with information on any other residences in different jurisdictions, including tax residences.

Initially issued for 10 years, the Retired Residence Permit also allows its holder to apply for a 20-year permanent residence permit, provided they have:

- Resided in Mauritius for at least 3 years, or;
- ▶ Invested a minimum of USD 200,000 in a property under the Property Development Scheme for Senior Living.

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Visa requirements passport. govmu.org/passport/?page_ id=620

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Work visas in Mauritius

Mauritius welcomes non-residents wishing to live and work in the country. When all conditions are met, 2 options are available: the Occupation Permit (OP) and the Young Professional Occupation Permit (YPOP).

The Occupation Permit (OP)

The Occupation Permit (OP) allows non-residents to live and work in Mauritius, once for 10 years, renewable for 10 more years, and for 20 years if applying for permanent residence.

It is aimed at 3 categories of expats:

- ▶ Investors (for innovative start-ups);
- ▶ Professionals;
- ► Self-employed.

Occupation Permit applicants will be granted a 120-day Business Visa without the need to exit Mauritius.

The Occupation Permit for nonresident investors:

Investors have various options for obtaining an Occupation Permit in Mauritius:

Standard (10-year Residence Permit):

▶ Investment required: USD 50,000 in a new Mauritius-based company.

Net Asset Value (10-year Residence Permit):

▶ Investment required: Ownership or inheritance of an existing Mauritian business with a net worth of at least USD 50,000 and cumulative sales of at least Rs 12 million (approximately USD 260,000) in the 3 years preceding the application.

High-tech Machinery and **Equipment:**

- ▶ Initial investment: USD 50,000 (or equivalent);
- ▶ Involves a minimum transfer of USD 25,000 to the applicant's bank account:

▶ The remainder of the value is in high-tech machinery and equipment.

Innovative Start-Ups:

- ▶ Unspecified amount in an innovative project with at least 20% dedicated to Research and Development (R&D);
- ▶ The project must be approved by the Economic Development Board.

Occupation Permit Renewal:

▶ Holders of an Occupation Permit as investors can renew it after 10 years, provided the company generates a minimum annual gross income of Rs 4 million from the third year of registration.

Occupation Permit for self-employed foreigners:

Conditions to be met:

- ▶ Be a non-citizen engaged in a professional activity in the service sector only and register with the Corporate and Business Registration Department under the Business Registration Act 2002;
- ▶ Be a sole trader (exclusively);
- ▶ Make an initial transfer of USD 35,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currencies to their local bank account in Mauritius;





► Have a business activity that generates a cumulative income of at least Rs 2,400,000 during the 3 years preceding the application for an Occupation Permit and with an income of at least Rs 600,000 per year.

The Occupation Permit for investors and self-employed persons is issued for a maximum period of 10 years, renewable thereafter according to the established criteria.

Foreign self-employed workers must demonstrate the transfer of necessary funds (USD 35,000) within 4 weeks of obtaining their permit. in Mauritius are subject to the following conditions:

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OP Professional Category:

This permit allows foreign professionals to work for companies incorporated in Mauritius. It is granted for the duration of the work contract or for a maximum of 3 years, after which it can be renewed if the expat is still employed. The expat's basic salary must be at least Rs 22,500. Until 2024, the minimum basic salary for expats was Rs 30,000, but it was lowered in 2024 to make it easier for local companies to hire expats.

The hiring company is responsible for handling the permit application on behalf of the employee, which includes collecting evidence that the expat in question has the required academic background and professional experience for the position. After working for 3 years with a permit, if an expat made at least Rs 150,000 per month for all consecutive years, he/she is allowed to apply for permanent residence (20 years).

OP Self-Employed Category:

This is for expats who have a one-person business. They must

have invested at least USD 35,000 in their professional activity and have a letter of intent from two prospective clients. This permit is valid for 10 years, after which it can be renewed as long as the expat made at least Rs 800,000 as from their 3rd year with the permit. If he/she made at least Rs 3 million in three consecutive years, he/she can then apply for a 20-year permanent resident permit.

Premium Visa:

This visa, issued free of charge, allows expats to work remotely from Mauritius for a company or clients who are abroad for 6-12 months.

Young Professional Occupation Permit (YPOP) in Mauritius

International students who have obtained at least an undergraduate degree from a Mauritian institution of higher learning are eligible to apply for a YPOP. This work permit is valid for the length of their employment contract, with a maximum duration of three years. The employer must submit the YPOP application to the Economic Development Board's Occupation Permit Unit via email at op@edbmauritius.org. If the employer wishes to continue employing the individual after the three-year period, they may apply for an Occupation Permit under the Professional category on the employee's behalf.









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be prepared to present your passport for various processes,

such as opening a bank account or applying for internet access.

Carry copies of your visa documents in your vehicle consistently. In essence, navigating bureaucracy is a part of the pro-

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"During interviews, ensure you have all

original documents and 2 copies of each

document requested. Keep the originals

and 2 copies of all other documents in a sep-

file with you. Even after obtaining your visa card,

Permanent residence permits in Mauritius

Non-residents wishing to work and live in Mauritius may apply for a 20-year residence permit, renewable for a further 20 years. This option is available to investors, retirees, professionals, self-employed foreigners, and their families.

eligible business activity entitles the holder to apply for a 20-year residence permit.

For applicants under salaried status:

- ▶ Hold an Occupation Permit (OP) for a minimum of 3 years;
- ▶ Maintain a basic monthly salary of at least Rs 150,000 for 3 consecutive years.

For applicants under entrepreneur status:

- ▶ Have held a OP for at least 3 years;
- ▶ Generate a minimum annual income of Rs 3 million for 3 consecutive years.

For applicants under investor status:

- ▶ Have held an OP for at least 3 years;
- ▶ Achieve either a minimum annual sales of Rs 15 million or cumulative sales of Rs 45 million over a 3-year period.

For applicants under real estate investor status:

A foreign national who has invested at least USD 375,000 in a property in Mauritius under the RES, IRS or PDS programs may apply for and enjoy residency as long as they remain the owner of the property in question.

Conditions to be met:

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To be eligible for a 20-year residence permit, individuals must meet the following criteria:

▶ Hold a Residence Permit for at least 3 years;

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- ▶ Have transferred a minimum of USD 54,000 or the equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency for a period of 3 years;
- ▶ Investing or having invested at least USD 375,000 in an















Spouses and children, including stepchildren and legally adopted children, may also apply for a residence permit.

The Premium Visa in Mauritius

The Premium Visa, offered at no cost, is designed retirees, or foreign professionals who wish to *reside in Mauritius*, either individually or with their family, for a duration of 6 months to 1 year, with the possibility of renewal. Foreign citizens already on the island and holding a Tourist Visa can also apply for a Premium Visa.

What are the benefits of the Mauritian Premium Visa?

Premium Visa holders are allowed to apply for an Occupation Permit to work or invest in Mauritius, or apply for a Residence Permit as a retired non-citizen by applying to the EDB in advance. They may also purchase a property marketed under various schemes, such as the Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), Real Estate Scheme

(RES), Property Development Scheme (PDS), Smart City Scheme (SCS), or G+2 (apartment).

The requirements to apply for the Premium Visa in Mauritius are as follows:

- ▶ Produce a certificate of the project in the framework of this long stay;
- ► Have travel and medical insurance covering the initial period of the stay;
- Promise not to join the Mauritian labor market under the Premium Visa;
- Work and receive income and profits from a company located outside Mauritius;
- ▶ Present documentary evidence supporting the application, such as the purpose of the visit, accommodation, etc.;
- Meet other basic immigration requirements.

How to apply for the Premium Visa in Mauritius?

The procedure is straightforward and can be carried out at no cost on the Mauritius Business Licensing Platform:

- Book your round-trip flight;
- Apply for the Premium Visa online;
- ► Receive the visa by email;

- ► Book your accommodation in Mauritius;
- ► Move to Mauritius;
- Notify the EDB in case of a change of address during the stay in Mauritius.

The documents to be provided at the time of application are:

- ► A valid passport;
- ► A copy of your return flight tickets;
- A passport-sized photo;
- ► Travel and *health insurance* covering the entire period of your stay;
- Proof of sufficient funds to support you and your family during your stay. This may include a bank statement or a bank certificate indicating your capacity to make a minimum monthly transfer of USD 1,500/EUR 1,300, depending on the prevailing exchange rate.

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Obtaining Mauritian citizenship

Obtaining Mauritian nationality is possible through naturalization, and the eligibility criteria vary for different categories of applicants:



Naturalization for foreigners or British Protected Persons

Residence criteria:

- ▶ A continuous period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of application;
- ▶ During the 7 years immediately preceding the 12-month period mentioned above, the applicant must have resided in Mauritius for a total of at least 5 years.

Application process:

- ▶ The application for naturalization must be presented to the Secretary of Home Affairs in the presence of a judge, the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court, or a District Magistrate;
- ▶ An advertisement must be published in 2 daily newspapers as per the application form.

Naturalization for Investors

Eligibility criteria:

- ▶ The investor must have invested a minimum of USD 500,000 in Mauritius;
- The investor must have resided in Mauritius for an uninterrupted period of at least 2 years prior to the date of application.

Application process:

► Submission of the application to the Secretary for Home Affairs in the presence of a judge, the Master and Regis-

- trar of the Supreme Court, or a District Magistrate;
- ▶ An advertisement must be published in 2 daily newspapers as per the application form.

Naturalization of Foreign Spouses of Mauritian Citizens

Residence criteria:

► The foreign spouse must have resided with their Mauritian spouse under the same matrimonial roof in Mauritius for a total period of 4 years immediately preceding the date of the application.

Application process:

▶ Submission of the application to the Secretary of Home Affairs in the presence of a Judge, the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court, or a District Magistrate.

Naturalization of Commonwealth Citizens

Residence criteria:

A Commonwealth citizen must have resided in Mauritius for a continuous period of 5 years or a shorter period (not less than 12 months) as accepted by the Minister in special circumstances.

These provisions are in accordance with the Mauritius Citizenship Act.

Investing in Mauritius

Mauritius is a prime destination for foreign investment, offering a stable democracy, adherence to the rule of law, and an independent legal system. The island has established double taxation agreements with 46 countries, providing a strong legal and regulatory framework. Additionally, Mauritius boasts excellent infrastructure supporting both its financial institutions and its air, land, and sea transport systems. In this chapter, we explore the various types of investments available, the most promising sectors, the administrative procedures for investors, and much more.



What's new for foreign investors in Mauritius?

The Mauritian economy has shown strong signs of an economic recovery from the challenges posed by the pandemic. According to an evaluation by the *IMF* in February 2024, Mauritius has bounced back, with the financial services and tourism industries showing remarkable resilience. This recovery has also brought economic diversification, the management of greenhouse gas emissions, and the control of inflation to the forefront of the national agenda.

Mauritius remains an attractive destination for foreign investment, thanks to its investor-friendly environment and strong commitment to international trade. The country's economic resilience not only reinforces its economic position but also highlights its dedication to sustainable development. At the same time, the government is working on enhancing transparency and streamlining business procedures through ongoing reforms. These efforts collectively position Mauritius as a significant player in the regional and global economy.

The Mauritian authorities want to offer a competitive and attractive investment climate. This climate is characterized by a straightforward and attractive tax system that prioritizes high-quality investments. Achieving this climate requires diversifying investment opportunities and streamlining administrative procedures through the Economic Development Board (EDB).

To reach these goals, Mauritius has put in place a number of measures that ensure a sustainable recovery. These measures have included extending the validity period of the *Occupation Permit* from 3 to 10 years.





Additionally, the minimum investment requirement for non-citizens wishing to start a business or invest in an existing company in Mauritius has been lowered from USD 100,000 to USD 50,000. The minimum investment needed to obtain a residence permit through a real estate purchase has also been lowered to USD 375,000. Let's not forget the long-awaited possibility for non-residents with an Occupation Permit to bring their families as dependents.

The role of the Economic Development Board (EDB) in Mauritius

The Economic Development Board (EDB) is the government agency tasked with promoting investment in Mauritius. To position the country as an international business hub, the EDB leverages its deep expertise across various economic sectors to offer tailored guidance to investors and guide them in bringing their investment projects to fruition. The EDB supports investors in these ways:

- Offering advice on investment opportunities in Mauritius;
- ► Providing information on promising sectors;
- Arranging visits and meetings at the client's request;
- ► Connecting potential investors with local partners.

In addition to the above services, the EDB also manages residence permit applications and oversees the completion of real estate investments under the Property Development Scheme (PDS).

The agency's primary purpose is to bring greater coherence and efficiency in policy implementation, in order to direct the country's development towards economic independence and a high-income status. To support this mission, the EDB has established facilitation offices in seven countries: France, South Africa, Kenya, India, China, Singapore and Japan.

Economic sectors in Mauritius

According to various surveys and indicators, Mauritius stands out as one of the freest and most business-friendly countries in Africa. In the 2024 Index of Economic Freedom published by the Heritage Foundation,

Mauritius ranked 19th worldwide, securing the top spot in Sub-Saharan Africa. Mauritius has also maintained its position as the most innovative country in Sub-Saharan Africa for the third year running in the Global Innovation Index 2024, where it ranks 57th out of 132 countries. These rankings affirm Mauritius' commitment to economic freedom, business-friendliness and innovation on both regional and global scales.

Existing and promising sectors

Key sectors propelling the growth of the Mauritian economy are tourism, financial and business services, information and communication technologies, textiles, seafood processing, real estate development, energy, and education and training. The country boasts an extensive marine Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covering 2.3 million square kilometers, which supports its growing ocean economy.



Emerging sectors in development sectors

The Mauritian government is actively promoting the growth of the ocean economy by encouraging investment in areas such as aquaculture, marine services, marine biotechnology, and oil and gas exploration. At the same time, efforts are underway to modernize traditional sectors such as coastal tourism, fishing, seafood processing, and port activities. Strategic initiatives are also being rolled out to boost industries like pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, renewable energy, and information and communication technologies. The overarching goal is to drive

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economic diversification and innovation while ensuring sustainability across all economic fronts. For more detailed data on key industries, visit the *EDB's* website.

Become an investor in Mauritius

To attract foreign investors and expertise while ensuring economic stability, the country offers various incentives for developing and expanding investment ideas. Notably, investors can benefit from a 10-year Occupation Permit through professional investments and a Residence Permit through real estate investments.

Foreign investors in Mauritius can take advantage of several tax incentives and investment credits:

- ▶ Interest earned by Collective Investment Funds or Open-Ended Funds established in Mauritius now have an increased exemption from 80% to 95%;
- ▶ Manufacturing companies can benefit from an annual investment credit of 15% for 3 consecutive years. This credit applies to expenses on new plant and machinery;
- PCCs (protected cell companies) and VCCs (variable capital companies) are treated as independent entities for tax recovery. They are offered more favorable tax treatment.



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Who is considered an "investor" in Mauritius?

The Immigration Act of 2022 defines an investor in Mauritius as anyone who actively contributes to the country's economic development. This includes foreign individuals, entities that are registered with the Economic Development Board (EDB), as well as associations run by non-citizens, provided they are also registered with the EDB.

The two main types of investors are:

Professional investors

Professional investors often choose Mauritius for their business ventures due to its strategic location at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africal its proximity to Réunion (an overseas department of France). Other appealing factors are the cost-effectiveness of setting up business headquarters here, as well as the presence of a skilled workforce on the island that is bilingual in French and English.

Professional investors benefit from a legal, fiscal and economic framework conducive to profitability.

Indeed, Mauritius is recognized for its business-friendly climate, ranking as one of the freest and most business-friendly countries in Africa. It also boasts a high Human Development Index (65 out of 191 countries in 2024) and an impressive economic freedom ranking (1st in Sub-Saharan Africa and 19th worldwide, according to the Heritage Foundation 2024).

In addition, the country has signed a China–Mauritius Free Trade Agreement that has been effective since January 2021, as well as another preferential trade agreement with India that came into effect in April 2021. Below, you can find out about the various schemes and initiatives that are offered to expatriate investors wishing to open their business in Mauritius or invest in an existing business on the island.

Real estate investors

Real estate investors choose Mauritius for several reasons, notably because of the absence of property tax, inheritance tax and capital gains tax. Add to that personal and rental income taxed at a flat rate of 15% for non-residents and tax rate up to 20% for residents and a stable political and economic framework, and you can own a piece of real estate with a high rental yield (between 4% and 10%).

If you are considering buying property in Mauritius as an expat, here is some important updated information to know:

- According to the law, you can buy a residential property worth at least USD 500,000 outside existing schemes if you are an expat resident. You will also have to pay an additional 10% as registration tax. It is worth noting, however, that the Prime Minister's Office has not yet accepted any of these requests;
- ▶ Foreign retirees and their families can obtain a residence permit by purchasing a property in a PDS project focusing on the elderly, provided the purchase price is over USD 200,000;
- Expats can acquire property in a Smart City by buying a property with a minimum value of USD 375,000;
- Expats can acquire a flat in a Ground + 2 building for Rs 6 millions minimum. This does not include a residence permit, however.

Below, you can find the different schemes and initiatives that are offered to foreign investors wishing to acquire real estate on the island.







Professional investors in Mauritius

The "Normal" investor must make an initial transfer of USD 50,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency to the bank account of the company where the application is submitted and generate a minimum gross income of Rs 4 million per year as from the third year of registration.

The Existing Net Asset Value investor needs to invest in existing and inherited businesses having a net asset value of at least USD 50,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency, together with a cumulative turnover of at least Rs 12 million over the 3 years leading up to the application.

The High Technology Machinery and Equipment Investor must make an initial investment of USD 50,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency. This includes transferring at least USD 25,000 to the bank account of the company where the application is submitted, as well as investing the remaining amount in high-tech machinery and equipment, according to criteria set by the CEO.

The Innovative Start-Up Investor offers two options: either submit an innovative project to the EDB without making a minimum investment, or register with an incubator accredited by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council.

The Premium Investor Certificate is issued by the Economic Development Board (EDB) to companies investing at least Rs 500 million and to companies involved in the manufacturing of pharmaceutical products and medical devices. It is much more than a piece of paper, for it provides access to special incentives based on recommendations from a technical committee

and after approval from the Minister. The scheme is designed to encourage the development of innovative sectors and attract new investors.

Starting a business in Mauritius

Mauritius is a world-renowned business center, ranked first in sub-Saharan Africa by the World Bank. It is the most relevant destination for foreign entrepreneurs wishing to create their company in a stable and dynamic environment. One can incorporate a company online at the Corporate and Business Registration Department. The capital of the company can be foreign, but the board of directors must be at least one resident or a domestic company.

Choosing the form of the company

In Mauritius, you can choose from 3 primary types of companies to establish: Domestic Companies, Global Business Companies, and Authorised Companies.

Each type has unique characteristics and is designed to suit specific business activities.

Global Headquarters: By choosing Mauritius to set up or relocate their regional administrative, accounting or procurement functions, multinationals obtain a global headquarters administration license, which makes them eligible for an 8-year tax vacation.

Global Business Company (GBC): Based in Mauritius, the GBC benefits from a wide range of double taxation agreements, essential for a smart tax strategy. This form of company allows to carry out business activities mainly outside Mauritius.

The Authorised Company: By being directed and managed from abroad, where it has its commercial activities, the Authorised Company is considered foreign for tax purposes.

The Protected Cell Company (PCC): Few countries offer this form of company. The PCC is governed by the Protected Cell Company Act 1999, and is a single legal entity consisting of a nucleus linked to a number of distinct and totally independent cells, including the nucleus. These cells are sometimes passive and sometimes active. The purpose of the PCC is to separate the business risks while protecting the assets and liabilities of each cell.

The Variable Capital Company (VCC): This legal structure is relevant to the traditional and alternative investment fund markets. Flexible, it is used for outbound investments in Mauritius: investment fund raising, insurance generation, structured finance and asset holding. This type of company has no capital requirement.

The trust: Governed by the Trusts Act 2001, this form of company concerns the management, transmission and protection of assets against several types of events (creditor claims, exchange control, commercial risk, etc.).

Ideal for tax strategy, it protects not only assets, but also confidential information. The trust requires no formal registration and benefits from total confidentiality. Moreover, the flexibility offered by the trust law determines the applicable law in terms of governance.

Private Trust Company (PTC): Investors choose this form of company when they are looking for a way to preserve family assets as a Trustee.

Foundation: Governed by the Foundation Act 2012, halfway between the trust and the company, it allows for estate and inheritance planning, management and protection of private wealth and asset holding strategies. When it is non-resident, the foundation is tax-exempt.

The Private Investment Fund: This structure allows investment managers and investors to send their investments to other continents.

Trading Company: Due to the geographical position of Mauritius, the trading company is an advantage for the exchange of goods and services with other countries in the region.

Freeport Company: The freeport provides its facilities to foreigners who set up their business in the export processing zone. They can use Mauritius as a center for repackaging or manufacturing

products to be exported according to the following quotas: 95% of products to foreign markets; 80% to African markets; 5% to the local market.

Regulatory Sandbox License (RSL): The RSL allows investors to carry out a business activity without a legal framework or adequate provisions under the existing legislation in Mauritius. The RSL is granted by the Economic Development Board to eligible companies with the objective of investing in innovative projects, under a set of agreed terms and conditions for a defined period. Any investor who has an innovative project for which there is no legal framework or adequate provisions covering the materialization of his project may submit a completed application for the issuance of an RSL. The applicant should be able to demonstrate the innovative nature of the project at the local, regional or international level. The conditions to benefit from the RSL program depend on the investment sector, FinTech or non-FinTech.

Good to know

Since January 1, 2019, the Global Business License (GBC2) category company has been replaced by the Standard Global Business License (GBL) company. As a result, Global Business License (GBC1) Category 1 companies have





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Registering the business

Any person carrying out a business activity in Mauritius and Rodrigues must register their business as provided for under the Business Registration Act 2002.

Registration can be done online or by submitting the required documents to the Corporate and Business Registration Department.

For online business registration, visit *the CBRD registration portal*.

After submitting the application form and making payment, you will receive an electronic business registration card.

Incorporating a business in Mauritius

Incorporating a company can be done online or by filing the complete file at the Registrar of Companies office. Before proceeding, make sure the name you have chosen for your company is available.

For online incorporation, start by registering on the CBRD online portal.

To incorporate a company at the Corporate Business Registration Department office, complete the "Application for incorporation of a company" form (Form 1) and submit it to the Corporate Business Registration Department

along with the other required forms, depending on the situation.

Companies are automatically registered as employers with the Mauritius Revenue Authority upon incorporation.

The law does not require a seal for transactions with third parties, except for global trading companies, as required in other countries.

Once registered, the BRC is assigned the Business Registration Number (BRN), a unique identification number for the company.

The electronic certificate of incorporation is issued at no additional cost and is a valid KYC document. Its authenticity can be verified with local authorities.

FIND OUT MORE

Registrar of Companies - Corporate and Business: companies.govmu.org/Pages/default.aspx

Registration Department:https://companies.govmu.org/Pages/Downloadable%20Forms/

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Economic Development Board: www.edbmauritius.org or www.residency.mu

Financial Services Commission: www.fscmauritius.org/en/being-licensed/applying-for-a-licence/global-business

Residing in Mauritius as an investor

The Mauritian government's policy is to favor quality investment and to ensure the viability of investment projects by foreign nationals. Foreign investors are eligible for the Occupation Permit, provided that they:

- Are able to justify a turnover of Rs 2 million for the first year and a cumulative turnover of at least Rs 10 million for the next 2 consecutive years;
- ▶ Prove an initial investment of USD 100,000 (or equivalent in any other currency). Foreign investors, who have been operating in Mauritius for at least 3 years prior to applying for an occupation permit, must have a cumulative turnover of at least Rs 12 million for the last 3 years. This condition also applies to foreign investors, who inherit a company, in case of death or incapacity of the previous investor, when this company has a turnover of at least Rs 12 million during the last 3 years.













































Real estate programs for expats in Mauritius

Mauritius offers a range of real estate investment schemes designed to attract both foreign and local investors. These programs include:

▶ VEFA (Vente en État Futur d'Achèvement) or off-plan sales;



- ▶ Integrated Resort Scheme
- ▶ Real Estate Scheme (RES);
- Smart City Scheme (SCS);
- ► Ground+2 (G+2);
- ► Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS):
- ▶ Property Development Scheme (PDS).

Through these schemes, expats can invest in real estate in Mauritius. Some of these schemes also provide eligibility for a residence permit as long as the investment is of at leastUSD 375,000 and the expat retains ownership of the property directly or indirectly.

Who can buy a property in Mauritius?

The following individuals and entities are allowed to purchase VEFA, IRS, RES, PDS, SCS, G+2, and IHS in Mauritius:

- ► Foreign nationals;
- Mauritian nationals;
- ► Companies incorporated or registered under the Companies Act 2001:
- ► Civil companies governed by the Mauritius Civil Code, with articles of association filed with the Mauritius Registrar of Companies;
- ► Limited partnerships governed by the Limited Partnership Act:
- ▶ Trusts with at least one Qualified Trustee licensed by the Mauritius Financial Services Commission:
- ▶ Foundations governed by the Foundation Act.

Important

All new IRS and RES residential projects open to foreign investors in Mauritius are grouped under the Property Development Scheme (PDS). Consequently, any property marketed under the PDS / IRS and RES names is subject to the following purchase formalities.

The EDB has created a complete guide on the purchase of real estate in IRS / RES and PDS in Mauritius.

The VEFA (Vente en État Futur d'Achèvement) or off-plan sales

VEFA, or "off-plan purchase", is governed by Article 1601 of the Mauritian Civil Code and requires a notarial deed. Properties under the IRS, RES, and PDS schemes can all be acquired through VEFA. This type of program involves the purchase of a property that has not yet been built, is under construction, or for which the developer guarantees delivery after completion.

To provide an idea of the outcome, the developer furnishes the purchaser with plans and diagrams of the upcoming real estate project. The developer is also responsible for obtaining the building permit, securing the relevant insurance, overseeing the works, etc.

Who might be interested?

The VEFA is designed for both Mauritians and expatriates, offering various benefits to those investing in real estate in Mauritius, including:



- Participating in the design of their property (interior layout);
- Paying for their purchase in installments;
- ► Applying for a Residence Permit for themselves and their immediate family for any purchase worth USD 375,000 or more.

Formalities to be completed:

- Signature of the reservation contract;
- Security deposit;
- ► Notarial deed;
- ► Final contract of sale, drawn up by a notary;
- ▶ Delivery of the property;
- ► Completion guarantees.

Good to know

For Mauritian citizens, a special provision has been introduced under the Home Ownership Scheme for properties acquired under the VEFA regime. Buyers can benefit from a refund up to Rs 500,000, calculated based on the amount paid under the VEFA agreement. This opportunity is available until June 30, 2025. It also covers loan amounts paid

Signature of the reservation contract and deposit

The buyer and the developer sign a contract confirming the reservation of the property to come. In the absence of a reservation contract, the developer can proceed directly to the final sales contract.

What the reservation contract must contain

The document must clearly mention:

- ► The type of property;
- ▶ Its description;
- ➤ The sale price and, if applicable, the conditions for its revision;
- ► The date of conclusion of the final contract:
- ► The deadline for the implementation of the work;
- ➤ The legal conditions of renunciation of the purchase by the buyer, with recovery of the deposit;
- ► The suspensive condition of financing if the buyer wishes to resort to a real estate loan.

The security deposit

Following the signature of the reservation contract, the buyer deposits a sum representing up to 25% of the property's value on an escrow account opened in the buyer's name at a notary's office or in a financial institution. Be careful – this deposit must be paid only when both parties have signed the reservation contract.

In the event of non-realization of the real estate project, the promoter must return this deposit to the purchaser. If the buyer later decides not to buy the property, he/she must respect certain conditions to get his/her deposit back.



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The deed of sale for a property to be completed in the future is prepared by a notary. The Mauritian Civil Code outlines the required content of this document as follows:

- ► Accurate description of the property in VEFA;
- ▶ Date of completion of the construction:
- ▶ Delivery date expressed in months, with late penalties in the event of delay;
- ➤ Financial guarantee of completion of the works and/or a reimbursement and construction insurance;
- Mention of administrative authorizations (building permit, etc.):
- ▶ Price of the property;
- ► Schedule of payments;
- The final sales contract drawn up by a notary.

The notary issues the contract, equivalent to a title deed, one month before it should be signed. It indicates the rights and obligations of the buyer towards the seller – the precise and final description of the property.

Delivery of the property

This is when the developer hands over the keys to the buyer.

This stage marks the activation of the mandatory two-year and ten-year guarantees, including the following:

► Guarantee of perfect completion (Articles 1642-1 and 1648 al. 2);

- ► Guarantee of the proper functioning of the separable equipment elements (Articles 1646-1 and 1792 of the Civil Code on biennial guarantees);
- ▶ Decennial guarantee (Articles 1646-1 and 1792 of the Civil Code).

Although the buyer can be entirely happy with the result, he/she can also claim the guarantee of perfect completion during the year following the reception of the property if he/she notices defects in it.

If the purchaser has reservations upon acceptance of the work, he/she is entitled to ask the developer to remedy it and to resume the work within an agreed period.

Completion guarantees

To protect the purchaser, in the case of a property that will be inhabited, the developer is obliged to provide him/her with:

A completion guarantee or financial completion guarantee (Garantie Financière d'Achèvement or GFA). It is a bank guarantee through which a financial institution undertakes to advance the sums required for the completion of the work in the event of default by the developer. The financial guarantee of completion allows the building to be completed without canceling the sale;



























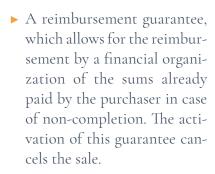












The guarantees of a VEFA construction

By choosing VEFA, the buyer benefits from several key guarantees:

- > 2-year equipment warranty: This optional warranty covers the functioning of equipment that can be separated from the construction, such as shutters and taps.
- ▶ 10-year warranty against hidden defects: This comprehensive warranty covers any defects affecting the structural integrity of the building, such as in the foundation and roof. The buyer has 10 years from the delivery date to report these issues.
- ▶ Damage insurance: The developer arranges for a damage insurance that ensures coverage for any work related to the 10year warranty. This insurance is effective for the full duration of the warranty period.

The stages for the staggered payment of a VEFA property are:

- ▶ 25% of the sale price upon signature of the sales contract;
- ▶ 10% on completion of the foundation work;
- > 35% upon completion of the roof;

- ▶ 25% upon completion of the work;
- ▶ 5% on delivery.

Good to know

For Mauritian citizens: The refund, calculated based

The integrated resort sheme (IRS)

Introduced in 2001 by the Mauritian government and regulated by the Economic Development Board (EDB), the Integrated

Resort Scheme (IRS) was created to benefit large sugar companies. It offers properties located in settings well-equipped for leisure, entertainment, and well-being, such as golf courses, marinas, beach clubs, pavilions, and wellness centers surrounding residences.

Through this program, non-residents can buy villas, townhouses, penthouses, duplex apartments, and serviced plots of land (maximum size: 1.25 A or 5,276 m²). They and their dependents can obtain a residence permit by investing a minimum of USD 375,000.

Owners are entitled to rent out the property through the developer or a provider of property management services designated by the developer, may become tax residents in Mauritius, and freely repatriate funds or income from the sale or rental of the property. Non-citizens holding a residence permit under the IRS are also exempted from requiring an occupation or work permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Standardization of Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) fees

A procedural fee of Rs 25,000 is required for each application.

Who might be interested in the IRS?

The IRS is designed to attract high-income expats, offering them the opportunity to invest in luxury villas.



Non-citizens, citizens, companies, or trusts wishing to acquire a property under the IRS scheme must complete the following formalities:

- ► Sign a reservation contract with the seller.
- ► Have the developer submit the IRS acquisition form to the Economic Development Board (EDB).
- ▶ Upon receiving approval from the EDB, the buyer and seller will prepare the sales contract, which must be signed in the presence of a local notary.

The Real Estate Scheme (RES)

The Real Estate Scheme (RES), introduced in 2007, aims to encourage the development of affordable and less restrictive projects on smaller plots of land. All RES projects must include at least 6 high-end residential units, be developed on freehold land ranging from 1 to 24 arpents (each arpent is about 0.85 acres), and offer options for purchasing smaller properties.

While IRS properties require a minimum sale amount of USD 375,000, the RES does not have a minimum sale threshold. However, buyers are not automatically eligible for a Residence Permit unless they invest at least USD 375,000. Property owners may rent out their properties through the developer or a provider of property management

services designated by the developer, become tax residents in Mauritius, and freely repatriate funds or income from the sale or rental.

Non-citizens with a residence permit under the RES are also exempt from needing an occupation or work permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Standardization of Real Estate Scheme (RES) procedural fees

The RES procedural fees have been standardized to include a fee of Rs 25,000 per application.

Who may be interested?

The RES targets expats with a limited budget who may wish to live in Mauritius without a residence permit (less than 6 months per calendar year) while maintaining a property base in the country.

Formalities to be completed

Non-citizens, citizens, companies, or trusts seeking to acquire a property under the RES scheme must follow these steps:

- ➤ Sign a reservation contract with the seller (either the property developer or owner).
- ► Have the developer submit the RES acquisition form to the Economic Development Board (EDB) in Mauritius.
- After receiving the EDB's approval letter, both the buyer and seller must prepare the sales contract, which must then be signed in the presence of a local notary.

Smart City Scheme (SCS)

The Smart City Scheme (SCS) was designed by the government to promote Mauritius as an international business hub and encourage sustainable development.

As a result, each smart city must:

- ▶ Be built on a land area over 21,105 hectares;
- Have residential properties, commercial facilities and recreational amenities;
- Be optimized for energy efficiency;
- ▶ Be accessible to retirees who can acquire life rights;
- Be equipped with affordable housing units for middle-income earners;
- ▶ Be open to Mauritian citizens and people registered with the Mauritian Diaspora Scheme (at least 25% of residential properties);
- Allow Smart City companies and developers to sell land for residential and non-residential purposes;
- Have a company dedicated to the smart management of common areas.

Benefits of investing in a Smart City program as an individual:

Allows expats to apply for a residence permit for any investment of at least USD 375,000 in real estate;



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- ► Allows expats to purchase office space in Mauritius;
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Exemptions upon investing in the development and/or components of a Smart City in Mauritius for companies:

- Income tax exemption for a period of 8 years;
- VAT exemption on capital goods;
- Customs duties exemption on the import or purchase of dutiable goods;
- ► Real estate transfer tax exemption and registration tax exemption on land transfer;
- ▶ Land conversion tax exemption on the area allocated to the development of non-residential components;
- ► Subdivision tax exemption.

Who may be interested?

- An expat who wishes to buy a townhouse, a villa, an apartment, a penthouse or a duplex in Mauritius;
- ► An expat wishing to obtain a residence permit via real es-

tate investment (minimum amount of USD 375,000) and who wishes to be able to rent and resell without incurring any fees;

 Companies looking for a favorable and sustainable tax environment.

Sale of serviced land within a Smart City Project

The deadline for non-citizen resident expats holding a residence permit who wish to acquire a serviced plot of land not exceeding 2,100 m² in a Smart City has been extended to June 30, 2026.

Under the new Smart City Scheme (SCS), expats and their family members are granted a Mauritian residence permit upon the acquisition of a property with a minimum sale price of USD 375,000.

The Ground+2 (G+2)

A **G+2 apartment** refers to a property situated a minimum of two floors above the ground floor.

Non-citizens can obtain a residence permit upon purchasing a residential property in such a

building, provided the purchase amount is at least USD 375,000 or its equivalent in any freely convertible foreign currency or in Mauritian rupees.

The residence permit remains valid as long as the non-citizen retains ownership of the property under the **G+2 scheme**.

Who can be interested?

A G+2 apartment can be sold off-plan, during construction, or after completion. Most importantly, it can also be purchased outside the residential schemes previously mentioned. Expats are now permitted to buy apartments in developments not covered by the approved residential programs.

Formalities

To be eligible for the G+2 program, the purchaser must meet the following requirements:

- ► The purchase price is not less than Rs 6 million;
- ➤ The apartment must be used according to the terms indicated on the purchase authorization;







- ➤ The owner is not allowed to transfer or assign the apartment without the authorization of the Economic Development Board (EDB);
- ➤ The owner is not allowed to practice real estate speculation for 6 months;
- ► This type of property is subject to property taxes and duties calculated on its current market value:
- Any resale (with no minimum price) or transfer must be requested in writing to the EDB 30 days before the sale or transfer;
- ► A procedural fee of Rs 25,000 per application applies to expats purchasing G+2 apartments.

The Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS)

The Invest Hotel Scheme (IHS), established in 2010, allows hotels to sell their rooms, suites, or villas to buyers before, during, or after the hotel's construction.

According to the Economic Development Board (EDB), the IHS offers foreign investors and individuals the chance to own exclusive hotel units in Mauritius.

Non-citizens can purchase rooms or hotel units in both new and existing hotels approved by the IHS. These units are sold under the co-ownership regulations outlined by the Mauritian Civil Code. For off-plan purchases, the transaction is conducted under the VEFA system, also governed by the Mauritian

Civil Code.

Owners of these units enjoy access to the luxury hotel's topnotch amenities, including dining services, full-service spas, fitness centers, and swimming pools.

Unit owners or their representatives can use the unit for up to 45 days per year and can generate income through the sale-leaseback model.

Purchasing a unit for at least USD 375,000 also makes the owner eligible for a residence permit.

Who may be interested?

- ► A non-citizen of Mauritius;
- ► A Mauritian citizen;
- ► A company registered as a foreign company under the Companies Act 2001;
- ► A company incorporated under the Companies Act 2001;
- ▶ A company, the memorandum of association of which is filed with the Registrar of Companies;
- ➤ A trust, where the trust services are provided by a qualified trustee licensed by the Financial Services Commission.

Good to know

A GBL or tax resident company, within the meaning of the Financia Services Act 2007, is not authorized to acquire a property under the IHS scheme.

Formalities

To acquire a detached villa, the investment must be at least USD 375,000 or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency (excluding taxes).

For other types of units, there is no minimum investment requirement.

When purchasing a unit or any part of a hotel from a non-Mauritian citizen, a company with non-Mauritian shareholders, a trust with a non-Mauritian beneficiary, or with a business partner who is a non-Mauritian, the payment must be made in Mauritian rupees, US dollars, euros, pounds sterling, or any other freely convertible currency.

If payment is made in a currency other than USD, the EDB will convert it to USD using the exchange rate on the application date, ensuring that the amount meets or exceeds USD 375,000 for individual villas.

For non-Mauritian citizens buying a unit or part of a hotel, the investment must be funded with money from outside Mauritius and transferred through a reputable bank listed in the Bank of Mauritius' Banking Almanac.

Non-Mauritian citizens can take out a bank loan in Mauritian rupees, but the initial USD 500,000 (EUR 450,000) must be paid in convertible foreign currency, and loan repayments must also be made in convertible foreign currency.







Foreign buyers must provide the following documents:

- ► Authenticated copies of the first 5 pages of their passport;
- Authenticated birth certificate;
- Certificate of good character issued within the last 3 months;
- A letter from the bank certifying the buyer's KYC (Know Your Client) compliance.

Property Development Scheme (PDS)

Upon a purchase through the Property Development Scheme (PDS), expatriates can obtain a residence permit if they invest USD 375,000 or more, or the equivalent in another freely convertible currency.

The PDS has been introduced to replace the IRS and RES schemes, enabling new luxury real estate developments to be sold to foreign nationals.

This program offers expats the opportunity to invest in environmentally-friendly luxury developments where ecological considerations are a key focus.

Launched in 2015, the PDS emphasizes flexibility, local social and economic benefits, and environmental respect. Projects must feature at least 6 high-end residential units and be built on a minimum plot size of 5,275 m².

The Property Development Scheme (PDS) is designed for:

► Developing luxury residential

units on lots of at least 1 acre.

- ► Creating at least 6 luxury properties (such as villas, houses, apartments, penthouses, duplexes, or building plots).
- Providing quality public spaces to encourage social interaction and community spirit.
- Offering high-quality recreational and commercial facilities to enhance the residential environment.
- Delivering management services including maintenance, custodial care, gardening, and waste management.
- Contributing to the community through social facilities and development projects.



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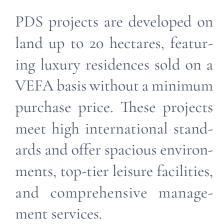


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By investing over USD 375,000 in a PDS project, non-citizens, along with their spouse and children, are eligible for a residence permit as long as they retain ownership of the property. Furthermore, non-residents with a PDS residence permit are exempt from needing an occupation or work permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Extension of land purchase opportunities for non-citizen residents in Mauritius

The opportunity for non-citizen residents holding a residence permit, a permanent residence permit, or a residence permit to acquire serviced land of less than 2,100 m² within PDS projects has been extended until June 30, 2026. This decision, part of the 2023-2024 budget speech, includes the extension of the possibility of acquiring serviced land within Property Development Scheme (PDS) projects until the same date. These initiatives aim to stimulate property investment and strengthen Mauritius' position as an attractive destination for non-citizen residents

looking to invest in real estate.

Benefits of the PDS scheme in Mauritius

When expats purchase a villa under the PDS scheme and invest more than USD 375,000 or its equivalent in another freely convertible currency, they become eligible for a residence permit. This permit remains valid as long as they own the property, and it allows the expats to benefit from Mauritius' favorable tax policy if they reside here for more than 183 days per year.

It also extends to the expats' immediate family, including his/her spouse and children.

Registration fees under the PDS are uniformly set at 5%. Note that the conversion tax does not apply to 9-hole golf courses. Expats can also choose to rent out their property through the developer or a provider of property management services designated by the developer.

Both individuals and businesses benefit from the PDS' advantageous tax rates of 0% to 20%, along with a 5% registration fee on real estate transactions. There are no capital gains taxes on property sales and no withholding taxes on interest or dividends for residents. For non-residents the tax deducted at source is 15%.

Additional benefits include duty exemptions on equipment and the ability to freely repatriate profits, dividends, and capital. For French buyers, this investment is excluded from wealth tax calculations (ISF) and is not subject to the Generalized Social Contribution (CSG) tax, property tax, or housing tax.

Who can be interested?

The following individuals or entities are eligible to purchase a residential property through the PDS scheme:

- An individual, who is a Mauritian citizen, non-citizen; or member of the Mauritian diaspora;
- A company incorporated or registered under the Companies Act;
- A company whose memorandum of association is filed with the Corporate and Business Registration Department;
- ► A limited partnership within the meaning of the Limited Partnerships Act;
- A trust, where guardianship services are provided by a qualified trustee;
- A foundation under the Foundations Act;
- An expat holding an Occupation Permit or Resident Permit in Mauritius who is in search of a luxury villa with services and amenities, or of a luxury apartment with services and amenities, or of a penthouse with services and amenities, or of other similar properties that are or can be used as a serviced residence.







Formalities

There are 3 cases: (1) the purchase of a PDS property by an individual; (2) the purchase of a PDS property by a company; and (3) the purchase of a commercial PDS property by a company.

Purchase of a PDS property by an individual

The application to purchase a PDS property must be submitted to the Economic Development Board (EDB) by a company that specializes in the PDS program. This company will carry out the Know Your Client (KYC) exercise and open an Escrow Account in the expat's name. The application must be made online through the Property Acquisition and Management System. A non-refundable fee of Rs 25,000, payable by cheque, is applied to each application.

The following documents are required from an individual buyer:

- ► A certified/notarized copy of the first 5 pages of his or her passport;
- ► A certified/notarized copy of his or her birth certificate;
- ▶ A letter from his/her bank certifying that the KYC exercise has been completed.

If expats wish to apply for a residence permit in Mauritius, they will also need to provide the following documents:

- ▶ A completed residence permit application form;
- ▶ An extract of their criminal record dated less than 6

- months prior to the applica-
- ► A certified/notarized copy of their birth certificate:
- ▶ A medical certificate dated less than 6 months prior to the application, certifying that they are free of any illness;
- ► An extract of their marriage certificate and the birth certificate of their children, if they are being accompanied by family members, as well as their passports;
- ▶ A medical certificate for each of their dependents;
- ▶ Their spouse's criminal re-
- 2 passport-size photos for the applicant and his/her spouse.

Purchase of a PDS property by a company

In the case of a company wishing to purchase a property under the PDS scheme, an application must be made to the Economic Development Board (EDB) for authorization. The following documents must be submitted:

- ▶ The company's certificate of registration, showing that it has been registered as a foreign company under the Companies Act of 2001, or a certificate of incorporation;
- ▶ The company's registration card;
- ► The register of shareholders;
- ▶ A resolution of the Board of Directors, issued by the Secretary or Director for the appointment of a foreign na-

- tional (shareholder, executive director or general manager) to occupy the residential property and stay in the country as a resident;
- ▶ All the above-mentioned documents in the case of foreign nationals applying for a resident permit accompanied by their dependents.

Purchase of a commercial PDS property by a company

Expats who are not registered with the Economic Development Board (EDB) can purchase commercial space in a building to develop their business under the PDS or Smart City scheme. This building can be a shopping mall, office building or warehouse. An application must be made to the EDB for a permit. EDB for a permit.

Documents to be submitted:

- ► A completed application form signed by the company direc-
- ▶ The company's Certificate of Incorporation and register of shareholders;
- ► A business plan containing details of the shareholders, project, time frame and financing of the project;
- ▶ A site plan issued by a sworn surveyor that indicates the precise location and size of the property;
- ▶ An appraisal report of the property issued by a surveyor or appraiser;
- ▶ A bill of sale drawn up between the seller and buyer in the presence of a notary public in Mauritius;

























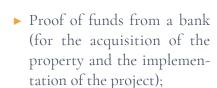












- ► An Outline Planning Permission issued by the local authorities if construction works are planned;
- ► A letter of power of attorney in the case of a third-party application;
- A letter of intent issued by Mauritius Tourism Authority in the case of tourism activities, such as the development of a hotel, restaurant development, yacht company, tour operating company, etc.

Payment schedule for a real estate purchase under an PDS project

The reservation contract must be drafted by a notary. Once the application to the Economic Development Board (EDB) has been approved, the deed of sale can be signed and registered.

When the acquisition of a PDS property is done off-plans or during the construction phase, the contract is governed by the provisions of an off-plan sale (VEFA) or a forward sale, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 1601-1 to 1601-45 of the Mauritius Civil Code.

On 6 December 2024, the Cabinet approved amendments to the IRS, RES, IHS, PDS, and SCS scheme regulations, impacting non-citizens purchasing residential properties. Buyers are now required to pay 85% of the purchase price in Mauritian rupees after transferring funds from abroad in a convertible hard currency. The remaining 15% may be paid in either foreign currency (USD, EUR, or other convertible currencies) or Mauritian rupees.

Notary's Role and Responsibilities

According to the Notaries Act, notaries are responsible for:

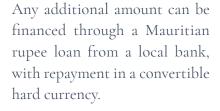
Transferring 85% of the price in Mauritian rupees and the remaining 15% in either foreign currency or Mauritian rupees to the property developer.

Registering the notarial deed within eight days and handling the registration duty payment in a convertible foreign currency.

Local Loan Financing

For properties priced above USD 750,000:

The initial USD 750,000 or equivalent must be paid to the promoter in Mauritian rupees, transferred from abroad.



Good to know

Owners of real estate under the IRS, RES, or PDS schemes can rent out their properties through the developer or a provider of property management services designated by the developer, gain tax residency in Mauritius, and freely repatriate funds or income from property sales or rentals without any restrictions. Non-citizens with a residence permit under these schemes are also exempt from needing an Occupation Permit or Work Permit to invest and work in Mauritius.

Residence Permit

To obtain a residence permit through the acquisition of a real estate residence, a minimum of USD 375,000 is required. The purchaser and his family members (spouse and children under 24 years of age) become eligible for the Mauritian residence permit, which is valid for the entire period of ownership of the property.

A procedural fee of Rs 25,000 per application will be introduced for foreigners applying for residence permits under residential schemes.





Working in Mauritius

The small, prosperous republic of Mauritius has risen to become one of the most progressive economies in Africa. Its strategic location in the heart of the Indian Ocean makes it a prime destination for work and investment. Here's everything you need to know if you want to find or have found a job in Mauritius.



The job market

The Mauritian economy is a service economy, so the labor market is dominated by this sector. The largest employers are in the fields of financial and IT services and tourism, and some of the jobs most in demand are in cybersecurity experts, software developers, fintech experts, digital marketers, green energy specialists, and healthcare professionals.

Keep in mind that, as an expat, you need to meet certain salary requirements to work in Mauritius. For instance, to obtain an Occupation Permit, you must receive a salary of over Rs 22,550 per month. In addition, an employer must justify hiring a foreigner, especially if the skills are available among the local population. Your added value will, therefore, be a rare skill that is difficult to

find among the Mauritian workforce.

Good to know

Mauritius has introduced the minimum wage in 2023 which is now Rs 17,000 per month, and measures to promote flexible work schedules, such as the right of a worker to request flexitime from his/her employer. Following the general elections in November 2024, the new government is likely also to implement new labor laws.

What are the most dynamic sectors?

Formerly driven by sugar cane, today, the Mauritian economy is based on manufacturing, real estate and construction, logistics, financial services, ICT and tourism.

This dynamism has encouraged both local and foreign investors, who together contribute to Mauritius' healthy job market.

At present, apart from the public sector, there are sectors that are particularly dynamic in terms of recruitment:

- ▶ Information and communication technologies (ICT);
- ► Agro-food industry;
- ► Creative industry;
- ► Education;
- ► Financial services;
- ► Freeport and logistics;
- ► Health & wellness;
- ▶ Life sciences;
- ► Manufacturing;
- ► Marine economy;
- ► Real estate & hospitality;
- Renewable energy;
- ► Sports economy.







Other sectors to explore:

- ► Education;
- ► Medical biology;
- ► Sustainable energy;
- Agri-food industry;
- Sea products;
- ▶ Ocean industry.

The most sought-

after professions:

- ► Cybersecurity;
- ► Software development;
- Writing/content creation;
- ▶ Web design;
- ► Communication;
- Marketing/sales;
- ▶ Digital marketing;
- ► Civil engineering.

contribute to its strength and growth.

At the moment, outside of the civil service or public sector, these are the fields that are recruiting the most:

The technology sector is experiencing rapid growth, driving strong demand for cybersecurity specialists, software developers, web designers, and experts in emerging technologies like AI. The upcoming Côte d'Or Data Technology Park, which will have 10 specialized centers, will create even more jobs in tech in the near future.

The financial services sector continues to seek professionals in accounting, finance and fintech, reflecting Mauritius's development as a regional financial hub.

As tourism and hospitality rebounds after the 2020-2022 pandemic, there is an increased demand for hospitality professionals, including hotel staff, restaurant personnel, and tour operators, to cater to the growing number of visitors. This sector is also severely affected by a brain drain of Mauritian workers to other countries, so it is looking to recruit expats.

Ongoing **real estate** developments have led to a surge in demand for construction workers, engineers, and property management professionals.

BÉATRICE DE MICHELENA, A FRENCH LAWYER:

Upon obtaining my permanent residency, I embarked on a job search and was pleasantly surprised to receive offers relatively quickly, bringing me a sense of both

s u r - prise and relief.

For more than 2 and a half years, I have been employed at Uteem Chambers, a law firm specializing in the financial and offshore sectors, as well as handling business and day-to-day litigation. Our collaboration extends to a management company, UC Solutions Ltd.

The legal practice in Mauritius presents unique aspects, given its blend of French and Common Law influences. English is the predominant language for legal proceedings. Interestingly, Mauritius has preserved the avocat/avoué distinction, a concept no longer existing in France. To practice as a Mauritian lawyer, one must hold Mauritian nationality, limiting foreign lawyers from pleading in court but allowing them to practice as foreign lawyers.

My advice is to establish a specialization or unique expertise that sets you apart. In my case, my proficiency in French law, encompassing both national and international aspects, proves to be a valuable asset, particularly since many lawyers in Mauritius were called to the bar in England.

What are the most dynamic sectors in Mauritius for expats?

Once centered around the sugar industry, Mauritius's economy has diversified significantly, now focusing on IT and financial services (especially in the BPO sector, tourism, real estate, and manufacturing. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, IT and financial services have become more important in the local economy, as they proved to be a very resilient sector. The Mauritian economy attracts both local and international investors who





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Construction is another field with a labor shortage in Mauritius, which means that it is easier for expats to get recruited in it.

The healthcare sector is recruiting nurses, medical assistants, and specialist doctors to meet the needs of an aging population and to enhance medical services across the island. Furthermore, Mauritius is currently trying

to develop a pharmaceutical sector, so it has set in place incentives for expats who want to contribute to this sector, such as refunds on air freight costs and exemptions on land transfer and conversion taxes to build their facilities

Requirements to hire expats in Mauritius

Many Mauritian companies hire expats to work in Mauritius, provided they comply with the provisions of the Non-Citizens (Employment restriction) Act. They must therefore ensure that their foreign employees have a valid Residence or Occupation Permit under the "Professional" category to work and live in Mauritius.

If this is not the case, the company will have to apply on behalf of the employee.

The Occupation Permit "Professional" (Employee)

The Occupation Permit allows a foreign professional to work for a company incorporated in Mauritius. The company must meet the following conditions:

- Pay a basic salary of at least Rs 22,500 (lowered from Rs 30,000 in 2024);
- ► Handle the Occupation Permit "Professional" application on behalf of the employee.



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- Savannah (South)



Work Permit for Labor and Non-Labor Jobs

Expats must contact the right person, depending on their job category. For blue-collar jobs, the work permit is issued by the Ministry of Labour, and Industrial Relations. Others are subject to an Occupation Permit, which is processed by the Economic Development Board.

Finding a job

For expats, finding a job in Mau-



ritius need not be daunting: it is possible to apply from abroad. Nevertheless, it is strongly advised to be on the island to have a better, hands-on idea of the labor market and to take advantage of a network that has proven its worth via word-of-mouth. If you have a specialized profile, do not hesitate to call upon the services of a headhunter, whose network will be particularly extensive. What's more, this professional is often also aware of hidden opportunities, i.e., not advertised to the public but still available.

As for LinkedIn, update your profile by indicating your openness to new professional opportunities. For better visibility, change your location to Mauritius so that recruiters and companies can find you more easily.

Target sectors looking to recruit expats

Like in any country, sectors facing a labor or skills shortage in Mauritius are generally more willing to hire expats. In contrast, saturated sectors tend to be less open to employing non-citizens, unless you possess qualifications and experience that significantly surpass those of the average local candidate.

Here are the sectors that might be more interested in hiring expat employees. Please note that this might change in the future, as the labor market is always changing.

- ► Tourism and hospitality is a sector that is currently experiencing a severe labor shortage in Mauritius, partly due to the brain drain of Mauritian professionals in this sector to cruise ships and other countries. The number of unfilled vacancies in this sector means that you, as an expat, will have an easier time getting hired. Furthermore, as Mauritius has lowered the salary requirement for expat workers from Rs 30,000 to Rs 22,500 in 2024, it means that you can also start in an entry-level position at first and then climb up the ladder. Your foreign language proficiency and international exposure as an expat will make your profile even more attractive to employers in the Mauritian tourism sector.
- Mauritius is trying to develop its technology sector, especially after it has proved to be very economically resilient during the Covid-19 pandemic. A Data Technology Park is currently being built in Côte d'Or and will likely be operational in the next few years. This technology park will create even more tech jobs. If you have advanced skills in Artificial Intelligence, blockchain, robotics fintech, cybersecurity, and software development, your skills are highly sought in this emerging sector. Tax incentives have been introduced to encourage entrepreneurship related to AI and robotics in Mauritius.



Notably, the 2024/2025 budget announced that companies holding a Robotic and Artificial Intelligence Enabled Advisory Services license can enjoy a 80% tax exemption.

- ► The real estate sector, including luxury real estate, is booming in Mauritius. This means that skills in construction, civil engineering and property management are highly sought.
- ▶ The healthcare and pharmaceutical sector also needs more highly-skilled professionals. As the Mauritian population ages, there is a need for more specialist doctors, nurses, and nursing assistants. There is a shortage of nurses in Mauritian hospitals, which means that it might be easier for expat nurses to get recruited. Mauritius is investing in developing a local pharmaceutical sector. It has created incentives for locals and expats who want to contribute to this sector, such as reim-



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bursements for air freight expenses and exemptions from land transfer and conversion taxes for constructing their facilities.

▶ The financial sector has proved to be resilient during the Covid-19 pandemic, and in the post-pandemic years, it has grown significantly, which means that there is now an even greater need for professionals in finance, fintech and accounting. Similar to the situation in the Mauritian tourism industry, many Mauritian accountants and auditors have left the country for other opportunities in recent years, which means that there are now more vacancies for these positions.

Use job websites, LinkedIn and associations to find work

Even if you are still abroad, hundreds of Mauritian companies and contacts are a finger's click away through your laptop screen. Start browsing local job sites, connecting with Mauritian professionals in your field, and emailing companies based in Mauritius from your home country.

Here is a list of websites in Mauritius that post job ads:

- ► Expat.com Jobs
- ► MyJob
- ► CareerHub
- ► TipTopJob

- ► Proactive.mu
- ► Profdir
- ► L'Express Petites Annonces

As Mauritius is a small country, many professional opportunities arise from word-of-mouth and networking. Start networking with Mauritians on LinkedIn, which is used by many Mauritians, especially in the corporate sector. Don't hesitate to message people on LinkedIn and ask them if they have a contact who is looking for someone with your skills and profile.

You can also drop an email with your CV to Mauritian companies as well as to the following associations, who might be able to connect you with prospective employers:

- ► Business Mauritius
- ► Mauritian Chamber of Commerce (MCCI)
- CCI France Maurice (French Chamber of Commerce)
- ► Chinese Chamber of Commerce (CCC Mauritius)
- ► South African Chamber of Commerce in Mauritius
- ► American Chamber of Commerce in Mauritius
- ► Professional Architects' Council
- ► Medical Council of Mauritius
- ► Association of Human Resource Professionals
- Council of Registered Professional Engineers
- ► The Mauritius Bar Association
- ► Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture
- ► Mauritius Bankers Association



The CV to apply for a job in Mauritius can be written in English or French. You will need to research the company to know which language is most appropriate in particular cases. It should also contain the following information:

- ▶ Name / Address, city, state, zip code / Phone number / Email address;
- ▶ Personal information: date of birth;
- ▶ Education and experience: dates / major subjects / details of degrees, training and certification / high school / university / college / technical school;

- ► Academic qualifications: High School / Tertiary Level / Technical Qualifications / Additional Qualifications (e.g., computer literacy);
- ▶ Work experience: List in chronological order, details of each position and dates / Work History / Academic positions / Institution or company name.

As for the cover letter, it should contain a short explanatory text, e.g., "Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to apply for the position of xxxxx advertised on xxxxxx. As requested, I am enclosing my certification, resume and 3 references".

Tips from the Ministry of Labor, Human Resource Development and Training

- ▶ Use figures to illustrate your achievements;
- Focus on the most relevant and significant elements of your professional and academic career;
- ▶ The document should help the reader to find information quickly to conclude if you are a potential candidate;
- ▶ Your resume should focus on your achievements and skills;
- ▶ Mention your 2 or 3 most relevant strengths and illustrate them with experiences and achievements;



























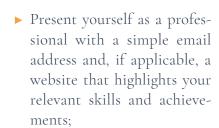












- ► Include your current home address, a personal email address and a personal phone number;
- ▶ In Mauritius, the ideal CV runs on 2 pages, 3 pages maximum;
- Include information about any advanced degrees, such as MBAs or executive programs you have attended;
- Explain any significant breaks in your career or education;
- ▶ Identify keywords from the job description and repeat them in your resume. Let the employer know that you have the specific skills mentioned;
- ► Include references (who have credentials former employers, teachers and professors) and let them know they will be contacted by one or more companies in Mauritius. Send them a copy of your CV;
- ▶ Interests: keep it brief, unless the interest can be an added value for the job you are interested in.

The cover letter

As for the cover letter, like everywhere else, it is meant to support the CV and to make the link with the position you are interested in. Written in French or English, depending on the language of the CV, personalized and adapted to each application, it should highlight your personal motivations,

but above all, your interest in the company in Mauritius on one page maximum.

Expats in Mauritius and remote work

Indeed, due to the island's efficient management of the COV-ID-19 pandemic, the 4G connectivity, and the arrival of 5G, remote workers have all the necessary tools to work serenely.

Being a digital nomad in Mauritius

Non-residents can work from Mauritius for a company located abroad. To do this, you will need to obtain a Premium Visa, free of charge and valid from 6 months to 1 year, with the possibility of renewal.

In return, the applicant agrees not to enter the Mauritian labor market, to have a main place of business and main source of income and profits outside Mauritius, and to prove through documents the purpose of stay, accommodation, etc.

Average salaries in Mauritius

Based on recent data by BDEEX, the average net salaries across various company sizes in Mauritius continued to increase in 2024. Here is an updated overview of salary trends:

In large companies (250+ employees):

The average salary increased from Rs 31,750 in 2023 to Rs 32,850 in 2024.

In medium-sized companies (up to 250 employees):

► The average salary rose from Rs 24,819 in 2023 to Rs 25,260 in 2024.

For small companies (up to 100 employees):

► The average wage increased from Rs 19,944 in 2022 to Rs 20,435 in 2023, reflecting a rise of Rs 491.

For small companies (up to 100 employees):

► The average wage increased from Rs 20,435 in 2023 to Rs 20,920 in 2024, reflecting a rise of Rs 485.

In micro-businesses (up to 15 employees):

► The average wage increased from Rs 13,751 in 2023 to Rs 14,190 in 2024, indicating a rise of Rs 439. Note that this includes part-time wages, as Rs 14,190 is currently below the current minimum wage.

In the public sector:

- To further support workers amid ongoing inflation, as of January 1, 2024, the minimum salary for a full-time employee was raised to Rs 17,500 per month, with the minimum income now set at Rs 20,500 (including the CSG Income Allowance).
- ➤ These adjustments aim to improve the purchasing power of Mauritian employees and reflect the continued economic shifts in the region.



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The Labor Code is governed by the Ministry of Labor through the Workers Rights Act 2019. The provisions of the Workers Rights Act 2019 are, amongst others:

- ► The legal length of a workday is 8 hours, excluding a 1-hour lunch break;
- Overtime is paid as agreed with the employer. When working on a holiday, one is paid twice;
- After 12 months with the same employer, you will be eligible for 22 days of annual leave and 15 days of sick leave.

Do not hesitate to consult the *Ministry's website* for more information.

Good to know

In Mauritius, during a class
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is issued, workers can
stay home with normal
wages until the warning
is lifted and transport is
available. If the National
Crisis Committee orders
staying indoors, workers
cannot be required to work.
Workers resuming work
after two hours, or unable
to work, receive a full day's
pay; those working less
than two hours receive
half a day's pay. If needed
during the warning, workers
earn triple their hourly rate
and get free meals, unless

Work contracts in Mauritius: What do they say?

In Mauritius, employers must scrupulously respect labor laws when hiring expat employees. The salary and conditions of employment of expat employees must not put them at a disadvantage compared to local employees.

Expatriate employees must also be paid exclusively in Mauritius and in Mauritian rupees.

Furthermore, the employer must not make any deduction from the salary/remuneration of an expat employee unless the deduction is provided for and authorized by labor laws. This includes compulsory deductions, pension and tax contributions.

All terms and conditions of employment and related benefits must be clearly stipulated in the employment contract, which must be duly signed by the expat and the employer. A copy must be given to the employee:

- ▶ the expat's situation;
- the conditions relating to the days and hours of work;
- ▶ the conditions of payment of salaries, overtime;
- the conditions of payment for days and hours worked on Sundays and holidays;
- conditions of payment of year-end bonuses;
- the duration of meals and breaks;

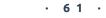
- specification of annual leave, sickness and maternity leave;
- conditions in case of termination of the employment contract, notice;
- ► additional provisions for housing, airfare, car.

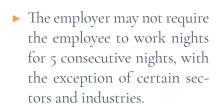
Working hours and vacations in Mauritius

The Mauritius Labor Code provides that:

- The normal working week for any employee who is not a part-time employee or a caregiver consists of 45 hours of work, except in special situations or other provisions. A caregiver in Mauritius is a professional who cares for the sick and the elderly. This does not include time for meals, tea breaks and other intervals.
- ► The employer and the employee can decide on the number of overtime hours worked by the employee.
- ► Employees are entitled to at least one rest day of at least 24 hours in 7 days.
- ▶ If the job requires 5 days of work per week, the employee must work 9 hours every 5 days of the week, including an hour for lunch.
- ▶ If the job requires 6 days of work per week, the employee must work 8 hours on 5 days of the week and 5 hours on the remaining day, excluding public holidays.







- ▶ If the employee is asked to work on a public holiday, the per hour rate is doubled for the first 8 hours and tripled for every additional hour.
- ▶ An employee may request a flexible work schedule for reasons such as the impossibility of reorganizing the work or if the quality of the work is compromised if the employer is able to grant such an arrangement.
- ▶ With 48 hours' notice, employees can ask for a 4-day work week, spreading their working hours over fewer days;
- ▶ The Finance Bill contains measures to compensate workers who have been laid off for their accrued leave.

Good to know

Different types of leave in Mauritius

efits employees have as part of their remuneration and require

In Mauritius, one can be absent from work and with the permission of the employer to carry out recreational and rest activities, to fulfill personal and religious obligations, for continuous learning and development purposes, to maintain good physical and mental health, to improve worklife balance.

Employees can benefit from various types of leave, including:

Annual leave: full-time employees are entitled to 20 days of annual leave per year. They are also entitled to 2 additional days of leave per year, the dates of which are at the discretion of the employer. This leave may be taken for a full day, half-day, or a shorter period agreed upon by the employer and employee.

Any employee who has been employed full-time by the same employer for a period of 6 consecutive months and who has been present every working day during that period is entitled to one day of annual leave for each month thereafter until the 12th month, so long as he or she remains employed by the same employer.

Sick leave: any full-time employee continuously employed by the same employer for a period of 12 consecutive months is entitled, during each subsequent 12-month period of continuous employment, to 15 working days of sick leave on full pay. When an employee has unused sick leave days at the end of the year, these remaining days are cumulative to a maximum of 90 days and are non-refundable. They may be used for extended convalescence or hospitalization.

Maternity and paternity leave: women are generally entitled to 16 weeks of paid maternity leave, 6 of which must be taken before the birth and 6 weeks after. They are entitled to full pay if they have been employed for more than 12 months. Fathers are entitled to 4 days of paid paternity leave.

Leave to care for a sick child: an employee with a basic monthly salary of Rs 50,000 or less is entitled to take up to 10 days of paid leave during each period of 12 consecutive months, to be charged against annual leave, sick leave or vacation leave, at their convenience.

Adoption leave: when an employee continuously employed by the same employer for a period of 12 consecutive months adopts a child under the age of 12 months, they are entitled, upon presentation of a certified copy of the court order and a copy of the child's birth certificate, to 14 weeks leave with full pay.

Leave for miscarriage and stillbirth: When an employee has a miscarriage duly certified by a physician, she is entitled to 3 weeks' leave with full pay immediately following the miscarriage. When an employee gives birth to a stillborn child, she is entitled, upon presentation of a medical certificate, to 14 weeks' leave with full pay.

Vacation (leaves): this is 30 days of leave granted by the employer



Leaves are included in the benthe employer's authorization.



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to an employee who has 5 years of continuous service with the same company. The employee is allowed to use all or half of his/her vacation days for a stay abroad. The counter resets to zero as soon as they are used for another 5 years.

Leave to attend court: an employee earning less than Rs 600,000 per annum who is summoned to court as a witness or a stakeholder is entitled to full pay leave only if the employee is attending court as a representative of the employer or on behalf of the employer.

on the cheeks.

As for the dress code, it is advisable to opt for a chic and sober wardrobe, even in summer. You should also know that the vast majority of companies are equipped with air conditioning!



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KRIS LUTCHMAYA, A BRITISH EXPATRIATE:

"Continuous learning and skills development:

To stay competitive in the job market, it's crucial to stay updated on industry trends, acquire new knowledge, and refine your skills. Maintaining a learning mindset and actively seeking professional development opportunities will propel your career forward.

Build a strong professional network:

Networking is vital in Mauritius, fostering contacts, collaboration, and career opportunities. Actively participating in industry events, joining professional associations, and engaging in online communities all contribute to expanding your network.

Demonstrate adaptability and resilience:

Like any country, Mauritius experiences changes in the economic, technological, and commercial landscape. Being adaptable and resilient helps professionals navigate these changes, seize new opportunities, and thrive amidst challenges.

Emphasize cultural intelligence:

Mauritius boasts cultural diversity, making cultural intelligence essential for success. Sensitivity to different cultural norms, customs, and practices enhances communication and collaboration with colleagues, customers, and partners in a multicultural environment.

Adopt an entrepreneurial spirit:

Mauritius provides opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation. Individuals with an entrepreneurial spirit and a willingness to take calculated risks can leverage emerging market trends, identify gaps, and establish successful businesses."

The work culture in Mauritius

Punctuality, respect of rules and of hierarchy are required within

the company.

As far as greetings are concerned, a handshake is welcome, but over time, at least with close colleagues, it will give way to a kiss Don't be surprised if you are asked about your religion! Here, the question is part of the local habits and is not discriminatory.

Regarding the language spoken in the workplace, it can be French, English or Creole. In any case, Mauritians always make the effort to include everyone and will switch to French or English for better communication.

Remote work, or at least a hybrid system, is slowly starting to enter the professional practices in Mauritius. However, you're unlikely to be given the opportunity to work remotely from the very first days of your employment.

USEFUL LINKS

EDB - Working & living in Mauritius residency.mu/work
Ministry of Labour - labour.gov-mu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx

Internships in Mauritius

There are 2 possibilities for non-residents wishing to temporarily enter the Mauritian job market: the Volontariat International en Entreprise (VIE) [French or citizens of an European Economic Area (EEA) country only] and the internship. However, the search for an internship or a VIE in Mauritius may require patience and perseverance.

Doing an internship in Mauritius

For an internship of less than 3 months, you will need to apply for a tourist visa and beyond 3 months, the employer will need to apply for a Residence Permit for Internship on your behalf. The requirements for residence permits for internship in Mauritius are:

- Being a non-citizen looking to engage in practical training, an internship (referred to as "stage"), or a work placement to enhance skills and gain experience;
- ► Holding a diploma;
- Not receiving remuneration in Mauritius.

Simply begin your search for an internship by typing "Internship Mauritius" into your search engine and you will come across a list of offers published online.

You can also save interesting offers, share them, apply directly on the displayed page, and also activate the job alerts.

Do not hesitate to send unsolicited applications, especially to foreign companies located on the island. Consider looking at the websites of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Mauritius (CCIFM) and the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

It is also possible to come to Mauritius on a tourist visa for face-to-face application and interview purposes only.

Young Professional Occupation Permit (YPOP)

International students who have obtained at least an undergraduate degree from a Mauritian institution of higher learning are eligible to apply for a YPOP, according to defined criteria.

The YPOP is a work permit valid for a maximum period of 3 years, depending on the duration of the work contract. The application for YPOP must be submitted by the Employer to the *National Business Licensing Platform*

If an employer still requires the service of the foreign employee after the 3 years, the employer may apply for an Occupation Permit under the Professional category on behalf of the employee.

Eligibility criteria

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for a YPOP:

- ▶ Being the holder of at least an undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC);
- Applying no later than 6 months after the date of publication of the results.

If an individual holds a YPOP and intends to change jobs before it expires, condition 2 does not apply.



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Higher Education in Mauritius

Mauritius is a higher education hub for the region, as it is home to many high-quality institutions. This includes local universities and trade schools, overseas campuses of international universities, and institutions that offer courses in partnerships with international institutions. International students are, of course, welcome in Mauritian institutions, although they might have to pay higher tuition fees.



The student visa

As an international student, you should first apply for a student visa. You will need to submit all of the required documents to your host university in Mauritius as well as pay your tuition fee deposit (and any other fees required before the start of the semester). Then, your host institution will forward your supporting documents to the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) in Port-Louis, which will process the student visa and issue it by email. For more information, visit the PIO website or contact the international student office of the institution you are interested in.

Higher education in Mauritius in figures

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has published figures on the number of higher education institutions and the international student population in Mauritius. Here is what they show.

Institutions of higher learning

As of December 2023, Mauritius had 10 government-funded institutions in operation, which encompassed the 4 public universities.

In alignment with the HEC Regulatory Framework, all higher education institutions are required to register with the HEC and obtain accreditation for their programs. As of 2023, a total of 32 private institutions had successfully registered with the HEC.

These registered institutions offered a diverse range of courses spanning various fields, covering educational levels from Certificates to Masters. Diplomas awarded by these institutions were recognized both locally and internationally. The category of Institutions of Excellence in the Private Sector (IESPs) included entities such as International Campuses, degree-granting institutions, franchises collaborating with degree-granting bodies either locally or abroad, or a combination of both.





International students

The latest report on international students in Mauritius dates back to 2022.

As of 2022, the total number of international students reached 3,020, marking steady growth over the past seven years from 1,524 in 2015. These students are primarily concentrated in private higher education institutions (PHEIs),

which accounted for 89% of the total enrollment.

International students in Mauritius came from a total of 72 different countries, with the main sources being India (1,115 students, 36.9%), Nigeria (352; 11.7%), Madagascar (202; 6.7%), France (182; 6%), and Zimbabwe (181; 6%). Regionally, the African continent led with 54.6% of the international student population, followed by significant

representation from Asia and Europe.

Regarding fields of study, the most popular choices among international students were medicine (38.7%), information technology (12.8%), administration/management (10%), business/commerce/marketing (9.1%), and hotel/travel/tourism (6.8%). These areas reflect the diverse academic interests of students seeking education in Mauritius.

PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

BOKAMOSO, PHD STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY OF MAURITIUS

"As a PhD student in Mauritius, I've been

impressed by the commendable higher education system. The faculties and staff demonstrate competence, support, and a strong commitment to creating an environment that encourages both learning and research. Mauritius' higher education system actively promotes internationalization, drawing in students and researchers from diverse backgrounds. This diversity not only enriches the overall learning experience but also creates valuable opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and collabora-

TAFE Certificates and Diplomas.

Postgraduate programs:

- Master's of International Business;
- Master's of Information Systems and Technology;
- ▶ Master's of Science in Applied Psychology;
- Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science.

Curtin Mauritius

Established in 2008, Curtin Mauritius is an overseas campus of the Australian Curtin University. They offer degrees in communication, marketing, IT, design, logistics, tourism, accounting and finance, nursing, and psychology, as well as a foundation program for applicants without a high school diploma. The campus is located in Moka in the center, and the tuition fees generally

range between USD 3,500-5,500 per year. Here are more details about *how to apply as an international student.*

Website: https://curtinmauritius.ac.mu/

Undergraduate programs (click the hyperlink for details about the specializations):

- **▶** *Bachelor of Commerce*;
- ► Bachelor of Design;
- ► Bachelor of Communications;
- ► Bachelor of Science;

Hub UNICITI International Education Hub

UNICITI International Education Hub is the educational brand of the Médine Group. It has helped many international institutions create an overseas campus in Mauritius. The group also has private student accommodation (330 rooms) for international students of its affiliated institutions. Here are some of these institutions:

Middlesex University



Mauritius

In 2009, Middlesex University became the first British university to set up an overseas campus in Mauritius, located in Flic-en-Flac. The campus offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in subjects such as law (including a British LLB), psychology and counseling, accounting and finance, business management, IT and data science. The fees range between £5,400 and £7,000 (USD 7,000-9,000) per year, depending on the program. They also offer a foundation program for students who have not completed a high school diploma but would like to go to university.

Website: https://www.middlesex.mu/

Undergraduate Programs

Business & Law:

- ▶ BA in Business Management, with specializations in Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and Finance;
- ▶ BA in Accounting and Finance;
- ▶ LLB, as well as an LLB with a focus on International Relations.

Computing & IT:

- BSc in Information Technology;
- BSc in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics;
- ▶ BSc in Computer Science (Systems Engineering);
- ▶ BSc in Business Computing and Data Analytics.

Other Disciplines:

- ▶ BA in Advertising, Public Relations, and Branding;
- ▶ BSc in Psychology with Counseling.

Postgraduate Programs

- ► MBA;
- ► MSc in Management;
- ► MSc in Data Science;
- MSc in Cyber Security and Pen Testing;
- ► LLM (General);
- LLM in International Business Law.

ENSA Nantes Mauritius

An " école normale supérieure" is an elite public university in France. This one is for architecture, and it offers a Bachelor's and Master's in Architecture and Urban Design on its Mauritian campus in Pierrefonds (southwest). These programs cost between 6,600 and 6,900 euros per year, which is about the same amount in US dollars. Students can finish their studies in France after starting them in Mauritius, as this pathway would allow them to eventually be registered as architects in France.

Scholarships are available for students from African countries eligible for French development aid (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Togo) and some students from countries of the Indo-Pacific region.

Website: https://nantes-archi.mu/

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Vatel Mauritius

The Mauritian branch of this French hospitality and business school offers a Bachelor in International Hotel Management and an MBA in International Hotel Management. The campuses are located near Quatre-Bornes and on the island of Rodrigues, The programs cost around €8,000-10,000 per year. Scholarships are available for students from African countries eligible for French development aid and some students from countries of the Indo-Pacific region.

Website: https://www.vatel.mu/

Université Paris Panthéon-Assas Mauritius

The Mauritian branch of this prestigious French public university offers two law degrees on their campus in Pierrefonds (southwest): an LLB and an LLM in International Business Law. The fees are €6,500 per year (about the same amount in dollars), and international students from African countries receiving French development aid and some Indo-Pacific countries are eligible for scholarships.

Website: https://assas-international.com/mauritius/

MCCI Business School

This is the business school of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce, located in Ébène. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in marketing, management, communication, IT, banking and insurance, of-



ten in partnership with international universities such as the University of Angers in France. It also offers the French diploma BTS (Brevet de Technicien Supérieur) for technicians that is recognised in France and the European Union. For international students, the fees are around USD 6,500 per year.

Website: https://www.mccibusinessschool.org/?lang=en

Programs on offer:

- ► Bachelor's Programs
- ► Master's Programs
- ▶ Diploma and BTS Programs

University of Central Lancashire Mauritius

This British university has a small campus in Ébène, where it offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in law, project management (including construction project management), and digital marketing in collaboration with UOM Enterprise. There are a number of scholarships available which are detailed on their website.

Website: https://www.uclan.ac.uk/ international-students/country/ mauritius

Amity Institute of Higher Education (AIHE)

The Amity Institute of Higher Education (AIHE), part of the Amity Education Group, is registered with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) as a post-secondary institution.

Training Program at AIHE

The institute provides industry-oriented programs that combine practical and theoretical study.

Undergraduate Programs:

- Bachelor of Business Administration
- BSc in Information Technology
- ▶ BA in Tourism & Hospitality Management

Postgraduate Programs:

- ► Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- ► MBA in General Management
- ▶ MBA in Project Management
- ► MBA in Entrepreneurship and Start-Ups
- ▶ MBA in Digital Marketing































- ► MSc in Business Analytics
- ► MSc in Cyber Security
- ▶ MSc in Data Science

Admission Procedure at AIHE

The admission procedure involves five steps:

- ▶ Download and complete the application form, including required documents;
- ▶ Submit the application by mail or in person at AIHE;

- ▶ Receive a conditional offer letter:
- ▶ Complete the Student Visa Process;
- ► Receive a letter of acceptance from AIHE if the visa is approved.

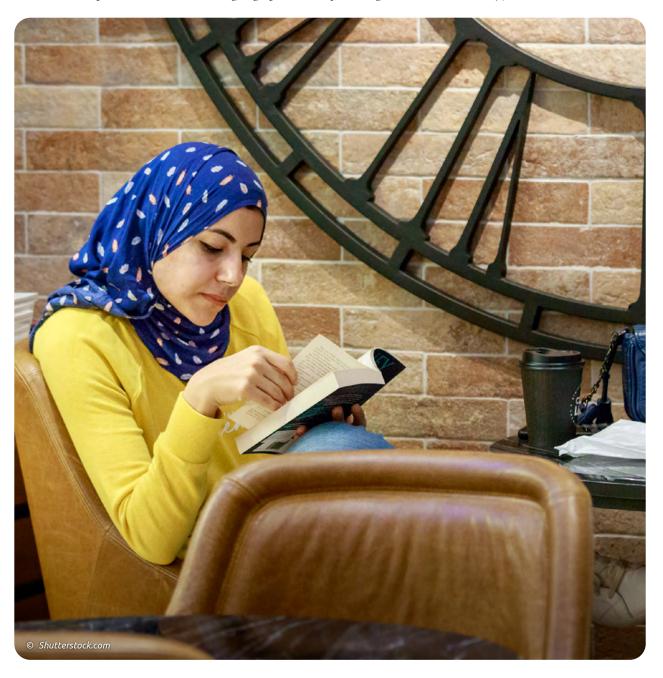
Admission Requirements

International students may need to provide proof of English language proficiency through TOE- FL or IELTS. The minimum scores required are:

- ► TOEFL: 55
- ► IELTS: 6 (no section below 5)

Admission Fees

- ► Undergraduate Programs: Registration fee of Rs 80,000 and a monthly tuition fee of Rs 3,790.
- ▶ Postgraduate Programs: Registration fee of Rs 110,000 and a monthly tuition fee of Rs 2,750.





PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN MAURITIUS

University of Mauritius (UOM)

Located in Réduit in the center and well-connected to the rest of the island by metro and bus lines, UOM is the oldest and largest public university of the country. It offers undergraduate, Master's and PhD programs in various disciplines, including law and management, business and finance, IT and engineering, agriculture, the natural sciences, the humanities and social sciences, education, tourism, and more recently, medicine. You can become a fully-qualified doctor by studying in its competitive Doctor of Medicine program.

The university is accredited by various international associations, including the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, and the Association of African Universities.

Studying at UOM is free for Mauritian citizens who are doing a first degree. However, for international students, it costs between USD 5,000 and USD 6,000 per year, with STEM degrees costing more. International students from countries of the African Union or Commonwealth countries in Africa can apply for the *Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme* to fund their studies at UOM. Furthermore, students from countries of the

Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and developing Asian economies (e.g. India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia) are eligible for a 50% tuition fee scholarship granted by UOM.

Website: https://www.uom.ac.mu/

Programs offered:

- ► Faculty of Law and Management
- ► Faculty of Science
- ► Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
- ► Faculty of Information, Communication, and Digital Technologies
- ► Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
- ► Center for Innovative and Lifelong Learning (CILL) (online or hybrid/blended learning)

For information about postgraduate research programs (MPhils or PhDs), consult *this link* And here are *program specifications for international students*.

Here is the list of collaborations that UOM has:

- University of Cergy Paris in France, for the study of Data Science;
- Center for Information Technology & Systems (CITS) for studies in Computer Science;
- Center for Biomedical & Biomaterials Research (CBBR);
- ► Center for Research on Slavery and Indenture (CRSI), for the study of the history of slavery and indenture, two main migratory movements in Mauritius;
- Chinese language and culture.

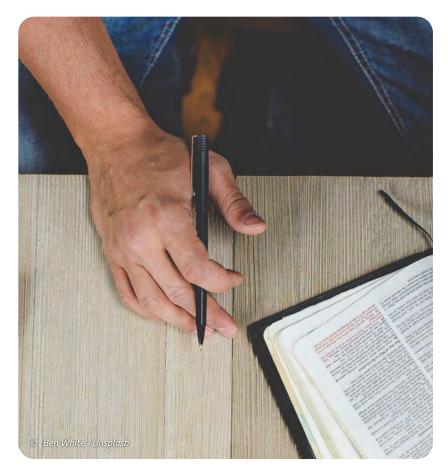
University of Technology (UTM)

This is the second largest public university of the island, focusing on technology, engineering, sustainable development, business, management and finance. The campus is located in La Tour Koenig near Port-Louis. UTM degrees are accredited in the same way as UOM degrees. Most degrees there cost around USD 3,000-4,000 per year for international students, although MBA and doctoral programs cost a bit more (around USD 6,000). Students from SADC (Southern African Development Community) countries, however,









can pay domestic student fees, and eligible African students can also apply for the *Mauritius Africa Scholarship Scheme*.

To apply to UTM, applicants must follow the *procedures outlined for international students*.

Website: https://www.utm.ac.mu/

The departments at UTM are:

- ► School of Business, Management and Finance (SMBF):
- School of Innovative Technologies and Engineering (SITE);
- ➤ School of Sustainable Development and Tourism (SSDT);
- School of Health Sciences (SHS).

For the programs on offer:

- ► Short Courses
- Undergraduate Courses
- ► Postgraduate Courses

Open University of Mauritius (OU)

This is one of the newest public universities in Mauritius, tailored for non-traditional and part-time learners who do not have a high school diploma or are not able to study full-time because of work or family commitments. The campus is located next to the University of Mauritius' campus in Réduit.

Students without a high school diploma can complete a foundation programme at OU first, and then move on to a degree. OU offers various undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in

subjects such as law, business, modern languages, accounting, hotel management and education. The fees for an entire degree for international students are around USD 7,000, although they are around USD 4,000 for students from countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). By clicking on *this link*, you can find the procedures for international applicants.

Website: https://www.open.ac.mu/

Programs on offer:

- Diploma and Undergraduate Courses
- Postgraduate Courses

Polytechnics Mauritius (PML)

Established in 2017, Polytechnics Mauritius is a government owned private institution that provides tertiary vocational education in multiple fields: tourism, culinary arts, nursing, IT and emerging technologies, architecture, logistics, and aviation, among others. It has multiple campuses in Réduit (center), Pamplemousses (north), Montagne Blanche east and Rose-Belle (southeast), as well as one on the island of Rodrigues.

Most of its programs are advanced diplomas, but it also offers a BA Nursing top-up programme for those who already hold a diploma in nursing. These programs are offered in partnership with other international institutions, such as the HTMi - Hotel and Tourism Management Institute





of Switzerland and Universiti Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia. Many of their diploma programs only have a few O Levels of GCSEs (high school education up to the age of 16) as entry requirements, not requiring a high school diploma completed at 18.

Website: https://poly.ac.mu/

Here are the programs by department or cluster:

- ► Health Sciences and Nursing
- ► IT and Emerging Technologies
- ► Tourism, Hospitality, Leisure and Sports
- ► Built Environment, Engineering, Logistics and Transport
- ► Business, Financial Services and Entrepreneurship.

Université des Mascareigne (UDM)

Created in 2012, this university offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in IT,

sustainable development, engineering, business and management. Many are offered in partnership with the French university Université de Limoges. UDM's campuses are located in Rose-Hill and Pamplemousses.

International students pay around USD 1,800 per year as tuition fees, although those from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) pay around USD 1,000. Scholarships are also available for students from African countries eligible for French development aid (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Togo) and some students from countries of the Indo-Pacific region. For more details about how to apply as an international student, *click here.*

Website: https://udm.ac.mu/

Programs on offer:

- ► Undergraduate Courses
- ► Postgraduate Courses

Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD)

The MITD provides *various vo-cational courses*, some of which last a few months and others up to 3 years, in fields such as automobile mechanics, building construction, hairdressing, tourism, woodwork and agriculture. Its main location is in Phoenix, but it also has a campus in Ébène and the Lycée Polytechnique Sir Guy Forget in Centre de Flacq.

Website: https://www.mitd.mu/





































Moving to Mauritius with children

Expats generally prefer international, or even French and Anglo-Saxon schools to local schools. Nevertheless, the country relies on a structured national education system and schooling is free and compulsory until the age of 16.



The Mauritian education system

The Mauritian school system is based on the Anglo-Saxon model and is divided, as is often the case elsewhere, into 3 main stages: primary education, secondary education and higher education. Moreover, the wearing of uniforms is compulsory in government schools, each bearing its own colors.

Regarding kindergarten, the Ministry of Education and Human Resources that all children between the ages of 3 and 5 must attend a preschool and then go on to primary school.

The end of secondary school is marked by the High School Certificate (HSC), awarded by the University of Cambridge.

What about expat children?

Most expat children in Mauritius attend international schools. There are a plethora of schools to choose from in each category.





SANDRA LEBLÉ, ENTREPRENEUR AND CO-PRESIDENT OF FRENCH TECH MAURITIUS

Mauritius provides an exceptional living environment with a tropical climate that compelled my return. The island also boasts high-quality French school facilities for

c h i l - dren, featuring a reinforced emphasis on English compared to schools in France. Additionally, Mauritius offers a commendable health system.

International schools in Mauritius

For serial expats or those who want a multicultural education, international schools apply American, English and mostly similar educational standards worldwide, making for an easy transition if there is a change in destination.

You will find *here* a list of international schools in Mauritius.

Moving to Mauritius with young children

If you are relocating with a young child, what are your childcare options during working days or weekends? What activities are available for families with young children?

Pre-primary school in Mauritius

Childcare

Nowadays, there are many options for childcare in Mauritius. Indeed, many private nurseries and kindergartens are spread out in the center of the island and go up to the North.

Daycare centers and nurseries

Daycare centers are intended for parents of children who are too young to attend school. These structures have a staff that is generally bilingual in English and French, and trained in the field of early childhood.

You will find <u>here</u> a list of daycare centers and nurseries.

Preschools

Will your child be 3 years old when you arrive in Mauritius? It is compulsory for children to go to school from this age on. Here are some of the preschools that will be able to accommodate your child.

Google Maps, which lists several dozen addresses, should be useful in helping you in your research; click *here* to find the best-rated.

Mauritius also has a lot of activities that will keep your young children busy, or that you can do as a family.

Here are a few examples:

La Vanille Nature Park - La Vanille Crocodile Park, now called La Vanille Nature Park, was founded in 1985. It owes its name to the vanilla formerly cultivated in the valley that is now home to this 5-hectare reserve. You can do the tour alone or decide to join a guided tour.

La Vallée des Couleurs - It's a natural park rich in biodiversity, offering varied landscapes and activities for all ages. Recently, the park inaugurated a new addition specially designed for the younger visitors: the Vallée Kids Park. This new area is suited for children of various age groups and offers six entertaining and safe attractions. Among these, children can venture onto the Pirate Ship, experience thrills on The Bonding Roller Coaster Zipline, or even pilot the Mini Quad. The Mini Excavator and the Outdoor Playground round out the offerings, allowing children to safely discover the joy of exploration. Additionally, the park continues to provide traditional activities such as hiking, zip-lining, and quad biking.







Casela Nature Park - A classic, Casela is one of Mauritius' most popular amusement parks and attractions. The park, which covers more than 350 hectares, offers a wide range of activities perfect for a good time with the family. The place is divided into 5 worlds: Thrill Mountain, Predator Kingdom, African Safari, Pangia Birds and Rides and World of Events.

Odysseo - Oceanarium - This is the very first oceanarium in Mauritius. It contains 45 habitats of different configurations, immersed in 2,000 m³ of water (1,500 m³ in the main aquarium) and home to 200 marine species from the Indian Ocean.

Gros Cailloux - Over a surface area of 385 hectares, the domain is located in Petite Rivière. There are 5 areas dedicated to agriculture, fruits and vegetables, nursery, maintenance and

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landscaping, and leisure.

Splash N Fun Leisure Park - Unique in Mauritius, this water park covers 12 hectares. It is located on the East coast of Mauritius, close to the public beach of Belle Mare. Mauritians and tourists alike enjoy the water and land attractions, swimming pools and waterfall, and a food court

Curious Corner of Chamarel -Located opposite the Seven Colored Earth of Chamarel, the Curious Corner of Chamarel is the first interactive illusion and art gallery in Mauritius.

Bel Ombre Nature Reserve -Located in the 2,500-hectare Domaine de Bel Ombre, the Bel Ombre Nature Reserve covers 1,300 hectares; the perfect place to discover incredible biodiversity. You can also enjoy picnics,



quad biking, buggy rides and hiking.

Gravity Max leisure complex - Situated at Tribeca Mall, the Gravity Max leisure complex provides a diverse range of activities. These include a remarkable 900-meter karting circuit spanning multiple levels. In addition to the karting, the complex offers bowling lanes, mini-golf, arcade games, darts, a baseball cage, car racing simulators, virtual reality (VR) video games, karaoke, and a couple of restaurants and bars.

Funtopia is another space where children can have fun and try out new activities. From the ropes course and slides to the ball pool and interactive games, there's something for everyone to enjoy while making lasting memories with friends.







Retirement in Mauritius

Mauritius is quickly emerging as a hub for expat retirees. To provide for this growing interest, in addition to existing programs (PDS, RES, etc.), the government is expanding on existing programs (e.g. PDS, RES, etc.) and launching new initiatives aimed at developing the "Silver Economy" into a fully-fledged sector of growth. If you are planning on retiring in Mauritius, here are the essential details you need to know.



Why retire in Mauritius?

Mauritius has earned its reputation as an excellent expat destination not only for its tropical climate and beautiful beaches, but also for the high quality of life it offers, including to seniors. Here's why:

A favorable tax system: the Mauritian government has clearly stated its objective of attracting foreign investment. To achieve this, it has set up a favorable environment with tax reductions and deductions. These include personal and corporate income tax rate between 0% and 20%, as well as no tax on dividends. For expat retirees, there is also no wealth tax and no inheritance tax. These advantages make it possible to take full advantage of the island's affordable standard of living.

Advantageous real estate programs: since 2002, expats have been able to purchase property in Mauritius through various programs. One example is the Property Development Scheme (PDS) program. Today, foreign retirees and their families can secure a residence permit in Mauritius by acquiring property within a PDS project specifically designed for the elderly. This opportunity is available on the condition that the property's purchase value surpasses USD 200,000.

A modern healthcare system: mauritius boasts a high-quality healthcare system that includes 5 major public hospitals staffed by highly-qualified medical professionals. There are also smaller specialized public hospitals, such an ear, nose and throat hospital in Vacoas. In addition,

there are over 20 private clinics across the island.

Festivities and leisure in a multicultural country: Mauritius is proudly multicultural, home to a population with ancestral roots in India, various East African countries like Madagascar, as well as France and China. This cultural blend is reflected in the festivities that mark the Mauritian calendar, from Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, to Chinese Spring Festival, to Christmas. Mauritian gastronomy is also influenced by all of the ethnic groups of the country. As for leisure, Mauritius boasts of a pristine ocean, beautiful beaches and evergreen mountains for those who like to spend time relaxing in nature.



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Celebrations and leisure activities: the main religious celebrations of each community are marked by a national holiday in Mauritius. In addition to these, there are also cultural celebrations. Let's not forget the leisure activities. The island is home to rich fauna and flora, a rich cultural scene, as well as a lot of history.

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"We've had the pleasure of visiting Mauritius multiple times for vacations, getting acquainted with the island, its amiable people, and delightful climate. When contemplating retirement, we were drawn

t o the policies implemented by the administration, specifically designed to ease the retirement process for expats. Additionally, we appreciate how these policies leverage the economic contribution of senior citizens to enhance the local standard of living. Mauritius offers a secure environment, with a low crime rate, and provides access to high-quality medical services, making it an ideal choice for our retirement."

Being considered a retired expat in Mauritius

Mauritius is a favored destination for investors, including those seeking residence under retiree status. To qualify, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ Not be a Mauritian citizen;
- ▶ Be at least 50 years old;
- ► Have completed medical examinations (hepatitis, AIDS, a lung X-ray, etc.) within 6 months prior to applying for the permit;
- ▶ Make an initial transfer of at least USD 1,500, or its equivalent in a freely convertible foreign currency, to a local bank account in Mauritius;
- ► Subsequently, transfer a minimum of USD 1,500 per

month, either in installments or as an annual total of at least USD 18,000, over the 10-year validity of the residence permit;

- ➤ Submit proof of fund transfers to the Economic Development Board (EDB) at the end of each year;
- ► If all these conditions are fulfilled, applicants can apply for a permanent residence permit valid for 20 years.

Expat retirees in Mauritius can enjoy multiple tax benefits, including:

- ▶ No real estate wealth tax;
- ► No property tax or housing tax;
- No capital gains tax when reselling a property;
- ▶ No inheritance tax;
- ▶ A 0% to 20% on personal income, including rental income.

Other visa options for expat retirees in Mauritius

Expat retirees can obtain a residence permit in Mauritius by purchasing property, without a set minimum investment, provided that this property is a residential unit within the Property Development Scheme (PDS) designed for seniors. For properties outside this scheme, a minimum investment of USD 200,000 is required to be able to obtain a residence permit.

Additionally, retirees, professionals, and tourists interested in *experiencing life in Mauritius* can apply for a *Premium Visa*.





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This visa is valid for 6 months to I year, and it can be renewed.

Communities specially developed for retirees in Mauritius

Mauritius aims to become a leading destination for retirees, and to achieve this, the government has introduced a new housing initiative within its existing Property Development Scheme (PDS). It is a senior living program that enables retirees to either purchase or obtain life rights to a residential unit in approved developments that meet specific standards.

There is no minimum price requirement for the purchase of a residential unit. Furthermore, after acquiring a unit, non-citizens can apply for a residence permit in their own name as well as in the name of their spouse or common-law partner. This permit remains valid for as long as they own or occupy the property.

These retirement communities must include at least 25 residential units specifically designed for senior living. They need to offer services such as personal and home care, nursing, daily meal delivery, on-site supervision, emergency health services, and recreational facilities.

Residences under construction offer, among other features:

- ▶ Different accommodation options (studios, penthouses, villas) with balconies, terraces, or private gardens;
- À la carte services (hairdressing, laundry, cleaning, etc.);
- ► Catering service;
- ► Leisure activities (gym, bar, swimming pool, etc.);
- Programs to support cognitive health;
- ► Convalescent care;
- ► Respite support for family caregivers;
- ► 24/7 security, etc.

List of real estate projects approved by the Property Development Scheme

ROYAL GREEN LUXURY RETIREMENT VILLAGE

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Website: https://royalgreenlrv.

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E-mail: binfo@silversail.mu

Phone: (230) 5259 7213

Website: https://www.silversail.

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Eligibility and facilities

Expat retirees aged 50 or older can purchase a residential unit and live in it without paying additional rent, as long as the property is bought either offplan, during construction, or once construction is complete. Moreover, the law grants the investor a de facto residence permit for both themselves and their spouse, valid for as long as they occupy the property.

Tax incentives for foreign retirees in Mauritius

An investor with a residence permit is eligible for a 5-year tax exemption on pensions and other income remitted to Mauritius from abroad, covering both themselves and their spouse. As a permanent resident, they are also entitled to exemptions from standard duty and VAT on the import of household and personal items, especially concerning their real estate.



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Accommodation in Mauritius

Thanks to its idyllic setting, and its proximity to the African, India, Australia and Asia in general, this small, independent and prosperous republic attracts, every year, many foreigners seeking a high quality of life. If you're looking to make the move, accommodation should be a priority for you. Here is what you should know if you are looking for a place to live.



Renting

Houses, villas, studios and apartments are available in Mauritius. As a general rule, accommodations are furnished and equipped with appliances. The leases are usually established for one year, with tacit renewal. For a smooth rental, it is advisable to check with the owner or the rental agency before the end of the written lease.

The payment of 1 or 2 months' deposit is often required. Remember to have an inventory of fixtures drawn up before signing the lease. Do not hesitate to take pictures during your visit.

Water (CWA) and electricity (CEB) are sometimes included in the rent, although, this practice tends to disappear these days.

Heating is not necessary in Mauritius, except maybe for accommodation on the Central Plateau where you will be able to find electric heaters. Air conditioning is not always necessary, but it can be very pleasant during summer. On this last point, the electricity bill can rise very quickly if you use such an appliance.

If you go through a real estate agency when renting, note that the commission, shared between the owner and the tenant, generally represents one month's rent.

Rents in general

Prices are very variable, depending on the preferences of each and everyone (view, proximity to beaches or centers, leisure facilities, swimming pool, garden, security services, furnishings, equipment, etc.).

The rental market is rapidly changing in Mauritius. Houses, apartments, studios, aparthotels, PDS villas and units with the Invest Hotel Scheme (IHS) are now available for rent.

Luxury homes are no exception, with second-home owners renting out their properties for part of the year.

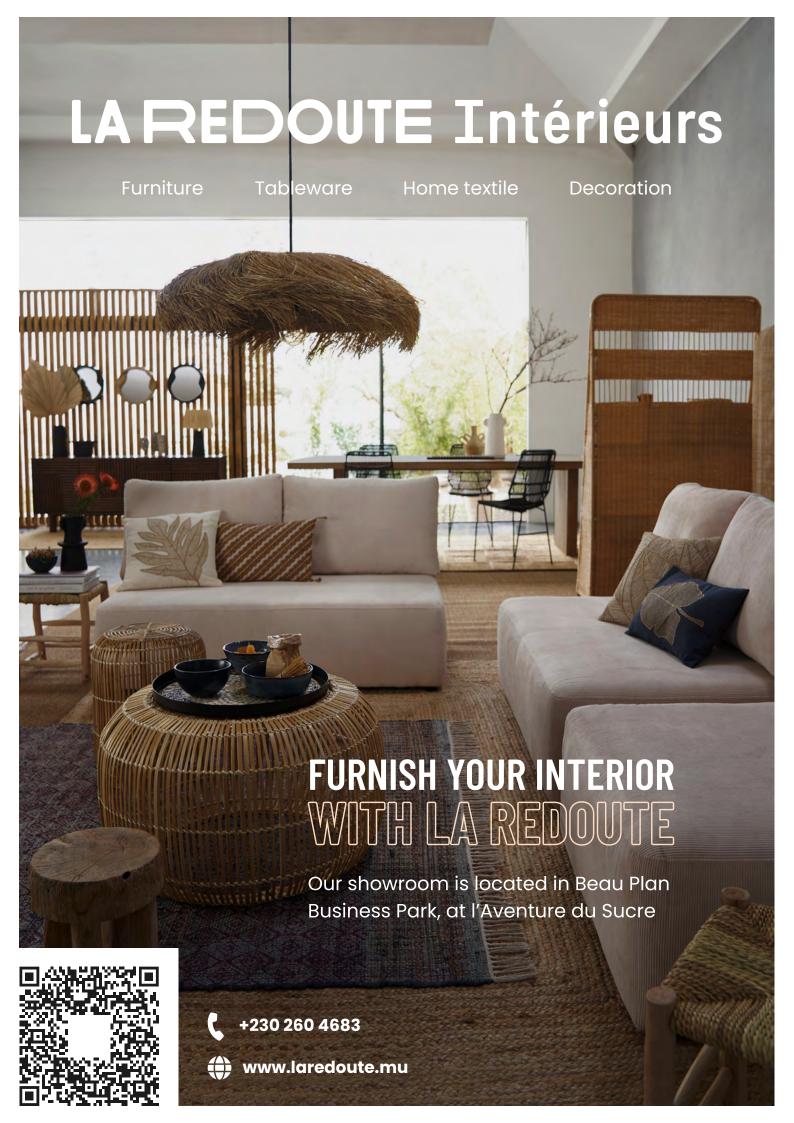
Average rents in attractive areas for expats

In Port-Louis, apartment rentals typically range from Rs 15,000 to Rs 40,000. However, many expats prefer residences in Grand Baie, Flic en Flac, or Tamarin in the West of the island. In these areas, prices for similar apartments in the North can vary from Rs 18,000 to Rs 130,000.

For those seeking a seaside lifestyle in places like Flic en Flac or Tamarin, rents generally fall between Rs 18,000 and Rs 60,000.







































If you opt for a house with a garden in the West or North, suitable for a family of four, anticipate a monthly budget of around Rs 50,000 to Rs 70,000.

In general:

- ▶ Inland accommodations typically range from Rs 15,000 to Rs 35,000;
- ▶ Properties near tourist areas may range between Rs 45,000 and Rs 75,000.

For those interested in beachfront villas with luxury amenities, prices can exceed Rs 100,000.

It's important to note that these prices serve as a reference and may vary based on the property owner and specific features of each residence.

Where to look?

Real estate ads - https://www. expat.com/en/housing/africa/ mauritius/

L'Express Property - www.lexpressproperty.com

Directory of real estate professionals - https://www.expat. com/en/business/africa/mauritius/2_real-estate/

USEFUL LINKS

Central Water Authority - CWA http://cwa.govmu.org/

Central Electricity Board - CEB https://ceb.mu/











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The **JIVA SANTOSHA** villas, for which construction will start in 2025, have already won over many hearts: 17 are reserved and 13 (including one plot) are still already taking shape.

To arrange a visit, contact our expert in investment advice and eco-construction Jasmine LONGUÈVE (Leading Luxury Home Agency).

Lots are available from MUR 85,000,000 (approx. €1.700.000).

* PDS (Property Development Scheme): Property development scheme open to foreigners.



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WHERE TO LIVE IN MAURITIUS? THE DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY

The North of Mauritius

The North of Mauritius is undoubtedly a hub for expats looking for a lifestyle that naturally oscillates between a relaxed lifestyle and convenience. The varied shops, proximity to the schools, located in and around Mapou for most, availability of buses (Triolet Bus Service - TBS network), cabs and freeway make the North of the island conducive to a serene life.

Pros:

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The North of the island is well served by public transport and the road infrastructure is well-developed and connects this region to the rest of the world.

The area is home to shopping centers, businesses, schools, and numerous offices and workspaces.

Many Northern beaches are among the most beautiful on the island.

Cons:

If what you want is to be away from it all, the North is not for you. The region is very popular with tourists as well as Mauritians who love this area for its beaches and its nightlife. Moreover, the summers are particularly hot.

Among the most famous villages are:

Grand Baie: This seaside town is home to all the necessary amenities, a lively nightlife, while being located 15 minutes from international schools and 30 minutes from Port-Louis, the capital. Its climate is sunny all year round, with light winds and pleasant temperatures.

Pereybère: Beyond the Grand Bay coastline in the North of Mauritius, Pereybère was once a small fishing village that has changed a lot, while keeping an appreciable authentic side. Less touristy, it has all the essential amenities. As for the climate, you will enjoy very hot summers (November to March) and mild winters, while being sheltered from the wind.

Calodyne: In the North-East of Mauritius, it is a small preserved region, a haven of peace. It is close to the beach, which is why it is appreciated by expats looking for tranquility, without being cut off from the world. As for the weather, Calodyne enjoys a tropical climate with rainfall and a short dry season.

The West of Mauritius

This region is also touristy, with many amenities, and has a particularly lively nightlife while being child-friendly. Its beaches are popular all year round.

Pros:

To keep up with the influx of tourists and expats, more and more schools, shopping malls, gyms, shops and other developments are being built in this area.

The beaches are never far away, especially those of Flic-en-Flac, Tamarin and La Preneuse.

Mountains and other hiking trails are easily accessible, including the Black River National Park.

It is easier to find peace and quiet in this area, unless you are in Flic-en-Flac.

Cons:

The Center, and even Port-Louis, are less accessible from the West than from the North, for example.

Summers are hot, but less than in the North of the island.

Popular villages in the West are:

Tamarin: Tamarin is the seaside region, ideal for families, couples and solo expats. Away from the hustle and bustle of tourism, its climate is dry in winter and rather rainy in summer. There are all the amenities, stores, banks, pharmacies, supermarkets, and sports clubs with tennis courts, beach volleyball and a swimming pool.







Leading Luxury Homes (LLH)

Leading Luxury Home (LLH) is a prestigious real estate agency founded by Jasmine Longuève, specializing for over 20 years in luxury real estate in Mauritius and Saint Tropez. **Leading Luxury Home** offers a comprehensive suite of luxury real estate services, including:



a strong team of experts (bankers, notaries, lawyers, tax advisors, property management companies, etc.), we provide our clients with a complete and personalized service.

Furthermore, to best support our clients in their expatriation projects, we have established a dedicated subsidiary: **LLH Partners Ltd,** offering administrative and legal expertise for a smooth expatriation process and high-quality living arrangements.

Driven by a growing commitment to eco-responsible projects, we have developed a specialized department in eco-construction: **LLH Eco Earth.** Under this name, we aim to promote essential values for the world of tomorrow, embodying excellence and eco-responsibility in the luxury real estate sector in Mauritius.

At the heart of this mission is a project that is particu-

larly close to our hearts:

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For children, there is the Paul et Virginie School (kindergarten and primary school, part of the local network of French Program Establishments in Mauritius) as well as the Telfair International Primary School.

Flic-en-Flac: located on the West coast of the island, it is the second seaside hub of Mauritius, therefore animated and touristy with bars, restaurants, nightclubs, and casinos. The beauty of its beaches is breathtaking. During the week, Flic-en-Flac is quiet, allowing you to enjoy the beaches and the numerous water activities, such as scuba diving or windsurfing.

The South of Mauritius

This region of the island is untouched, less touristy, with different landscapes, sometimes steep. If you are a nature lover and you do not have to travel frequently to the capital and its surroundings, the South of Mauritius is the perfect region to live fully immersed in the Mauritian way of life.

Pros:

The South of the island is far from everything; it offers the serenity and tranquility not accessible anywhere else on the island.

The South is literally between the mountains and the sea, so you don't have to choose.

Some of the most beautiful beaches on the island are in the South, including Le Morne in the Southwest and Blue Bay in the South East.

Cons:

The South is far from everything, with not many shopping centers, schools, or shops around.

The South is not well served by transportation, and road infrastructure is limited.

A popular village is:

Mahébourg: In the South-East of the island, Mahébourg and the surrounding villages, Blue Bay and Pointe-d'Esny, can be interesting options for solo expats or those without children. The village is served by a highway connecting it to the center of the island, it is only a few minutes from the airport and the beaches of Pointe d'Esny and Blue Bay, which are among the most beautiful on the island. There is also a shopping mall a few minutes' drive from the village and many small and varied shops and typical restaurants.



The East of Mauritius

This region is home to some of the most beautiful beaches of the island, such as Belle Mare or Trou d'Eau Douce. Its peaceful environment, its village atmosphere, its lagoon, and its wonderful bays offer an authentic atmosphere. Furthermore, golfers will find breathtaking courses, such as the Constance Belle Mare Plage.

Pros:

There are beautiful beaches in the East of the island.

While it is close to Flacq, which is home to shopping centers and other facilities, it is still possible to find serenity in the East of the island since it is less accessible and busy.

Cons:

The area remains difficult to access from the Center of the island, although developments are underway to remedy this.

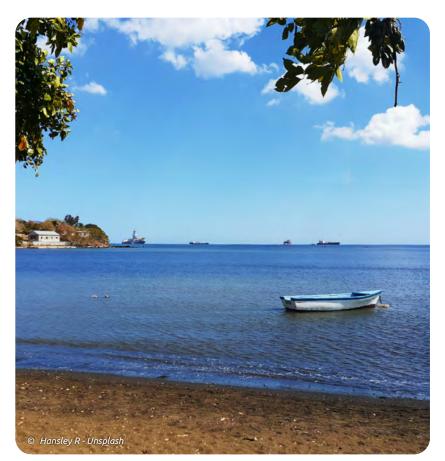
Schools, especially private ones, and administrative offices are not well represented in this part of the island.

A popular village is:

Poste Lafayette: This is the most affluent part of the area and is home to a large expat community that has chosen to live by the sea. You will find many villas with private access to the beach.



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As for the climate, although sunny most of the time, it is quite windy.

Buying a property in one of these regions of Mauritius

The Economic Development Board (EDB) reminds us that any non-citizen, whether an individual or an investor, is allowed to hold/buy/acquire real estate in Mauritius.

In the case of an individual, such acquisition requires the approval of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

In the case of an investor, such an acquisition requires the approval of the EDB.

For this purpose, various schemes for the acquisition of residential property approved and administered by the EDB have been developed:

Property Development Scheme (PDS) / Merger of Integrated Resort Scheme and Real Estate Scheme

Any investment of more than USD 375,000 entitles the purchaser and his or her dependents to a residence permit, valid for the duration of the property's ownership. As the owner of a PDS property, he does not need to obtain an occupation or work permit to invest or work in Mauritius.

Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS)

The purchaser and his dependents can obtain a residence permit against an investment of at least USD 375,000. The individual buyer is free to rent out the property and is not subject to any tax restrictions. As a holder of a residence permit under the IRS, they do not need a work or occupation permit to work in Mauritius.

Real Estate Scheme (RES)

The benefits are similar to those granted by the real estate purchase in IRS.

Smart City Scheme

This scheme allows non-residents to purchase a residential unit, villa, apartment, penthouse, townhouse or duplex in Mauritius. Non-residents holding a residence permit, occupation permit or permanent residence permit can purchase a serviced plot of land of 2,100 square meters in a residential subdivision located in an EDB-approved Smart City development for the purpose of building a residence.

Ground +2 apartments

Non-citizens who purchase an apartment located in a building with at least 2 upper floors for a minimum amount of USD 375,000 or its equivalent in other currencies are granted a residence permit. The permit remains valid as long as they own the property.



They may also purchase an apartment in a subdivision outside the approved residential programs. However, the apartment must be in a condominium with at least 2 floors above ground, and the minimum purchase price must be Rs 6 million or its equivalent in other currencies.

Good to know

Classified ads and word-of mouth can help in finding long-term rental that meets your expectations. For new expats, it is preferable to first rent a seasonal property for a short period of time and then take the time to visit different properties and make a choice for the long term.

Turning your house into a home

When you moved to Mauritius, you probably left behind some of the things that made your house a home. To make this new life as sweet and pleasant as possible, the island has no shortage of shops specially dedicated to furnishing, DIY, decoration, etc., such as Macumba Ltd, Espace Maison et Jardin, Teak World, Mr Bricolage, La Foir'Fouille, Roche Bobois and Moodesign. If you want to remain eco-friendly while furnishing and decorating your home, The Good Shop is a collaborative initiative.

particularly oriented towards

the circular economy. Three shops have opened so far, in Calebasses, Curepipe and Moka, respectively.

In Mauritius, it is also common to have your furniture made by local cabinet makers. Ask around or visit the Mauritius forum for information and tips!

Note that most furniture stores offer free delivery and assemble the furniture for you. To take advantage of this, just ask when you visit the store.

Regarding the prices of products in store, most of them being imported, the prices can be slightly higher than in Europe, for example.

Units of measurement

Mauritians rarely speak in square meters. Thus, you will probably hear about square feet, perch and toise:

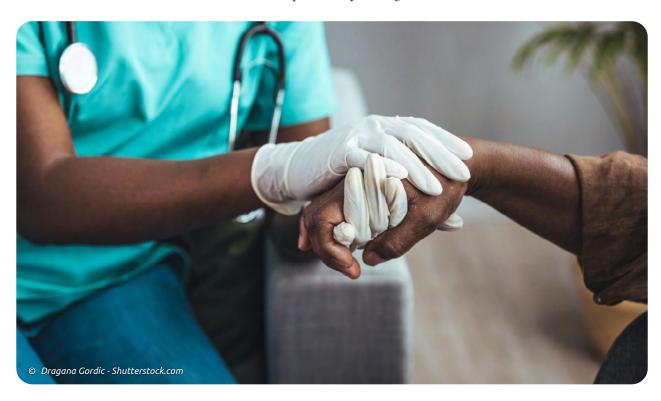
- ► 10.7641 square feet = 1 square meter;
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Health in Mauritius

Health is a major issue when moving abroad. Are expats eligible for treatment in the Mauritian public health system? Is it free? What are the conditions to be met? Do expats need health insurance coverage in Mauritius? Below are the answers to the questions you might have.



Overview of the health system in Mauritius

Mauritius has 5 regional public hospitals, 2 district hospitals, 4 specialized public hospitals, around 20 private clinics, and hundreds of private medical practitioners (including those who do house calls). Public hospitals are supported by a network of community health centers that are evenly distributed throughout the island, including in small villages, where you can see GP and get basic health services (e.g. vaccination,

family planning). Both citizens and expats can get treated in public hospitals, but **expats** (as non-citizens) will be billed for these services.

As for pharmacies, they can be found in every corner of the island, including rural areas. Some pharmacies are part of larger networks (e.g. MedActiv Pharmacies), Unicorn Group of Pharmacies), while others are independent and even family-owned.

While Emergency Services and GP consultations in public hospitals are typically quick,

scheduling an appointment with a specialist doctor can take up to 3 months. The process is clearly outlined but lengthy: first, you must visit the hospital and see a GP, after which a file will be created for your appointment. Each step involves triage, waiting periods, and possibly additional tests, such as X-rays and blood tests.

Although the public health system is capable of treating most health problems, including surgeries like organ transplants, expats tend to prefer the private healthcare system,



which is faster and often better equipped (including in dealing with insurance companies). The presence of many high-quality private clinics has established Mauritius as a destination for medical tourism.

Some important information to keep in mind:

- ▶ A social security system exists in Mauritius, though its coverage is limited to specific areas. These include old age pensions, general disability pensions, disability support for severe cases, and eyeglasses. Social assistance also covers rice and flour allowances, certain funeral expenses (based on eligibility), redundancy support, aid for single mothers, children with incarcerated fathers, hearing aids, wheelchairs, elderly welfare, and select loans (subject to criteria).
- ► Getting treated in a private clinic in Mauritius can be very expensive. While routine checkups are fairly affordable, with doctors' fees ranging from Rs 1,000-3,000 per visit, complex procedures and

overnight stays can rack you up a bill over Rs 100,000 if you are not properly insured

Mauritians seeking advanced treatments not available in the country often turn to Reunion Island, India, or South Africa. This is an important factor to consider if you need specialized care. Additionally, to ensure comprehensive coverage, many expatriates in Mauritius opt for international health insurance.

The public healthcare system in Mauritius

Mauritius boasts a well-developed healthcare system that is overseen by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. The Medical Council of Mauritius regulates the medical profession to ensure that practices adhere to high international quality and safety standards. The state is committed to modernizing the healthcare system by integrating the latest technologies into it. During the 2024-2025 budget presentation, the Minister of Finance announced an allocation of Rs 17.2 billion for this crucial sector.

Some GPs are trained locally, notably through the Department of Medicine of the University of Mauritius, but many Mauritian doctors were also trained abroad, especially in France, Belgium, the UK, China, India and South Africa. All specialist doctors have studied overseas, as Mauritius currently lacks higher education programs in medical specializations such as cardiology and oncology. There are also many expat doctors working in Mauritius.

These are the departments that all of the five regional hospitals of Mauritius have:

These are the five public regional hospitals of Mauritius:

- ➤ Victoria Hospital in Candos (center, near Quatre-Bornes) The area is also served by 20 community health centers and 5 regional health centers.
- ▶ Dr A Gaffoor Jeetoo Hospital in Port-Louis The area is also served by 25 community health centers and 6 regional health centers.
- ▶ Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital in Pamplemousses (north) The area is also served by 23 community health centers and 4 regional health centers
- Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital in Rose-Belle (south)
 The area is also served by 17 community health centers and 5 regional health centers.









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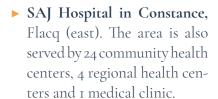












Here is a summary of the medical services offered by this network of regional hospitals. If one service isn't available at one hospital, you will be redirected to another one.

General and Specialist Medical Services

- ► General Medicine
- ► General Surgery
- ► Orthopedic Surgery
- Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- ▶ Paediatrics and Neonatal Nursery, including Neonatal Intensive Care
- ► Cardiology and Cardiac Sur-
- Psychiatry
- ► Physical Medicine
- ► Chest Diseases
- ▶ Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)
- ► Communicable Diseases
- ► Dermatology
- ► ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat)
- ▶ Ophthalmology
- ► Oncology

Emergency and Intensive Care

- ► Accident and Emergency Department
- ▶ Medical and Surgical Intensive Care
- ▶ Burns Unit

Diagnostic Services

- ► Radiology (including X-ray and CT Scan)
- ► MRI
- Medical Laboratory Services

Other Units and Facilities

- ▶ Haemodialysis
- ► Lithotripsy
- ► Dental Facilities
- ► Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- Nutrition and Dietician Services
- ▶ Blood Bank
- Physiotherapy
- Medical Social Services
- ► Auxiliary Departments (including Medical Records)

The 5 regional hospitals are supplemented by 2 smaller district hospitals with more limited services, namely the Souillac Hospital and the Mahébourg Hospital, both located in the south. In Rodrigues, the second island of the Republic of Mauritius, public healthcare services are provided by Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

All of these hospitals are supported by a network of community health centers, dispensaries, and mediclinics. The health services they provide include basic general practitioner and nursing services, vaccinations, family planning, maternal and child health care, and public health education.

Some centers also offer X-ray and ultrasound services, along with limited dental care.

There are also 4 specialized hospitals for specific specializations. They are:

- ▶ Brown Sequard Mental Healthcare Hospital Beau-Bassin:
- ▶ New ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) Hospital in Vacoas;
- ▶ Subramania Bharati Eye **Hospital** in Moka;
- ► The Chest Hospital in Poudre d'Or (north).

The private healthcare system in Mauritius

Mauritius has numerous private clinics that provide a wide range of medical services, including general consultations, specialized care, dental services, diagnostic procedures, and mental health support. The specialized care also includes plastic surgery in some clinics, in addition to regular specializations like dermatology, oncology and cardiology. You can find a list of private clinics in Mauritius here. In addition to clinics, the country has a network of doctors who have their independent private medical practice.

The cost of treatment in private clinics: Visiting a GP or specialist doctor in a private clinic usually costs between Rs 1,000- Rs 3,000 per appointment. Any simple diagnostic test, such as a blood test or X-ray, will add another Rs 1,000-3,000 to your bill.



Appointments and simple tests can usually be paid outof-pocket if you have a decent income, but more complex diagnostic procedures such as an angiography can cost up to Rs 50,000, so it's better to be insured for them. Surgeries cost at least Rs 100,000, and so do overnight stays for multiple days.

Some clinics are more budget-friendly than others. The network of C-Care clinics, while offering top-quality medical services and modern facilities for overnight stays, tend to be on the pricier side. In contrast, smaller independent clinics, like Chisty Shifa Clinic in Port-Louis, provide more affordable options, though their room facilities for overnight stays are relatively basic.

Travel for specialized treatment: For conditions that require treatment outside the island, patients can seek care at health centers on Réunion Island, es-

pecially at the Hospital Center Félix Guyon in Saint-Denis and its southern facilities in Saint-Pierre, Saint-Joseph, and Cilaos. Réunion is a mere 1-hour flight away from Mauritius.

Private doctors' offices: Many GPs and specialist doctors also have their private practice, sometimes in an office attached to their homes. Some can pay home calls and offer telemedicine services for an extra fee. If you are unsure if a doctor is properly registered, especially to provide healthcare in a specialized area, contact the Medical Council for information. Doctors are often recommended through word of mouth in Mauritius. For example, if you need to see a dermatologist, ask people around you who they'd recommend based on their previous experience as patients. You can also see reviews of private practices on Google Reviews and Reddit (under the thread /r/mauritius).

Pharmacies and medication in Mauritius

Expats traveling to Mauritius can bring common medications for personal use, as long as they have a copy of the prescription and the medicine was obtained from a pharmacy. However, hypnotics, narcotics, and strong pain relievers require prior approval from the Ministry of Health. While you're there, feel free to ask your pharmacist if they can order any medication you need that is currently out of stock. Just remember to present a valid prescription.

Some medication may not be available in Mauritius. To help with this, discussions have been set up on *English* and *French* forums on our website to list these medicines. Don't hesitate to reach out to our members for advice!







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Many drugs sold in Mauritius are generic ones manufactured in India, as they tend to be less expensive while still being of high quality. Hence, they might not bear the same brand names as the medicine you are used to buying in Europe or North America, but rest assured that they are chemically the same, as they contain the same exact active ingredients and are fully internationally approved for quality and safety. You can read more about brand-name and generic medication in the MDS Consumer Manual.

According to the *Pharmacy Council of Mauritius*, there are currently more than 230 pharmacies across the country. Some are part of chains, such as *Medactive*, which has 14 pharmacies across the island. You will always find at least one pharmacy in the commercial center or mall closest to you. Many supermarkets also have a pharmacy inside or right in front of them.

Moving to Mauritius with a chronic illness or disability

If you are taking medication for a chronic illness, it's important to check the availability of your medicines in Mauritius before you leave. They might be available under other brand names. If possible, bring a small stock of your medicines from abroad for your first few months in the country; this will give you time to find a local doctor and pharmacy for your future prescriptions. Remember to bring your prescriptions for any drugs and to present them at customs when you land in Mauritius.

As for expats with disabilities, they are legally protected in Mauritius by the Disabilities Act 2023. Unfortunately for those with physical disabilities, accessible infrastructure is still not the norm all across the island, although efforts are being made to improve that, including by adding wheelchair

ramps on many beaches. Twice a week, the news on MBC channels are broadcast in sign language. Furthermore, there are many NGOs across the country offering support to people with disabilities. Some manage schools for children with disabilities. You can find a list of these NGOs and schools here, on the website of the *Special Education Needs Authority*.

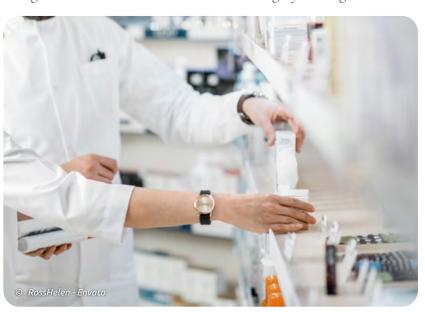
Health insurance in Mauritius

Public healthcare in Mauritius is free for citizens. Expats can also use public hospitals, but they will be billed. As in many public healthcare systems worldwide, wait times in public hospitals can be lengthy, and waiting areas are often crowded. For this reason, most expats and many locals choose private clinics or consult private practitioners. If you're not prepared to pay for these services out-of-pocket, it's advisable to obtain health insurance.

What are the health insurance offers in Mauritius?

The country has a wide range of local health insurance companies, complemented by *international insurers*. Several solutions and packages are offered.

Local health insurance companies offer either a third-party payment if the care is provided by an establishment in their network or a reimbursement of expenses.



For their part, international health insurers can offer advantages such as the possibility of choosing one's preferred care facility, third-party payments for hospital stays, and services tailored for expats (free telemedicine with a doctor who speaks the patient's native language, medical transfers abroad for complex cases or specialized treatments, etc.).

Can expats be insured by local companies?

Expats can, of course, be insured locally. As everywhere, the budget depends on factors such as age, current health status, medical history, needs, etc.

How to choose private health insurance in Mauritius?

Expats can, of course, be insured by a local provider. As with any insurance, the cost will vary based on factors like age, current health, medical history, and specific needs.

A good health insurance should cover both routine and major care, and most importantly, include repatriation if needed. It's essential to take the time to research and evaluate the offerings of different insurance providers that catch your interest. Key factors to consider in your decision include:

Type of plan and provider network: Does the insurance company have a designated network? If so, which hospitals, healthcare

providers, and pharmacies are in its network?

Premiums: How much do you have to pay every month for your coverage?

Waiting period: What is the waiting period before your coverage is activated after you sign the contract?

Drug coverage: Are your regular prescriptions covered by your insurance?

Extension of coverage: How easy is it to add a family member to the insurance plan?

Repatriation options and conditions: What is the cost of the repatriation option? What conditions must be met to use it, and which destinations are covered?

International health insurance companies

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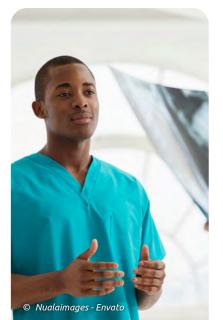
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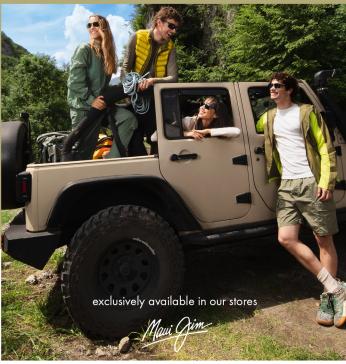
















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Insect-borne diseases in Mauritius

In the past, there have been outbreaks of insect-borne diseases like dengue fever and chikungunya. However, the current risk is not significant, with only a few imported cases reported.

Nevertheless, you are strongly advised to take preventive measures against these diseases, such as ensuring that your home is properly sealed to prevent insects from entering. Using insect repellents and wearing long, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing are also recommended to minimize the risk of insect bites.

If you experience symptoms like fever, muscle pain, rash, or severe headaches, it is crucial to consult a health professional immediately for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Vaccinations required for traveling to Mauritius

It is no longer mandatory to have a complete vaccination scheme against COVID-19 or to go through a quarantine period to enter Mauritius. However, if you have tested positive for COVID-19 within 8 days prior to departure, you are not allowed to board a flight to Mauritius.

Vaccination against yellow fever is optional if you come from Europe, North America, Oceania or Asia, but mandatory if you have recently visited an endemic area.

Vaccination against hepatitis A and B is recommended.

Make sure your tetanus and polio vaccinations are up-to-date.

Foreign nationals returning to Mauritius after a stay in a highrisk country are required to present their up-to-date international vaccination booklet.

Risks of allergies in Mauritius

From April to May, one should be wary of sugarcane flowers. During the cane-cutting season, cane fires can also create an allergy to airborne smoke particles.

Mosquitoes in Mauritius

During the summer and especially the wet season, mosquito nets and repellent products are recommended. Preventive treatments can also be used, such as smoking, the use of fresh lemongrass that can be found everywhere in gardens, or even geranium essential oil.

Note that there is no risk of malaria in the country.

Mandatory medical examinations

Applicants for an Occupation Permit or a Residence Permit in Mauritius must complete a series of mandatory medical examinations, which include:

Blood tests for:

- ► Hemoglobin and complete blood count;m
- ► Hepatitis B surface antigen;
- ► HIV test for AIDS:
- ▶ VDRL test (for syphilis).

Urine tests for albumin and sugar:

- Stool parasite test;
- ► Chest X-ray;
- ► Lymphatic Filariasis (na-







tionals of India, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Brazil, Comoros, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam);

► **Leprosy** (Indian nationals).

The following three tests must be conducted in Mauritius at any registered private medical laboratory or clinic:

- ► Hepatitis B surface antigen;
- ► HIV;

► Chest X-ray.

Additional guidelines

▶ Other tests may be comple-

- ted in the applicant's home country before arrival or in Mauritius.
- All test results must be submitted to a local doctor, who will issue a medical certificate following a clinical examination. This medical certificate, along with the reports of the three mandatory tests performed in Mauritius, must accompany the residency and work permit application.
- Applications will not be accepted if there is evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- ► Tests must have been conducted within six months prior to

- the application date, and the chest X-ray must be signed by a radiologist.
- ► Children under 12 require only a medical certificate after a clinical examination; other exams should be performed only if recommended by a physician.

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Medical Certificate Guidelines (see pages 33-34)

List of Certified Private Clinics.





Banking and Finance in Mauritius

Managing your finances is one of the first step to settling into life in Mauritius as an expat. This chapter provides an overview of the banking system, available financial services, practical tips for opening accounts, managing foreign currency and much more. Whether you're planning to invest, save, or simply handle day-to-day expenses, understanding the financial landscape will help you make informed decisions and ensure a smooth transition.



Non-resident foreigners in Mauritius

Banking in Mauritius for non-residents

Mauritius allows non-residents to open a savings account in rupees or foreign currency in the country without requiring a minimum stay in the country.

Mauritian Rupee bank accounts

The Mauritian rupee savings account allows its non-resident holder to receive funds by installments or transfers. The account holder also benefits from a debit card for withdrawals and payments, as well as the possibility to make regular transactions, withdrawals and transfers of funds.

Foreign currency bank accounts

Foreign currency accounts are authorized to receive funds only by bank transfers, national or international. They also bear interest at fixed rates (term account) or variable rates (interest on the amount available). The procedure might differ depending on the bank you have chosen. Cash deposits of foreign currency is possible in a foreign currency account, provided that the currency, once converted, does not exceed Rs 500,000. The bank is allowed to ask for proof of origin of the funds depending on the amount to be deposited.

Good to know

Foreign currency current accounts in major foreign currencies are available to residents and non-residents (Euro, Dollar, Rand).

How to open a nonresident bank account in Mauritius?

If you wish to open a non-resident bank account while being in Mauritius, you will need:

- ► Original and copy of a valid passport (in color);
- Original and copy of a proof of residence in their country of origin (in color);
- Bank reference from the country of origin indicating that the account is well managed and does not have any anomalies;
- ► CV stating the professional status of the account holder.

Opening a nonresident account online in Mauritius

To open a remote account:

► Contact a management com-



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pany. It should be registered with the Financial Services Commission (FSC) and be located in Mauritius.

➤ Or contact the bank of your choice and ask about the possibility of opening a remote account for foreigners.

Resident foreigners

Mauritian Rupee current account

To open a rupee current

account as a resident, you need to present:

- ► A copy of your passport and the corresponding visa;
- ► A proof of address (a utility bill in your name, such as CEB, CWA) dated within 3 months;
- ► A certificate indicating the origin of your income or assets;
- ➤ Your residence permit issued by the relevant authorities.

In general, a minimum deposit

of Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 is required. Ask for confirmation from the bank you have chosen, as the amount may vary from one bank to another.

Good to know

In 2022, the Bank of Mauritius has reviewed procedures for opening a bank account in Mauritius in order to ensure it would not take longer than a week















































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Bank details

Before choosing your bank, check the relationship between your country of origin and the Mauritian bank. It will be imperative to justify the origin of funds for large deposits in Mauritian accounts.

Overdrafts

Foreign accounts are structurally credit accounts. However, special arrangements can be made for term deposits within the same institution.

Online banking and mobile payments in Mauritius

All banks in Mauritius offer their customers online services and mobile applications from which they can manage their personal finances.

Below is an overview of the solutions available to date.

The MCB

Internet banking

The MCB offers internet banking to its customers, who can manage their accounts at any time. To access it, you will have to request a login and password from one of the many branches across the island. MCB online banking allows you to:

- Open a savings account, current account, single account with fixed deposit;
- ► Check account balances, cur-

- rent and past transactions going back up to 6 months;
- ► Move funds between accounts;
- Make an instant payment or schedule, both locally and internationally;
- Quickly pay bills by selecting recipients from the ready-touse recipient list;
- Send funds to personal credit cards and prepaid cards;
- ► Create a standing order for

- automatic payments;
- ► Have a clear view of your direct debits, loans and investments;
- Sign up for services such as MCB Refill, Juice or MCB Secure;
- View E-statements to track expenses. Available for a full year, the dematerialized statements can be downloaded and printed at will during this period;
- ► Receive, withdraw and send money via PayPal.

Mobile banking

On the mobile side, the bank offers "Banking by SMS", which allows you to:

- Consult the balance of your account;
- View the last 5 banking transactions;
- ► Make transfers between your MCB accounts;
- Receive notifications by SMS (salary payments, deadlines, failure of standing order or direct debit);
- Refill your mobile credit instantly by sending an SMS to 8700 to receive your credit.

Important

The bank by SMS is a paid service.

Still on the mobile side, the bank has a popular application called "MCB Juice", which allows a variety of services:

▶ Send and receive money instantly with a phone number or an account number;







































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MCB introduces "Juice Tap by MCB Juice"

The MCB launched "Juice Tap by MCB Juice" in December 2024. This new service allows customers to make payments effortlessly by tapping their NFC-enabled mobile phones on a payment terminal.



Activation is simple via the MCB Juice app. The service is initially available for Android users with VISA cards and will soon extend to Mastercard users. Discussions are also underway to bring the feature to iPhone users.

With advanced encryption ensuring secure transactions, Juice Tap offers a safe and seamless payment experience.

The SBM

Internet banking

The banking institution presents its internet banking as offering a "360° view". Indeed, this option allows customers to reset their password online, pay their bills (CEB, CWA, MyT, etc.) remotely, transfer funds and verify deposited checks.

All local and international SBM accounts are now available on the same page.

Mobile app

SBM also has a banking app called "SBM Mobile Banking App" accessible to both iOS and Android devices, which can be downloaded for free from App Store or Play Store. It allows you to:

- ▶ Request balance from anywhere in the world;
- Make a funds transfer and consult the mini statement;
- ► Make payments to another local bank;
- ▶ Report lost ATM card;

- Sign up for paperless statements;
- ► Pay utility bills/standing orders, including payments to institutional payees;
- Pay monthly mobile phone plans;
- ► Instantly recharge a mobile phone number;
- Recharge a prepaid card;
- Refund bills paid with SBM credit card;
- Request a checkbook;
- ▶ Stop payment on a check.

Maubank

Another popular bank in Mauritius, MauBank also offers an internet banking service, through which it is possible to transfer funds between MauBank accounts or to other local banks, to manage one's accounts (balances, transactions made), to fund one's credit cards.

Mobile app

The mobile application of Mau-Bank (MauBank With Me) allows:

- Access by fingerprint or facial recognition;
- ► Instant activation;
- Download your account statements;
- ► Consult your balance;
- ► Recharge your mobile phone;
- ► Top up your credit card;
- Make transfers and withdrawals at ATMs without cards;
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Internet banking

Through its internet banking services, ABSA Bank allows its customers to:

- Make instant domestic money transfers;
- Make international money transfers;
- Pay their bills;
- ▶ Pay off their credit cards;
- Recharge their mobile phone numbers;
- Make direct debits for recurring bills;
- ► Manage their debit card;
- ► Transaction limits;
- Update their email address/ mobile number;
- ► Set their one-time password (OTP):
- ► Set a travel notice;
- ▶ Download the 24/7 E-statement;
- View their transaction history;
- Use advanced filters on account activity.

Mobile app

Absa Bank's mobile app allows you to:

- ▶ View account activity;
- ► Authorize transactions:
- ► Transfer funds, pay bills;

- ▶ Download your statements;
- Update your email address or mobile phone number.

AfrAsia Bank Limited

Internet banking

AfrAsia Bank's internet banking allows users to access their accounts and manage their money online 24/7 through the user-friendly online banking interface, equipped with a 2-step authentication and one-time password for login and transactions.

Once logged in, users can:

- Check balances and recent transactions;
- ▶ Pay bills and transfer money;
- ► Stop payment on checks;
- ► Order new checkbooks;
- Update personal information;
- ▶ Download recent statements;
- ► Enroll in E-statements.

Mobile app

The AfrAsia Cards app allows you to:

- Manage AfrAsia Bank World, Titanium and Gold Master-Card credit cards;
- Activate and deactivate any of these cards;
- Create and manage a personalized secret code;
- Register your card to receive a one-time password (OTP) to validate purchases;

- ► View the history of transactions made with a card;
- ► Check your account balance at any time;
- ► Know all the current offers related to the card;
- Report card blocking in case of need.

ABC Banking Corporation Ltd

ABC's internet banking allows you to:

- Consult and manage your accounts at any time;
- ► Transfer money between your ABC Banking accounts;
- Order a checkbook online in a few clicks;
- Pay your income tax to the MRA;
- ► Transfer money to another local or international bank account;









- Consult your credit facilities and repayments;
- ▶ Make transfers to third par-
- ► Consult your transfer orders.

Bank One Limited

Bank One's internet banking allows you to:

- ► Access your accounts immediately 24/7;
- ▶ View your transactions and statement history at any time;
- Make payments and transfers to a local or international bank account:
- ▶ Pay your credit card balance or add funds to your prepaid card;
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- ► Track your loan or mortgage account.

Mobile app

The app allows you to:

- ▶ Check the balance of all your accounts on the dashboard:
- ▶ View your balance without even having to log in;
- ► Transfer money;
- ▶ Recharge your Emtel or MyT balance;

- Recharge your prepaid card;
- Cancel a lost card;
- ▶ Manage personal and business accounts from a single login.

BCP Bank (Mauritius)

BCP Bank (Mauritius) offers a dedicated "My Tools" section on its website to assist clients in their daily financial endeavors and to help them plan their projects. This space features online loan and savings calculators that facilitate decision-making. The Internet Banking platform conveniently ensures clients have 24/7 access to their accounts.

Online shopping in Mauritius

With the country's transition to fiber optics, a number of companies have invested in e-commerce platforms for services such as searching for tourism offers or finding gardeners or housekeepers (deals.mu, marideal.mu, priceguru.mu, mychauffeur. mu, etc.). These platforms allow their customers to pay for their purchases by credit card or even debit card or PayPal.

During COVID, a lot of Mauritian shops and service providers have also moved their business online.

Mobile payments in Mauritius

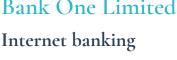
Like internet banking, mobile payment applications are increasingly being used by consumers.

My.t money by Mauritius Telecom

My.t Money by Mauritius Telecom is a mobile payment application that describes itself as "a reliable and secure alternative to cash transactions". It is linked to all commercial banks in Mauritius, namely ABC Banking Corporation, Absa, Afrasia, Bank of Baroda, Bank One, BCP Bank (Mauritius), HSBC, MCB, SBI and SBM.

As a virtual wallet with a card, it eliminates the need to use cash and allows the following transactions:

- ▶ Interbank transfer Transfer money from your registered bank to any other bank for
- Personal Financial Manager -Manage your budget and track your expenses;





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- Recharge your mobile Internet and voice;
- ► Loyalty point system;
- ► Track past transfers;

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- Schedule automatic recharges;
- ▶ Pay bills Utility bills (Telecom / CEB / CWA), insurance premium, monthly fees, etc. at application partners, share payment receipts;
- ► Transfer and receive money for free - Make a withdrawal from a registered bank account, transfer money between savings portfolios, share a bill;
- Children's account Create and manage accounts for children;
- ▶ Pooled pot With a target amount set, ability to add contributors, schedule automatic transfers to the pot, withdraw money at any time.

The use of my.t money requires registration with Mauritius Telecom.

Blink by Emtel

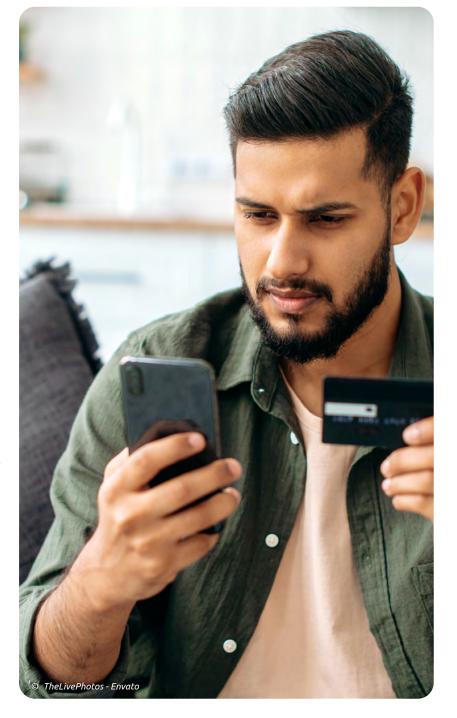
Blink by Emtel is authorized by the Bank of Mauritius and works with all MauCas approved QR codes. This mobile payment application allows consumers to make transactions directly from their Mauritian bank account(s), send money instantly to any local Mauritian bank account, receive money, make payments at shops, pay all utility and online bills, top up their cell phone (voice and data), and set usage limits.

Because of its highly secure environment, Blink can be used from a smartphone or tablet, on all available networks and from anywhere.

Application features:

- ► Scan and pay via QR Code;
- ► Send and receive money;
- ► Pay bills;
- ▶ Top up Emtel mobile voice

- and data credit;
- ► Make bank transfer from one account to another;
- ► Transfer and manage multiple bank accounts;
- ► Alerts and reminders to follow local and international news;
- ► Alerts and reminders for onetime transfers and payments.











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Tax in Mauritius

When moving abroad, it's important to address all your questions upfront and get clear answers, even for the more complex topics. Taxation—both personal and corporate—is one such area that can feel overwhelming but is essential to understand. From income tax and tax years to corporate tax, VAT, offshore company taxation, and tax benefits, this chapter is designed to help you navigate the tax system in Mauritius with confidence.



Mauritius offers a transparent tax system

Mauritius has implemented numerous tax incentives to attract foreign investment while adhering to international standards. By signing agreements aligned with these standards, Mauritius has earned recognition from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for being compliant with international taxation standards.

The tax year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. This period applies to both individuals and companies when determining their taxable income and filing their tax returns.

Tax returns must be submitted

to the MRA by September 30

if filed in person, or by October 15 if submitted electronically.

Becoming a tax resident in Mauritius

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) considers a tax resident in Mauritius to be a foreign person who stayed:

 At least 183 days during the fiscal year on the island;

Or

▶ At least 270 days when combining the time spent in the current fiscal year and that spent in the 2 previous fiscal years.

Once expats have met one of these two tax residency criteria, they become taxable on both the income generated in Mauritius and foreign income transferred to Mauritius. By income, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) means:

- Income from professional activity;
- ► Income from a trade or profession;
- ▶ Pensions;
- ▶ Rent;
- ► Interest;
- ▶ Royalties.

Capital gains are the exception to the rule, for they are not subject to any taxation.

As of now, Mauritius has entered 46 tax treaties designed to prevent double taxation. You can read the details of each tax treaty on the MRA's website by clicking *this link* to know how they apply to you, depending on your nationality.







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Countries with which Mauritius has signed a tax treaty

Individual income tax

The Mauritian tax system is quite straightforward.

For employees, both tax contributions and social contributions (for pensions and retirement) are deducted at source by their employers. This is known as the PAYE (Pay As You Earn) system, and the company handles all the necessary administrative tasks. When it comes to income tax, all employees are assigned a Tax Account Number (TAN) and benefit from these deductions at source. This means that the employer automatically withholds the appropriate amount from each employee's salary every month.

At the end of the tax year, employers provide each employee with an "Employee Declaration Form" (EDF), which lists any non-salary income, such as interest, royalties, and foreign dividends. Employees use this form to calculate their taxable amount. If the total deductions taken at source are less than what the employee owes, they will need to pay the difference to the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA). Conversely, if too much has been withheld, the employee will receive a refund. However, at the end of the tax year, the employer gives each employee an EDF on which the non-salary income (interest, royalties, dividends from abroad) is listed. The employee must use this form to calculate the taxable amount. If the total of the deductions made at source is less than what the employee is required to pay, the employee must pay the difference to the MRA. If the MRA

has been overpaid, the employee is refunded the difference.

To complete this process, employees must submit their tax declaration to the MRA. This can be done in person by visiting the MRA with the EDF provided by the employer, or online by registering on the MRA's e-Service website using their TAN.

Individual tax rates

Mauritius has a progressive income tax system. The amount you owe to the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) is based on your annual taxable income. Essentially, the more you earn, the higher is the tax rate on your income above certain thresholds. The goal of progressive taxation is to promote fairness by ensuring that individuals with higher incomes contribute a larger share to public funds.

Here are the individual income tax brackets for 2024 - 2025:

- o% on the first Rs 390,000;
- ▶ 2% on the next Rs 40,000 (for income between Rs 390,001 and Rs 430,000);
- ▶ 4% on the next Rs 40,000 (for income between Rs 430,001 and Rs 470,000);
- ▶ 6% on the next Rs 60,000 (for income between Rs 470,001 and Rs 530,000);
- ▶ 8% on the next Rs 60,000 (for income between Rs 530,001 and Rs 590,000);
- ▶ 10% on the next Rs 300,000 (for income between Rs 590,001 and Rs 890,000);































- ▶ 12% on the next Rs 300,000 (for income between Rs 890,001 and Rs 1,190,000);
- ▶ 14% on the next Rs 300,000 (for income between Rs 1,190,001 and Rs 1,490,000);
- ▶ 16% on the next Rs 400,000 (for income between Rs 1,490,001 and Rs 1,890,000);
- ▶ 18% on the next Rs 500,000 (for income between Rs 1,890,001 and Rs 2,390,000);
- ▶ 20% on any income over Rs 2,390,000.

Tax deductions on individual income tax

Individuals with dependents get further tax deductions. A dependent is defined as a child under 18, a child over 18 in full-time education, a spouse who does not work, or a family member who cannot work because he/she is bedridden or has a disability.

The amount of deduction per dependent is as follows:

- ▶ 1 dependent: + Rs 110,000;
- > 2 dependents: + Rs 190,000;
- > 3 dependents: + Rs 275,000;
- ▶ 4 or more: + Rs 355,000.

As from 2024, parents with children under 18 who attend fee-paying private schools get Rs 60,000 tax exemption per child. This also applies to expat tax residents of the island whose children attend a private school

Corporate income tax

The flat corporate tax rate in Mauritius is 15%. It applies to the following:

- ► Commercial profits;
- ► Interests:
- ▶ Dividends from abroad:
- ▶ Rents. commercial income. liberal business income, CPS Current Payment must be de-



In recent years, several tax-related changes have been introduced, leading to various exemptions and deductions. Here's a breakdown of the key updates:

1. Interest Earned by Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) and Closed-End Funds: The partial exemption on interest earned by these investment funds has been increased from 80% to 95%. This means that a larger portion of the interest earned will now be tax-exempt, providing potential benefits for investors and fund managers.

2. Investment Tax Credit for Manufacturing Companies:

Manufacturing companies, excluding those in the automotive sector, can now take advantage of an investment tax credit designed to encourage investment in the manufacturing industry in Mauritius.

- 3. Triple Deduction for Donations to NGOs: Companies that donate to NGOs focused on health and disability support, the protection of street children, and rehabilitation programs can now benefit from a triple deduction on their contributions, up to a maximum of Rs 1 million.
- 4. Double Deduction for Hiring Women under the Prime à L'Emploi Program: Companies that hire individuals under the Prime à L'Emploi program, especially women, can enjoy a double deduction on employment-related costs.

































- 5. Interest Income on Bonds, Debentures, or Sukuk: Eligible interest income now includes debt securities issued by foreign entities, although approval from the MRA is still required.
- 6. Reduced Tax Rate for Aviation Fuel Sales to Airlines: Companies selling aviation fuel to airlines will benefit from a reduced tax rate of 3%.
- 7. Reduced Solidarity Tax Rate for Telecommunications Providers: Providers of fixed or mobile public telecom networks and services enjoy a reduced solidarity tax rate. This excludes those focused solely on internet or internet telephony services or international long-distance services as defined by the ICTA.
- **8.** Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for AI: Artificial Intelligence and patents get a 15% ITC over 3 years.
- 9. Partial Exemptions: a 80% exemption is now applicable to companies with a Robotic and Artificial Intelligence Enabled Advisory Services license.

The existing 80% tax exemption that was previously available to licensed closed-end funds is also now being extended to include income generated from the sale of money market instruments or debt instruments.

10. Deduction to support a registered artist: Companies that support a registered artist are

granted double deduction on these costs.

- II. Premium Investor Certificate for the creative industry: Investors who contribute to the creative industry (including concert venues) can obtain a Premium Investor Certificate that grant them tax incentives.
- 12. Further tax exemptions: On interest on bonds for infrastructure projects, gains from selling virtual assets and tokens, and government compensation for disaster-related losses.
- **13.** Captive insurance tax holiday **:** 8-year income tax holiday for a captive insurer, beginning on the date it starts operations.

VAT

Value Added Tax (VAT) is an indirect tax on consumer goods and services. The VAT rate in Mauritius is 15%.

However, some products are exempt from VAT in Mauritius, including:

- Medical, hospital, and dental services provided within the public health system;
- Staple foods such as sugar, margarine, rice, yogurt, edible oils, bread, vegetable, fruit and flower seeds, roasted coffee;
- Essential items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby lotion, and medical silicone;
- ► Electricity and water;

- Exports of goods and services;
- ▶ Domestic cooking gas sold in cylinders of up to 12 kg;
- ▶ Photovoltaic systems;
- ► All musical instruments;
- Entrance to digital art galleries;
- Glass-ceramic blocks for dental applications;
- ► Construction projects for educational facilities;
- ➤ Construction of social housing units as part of a project implemented by New Social Living Development Ltd, plus the purchase of vehicles used during the construction;
- ► Medical, surgical, dental, or veterinary instruments and appliances classified under HS code 90.18;
- Services provided by diplomatic missions and agents;
- ► Goods and services for a project receiving at least half of its funding from a grant or special loan from a donor organization;
- ➤ Services offered by management companies to trusts or foundations if the founders and beneficiaries live outside the country.

Is it possible to recover VAT in Mauritius?

The tax authorities provide for the recovery of VAT by individuals in 2 cases:



- ► Foreign visitors leaving Mauritius:
- Mauritians leaving Mauritius.

Foreign visitors can recover VAT by making their purchases in 1,000 specific shops, displaying the logos: **STAX AIRPORT** and **\$**. This is possible as soon as their purchases reach a minimum of Rs 2,300 (VAT included) per store and upon presentation of their passport and receipts at the MRA customs counter.

For departing Mauritians, this list is reduced to 200 shops.

USEFUL LINKS

Mauritius Revenue Authority www.mra.mu

MRA - Personal Taxes - www.mra. mu/index.php/individual1

MRA - Corporate Taxes https://www.mra.mu/index.php/ taxes-duties/corporate-taxation

Taxation of offshore companies in Mauritius

Mauritius has put in place a number of regulations and benefits for offshore companies with the support of several actors: The Mauritius Financial Services Commission, the governing body for the creation and regulation of offshore companies as well as the banking sector as a whole, knowing that both domestic and international banks in Mauritius also welcome non-residents. As a result, investors can set up an offshore company in Mauritius, specifically a Global Business Company (GBC) or an Authorized Company (AC).

They can also manage their offshore funds through collective investment schemes or private equity funds.

An offshore company is defined as a company:

▶ Which establishes its registered office in a foreign country in which it does not carry out any commercial activity;

▶ Whose responsible managers are not domiciled locally.

The offshore company benefits from certain tax advantages, although it is entirely external, is not involved in the economy of the host country and does not benefit from the facilities offered to local companies.

Good to know

2017, find *here* the annual

Taxes

When considered a tax resident in Mauritius, the GBC is subject to a 15% tax. To prove that it manages and controls its assets from Mauritius, it must:

- ▶ Have among its directors 2 residents in Mauritius:
- ▶ Lead and chair its board of directors from Mauritius:







































- Keep its statutory documents and its registered office in Mauritius;
- Hire a qualified local company secretary;
- ► Hire a local auditor;
- Present minimum annual expenses proportional to the activity of the structure.

Depending on the business activity of the GBC, other substantive requirements may apply.

Offshore trusts

In Mauritius, offshore trusts:

- Are taxable on worldwide income at the prevailing tax rate, i.e., 15%;
- Are obliged to submit an annual tax return to the MRA within 6 months of the end of their accounting period;
- Can claim the 80% partial exemption applicable on their foreign source income, provided that they submit written proof of the amount of foreign tax levied, which must be equal to 80% of the Mauritian tax chargeable on such income.

Note that taxable income is defined as the difference between:

► The net income generated by the trust;

and

► The aggregate amount distributed to beneficiaries in accordance with the terms of

the trust deed.

In addition, any amount distributed to non-resident beneficiaries is exempt from income tax.

An offshore trust may apply by written notification to the Mauritian auditor to be treated as a non-resident in Mauritius for tax purposes and be exempted from taxation. In such a case, it cannot

benefit from the double taxation agreements signed by Mauritius.

Tax benefits

Tax benefits for individuals

The sine qua non condition to receive tax benefits in Mauritius is the notion of tax residence.































































Therefore, any company that meets the criteria in force benefits from the following:

- ▶ No tax on dividends;
- ► No tax on capital gains;
- ▶ No wealth tax;
- ▶ No inheritance tax for direct descendants:
- ▶ Profits and dividends from companies located outside Mauritius repatriable without any restriction with a tax rate of 15%;
- ▶ 15% tax rate;
- ► Full tax exemption for import and export activities;
- ▶ 15% tax rate for processing activity;
- ▶ Exemption from customs duties on all goods imported through the free port;
- ► Free repatriation of profits.

Tax benefits for businesses

Global Business Companies (GBC) are not subject to:

- ► Capital gains tax, withholding tax on the payment of dividends, interests or royalties;
- Stamp duty;
- ► Capital tax;
- ▶ Inheritance tax.

Where it owns at least 5% of an underlying company, the GBC receives a credit against the foreign tax paid on the income from which the dividend was paid ("underlying foreign tax credit").

Where a non-Mauritian resident company receives a dividend from another non-Mauritian resident company ("secondary dividend") of which it directly or indirectly owns at least 5% of the share capital, such dividend

will qualify as a foreign tax credit and an underlying foreign tax credit.

Interest and royalty payments made by GBC are fully tax deductible in Mauritius.

Tax savings credits

Under this regime, the effective rate of taxation in Mauritius can be reduced through a long-standing provision, which allows GBCs:

- ▶ Not to have to provide written proof of the amount of foreign tax collected;
- ▶ Benefit from taxation at 80% of the standard rate of 15%, i.e., 12%. Thus, the isolated use of this long-term provision will reduce the effective tax rate in Mauritius from 15% to 3%.



Driving in Mauritius

Mauritius has a well-developed public transport network, although the frequency and working hours might not work for all your commuting needs, especially if you want to get to the rural areas. While it is entirely possible to be without a car on the island, having one will give you much more flexibility, peace and comfort. So, if you are planning to buy or rent a car, here is what you need to know about driving on the island.



Driving in Mauritius: an overview

In Mauritius, the steering wheel is on the right and driving is on the left, as in Anglo-Saxon countries, while road signs are written in English.

Overall, the main roads are in good condition, although caution may be required in some areas, especially those with high rainfall, where the road surface tends to deteriorate rapidly.

Another important point is that Mauritian drivers can sometimes speed or have their own interpretation of the Highway Code but always remain courteous. You should get a "thank you" with the hazard lights or a wave

after giving way, for example.

Traffic jams are a real thing on the island. The National Land Transport Authority (NLTA) counted close to 692,798 vehicles (of all types) on the island mid-2024, which represents an increase of around 16,357 more vehicles as compared to the preceding year.

The Mauritian driving license

All resident foreign nationals are allowed to obtain a driving license in Mauritius, provided they are over 16 years of age for a motorcycle and 18 years of age for a car.

To be on the safe side, choose

a reputable driving school, as many others operate illegally. However, it is also possible to take the driving and parking test in a private car, provided that you take out a special insurance policy.

The driving license in Mauritius consists of 3 stages, namely the oral test, the driving and the parking. Once you pass the oral test, you can practice on secondary roads, under the supervision of an adult who holds a driving license. Once the driving test is passed, the parking test will follow. This test is the key to obtaining a driver's license. If you fail one of these tests, you will only have to retake one of the 2 missing steps but will still not be allowed to drive on your own.

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Driving license for expats

Expats can either convert their existing driver's license upon arrival or exchange their license once they become residents in Mauritius.

Steps to convert a driver's license in Mauritius

Here are the steps to follow to apply for a Mauritian driver's license if you already have a driver's license (car):

Put together a file including the following documents:

Letter of request for a driver's license exchange, written in English;

- Official certificate from your country's authorities confirming that your driver's license is still valid;
- Copy and original of your passport with entry details;
- Copy and original of your current driver's license;
- Proof of address;
- 2 passport photos;
- Marriage certificate if required;
- ▶ Rs 1,500 in cash.

Then go to the Line Barracks, located in Port-Louis, and ask for the Traffic Branch. The Line Barracks is open to the public from 9 am to 3 pm on weekdays only.

The officers may provide you with a form to fill out and ask you to come back later, again in person. In this case, the exact date will be communicated to you by phone or text message.

As a precaution, please bring the listed documents to this second visit to the police station. Also, bring the amount indicated to pay for your license conversion. The receipt given at the time of payment must be kept with you at all times, to be presented in the event of a road check.

The last step is the collection of the Mauritian license, which will take place approximately one month later, still at the Line Barracks. You can go in person or have someone pick it up.







Example of a letter requesting the conversion of a driver's license:

To the Officer in Charge
Licensing Office
Traffic Branch
Line Barracks
Port-Louis
Request for conversion of (nationality)
Driving License to Mauritian Driving Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, (First and Last Name), of (nationality) nationality bearing passport number (Passport number) and residing at (address) since (date of moving in), hereby request to convert my (nationality) Driving license to a Mauritian Driving license. Please find enclosed the following documentation:

- A copy of my (nationality) Driving License (front and back);
- A copy of my passport and last visa entry page;
- A copy of my Residence Permit;
- An attestation from the (nationality) Police;
- A copy of my marriage certificate.

Thank you in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Getting a driver's license in Mauritius

Expats are, of course, allowed to take their driving test for the first time in Mauritius. Here are the important steps to remember.

Applying for a provisional license

Before learning to drive any vehicle, all applicants, including expats, must apply for a provisional driving license from the Traffic Branch of the Mauritius Police.

The application for a provisional driving license can be made in person at the police station or online through the Government Online Centre (GOC) upon registration. The applicant must choose a date and time to visit the license office.

Please note that the application for a provisional license will cost you Rs 500, non-refundable.

Good to know

of age must present a medical certificate proving their ability to drive.

Failure to attend a provisional license appointment will result in the cancellation of the appointment. The applicant must wait 48 hours before requesting a new appointment.

For expats, there is no automatic





conversion of the heavy vehicle license, so it is necessary to retake the test in Mauritius.

The cab and heavy vehicle license in Mauritius

Application for a provisional license for cabs: the applicant must already hold a driving license in this sense.

Application for a provisional license to drive a heavy vehicle (bus and truck): the applicant must already hold such a license for at least 6 months.

Driving lessons

There are a total of 150 licensed driving instructors in Mauritius, located in Port-Louis, Curepipe, Rose Hill and Flacq.

However, it is also possible to learn to drive with a person of legal age who holds a driving license and the appropriate insurance.

How much does the driving license cost in Mauritius?

Between the registration, the practical test, the driving school, and the driving test, here are the costs you need to expect to obtain a driving license in Mauritius:

- Registration to the oral exam (test in the form of MCQ): Rs 500;
- Registration for the practical test: Rs 500;



- ► Registration at the driving school (fees vary according to the driving school): between Rs 500 and Rs 2,000;
- Car rental from the driving school for the practical test and special insurance: between Rs 1,500 and Rs2,500;
- Driving lessons (manual and automatic): around Rs 300-500 per half hour session.

Exams

The fee for the oral test is fixed at Rs 500 and each new test, in case of failure of the previous one, is paid. The driving and parking tests are held at the Central Barracks in Port-Louis or at the Barracks in Curepipe.

Good to know

If you have passed the driving test on an automatic gear, you will not be allowed to drive a manual car with manual gear (stick).

International Driving Permit holders

Mauritius is a country that recognizes the Geneva Convention on Road Traffic of 1949,

which states: "Any person holding an international driving permit or a valid driving licence issued by a competent foreign authority shall not be required to pass an examination. Any such permit or license shall authorize the holder thereof to drive in the State of Mauritius any vehicle of the types specified therein" (Sections 57 and 59 of the Road Traffic Regulations 1954).

Foreigners intending to stay in Mauritius for more than 4 weeks must have an International Driving Permit (issued in their country of origin) or apply to the Mauritian authorities for an extension if the permit is no longer valid.

A person holding an International Driving Permit is allowed to drive in Mauritius all types of vehicles mentioned on the permit. However, the license must be exchanged once the holder becomes officially resident in Mauritius.

USEFUL LINK

The Mauritius Police Force - https://police.govmu.org/police/

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The road network

The road infrastructure is in good condition throughout the country, both for the main access roads, highways and main roads. Major works have been undertaken to widen existing roads and ease traffic congestion around the capital and other towns such as Quatre Bornes and Vacoas/Phoenix. Nevertheless, traffic jams remain frequent in these areas since the Metro Express.

Signage is good on the main roads as well as on most secondary roads. The population is always courteous and helpful when it comes to pointing out roads and paths to take.

Driving on the left

As in all former English colonies, but also in Japan, driving on the right side of the road is not allowed in Mauritius.

If you come from a country where driving on the right side and you wish to drive in Mauritius, you must:

- Apply for an international license if you are staying for more than 4 weeks;
- Convert your driving license into a Mauritian license if you become a resident of Mauritius.

Traffic regulations manuals are available in all bookstores.

Extreme vigilance is required at roundabouts and when driving in city centers. Buses have priority and often do not respect the Highway Code.



Speed limits

The speed limit is 40 km/h in the city, 80 km/h on the highway and 110 km/h in some areas of the highway.

Maximum speed limits in kilometres per hour for specific class of vehicules	Motorways (M roads)	Classifieds roads (A roads)	Classifieds roads (B roads)	Other roads (UR roads)				
Motorcars	IIO	90	90	80				
Motorcycles or autocycles	80	60	60	60				
Buses or heavy motorcars having a maximum gross weight :								
(a) not exceeding 3,5 tonnes	80	80	80	60				
(b) exceeding 3,5 tonnes	80	80	60	60				
Goods vehicles or articulated vehicules having a maximum gross weight :								
(a) not exceeding 3.5 tonnes	80	60	60	60				
(b) exceeding 3,5 tonnes	80	60	60	60				
Motor vehicules drawing one trailer where the combined aggregate maximum gross weight :								
(a) not exceeding 3,5 tonnes	60	60	60	60				
(b) exceeding 3,5 tonnes	60	60	60	60				
Motor vehicules drawing more than one trailer	60	60	60	60				
Motor tractors	60	60	60	60				





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Driving under the influence

Alcohol and drug consumption are the cause of numerous road accidents. The Mauritian authorities, therefore, act accordingly.

Drinking and driving

Local authorities remind us that drinking and driving remains one of the main causes of serious injuries and fatal accidents in Mauritius.

The legal limits are:

- ▶ 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 ml of blood;
- ▶ 27 milligrams of alcohol in 100 ml of urine;
- ▶ 9 micrograms of alcohol in 100 ml of breath.

Penalties for DUI

On first conviction:

► Fine of Rs 20,000 minimum and Rs 50,000 maximum;

- ► Imprisonment of up to 5 years;
- Cancellation of the driver's license for a minimum period of 12 months.

In case of a second or subsequent conviction:

- ► Fine of not less than Rs 50,000 and not more than Rs 75,000;
- ▶ Imprisonment of at least 12 months and at most 8 years;
- Cancellation of driving license and disqualification for a minimum period of 24 months.

Drugs and driving

Following a tightening of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2019, drivers who get behind the wheel after consuming drugs are liable to a fine ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 75,000 in the event of a check, with a one-year jail term.

Whether it is alcohol or drugs, police operations are regularly conducted on the country's roads at any time of the year!

Importing your car

Importing a personal car is possible but expensive. You will need to apply for a National Transport Authority (NTA) approval which may require modification of the vehicle in addition to a 15% Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) tax, and another 15% VAT.

The following points should be considered in order to calculate the profitability although cars are more expensive in Mauritius:

- ➤ The car must have been registered in the name of the owner, in their country of residence, at least 6 months before their arrival in Mauritius;
- The cost of transporting a car is high (about € 3,000 to 4,000);
- ▶ Driving a car with a left-hand steering wheel is dangerous for the driver as well as for the passengers and the people around!



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Buying a car

You can either buy a new car from a dealer or an agency or prefer a used car from a private individual. Regarding prices, you will need between Rs 400,000 and Rs 1,5 million for a new car, and between Rs 300,000 and Rs 900,000 for a second-hand car, depending on the car make, model, and other factors.

All brands are represented at the various dealerships on the island. However, it is important to inquire about maintenance, as spare parts for European cars (Peugeot, Renault, BMW, Mercedes, Rover, Ford, Volkswagen) are expensive in Mauritius.

Asian brands are the most common (Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Mazda, Hyundai, Suzuki, KIA). The reason is simple: spare parts are more readily available, and the labor force is trained for repairs.

Buying a new car in Mauritius

Buying a new car in Mauritius is relatively simple, knowing that the agency or dealer takes care of all the administrative formalities.

However, you will need to present:

- Your residence permit or visa;
- ► Your identity card;
- ► A proof of residence;
- ▶ Your passport.

Buying a used car in Mauritius

If you wish to buy a used car in Mauritius, good news, many websites (Mycar.mu, l'expresscars.mu, bestdeal.mu, etc.) and Facebook groups are specialized in this type of sales.

To avoid unpleasant surprises, hire the services of a mechanic (use word-of-mouth) to inspect the vehicle in great detail.

Once you have found the ideal car, the seller must provide you with:

- ► The certificate of the technical inspection;
- ▶ A certificate of no-pledge by the seller, who must go to the National Land Transport Authority (NLTA - fee, Rs 50), to certify that there is no existing pledge that prevents the transfer from seller's to buyer's name;
- ► A sales document to be completed in 2 or 3 copies.

Steps to register the vehicle in your name

With the above documents, but also with your residence permit, a proof of address and your passport, go to NTLA at the Emmanuel Anquetil Building in Port-Louis to pay the registration fees of the purchased vehicle.

You will then receive the vehicle's registration document and possibly renew the sticker (valid for one year).

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NLTA Online Motor Vehicle License Renewal of the vehicle's sticker Obtaining a fitness certificate

Can you buy a car on leasing in Mauritius?

Leasing is an alternative method of financing, which allows you to rent a car for a long period of time and then return it to the provider or to exercise the purchase option in order to become the owner. This practice is common in Mauritius. Dealerships usually take care of the file with banks or financial institutions.

Insuring your car

Insurance is mandatory for all vehicles. The annual price varies and can start from Rs 6,000 for a small model and exceed Rs 20,000 for the largest. The price also depends on factors such as the type of transmission, the age of the vehicle and the estimated value of the vehicle. As in other countries, there are several types of car insurance in Mauritius, the most popular being the third-party and comprehensive cover.

There is a plethora of insurers. Therefore, it is important to carefully analyze each contract in order to find the one that will meet your needs and that will cover you properly whether you are involved in a road accident or if you are a victim.





Moving to Mauritius

It is decided. You are moving to Mauritius. You have obtained your visa. You have a job or you have been accepted to university. How do you plan your move now?



Organizing your move to Mauritius

An international move deserves special attention. It is important to take the necessary time to get information from the official organizations and to study carefully the offers and conditions of the different carriers. The advice of expats already living in Mauritius can be invaluable. It is sometimes best to sell or rent your belongings before leaving and to buy new items on the spot. Moreover, this approach also reduces the volume to be transported and consequently the cost.

Also note that in Mauritius, most of the houses or apartments for rent are furnished and equipped with household appliances.

How to get to Mauritius?

Mauritius is well-connected to the world, with 21 airlines, including the national carrier Air Mauritius, operating flights from 29 airports globally. It should not be a surprise why so many visitors choose to travel to Mauritius every year.

Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport in the southeast of the island is the country's only international gateway. It welcomes around 450 international flights every month, or slightly over 105 per week. This robust connectivity highlights Mauritius as a prime destination for tourists, business travelers and expats. Rodrigues is served by Plaine Corail Airport,

but it only receives domestic flights from Mauritius. For more detailed information on flight schedules and services, you can check the official airport website or airline pages.

Airlines serving Mauritius

Here is the list of airlines serving Mauritius, along with the number of routes they operate to MRU:

- Air Mauritius (MK) 13 routes;
- ► Emirates (EK) 14 routes;
- ▶ British Airways (BA) 3 routes;
- ► Neos (NO) 3 routes;
- ► Corsair (SS) 2 routes;
- ► Edelweiss Air (WK)- 2 routes:





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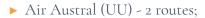












- ► Turkish Airlines (TK) 2 routes;
- ▶ Iberojet (EVE) 1 route;
- ▶ South African Airways (SA) - I route;
- ► Kenya Airways (KQ) 1 route;
- ► Saudi Arabian (SV) 1 route:
- ► Condor (DE) 1 route;
- ► Austrian (OS) 1 route;
- ► Lufthansa (LH) 1 route;
- ► KLM (KL) 1 route:
- ► Air France (AF) 1 route;
- ► Air Belgium (AB) 1 route;
- ► FlySafair (FA) 1 route;
- ► Air Seychelles (HM) 1 route;
- ▶ Air Madagascar (MD) 1 route.

Air Mauritius operates the largest number of flights to Mauritius, connecting 13 airports to MRU.

Non-stop flights from Europe to Mauritius

Air Mauritius: year-round flights from Geneva (GVA), Saint-Denis (RUN), London Gatwick (LGW), London Heathrow (LHR) and Paris (CDG):

Edelweiss Air: year-round flights from Zurich (ZRH);

Austrian (Star Alliance): yearround flights from Vienna (VIE);

Condor: year-round flights from Frankfurt (FRA);

Eurowings: flights all year round from Frankfurt (FRA);

Corsair: flights all year round

from Saint-Denis (RUN) and Paris (Orly) (ORY);

Air Austral: year-round flights from Saint-Denis (RUN);

British Airways (Oneworld): year-round flights from London Gatwick (LGW);

Air France (SkyTeam): yearround flights from Paris (CDG);

Air Belgium: year-round flights from Brussels (BRU);

Neos: seasonal flights from Milan (Malpensa) (MXP) and Rome (Fiumicino) (FCO):

Evelop Airlines: seasonal flights from Madrid (MAD);

Aeroflot (SkyTeam): seasonal flights from Moscow Sheremetyevo (SVO).

Non-stop flights from the Middle East / West Asia to Mauritius

Emirates: year-round flights from Dubai (DXB);

Saudi Arabian (SkyTeam): year-round flights from Jeddah (JED);

Turkish Airlines (Star Alliance): year-round flights from Istanbul (IST).

Non-stop flights from India / South Asia to Mauritius

Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius offers year-round flights from Mumbai (BOM) and New Delhi (DEL) to Mauritius.

Vistara

Vistara offers seasonal flights from Mumbai (BOM) to Mauritius.

Non-stop flights from East Asia to Mauritius

Only Air Mauritius currently offers non-stop flights from East Asia to Mauritius. The Mauritian airline operates year-round flights to Mauritius from Hong Kong.

Non-stop flights from South East Asia to Mauritius

Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius is currently the only airline to offer direct flights from South East Asia to Mauritius. They operate year-round from Kuala Lumpur (KUL).

Non-stop flights between Australia / New Zealand / Oceania / Pacific and Mauritius

Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius is currently the only airline to offer direct flights from Oceania to Mauritius. They operate year-round from Perth (PER).

There are no direct flights from the following destinations to Mauritius:

- North America (the US, Canada and Mexico):
- ▶ South America;
- ► Central America;
- ▶ the Caribbean;
- ► East Asia (including China);
- ► Central Asia.

Is it necessary to hire an international mover?

It is normal to want to manage the transportation of your belongings when you move, but the situation is different when the move is international. However, the question remains: do you really need an international mover? Here are some preliminary questions to help you out:

Are you moving alone or with your family?



- ▶ Do you intend to take all your belongings with you or not?
- ▶ What is the volume to be transported?

An international moving expert can send an agent to your home to evaluate the volume to be transported and determine the best solution (container, pallets by cubic meter, or canteens). This simple service will bring you all the serenity you need if you are moving with your family and if you plan to send all your belongings!

The different types of freight

Depending on your budget, the volume of goods to be shipped and your preferences, you can choose between air freight and sea freight. Let's take a look at how each solution can meet your needs and their advantages and disadvantages.

Air freight

Sending your belongings by air is more expensive: up to about 16 times more expensive than shipping by sea. To determine the total bill, carriers take into consideration the volumetric weight, which is the billable or gross dimensional weight of the cargo.

In return, expats benefit from a quicker process and more secure delivery, which typically ranges from a few days to 10 days.

In addition, the shipment of certain goods by air freight requires the production of an official certificate or authorization from the customs of the country of origin and destination and other third-party authorities. For example, sending telecommunications equipment by air freight requires written authorization from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) or the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), depending on the country of origin.

Calculate the volumetric weight of your goods by multiplying for each package: (Width × length × height) / 5000.

Sea freight

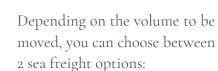
Sea freight becomes more interesting financially if you want to ship all your goods, including heavy goods. It's a more affordable bill even if you have to add extra charges for handling the goods from the country of departure and arrival or for customs clearance.

Sea freight is also the most environmentally friendly solution when you consider that for every 1,000 kg of air freight, a modern cargo plane (B747) emits an average of 500 g of carbon dioxide (CO2) per km. By sea on a modern container ship, this figure is reduced to 15 g per km.

On the other hand, the waiting time between shipping and receiving the goods can be 4 to 5 weeks and up to 70 days.







Full Container Load (FCL): this involves renting a container for your own use without having to share the space with others. Containers are generally larger than 30 m³;

Shared moving container (Less Container Load - LCL): this is a formula for sharing a maritime container with one or more people. The price is divided according to the number of tenants. This formula is interesting if the volume to be moved is not too important.

Finally, shipping containers are available in several sizes:

- ▶ 10 m³:
- ≥ 20 m³;
- > 30 m³;
- ▶ 40 m³ and more.

Choice of carrier

Preferably choose an international carrier referenced by professional associations such as FIDI (Fédération Internationale des Déménageurs Internationaux) with a structured network and a local partner in order to facilitate the customs clearance formalities and the final delivery. This choice will ensure a safe move.

Start by contacting several international moving companies and analyze the following points to select the best-rated:

- Knowledge and experience in international moving;
- ► Management of packing on departure and unpacking once on site of furniture, appliances, fragile goods;
- Responsibility for goods in transit, including liability for the early arrival of goods or delays, storage of goods;
- ► Knowledge of the shipping process, including the time required to ship the goods;
- ► Equipment, e.g., for transporting heavy and/or fragile goods, protective covers, straps, etc.

Once you have selected the best-rated movers, read the reviews submitted by customers and, if possible, ask your questions directly on expat forums and groups on social networks.

The moving contract

The contract must include several essential points:

- ► The departure address/place of collection of goods;
- ► The arrival address in Mauritius:
- ► The volume;
- ► The type of transport and the duration;
- ► The services and obligations of the carrier;
- ▶ Price:
- ► The conditions of transport to the place of residence;
- ► Insurance coverage.

USEFUL LINKS

Fédération Internationale des Déménageurs Internationaux (FIDI) – www.fidi.org Federation of European Movers (FEDEMAC) - www.fedemac. eu

Services

It is up to you to define with the carrier what services are required:

- ▶ Dismantling of the furniture;
- Packing of all or part of the belongings;
- Specific packing;
- Supply of boxes;
- ▶ Furniture storage;
- ► Follow-up of the movements of the boat of transport;
- ► Insurance;
- ► Transport of vehicles, etc.

For an international move, it is wise to entrust the packing of fragile objects to a professional.

Waybill

The waybill includes the terms of the contract, the mode of transport, the volume transported, the name and address of the customer and the transport company, etc.

You will have to sign it at the time of loading and at the time of the final delivery.

Timeframe

The total duration of a move from your home to Mauritius is 2 to 6 weeks from mainland Africa and Asia, 4 to 8 weeks from Europe and





5 to 10 weeks from the Americas. Keep in mind that international moving also involves road transport to the port of departure and then sea transport.

If the carrier generally indicates a date coinciding with the departure of cargo ships, prepare your international move with our calendar:

10 weeks before the move

Canvass international moving companies. Request several quotes and select the most reliable and cost-effective one.

8 weeks before the move

Create a moving action plan with your mover (arrival time of movers, time needed to pack, etc.).

6 weeks before the move

Sort through your belongings and select which ones you will ship, donate and resell. Note that all types of appliances are available in Mauritius, including the latest in refrigerators, etc.

4 weeks before the move

Make a plan of your home in Mauritius and start allocating the right boxes to the right rooms.

2 weeks before the move

Separate your personal and family medical records so that they are within reach.



I week before the move

Check in with your mover and make a note of the movers' names, the time the crew will arrive, the time it will take to pack your belongings and the time it will take to ship them.

The day of the move

For better coordination, be present in person to facilitate this step!

Customs clearance of the container upon arrival

You will be notified of the arrival of your container at the Port-Louis harbor and be asked to present yourself at the MRA to complete the required formalities with your identity papers, your Occupation Permit or the approval in principle (pre-approval of the occupation permit) if the procedures are in progress, the list of your personal belongings, as well as their evaluation.

List and declaration of value

It is essential to make a very precise list of the contents of the container (or crate) in order to establish the "declaration of value". This is required to establish the estimate and to set up, in case of loss or damage of your goods, a compensation according to the loss.

Keep a copy of this list. Consequently, "damage insurance" can be offered by the carrier to cover the non-foreseeable damages related to the transport of your goods up to the value indicated in your declaration. An insurance contract will be issued to you.

Local forwarder

It is mandatory to use a forwarding agent to assist you in your customs clearance, authorization to leave the container from the port area, and, if necessary, for home delivery.







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Prohibited products

Several dozen types of goods are totally prohibited for import. This is due to sanitary, environmental, endangered species protection, security, legislation, etc.

Prepare your international move and avoid your goods being confiscated and fines by the Mauritian customs authorities by respecting the list of products prohibited to import into Mauritius issued by the Mauritius Revenue Authority.

Transport and delivery to the home

Some carriers do not deliver to the final destination but only until the container arrives at the port. Therefore, there could be additional costs involved for this last leg.

MAURITIUS REVENUE AUTHORITY (MRA)

Custom House Mer Rouge - Port-Louis **Phone :** (230) 202 0500 / 01 **Fax**: (230) 216 9567

E-mail: customs@mra.mu Web: www.mra.mu

MAURITIUS PORTS AUTHORITY

H.Ramnarain Building Mer Rouge - Port-Louis Phone: (230) 206 5400 Fax: (230) 240 0856

E-mail: info@mauport.com Web: www.mauport.com

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS

Chamber of Commerce & Industry 3, Royal Street, Port-Louis Web: www.aptmu.com

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Important

In order to be authorized to pick up your container, you must be in possession of your Occupation Permit or the approval in principle if the process of obtaining it is in progress. If not, the container will remain blocked in customs. There is a fee for the storage of the container (and sometimes the rental). An appointment will be made at the docks. The customs control will open the container in your presence. All or part of the boxes and packaging can be opened to check the contents. Heavy penalties are incurred in the case of prohibited products in Mauritius.







Customs in Mauritius

As you embark on your expatriate journey to the picturesque shores of Mauritius, understanding customs and import regulations is crucial. This article guides you through the bureaucracy, detailing the procedures, tariffs, and customs duties associated with bringing goods into the country.



What documents are required for the importation of personal goods?

Once the container carrying your goods arrives in Mauritius, you will be contacted by the Mauritius Revenue Authority to complete the legal formalities. You will need to present the following documents to them:

- ► Your passport;
- ➤ Your *Occupation Permit* or pre-approval document;
- ➤ The list of imported goods (packing list);
- ➤ A declaration of the value of your goods;
- ► Carrier's invoice (bill of lading);

- ► Insurance certificate, if applicable;
- ▶ Other relevant permits required by the local authorities (veterinary, agricultural, health permits, etc.).

Time frame for the recovery of the goods

Regarding the retrieval of personal items upon arrival, when all requested documents have been submitted in a timely manner, and after all fees have been paid, it takes:

- 4-5 business days for ocean freight;
- ▶ 1-3 business days for air freight.

Good to know

If you cannot provide your Occupation Permit or preapproval document, the authorities will request a bank deposit as guarantee until you obtain the necessary documents.

They may also require a deposit to clear your goods through customs

Goods authorized, prohibited or subject to authorization

As elsewhere in the world, importation of some products is allowed, while others are prohibited or subject to official authorization.

To ensure that shippers comply

with the law, all shipments of goods, including household goods, by sea or air, are subject to a thorough customs inspection before being allowed by Mauritian customers to be retrieved by the owner.

Duty-free and import clearance-free goods

In addition to clothing and personal effects, *foreign nationals traveling to Mauritius* are allowed to freely import these tax-free personal items, as long as they are already in use:

- A portable musical instrument;
- ► A personal music player and/ or image recorder;
- ► A portable radio receiver;
- ► A portable video camera;
- ► A camera;
- ▶ One non-powered bicycle;
- ► One windsurfing board and up to 3 matching sails;
- Fishing equipment (excluding any type of underwater fishing weapon);
- ▶ Diving and golf equipment.

The above items must be re-exported within 6 months of importation. If not, duties and taxes will be due.

Products subject to authorization

The import of certain products is subject to strict regulations, often requiring a permit prior to importation. Here are some examples:



- Animal and plant species protected under <u>CITES</u> as well as products derived from them. A permit is necessary for the import of these items;
- ▶ Plants and their derivatives, including fruits, vegetables, and seeds, require authorization from the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Safety;
- Pets require an import permit from the Veterinary Service of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Safety;
- ➤ Firearms and weapons require an import permit from the Mauritius Police Force.

Good to know

Flower boxes sold at airports have a phytosanitary certificate authorizing their import/ export. Unless used in a professional context, weapons (for war, hunting or underwater fishing) and ammunition are prohibited from being imported into Mauritius

Products prohibited for import

The importation of the following items is prohibited:

- Rolling paper (for cigarettes or joints);
- ► Counterfeit products;
- ► Obscene publications and pornographic material;
- Sugar cane cuttings and plants;
- Drugs;
- Prohibited weapons, including switchblades and clubs, and any weapon designed to possess the appearance of another object.

Products subject to authorization

- Products of animal origin;
- ▶ Live animals.

Important

Drugs in all forms are prohibited, their importation is illegal, and trafficking is severely punished by law. Soft drugs like marijuana are not legal in Mauritius. The possession of rolling paper is also prohibited. Failure to declare prohibited products or products subject to prior authorization to customs is a serious offense. The products are immediately seized, and offenders are liable to a fine or even imprisonment.









There are specific limits and regulations for the importation of certain goods into Mauritius:

Tobacco limit:

For travelers aged 18 and over: 250 grams of tobacco and tobacco products, such as cigarettes and cigars.

Alcohol imports:

For travelers aged 18 and over:

▶ 2 liters of hard liquor and 4 liters of wine and beer.

Cash limit:

Currency valued at more than Rs 500,000 must be declared to customs.

Other goods:

- Personal medication must be accompanied by a prescription issued by a medical practitioner;
- ► Residents aged 12 and over may import personal effects worth up to Rs 15,000;
- ▶ Residents under 12 and non-residents of any age may import personal goods up to a value of Rs 7,500.

Procedures for bringing your pets to Mauritius

As a first step, pet owners need to seek approval from the Mauritius Veterinary Committee, which is usually granted within 15 days. The application for an import permit must be submitted 3 to 6 months before entry. Remember to specify the reason for your visit.

Nevertheless, this approval is not the same as the actual approved permit for pet relocation. The veterinarian will perform a blood test on your pet to check for antibodies/rabies levels within 30 days of the vaccination, and a sterilization certificate will also be issued.

Your pet will undergo another blood test to detect the presence of ehrlichiosis and brucellosis 45 days before arriving in Mauritius. A certificate of good health will be issued 3-4 days before the departure day. This document must be validated by departmental veterinary services. Make sure to bring all the papers for your pet when leaving for Mauritius.

Rabies vaccination

All pets must be vaccinated against rabies, with the first vaccination administered between 60 days and 1 year before entry and boosters between 30 days and 1 year before entry. Additional vaccinations are required for dogs (canine distemper, leptospirosis, and canine parvovirosis) and cats (feline herpes disease, feline rhinotracheitis, and feline calicivirus).

Rabies test

Pets must undergo a rabies test by an approved veterinarian at least 30 days and no more than 6 months before entry. A letter from your veterinarian confirming compliance with regulations is necessary.

Important

Ensure your pet is implanted with an ISO-standard 15-digit microchip. You are also required to treat pets for external parasites and have them examined for internal and external parasites before traveling to Mauritius.







Obtaining an import permit for your pets in Mauritius

Once the veterinary results are obtained, you can proceed to apply for the import permit with the Mauritian Veterinary Services in Reduit. The approval process usually takes 2 working days, and the processing fee is Rs. 1,000.

You will need to provide all the details about your pet's arrival (date, time, flight number) to the veterinary authorities in Reduit at least 2-3 days before arrival. Upon arrival, your pet will be taken in at the airport in your presence. Please note that you'll need to present all the original official documents at this point. If you are not able to present these documents, your pet will either be sent back to your country of origin or be euthanized.

Good to know

Specific regulations exist for certain dog breeds, including registration requirements and restrictions on breeds like Alaskan Malamute, Bull Mastiff, Cane Corso, Dobermann, Kangal, Mastino Napoletano, Presco Canario, Rhodesian Ridgeback, and Rottweiler. Some breeds, such as the American Pit Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Terrier, and others, are

Pet quarantine in Mauritius

Pets must enter Mauritius through this airport, arriving in the cabin, hold, or as air freight. Also, pets must arrive via a direct flight.

Pre-notification of arrival is required, and a broker's declaration is mandatory for dogs and cats arriving as airfreight.

Inform the Mauritius Veterinary Officer of your pet's arrival time and port of entry at least 3 days before arrival. Once approved, dogs undergo quarantine for 5 to 30 days.

Good to know

Pets from Europe are quarantined for 5 days, during which you are allowed to visit them twice a day. At the end of the quarantine, you must register your pet with the MSAW in Rose Hill (Rs. 500) A proof of payment also needs to be submitted to Reduit. You can then proceed with the payment for the quarantine period for your pet (Rs. 15 per day). Once the payment is completed and the registration is finalized with the MSAW, you will be able to pick up your pet and take it home.



















USEFUL LINKS:

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE – VETERINARY SERVICE UNIT

https://sps.govmu.org/lvdambulatory-veterinary-serviceunit/

PROTECTION OF ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY (PAWS)

https://www.pawsmauritius.org/

Delivery of orders from abroad

It is possible to order online from Mauritius. Most foreign merchants deliver on the island. So, how to receive deliveries safely, and in what conditions?

E-commerce websites that deliver to Mauritius

The leading e-commerce platforms Amazon, AliExpress and eBay all ship to Mauritius. The first one is a UPS partner, while the second and third send the packages directly by post to your nearest post office. At the post office, you will be charged a postage fee of Rs 40 (slightly more than a dollar) to collect your parcel. For online businesses which do not ship to Mauritius or which charge very high shipping costs, you can opt to make another shipping company take care of them.

Shipping companies in Mauritius

Mauritius has several shipping companies that will allow you to receive your orders safely. The main ones are:

- ► Mauritius Post;
- ▶ DHL Express;
- ► FedEx;
- ► Celero;
- ▶ UPS Express (represented locally by Velogic).

Customs fees

The tax and VAT regulations in Mauritius are as follows:

- ► Products valued below Rs 1,000 are exempt from tax and VAT;
- ► For items valued between Rs 1,000 and Rs 10,000, a standard 15% VAT is typically applicable;
- Products exceeding Rs 10,000 require customs clearance through a brokerage company, as direct collection by Mauritius Post is not allowed.

Customs clearance fees:

Items over Rs 10,000 may incur brokerage fees in addition to VAT and possibly customs duties.

Specific customs duties:

- Handbags made of textiles or plastic sheeting are subject to a 30% customs duty, this does not apply if they are made of leather;
- Crockery and kitchen utensils are subject to a 15% tax in addition to the standard VAT applied to all products.

Unsolicited items:

► For unsolicited items, such as gifts from relatives abroad, VAT is not applicable if their value is below Rs 1,000;

► If the value exceeds Rs 1,000, VAT is calculated on the item's value minus the Rs 1,000 allowance.

Customs duties vs. VAT:

Customs duties are levied solely on the item's value, excluding shipping costs. Meanwhile, VAT is applied to the total price paid, which includes shipping and insurance costs. It is important for importers in Mauritius to understand these rules, as they help determine the taxes and duties based on the value and type of the products.

Good to know

Mauritius has a secure framework for online shopping. E-commerce operates in accordance with the *Electronic*Transactions Act of 2000.

USEFUL ADDRESSES & LINKS

CUSTOMS HEAD OFFICE

Address: Customs House, Mer Rouge, Port Louis

Phone: (230) 202 0500 / 01

Web: MRA

SENIOR STAFF - MINISTRY OF AGRO INDUSTRY AND FOOD SECURITY

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The first things to do when you arrive on the island

After months of preparation, you are finally in Mauritius. After settling in for a day, you will still have to take care of some administrative procedures. If you don't know where to start or if you feel a bit overwhelmed, Expat.com is here to help.



Registering at the EDB

The first step is to apply for the right permit: residence, retirement, or work. For this, you will need to contact the Economic Development Board (EDB). The application is done online and can be done before you arrive - especially for work permits. Once you have obtained an agreement in principle, the EDB will give you an appointment, and you will have to go to the EDB's offices with the original documents required.

Formalities for working

Thanks to the National Electronic Licensing System, the prospective employer of a foreign professional can start the application procedure for a work visa online, even before the arrival of the employee in Mauritius.

Unless you work in a regulated sector (banking, engineering, medicine, animal medicine, paramedics, etc.), you do not need to register to apply for a license or authorization to work.

For the work permit, if your application has been accepted,

you will have to complete it with your original documents at the EDB offices. Once in Mauritius, you will receive an invitation to the EDB offices by SMS to complete your application.

Registering with your embassy

Most foreign nationals have the possibility to register with the consulate or embassy of their country in Mauritius. This is done in order to allow the authorities of their respective countries to register the different nationalities and to offer them additional assistance and



protection in case it is needed.

For example, during the Covid pandemic, the vaccination of all French nationals registered with the Consulate and their Mauritian spouses was taken care of by the French authorities.

Enrolling children in school

If you have moved with your family and with children of school age, school registration is also done once you are settled in Mauritius. You should, however, have contacted the schools and booked our seats prior to your arrival. And if you have not, do get in touch with the relevant schools and they will assist you best they can.

Some schools, the Lycée Labourdonnais, require parents to present their Resident Permit or Occupation Permit in order to enroll their children.

Opening a bank account

Foreigners can open a resident or non-resident account, depending on their needs. To easily prove the origin of your funds in a Mauritian account, choose a Mauritian bank that has financial relations with your country of origin.

The *banks present in Mauritius* are You can choose from:

- ► The Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB);
- ► SBM (Mauritius) Bank;
- Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius);
- ► AfrAsia Bank Limited;
- ▶ Bank One Limited;
- ► Absa Bank (Mauritius) Limited;
- ► ABC Banking Corporation Limited;
- ► MauBank Limited;
- ▶ Bank of Baroda;
- ► SBI (Mauritius) Limited;
- ▶ BCP Bank (Mauritius).

Documents to be provided:

- ► Passport and visa;
- ▶ Proof of address less than 3 months old:
- ► A certificate indicating the origin of income;
- ▶ Permit to stay in Mauritius.

Familiarize yourself with commuting

You can choose between car and public transport to get to work.

If you prefer to drive, note that peak travel times are between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., whether you are traveling to the North or from the North to Port-Louis. Many drivers use the Waze GPS app, which is available on both iOS and Android

As for public transportation, you can choose between the bus and the Metro Express.

The Mauritian bus network allows you to travel from 5:30 am to 8 pm in urban areas and from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm in rural areas.

Click *here* to know the bus numbers to use according to your destinations and *here* to know the bus stops for each line.

The Metro Express currently serves 20 stations from Port-Louis to Curepipe, with 6 major stations adjacent to bus stations, and 3 stations from Rose-Hill to Réduit.

Find amenities

Supermarkets

If you want to keep your shopping habits, good news! Mauritius is home to several international supermarket chains, including from France and South Africa.





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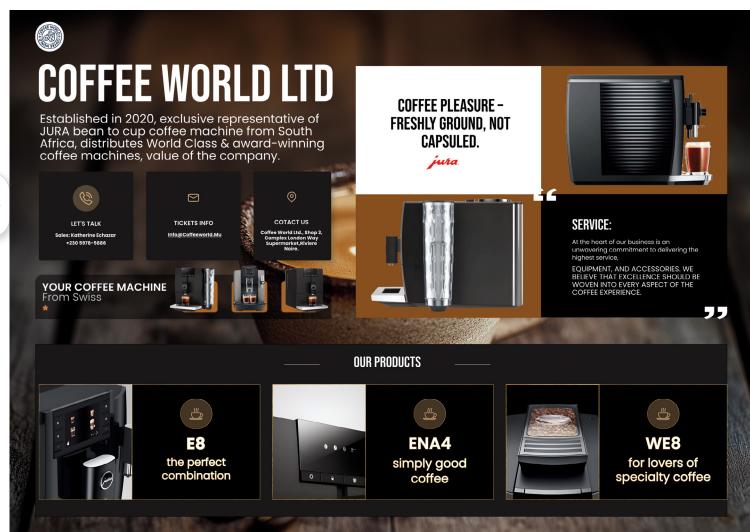
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Bagatelle	09:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 07:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 468 8088	Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius, Bagatelle
Ébène	09:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 02:30 p.m.	Phone: +230 465 9000	Ébène Commercial Centre, Cyber City, Ébène
La Croisette	09:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 269 6666	Grand Baie La Croisette, Royal Road, Grand Bay
Beau Bassin	09:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m	09:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 454 6888	Royal Road, Chebel, Beau Bassin
Curepipe	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 670 5110	Botanical Garden Street, Curepipe
So'flo	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 04:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 660 8898	Royal Road, Floréal
Calodyne	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 283 1068	Royal Road, St François, Calodyne
Quatre Bornes	08:00 a.m. 07:30 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:00 a.m. 04:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 425 7788	19 St Jean Road, Quatre Bornes
Mahogany	08:30 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	08:30a.m. 09:00 p.m.	08:30 a.m. 07:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 260 7788	WH2G+3WM L'Aventure du sucre, Pample- mousses
Plaza Boulevard Rose-Hill	09:00 a.m. 08:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 09:00 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 05:00 p.m.	Phone: +230 460 5888	Plaza Boule- vard, 8–10, Sir Celicourt Antelme Street, Rose-Hill

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Grand Bay	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m	Phone: (230) 263 0502 E-mail: info.gb@superu.mu	La Salette Road, Grand Bay
Flacq	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 413 5752 E-mail: info.fl@superu.mu	Avenue Président François Mitterrand, Central Flacq
Belle Rose	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 454 6640 E-mail : info.br@superu.mu	Royal Road, Belle Rose
Tamarin	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 484 0062 E-mail : info.tm@superu.mu	Cap Tamarin Smart City, Royal Road, Tamarin
Goodlands	09:00 a.m. 08:30 p.m.	09:00 a.m. 03:00 p.m.	Phone: (230) 263 0502	Goodlands Coeur de Ville Shopping Mall, Goodlands,















































Jumbo

The company has 4 locations currently.Most Carrefour brand products are now available.

Note the opening hours and days, which differ from one store to another, are as follows:

Phoenix - Phoenix Mall - S Sivananda Ave - Vacoas-Phoenix

Monday to Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. / Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Jumbo Riche Terre - Riche Terre Mall - Riche Terre Road -Port-Louis

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. / Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. / Sundays and public holidays: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jumbo Express Manhattan -Manhattan Shopping Center -Curepipe

Monday to Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Carrefour City Moka - Les Allées - Moka

Monday through Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. / Sundays and holidays: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Winner's

With 25 supermarkets, Winner's also sells Leader Price products for the connoisseur. Open from Monday to Sunday, Winner's extends the opening hours of some of its outlets on Sundays until 8 pm. It also delivers all over the island and offers the click-and-collect option.

Find the list of supermarkets *here*.

Food Lover's Market

This South-African chain of mini-markets focuses on premium quality products and organic food. The products are locally sourced, but also come from Great Britain or South Africa.

BAGATELLE MALL

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TAMARIN, RIVIÈRE NOIRE

Mon - Thu: 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Friday and Saturday:** 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dream Price Supermarkets

This chain of convenience stores continues to grow and modernize.

Present in about thirty locations,







Dream Price offers products from Turkey in particular and offers very decent quality. It is definitely to be considered if you are living in Mauritius with a tight budget.

Post office

The growth of the tourism sector generates a significant flow of mail and frequent international deliveries thanks to the air service. However, during the high tourist season, the delivery time varies from 4 days to 3 weeks.

Opening hours of the post offices:

Monday to Friday – 8.15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday – 8.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

MAURITIUS POST

www.mauritiuspost.mu

Express mail

Sometimes a letter or a parcel needs to reach its recipient very quickly. There are several services available for this purpose:

- ► EMS www.ems.post/en;
- ► Fedex www.fedex.com/ en-mu/home.html;
- ► UPS Mauritius http://www. ups.com/mu/en/Home.page;
- ► DHL Mauritius www.dhl. com/mu-en/home.html;
- ► Chronopost Mauritius www. chronopost.fr/en/mauritius.

Television in Mauritius

The Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) is responsible for the programming of local channels, accessible via DTT. Films and programs are broadcast in several languages: Kreol Morisyen (Mauritian Creole), English, French, Hindi, Bhojpuri and other oriental languages. Many Indian films and series are broadcast, as well as channels.

For access to international channels, turn to the 3 cable television providers:

Canal + Mauritius

Choose the TV package that suits you:

- ► SPORT Rs 500;
- ► CINE & SERIES+ Rs 550;
- ► FAMILY Rs 500.

Duration of the subscriptions:

- ► No commitment Rs 2,700 for installation;
- ▶ 12-month commitment;
- ▶ 24-month commitment often subject to promotions.

Options:

- ► BOLLYWOOD channels Rs 250 / month;
- ► DISCOVERY channels Rs 250 / month;
- ► DISNEY+ channels Rs 300 / month;
- ► OCS Channels Rs 350 / month;
- ► NETFLIX Rs 190 / month;
- ▶ 2nd TV Rs 400 / month;
- ► ALL CANAL+ Rs 2,450 / month.

How to subscribe to Canal+?

You can subscribe online by clicking *here* or by visiting a Canal+



branch, usually available in shopping malls.

For more information, you can contact the provider's hotline from 08:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., including public holidays, at (230) 602 1818.

Parabole Maurice

Another television provider, Parabole Maurice provides:

- ► Cinema channels;
- ► *Sports channels*;
- ► Discovery channels;
- Youth channels;
- ► Radio channels.

Parabole Maurice packages

SMARTY - 87 channels + 28 radios

Includes the rental of your decoder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one time at the subscription: Rs 500 (refundable) deposit on the equipment + Rs 1,150 (tax included) - Rs 1,645 / month.

SPORTY MAX - 71 channels + 28 radios

Sporty Max can be taken alone or with supplements. Includes the rental of the decoder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one time at subscription: Rs 500 (refundable) deposit on the equipment - Rs 999 / month.

CRISPY - 55 channels + 28 radios

Crispy can be subscribed to alone or with supplements.

Includes the rental of the decoder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one time at subscription: Rs 500 (refundable) - Rs 650 / month.

CANDY - 50 channels + 28 radios

Candy can be subscribed to alone or with supplements. Includes the rental of the decoder at Rs 207 (tax included). Payable in one go when subscribing: Rs 500 / month.

How to subscribe to Parabole Maurice?

The subscription is done online by clicking here or by going to one of the showrooms of the provider, whose addresses are indicated *here*.

To get a complete list of what you need to bring, contact 403 8888 (toll-free number).

My.t

The market leader presents a particularly wide range of offers and channels, all coupled with Internet access.

Discover the numerous my.t television offers by clicking *here*.

Stay informed

Media

All international newspapers, magazines and journals are on sale in Mauritius in large stores. You can also find game magazines (crosswords, sudoku), children's magazines, etc.













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MBC - test.mbcradio.tv

CanalSat Maurice

www.canalsat-maurice.com

Parabole Maurice

www.parabolemaurice.com

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www.myt.mu

Radios

Radio Moris

www.radiomoris.com

Radio Plus

live.radioplus.mu

Radio One

www.r1.mu

Top FM Radio

www.topfm.mu

Wazaa FM

www.wazaa.mu

Newspapers

L'Express Maurice

www.lexpress.mu

Le Mauricien

www.lemauricien.com

Le Défi

www.defimedia.info

5 Plus Dimanche

www.5plus.mu

News on Sunday

defimedia.info/categorie/ news-sunday

Transports in Mauritius

Bus, cabs, motorcycle, helicopter, boat and a light rail system. It is easy to move around Mauritius. The country benefits from a relatively extensive and convenient transport network, which extends to the North, the South, the East and the West. The tramway only operates on the outskirts of the cities for now.



The bus network

Mauritius has a bus network that provides service from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in urban areas and from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in rural areas.

It is shared between public, regional and private operators, including:

- ► TBS Triolet Bus Service;
- ► MBT Mauritian Bus Transport;
- ► NTC National Transport Corporation;
- ► UBS United Bus Service;
- ▶ RHT Rose Hill Transport;
- ► Luna Transport Company.

This network covers a very large part of the island, with many stops throughout the villages and towns. Click *here* to find out which bus numbers to use for your destinations.

Which bus, for which direction?

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has compiled all the buses serving the island and their numbers. Click *here* to see the bus stops for each line.

As for Port-Louis, the capital has 2 main stations: Gare du Nord and Gare Victoria.

Both are connected by shuttles, while each town has its own central station. To find it, just ask for directions!

Fares for the bus network

To travel by bus, it is imperative to have change. Tickets are purchased on board, often after the bus has started. Indeed, the "ticket collector" passes by each passenger to ask about the destination and to collect payment.

Fares are calculated according to the distance traveled, so they increase approximately every 1.6 km.

Here are the rates applicable since May 8, 2022:

- ▶ Stage 1: from Rs 12 to Rs 17;
- ▶ Stage 2: from Rs 18 to Rs 24;
- ► Stages 3-4: from Rs 24 to Rs 30;
- ► Stages 5-6: from Rs 27 to Rs 35;
- ► Stages 7-8: from Rs 30 to Rs 39;
- ▶ Stage 12: from Rs 31 to Rs 41;
- Stages 13-30: from Rs 34 to Rs 44;
- ► Stages 31-39: from Rs 37 to Rs 47.

MAURITIUS BUS ROUTES

www.mauritius-buses.com

Good to know

For a few extra rupees, you can take one of the many air-conditioned buses that serve the major towns.
You will also find a special bus to and from the airport in Plaine Magnien. Of course, elderly or pregnant people have priority for seats! It is not uncommon to see ticket inspectors boarding the buses to check passengers' tickets.

Any offender risks a fine

The Metro Express

The tramway, also called Metro Express, began operating between Port-Louis and Rose Hill in December 2019.

Today, it connects Port-Louis to Curepipe every day,

from Monday to Sunday, including public holidays, from 06:00

a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and it allows the population to move in a modern, safe and comfortable way over 26 km.

The tramway, "metro" as it is commonly called, passes through Port-Louis, Beau Bassin–Rose – Hill, Ébène, Quatre Bornes, Vacoas–Phoenix and Curepipe. There are currently 20 stations from Port-Louis to Curepipe,



including 6 major stations adjacent to bus stations.

Current Metro Express stops

On the Curepipe-Port-Louis line:

- ► Central Curepipe;
- North of Curepipe;
- ► Floréal;
- ► Sadally;
- ▶ Vacoas Center;
- ▶ Palmerston;
- ▶ Phoenix Mall;
- ▶ Phoenix;
- ► Trianon;
- ▶ St. John;
- Quatre Bornes Center;
- ▶ Belle Rose:
- ▶ Rose Hill Center;
- ▶ Ébène;
- ▶ Vandermeersch:
- ▶ Beau Bassin;
- ► Barkly;
- ► Coromandel;
- ▶ St Louis;
- ▶ Port-Louis Victoria;
- ▶ Place d'Armes.

On the Rose-Hill - Ebène line:

- ► Rose-Hill;
- ► Ebène;
- ▶ Réduit.

Facilities for users

Drivers

Metro Express users can park their cars in a specially dedicated parking lot in Coromandel with



a capacity of 250 vehicles, including spaces for the disabled. Two other similar parking facilities are under construction, one in Phoenix and the other in Vacoas.

Cyclists

Those who ride to the Metro Express station have several spaces to park their two-wheelers:

- Rose-Hill Central: sheltered and secure space with 24 bike racks;
- ► All stations: 12 bike racks;
- ▶ Direct road access to bikes within a 1-2 km radius of stations.

Metro Express tickets

The price of the ticket is calculated according to the number of zones covered. For the time being, it starts at Rs 32 and can go up to Rs 52 per trip.

To buy a single-use ticket, simply go to one of the many automated ticketing machines on all stations, then select the "SINGLE USE TICKET" option. The following steps are indicated on the screen and are easy to follow.

The MECard

Regular Metro Express riders can save between 5 and 10% per trip with the MECard.

The MECard is designed for all segments of the population, so it is available in 6 categories:

- Adult: Rs 200 (including a 100 rupee top-up);
- ► Child: Rs 150 (including a 50 rupees top-up);
- ► Student: Rs 100;
- Senior citizen: Free (for retired citizens aged 60 and over);
- ▶ Priority: Free (for citizens with reduced mobility).
- Priviledge: varies per traveller who can choose between the daily, monthly, weekly and yearly options according to their budget.

The purchase, as well as the refill of the card, is done at the dedicated MECard counters.

Driver service

If you need a driver, for example, in anticipation of a night out,

there are many companies offering this type of service. A few examples are:

My Chauffeur: A subsidiary of RHT Holding Ltd, the company takes care of one-off and business trips for both the public and companies. You can download its mobile application from the web, book a car 24/7, and even request a female driver.

Europear - Chauffeur services: The car rental specialist offers to hire a driver by the day for Rs 900 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Rs 160 per additional hour (including VAT).

Hire Car Mauritius: This company based in Quatre Bornes offers an extensive chauffeur service for both individuals and companies. Its fleet is composed of a Sedan Car, a Toyota Wish, a Minivan, a Minibus, a BMW 7 Series, a BMW X5 and a Mercedes V class.

Rent a car

The largest international agencies, Avis, Sixt, Europear or Hertz, as well as official local rental companies, are present on the island and offer all types of cars.



You can benefit from preferential rates on long-term rentals. Insurance is included in the rental price.

The agencies also offer a replacement vehicle immediately in case of a breakdown.

Cabs

While Uber and other similar cab apps do not exist in Mauritius, there are a number of cabs that operate in dedicated locations. You can find them near hotels, train stations, beaches and shopping centers. In addition, restaurants, bars, pubs, or nightclubs also usually have a list of cabs in case of an emergency. Don't hesitate to try out cabs near your home and keep the contacts of those you feel you can trust.

There is no set rate for cabs. Thus, it is difficult to give you an acceptable average cab fare.

Cabs operating with licenses have yellow plates on the doors indicating where they operate. Be careful, as many operate without a license, and if the cab is subject to a police routine check, both the driver and the passenger are liable to a fine.

USEFUL LINKS

Expat.com – Classified ads for buying and selling cars https://www.expat.com/en/classifieds/africa/mauritius/cars.html

Avis www.avis.com/en/locations/mu

Sixt https://www.sixt.com/car-rental/mauritius/#/

Europear https://www.europear.com/fr-mu

Hertz http://www.hertz.mu/hertz12/book#no-back-button

Air

Air Mauritius offers about 30 weekly flights to and from major European cities, including 3 flights between London and Mauritius.

You can book your flight to Manchester, Birmingham, Glas-





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gow, Edinburgh, Newcastle and many other UK cities via London. British Airways, Air Austral, Air France, Air Seychelles, Air India, Kenya Airways, Emirates, South African Airways, Air Zimbabwe, Condor, Corsair Fly and Turkish Airlines are other airlines that fly to Mauritius.

Plus de détails ici.

USEFUL LINKS

Air Mauritius

www.airmauritius.com

British Airways

www.britishairways.com

South African Airlines www.flysaa.com

Turkish Airlines

www.turkishairlines.com

Maritime transport

If flying isn't your preferred way to get around Mauritius and its surroundings, why not travel by boat? Here are your options!

Currently, the Trochetia is the

only passenger ferry operated by the Mauritius Shipping Corporation for travel between Mauritius and Rodrigues. There are also private cruise lines that make stops at both Mauritius and Rodrigues.

Advantages of the sea crossing to Rodrigues

- Boarding at Port Louis Harbour, which is easily accessible by tram;
- ▶ Less waiting time before boarding (1 hour prior to departure);
- More comfortable and scenic than a flight, offering a true cruise experience.

Disadvantages

- ➤ Sea conditions are unpredictable. While the journey is generally more pleasant in summer, travel during cyclone season is not advised.
- ▶ More expensive than flying.

Tickets range from Rs 13,600 to Rs 19,000 for adults, whereas flights are around Rs 10,000.

Takes longer than a flight. A flight to Rodrigues takes about 1.5 hours, while the boat journey takes approximately 20 hours.

The Mauritius Trochetia (2001)

The Mauritius Trochetia serves as both a cargo ship and a passenger ferry. It can accommodate up to 108 passengers across various cabin classes: Tourist, Semi-Deluxe, Deluxe, and First Class. For more information, feel free to visit the Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd website or contact the company at (+230) 217 2284 / 217 2285 / 217 2291.

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Telecommunications in Mauritius

Connecting to a landline, an internet provider and a mobile network will be one of the first things you do when you settle abroad. Choosing secure and reliable providers for these telecommunication services is important to be able to work remotely and to stay in touch with your loved ones who are outside of Mauritius.



Telephone and internet usage in Mauritius

The main telecommunication providers for landline, broadband and home internet + TV are Mauritius Telecom, Emtel / Canal+ and Bharat Telecom. These companies meet the requirement of both households and businesses in Mauritius.

The main mobile network operators in Mauritius are Mauritius Telecom, Emtel and Chili. These providers offer network coverage and a variety of mobile data plans to meet the needs of residents.

visitors and expats. Mauritius Telecom operates as a parastatal company, while others are private companies.

Landline or fixed line service provided by Mauritius Telecom

The telephone network in Mauritius is provided by Mauritius Telecom (my.t). National and international communications are excellent. In general, most of the houses, apartments and commercial premises have a line already installed. If not, an application must be made to the nearest Tel-

ecom Shop in person or online.

To subscribe, you will need to produce the following documents:

- An application form duly filled in;
- ► A passport;
- ▶ Proof of address (utility bills).

The connection is usually made within 15 days to 3 weeks.

The installation costs for a landline are as follows:

If the installation of the landline is done outside office hours, an additional Rs 500 will be charged. This amount is added to the first invoice issued for the new line.



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	Domestic line (Vat included)	Professional line (Vat excluded)	
Refundable security deposit	Rs 1,000	Rs 2,000	
Installation fee	Rs 1,500	Rs 2,500	
Landline transfer	Rs 1,500	Rs 2,500	
Line extension	Rs 1,500	Rs 1,500	
Renewal of internal cables	Rs 1,500	Rs 1,500	
Moving the telephone installation from one room or office to another	Rs 1,500	Rs 1,500	
Monthly rental of the line	Rs 90	Rs 225	

Good to know

The hours considered as outside office hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday 4:30 p.m – 6:30 p.m

Saturday and public holiday: 8:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m

Internet use in Mauritius

According to the latest 2024 report from *Data Reportal*, Mauritius ranks as the leading country in Africa for internet connectivity among its population. With over 980,000 internet users out of a total population of 1.3 million, the internet penetration rate exceeds 75%. This indicates that three out of every four people you encounter are internet literate, facilitating communication with new friends, information sharing, and business interactions with Mauritians.

The vast majority of these users,

or around 820,000 people, use social media. Over 60% of the entire Mauritian population is on Facebook, and around 30% is on Instagram. As for the professional networking website LinkedIn, it registered 460,000 members based in Mauritius in 2024.

The internet connection on the island is fast and reliable, thanks to significant investment in infrastructure such as the SAFE. LION 1 and LION 2 submarine fiber-optic cables that links Mauritius to other countries like Réunion Island (part of France), the Seychelles, South Africa, India and even Malaysia. Ookla's Speedtest Global Index 2024 reports that Mauritius has the 22nd best mobile internet speed in the world, with an average download speed of 98.23 Mbps. Fixed broadband speed is also fairly fast, with an average download speed of 51.50 Mbps.

Broadband providers on the island.

Mauritius Telecom (my.t)

my.t is a partially state-owned telecommunications company. The second largest shareholder of the company is the French telecommunications giant, namely Orange. The company provides fiber-optic internet connections as per your budget, including bundled TV packages. A fixed line connection is a pre-requisite to get the internet service in homes and offices.

Start by filling out the application form, then visit a Telecom shop with your Occupation Permit or Residence Permit and passport. To find the Telecom shop nearest to you, click here. If the landline phone is registered under someone else's name, you'll also need written permission from the account holder.











my.t Ultra-Fast Fibre Home Internet & TV

Choose the offer that best suits you:

- ▶ 50 Mbps: Rs 1,200/month (includes 60 TV channels)
- ▶ 100 Mbps: Rs 1,500/month (includes 60 TV channels + 2 premium TV packs)
- ➤ 200 Mbps: Rs 2,000/month (includes 60 TV channels + 2 premium TV packs)
- ▶ 300 Mbps: Rs 2,500/month (includes 60 TV channels + 2 premium TV packs)
- ➤ 500 Mbps: Rs 3,800/month (includes 60 TV channels + 2 premium TV packs)

- ▶ 1Gbps: Rs 6,500/month & includes and includes
- ► All my.t TV channels
- ▶ DStv Stream Compact
- ▶ Unlimited fixed voice

We have a panoply of TV Packs to please everyone:

- Ciné & Series Pack
- ▶ New World Sport Pack
- Ciné + OCS Pack
- ▶ DStv Stream
- ▶ Bollywood Mega Pack
- ► Bollywood Pack
- ► Sony Pack

my.t has also handpicked a selection of 'A la carte' TV channels; Sports, Discovery, Lifestyle, Music, News, Entertainment..., the choice is yours.

More info: myt.mu/home

Emtel

Emtel is a private Mauritian company. It is the second largest telecommunications company of the country after Mauritius Telecom.

Its WiFi packages:

- ► Airbox 5G 75 Mbps: Rs 1,200/ month
- Airbox 5G 100 Mbps: Rs 1,600/month
- Airbox 5G 200 Mbps: Rs 1,800/month





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Bharat Telecom

Bharat Telecom is an Indian telecommunications company that provides budget-friendly WiFi packages in urban and suburban areas. Unfortunately, its coverage is limited in rural areas.

Its WiFi packages:

- ► Turbo 5 Mbps: Rs 699/month
- Ultimate 10 Mbps: Rs 799/ month
- Extreme 20 Mbps: Rs 1,219/ month

Chili

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Chili is also another affordable WiFi provider.

C-Box Prepaid Plans:

- ▶ 1 month (2 TB): Rs 700
- > 3 months (6 TB): Rs 1,800
- ▶ 6 months (12 TB): Rs 3,000
- ▶ 12 months (24 TB): Rs 4,800

C-Box Postpaid Plans:

- ▶ Monthly (2 TB): Rs 700
- ▶ Monthly (unlimited): Rs 1,035
- ► Monthly (unlimited + fixed IP): Rs 1,150

Canal+

The French company Canal+ is best known for its satellite TV services, but it also offers a bundled package that combines internet and TV.

Airbox 5G + 30 TV channels:

▶ Rs 1,300/month

Mobile network

Three providers share the mo-



bile phone market in Mauritius: my.t, Emtel, and Chili (Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius Ltd).

All of them offer monthly plans as well as prepaid cards, which are very popular among Mauritians.

You will find official stores of these suppliers in large shopping malls or in shops around the island or simply online:

- my.t;
- ► Emtel;
- ► Chili.

The different providers and mobile phone packages in Mauritius

my.t mobile

More than I million customers in Mauritius trust my.t, which is the fastest, largest and most mobile popular network in the country.

my.t offers a wide range of both Prepay and Postpay plans.

How to get a new my.t SIM or eSIM?

Go to a Telecom Shop or one of their retailers.

Bring along:

- i) Your National Identity Card or Passport,
- ii) A copy of your recent utility bill or any other proof of address.

The my.t SIM card costs Rs 100 (VAT included) and includes:

- ▶ Rs 87 free calls;
- ▶ 35GB Data;
- ▶ 150 SMS.

The next step is to activate the my.t SIM card by calling 124 from the SIM card and following the instructions of the voice assistant.

You can also opt for an eSIM

More info on: https://www.myt.mu/mobile/esim

5G network expansion

Mauritius Telecom is the first operator to launch 5G in Mau-

ritius. my.t mobile is the fastest, widest 4G/5G networks in Mauritius.

To be able to experience 5G, you need:

- ► A 5G compatible device;
- ► A my.t 5G SIM (USIM);
- ▶ An active 5G unlimited mobile data pack;
- ▶ To be in a my.t 5G coverage.

5G Tourist SIM

All visitors coming to Mauritius are eligible for the Tourist SIM. They can buy their Tourist SIM *online*, at the airport counter, in any Telecom Shop or at retailers around the island.

The Tourist SIM costs €15 and includes:

200GB unlimited data;

- ► Unlimited SMS;
- ▶ Rs 174 mins airtime;
- ► It is valid for 30 days upon activation.

my.t offers affordable 4G/5G Prepay Data Plans to suit your needs.

my.t Prepay Data Packs include:

- ▶ 1-hour Unlimited Data @ Rs 5;
- ▶ Daily Unlimited Data @ Rs 15;
- ▶ Weekend Unlimited Data @ Rs 28;
- Weekly Unlimited Data @ Rs 95;
- ▶ Monthly Unlimited Data @ Rs 315;
- > 3-Month Unlimited Data @ Rs 815.

To recharge a prepay account, several options are available:

- ► Telecom app;
- my.t money;
- ► E-voucher: Go to any retailer with our E-voucher system;
- Scratch cards;
- ▶ Banking apps: Juice;
- ► Recharge at the ATMs of SBM, MCB, MPCB and Bank One.

More info: *myt.mu/mobile/prepay*

my.t Postpay plans

Experience the 5G difference and enjoy ultra-fast speed with my.t Postpay plans.

To subscribe for a postpay plan, visit a Telecom Shop with your passport, actual proof of address (utility bills) and your resident permit.

Different Postpay plans tailored for you:

Postpay Plans	Data	Calls to my.t mobile and landline	Calls to other mobile operators	SMS	Deezer
Postpay 300 Rs 300	5GB Unlimited Data	150 mins	-	500	Free
Postpay 500 Rs 500	15GB unlimited data	360 mins	30 mins	1000	Free
Postpay 600 Rs 600	30GB unlimited data	400 mins	50 mins	No limit	Free
Postpay 1,000 Rs 1,000	75GB unlimited data	600 mins	150 mins	1500	Free
Postpay 1,100 Rs 1,100	250GB unlimited data	700 mins	200 mins	No limit	Free
Postpay 2,000 Rs 2,000	No limit data	No limit calls	No limit calls	No limit	Free

Mauritius Telecom

my.T Rates per minute

Calls to other myT numbers: Rs

Calls to myT landlines: Rs 3.48

Calls to other mobile operators: Rs 3.60

SMS: Rs o.60 per SMS



Rent a my.t mobile line

Two formulas are available: prepaid (purchase of credit as you use it) and postpaid (monthly).

Prepaid plan

Given that my.t's SIM cards are Orange SIMs, it is really convenient to also use them in Europe, although roaming charges may apply.

my.t eSIM travel

my.t eSIM travel is an international data service which allows you to enjoy reliable, affordable and seamless mobile data on your eSIM compatible smartphone.

Are you planning to travel soon?

Stay connected with your loved ones without worrying about the costs. With my.t eSIM travel, you can now keep your existing WhatsApp number and enjoy your stay abroad without roaming charges.

With my.t eSIM Travel, you get:

- ➤ To stay online in 190+ countries;
- ➤ To keep your WhatsApp number;
- ► 24/7 support on 55005001 / myttravel@telecom.mu;
- ▶ Peace of mind while travelling.

Get your my.t eSIM travel before leaving Mauritius or Rodrigues:

- ► Visit https://esimtravel.myt.
 mu;
- ► Check if your phone is compatible with eSIM (Dial *#06#);
- ▶ Select your destination and plan among the 190+ countries available;
- ► Enter your contact details, register and follow the steps.

More info: esimtravel.myt.mu

Recharge a Prepaid my.t Mobile Account

There are several options of recharge:

Scratch card – you can buy it in supermarkets, shops all-round the island.

- Scratch off the security panel on your my.t mobile scratch card to reveal the 14-digit number:
- ► Call 124;
- Choose Option 1 by pressing 1 to refill your account;
- ► Enter the 14-digit code of the scratch card;
- ► The voice prompt will give you your new credit level;
- ➤ You will receive an SMS indicating your new credit level and validity of your account.









TRAVELLING ABROAD?

Stay connected with my.t eSIM travel





- Available in +190 countries
- Keep your existingWhatsApp number
- No roaming charges



- ▶ Dial *124*+ 14-digit code of the scratch card followed by #
- ▶ A flash SMS is displayed on the mobile phone with the new balance and validity of the account
- You will also receive an SMS indicating your new credit level and validity of your account.

Recharge at ATMs (SBM, MCB, MPCB, Bank One)

- ► Insert your bank card in the ATM.
- ► Enter your card's PIN code.
- ► Select your account.
- ► Choose the transaction type as Recharge.
- ▶ Select the recharge amount.
- ► Enter and confirm your mobile number.
- Receive an SMS with your updated balance and account validity.

Recharge by SMS (for SBM and MCB Customers)

➤ You must have a bank account with SBM or MCB and be registered for SMS recharge service.

To recharge:

- ► For SBM, send an SMS with the text "topup (amount)" to 8726 (e.g., "topup 100" for Rs 100).
- ► For MCB, send the amount (e.g., "100") to 8700.
- ► For a different amount, send "topup xxx" to 8726 for SBM, where xxx is the amount (e.g.,

Rs 50, Rs 100, or Rs 300).

4. Recharge with E-transfer

Want to help a friend in need by transferring some of your credit to his/her mobile?

Well, you can do it now with E-Transfer if you have a my.t mobile prepay account. Just follow the few simple steps below. Make sure you do have credit available on your mobile before starting a transfer. You can transfer between Rs 20 and Rs 1,000 per month.

For example, if your number is 5760 XXXX and you want to transfer Rs 50 to your friend whose mobile no. is 5750 XXXX

Send an SMS on 8500 to initiate the transfer in the form of T < space > < the number you wish to give credit to > < space > < Amount to be credited> < space> oooo:

T < space > 5750XXXX < space > 50 < space > 0000.

The system will check if you have enough credit and your eligibility.

If sufficient credit is available, the transaction will be carried out.

Your friend's account is credited with Rs 50 and your account is debited with Rs 50.

You will both receive an SMS notification confirming that everything went well SMS will cost you 6oc/SMS.

5. Recharge with E-voucher

You can also recharge your account at any retailer with my.t's E-voucher system (look for the E-voucher sign), ask for an E-voucher top-up and follow the steps below:

- Choose your E-voucher amount between Rs 10 and Rs 5,000.
- The retailer will take your payment and your phone number and initiate the transaction. You should get an SMS notification on your phone to confirm the transaction.

Emtel

Emtel rates per minute

Calls to other Emtel numbers: Rs 1.20

Calls to other mobile operators: Rs 3.60

Calls to landlines: Rs 3.45

SMS: Rs 0.60 per SMS

Rent an Emtel mobile line

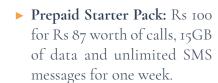
Two payment plans are available: prepaid (purchase of credit as you use it) and postpaid (monthly). To rent an Emtel mobile line, you must go to an Emtel store and present proof of address and your residence permit and/ or passport.

Prepaid Emtel packs:

➤ Tourist Pack: Rs 750 for Rs 200 worth of calls, 30GB of data, and unlimited SMS messages for a month.







Here are the details about Emtel's monthly mobile data and combo bundles:

- ► Rs 599 for 400 minutes of Emtel-to-Emtel calls, 60 minutes of other local calls, 50GB of data, and unlimited local SMS messages;
- ▶ Rs 899 for unlimited Emtel-to-Emtel calls, 120 minutes of other local calls, 100GB of data, and unlimited local SMS messages;
- ▶ Rs 1,099 for unlimited Emtel-to-Emtel calls, 240 minutes of other local calls, 200GB of data and unlimited local SMS messages;
- ► Rs 2,099 for unlimited local calls, data and SMS messages;
- ► Rs 371 for 200GB of data, without calls or SMS messages;
- ► Rs 471 for 400GB of data, without calls or SMS messages.

Recharge a prepaid Emtel Mobile account

Emtel offers several ways for prepaid users to recharge their phone credit:

- ▶ Online recharge;
- ► Emtel epin;
- ► Emtel scratch cards;
- ► ATM recharge (available at select ATMs);
- ► SMS top-up.

Emtel's 5G network

Emtel is actively expanding its 5G network across Mauritius, with the goal of achieving complete 5G coverage by 2025. To connect to Emtel's 5G network, you must ensure the following prerequisites are met:

- Possess a 5G-enabled device paired with an activated 5G SIM card.
- ▶ Activate 5G settings on your phone.
- Be in an area covered by Emtel's 5G network.
- Subscribe to and activate a 5G plan on your account.

Rent a postpaid line

To rent a postpaid line with Emtel, follow these steps:

Download, print, and complete the Emtel Postpaid application form to save time at the showroom.

Visit an Emtel showroom and present:

- National ID card or Residence Permit and/or passport;
- Recent proof of address (not older than 3 months);
- ▶ Bank details of the mobile line holder (preferably).

Included benefits:

- ▶ RBT (Ring back tone) registration: Free for 30 days;
- ► Free data: 750 MB, valid for 30 days;
- ► Caller tune: 1 caller tune;
- ► Missed call alert: Free;
- Unlimited Facebook: Free for 30 days.

Chili

Chili rates per minute

Calls to other Chili numbers: Rs

Calls to other mobile operators: Rs 2.30

Calls to Rodrigues: Rs 3.60

SMS: Rs 0.50 per SMS

Chili's SIM cards, mobile data bundles, and combo bundles are more budget-friendly than the ones from my.t or Emtel, although the quality of its coverage can be less good.

Daily packages:

- Rs. 10 for 70 MB of data 20 SMS messages;
- Rs. 12 for unlimited data/ speed (auto renewing);
- Rs. 17.25 for 600 MB of unlimited data.

Weekly packages:

- Rs. 45 for 500MB of data and 50 SMS messages.
- ▶ Rs. 80 for 21 GB of data (capped at 3GB per day).

Monthly packages:

- ▶ Rs 112.70 for 1 GB of data;
- ▶ Rs 199 for 5 GB of data;
- ▶ Rs 287.50 for 10 GB of data;
- ► Rs 310 for 150GB of data (capped at 5GB per day);
- ► Rs 349 for 240 of data (capped at 8GB per day);
- ► Rs 449 for 360GB of data (capped at 12GB per day);
- ▶ Rs 549 for 450 GB of data (capped at 15GB per day).



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Energy and utilities in Mauritius

What is the public utility situation like in Mauritius? How to get connected to the water or the electricity network? What are the procedures like? Here are a few pointers.



It is estimated that 98% of house-holds have access to running water. The water is properly treated and drinkable. However, during periods of heavy tropical rains, mudflows can cause the water to become contaminated with a brownish tint as it flows out of the tap. It is, then, recommended to drink bottled or boiled mineral water.

The water service

The water service is provided by the Central Water Authority (CWA).

An important fact to keep in mind is that the water supply in Mauritius is not continuous, i.e., there are usually cuts during the day. These "dry" hours are generally longer during the summer because there is usually a drought before the rainy season.

Every region has its own "supply

schedule", so it is important to check with your local CWA for valve opening times.

The tank and water pump option

To ensure that their home has a constant supply of water, including during off hours, Mauritians usually have tanks installed at home.

Water tanks are usually available at dedicated department stores (Duraco, Resiglas, Mammouth Courts, 361, Nabridas Mauritius) or even hardware stores if you take the time to inquire.

For some, this tank is optimized with a water pump in order to have a more efficient water flow. Ask for advice at the above-mentioned stores.

Water service rates

For domestic water supply in Mauritius, the average price is Rs 9 per m³ but the price increases with water consumption, as shown *here*.

For the supply of water to professional structures:

- ► Office-type structures, etc.: Rs 1,122 for the first 33 m³ and Rs 34 per additional m³;
- Commercial structures: Rs 391 for the first 17 m³ and Rs 23 for each additional m³.

How to pay your water bill?

You have several options to pay your CWA bill:

- By presenting your monthly bill at any post office;
- ▶ At the CWA office closest to your home;
- ▶ By automatic debit on a fixed date from your bank account.







































- ► MCB Juice or SBM Billpay
- ▶ By scanning the QR code on your bill

Important

If you're not knowledgeable in plumbing, leave the installation of your tank and/or water pump to a professional.

Connecting or reconnecting to the water service

To connect or reconnect to the network, here are the steps to follow

First-time connection to the water service

Fill out this form, then go to the nearest CWA office with the following documents:

- Property deed;
- ▶ Identification card or resi-

dence permit/passport;

2 approved site plans.

Reconnecting a unit to the water service

If you plan to rent a unit where the water supply has been disconnected at the request of the landlord, go to the nearest CWA office with the following documents:

- ▶ ID or Residence Permit/Passport;
- ▶ BRN (in the case of supply for business premises);
- Previous water bill.

There is a charge for these procedures:

- ▶ Reopening fee of Rs 550 for domestic supply;
- ▶ Reopening fee of Rs 1,750 for business supply.

Central Water Authority https:// cwa.govmu.org/cwa/



Electricity

99.6% of Mauritian households are connected to the electricity network managed by the Central Electricity Board (CEB). The CEB is making a lot of efforts in terms of supply and to allow consumers to prepare themselves in case of power cuts due to works in the region. The CEB has set up an interactive map, which you can discover here.

Focus on the Central **Electricity Board**

As its name suggests, the Central Electricity Board is the electricity provider in Mauritius. The body is parastatal, government-owned and operating under the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities. It generates about 40% of the country's total electricity needs from its 4 thermal and 10 hydroelectric power plants.

The remaining 60% is generated by independent power producers.

The electrical system in Mauritius

The current charge is 220 V. The electric plugs are mostly "English" (square plugs) in houses, but this is not systematic. You should bring an adaptor for emergency use. In Mauritius, you can easily find plugs, extension cords and adapters in hardware stores, supermarkets and DIY stores. During a tropical cyclone, a generator may be useful.

Connection to the electrical network

Connection requests are subject to a connection fee and a security deposit. After payment, the CEB will make the necessary arrangements within 10 working days.

The CEB requires consumers to provide the following documents when requesting a connection to the domestic electricity network:

- National Identity Card;
- A copy of the deed of the property concerned by the connection;
- ▶ Or a copy of the lease agreement for tenants;
- ▶ Or a copy of a transcript, if the land has been transcribed for you;
- ▶ Or a letter of authorization from your landlord, if you are a tenant, and a copy of the landlord's title:
- ▶ And a list of declared electrical appliances to be connected in watts or kilowatts.

If the application is for a commercial structure, it must be made in person or in writing, along with the following docu-

- ▶ A duly signed letter from the business requesting the new supply, stating the total load connected:
- ▶ A list of the declared electrical equipment to be connected in watts or kilowatts;
- ► A copy of the company's registration card and a copy of its certificate of incorpora-
- ► A copy of the property deed if the premises are owned;
- ▶ A letter of authorization from the landlord or a copy of the lease agreement if the client is a tenant, as well as a copy of the corresponding property title;
- ► A building and land use permit, if applicable.

In the case of a registered company:

▶ A list of shareholders (those holding more than 10% of the shares);

▶ Director's national identity card or passport.

Electricity prices in Mauritius

Electricity prices vary according to usage. You can find the latest CEB price list *here*.

How to pay your electricity bill?

You have several options to pay your CEB bill:

- ▶ By presenting your monthly bill at any post office;
- ▶ At the CEB office closest to your home;
- ▶ By automatic debit on a fixed date from your bank account;
- ▶ On the my.t Money mobile application;
- ▶ By Juice transfer;
- ▶ Blink by Emtel.

You can access your bill online

Central Electricity Board https:// ceb.mu/







































Gas

There is no "town gas" system in Mauritius. If you have chosen to cook and heat water with gas, you will have to buy 5, 6 or 12 kg gas cylinders.

The price of gas in Mauritius

Prices are regulated by the government:

- ▶ 5 kg Rs 100 per cylinder;
- ▶ 6 kg Rs 120;
- ▶ 12 kg Rs 240.

Types of gas cylinders and where to find them

You will find 3 types of gas cylinders: red ones, sold in Total gas stations; blue ones, in Shell and Engen gas stations and yellow ones, which are harder to find. In addition to gas stations, you can find the necessary equipment at a number of authorized dealers.



Connecting a gas cylinder to your equipment

If you need to connect your boiler and/or hotplates to a gas cylinder, here are the best practices:

- ➤ The cap/expander, called a "gas regulator" here, differs depending on the type of cylinder, so ask around or take a picture of your cylinder and bring it to the store to buy the right model;
- ► If you are unsure of how to connect the cylinder, ask a neighbor;



- ▶ It is highly recommended that the cylinder be installed outdoors;
- Remember to change the connecting hose regularly, referring to the date on the hose.

Good to know

In Mauritius, you will also find systems that allow you to connect 2 pieces of equipment to the same gas cylinder!

Total Gas for individuals https://services.totalenergies.mu/gaz/gaz/gaz-en-bouteilles

Green energy in Mauritius

More than ever, Mauritius is working and refining its energy policy to gradually increase the use of renewable and clean energy. This is not only to reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels but also to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

In 2022, the government announced the implementation of a program called the "Green Transformation Package". Its objective is to enable the production of an additional 200 MW of electricity by 2025, which would bring the island's renewable energy production to 40% of the 60% target set for 2030.

We know that Mauritius is slowly moving to smart meters; in fact, 25,000 have already been installed in homes and businesses, and 75,000 more units are expected. Other initiatives include:





- ► The commissioning of 18 MW of battery storage to maintain grid stability;
- ► The implementation of a 2 MW floating solar project at Tamarind Falls Reservoir;
- ► Increasing the capacity of the Henrietta photovoltaic facility from 2 MW to 10 MW;
- ► Installation of 1,000 solar panels for low-income households;
- Programs designed specifically for small (household) and medium (commercial) users;
- Designing a framework for biomass for electricity generation;
- Finalizing the green bond framework for financing local and regional green projects.

Other initiatives under development:

- ➤ The use of photovoltaic technologies;
- Increased access to solar energy technologies for solar water heaters;
- ► The creation of solid waste-to-energy plants;
- Pumping sea water for air conditioning;
- ► Installation of wind turbines;
- ► Development of liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects;
- Development of green building design services and equipment;
- ► Energy efficiency projects and energy audits;
- ► Incentives for the purchase of electric vehicles.



Incentives

The EDB reminds us that many incentives already exist so that the majority of Mauritians actively participate in the collective environmental effort:

- ► Solar photovoltaic projects are exempt from VAT;
- Provision for accelerated depreciation of income tax for green investment for investment in green technology equipment (50% straight line);

- Utility renewable energy projects are exempt from the land conversion tax;
- Businesses and households can receive a tax deduction for investment in solar unit equipment;
- All interest income from bonds issued to finance renewable energy projects that are approved by the MRA are tax-exempt.

Mauritius being an island, it is more than ever concerned with the many environmental issues.





Expats who wish to participate in this collective effort can, for example, take action through green electricity options.

To learn more about the various green facilities available in Mauritius for the public and businesses, you can contact *Green Energy Co. Ltd*, the "green" subsidiary of CEB.

Please note that some programs, for example, dedicated to the installation of photovoltaic kits, are reserved for beneficiaries registered in the social register of their region. It is, therefore, important to find out more before signing up for this type of initiative.

Household waste in Mauritius

Household waste is a frequently discussed issue in Mauritius, representing a major challenge, especially with the increasing strain on landfill sites. However, significant progress is being made with the advent of recycling schemes, which are raising awareness among residents about the importance of environmental protection.

Household waste remains a persistent concern in Mauritius. Yet, habits are beginning to improve with the introduction of waste separation.

Waste collection and sorting are essential to maintaining hygiene standards, especially during the hot season, which coincides with peak tourist arrivals.

Currently, household waste is collected by municipal or district councils twice a week in residential areas and once a week in commercial zones. From October to March, the influx of tourists, particularly in hotels and holiday rentals, leads to a rise in household waste volume due to increased consumption.

Mauritius faces the challenge of overfilled landfills, with the Mare Chicose landfill holding over 10 million tonnes of waste, highlighting an unsanitary and environmentally unsustainable situation. To address this, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management, and Climate Change is collaborating with the UNDP to develop an improvement plan for solid waste and landfill management.

Additionally, the ministry regularly conducts awareness campaigns in partnership with citizen associations and NGOs. These initiatives aim to highlight the importance of environmental protection while promoting renewable energy use and the concept of sustainable development.

In this context, the NGO Mission Verte, based in Curepipe, has been leading an awareness campaign on recycling waste since 2007, installing numerous collection sites across the island. In the central region, these points can be found at Bagatelle, Moka, Rose-Hill, Beau-Bassin, Curepipe, Forest Side, Vacoas, Phoenix, and St Paul. In the east, they are located at Flacq, Queen Victoria, and Quatre Sœurs. In the south, collection points are present in Mahébourg, Plaine Magnien, and Vieux Grand Port, while in the north, they are available at Terre Rouge (near Port Louis), Beau Plan, Grand Baie, Goodlands, Mare Tabac, Grand Gaube, and Anse la Raie.

Another NGO, We-Recycle, established in 2016, also has several collection sites in the west and south of the island. The strong participation of the Mauritian population in these recycling initiatives demonstrates a collective commitment to environmental protection.

USEFUL LINKS:

Mission Verte

We-Recycle

Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management, and Climate Change





Cost of living in Mauritius

The cost of living in Mauritius depends on individual habits, daily needs, region, and other factors. However, global events like the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia–Ukraine conflict have disrupted the world economy, impacting prices in Mauritius. As the island gradually recovers, the cost of living is stabilizing.



The increase in cost of living in figures

Food: In November 2024, Mauritius reported a 3.7% inflation rate, marking its highest level in six months. This increase is primarily due to rising prices in food, non-alcoholic beverages, healthcare, and household goods. However, the current inflation rate remains significantly lower than the previous year, when it had surpassed 10%.

Transport: Bus and metro fares have increased by 25–40% since 2022. There have been no more increases since then.

Fuel: As of late 2024, fuel prices stand at Rs 61.20 per liter for gasoline and Rs 58.95 per liter for diesel. Gasoline prices have dropped considerably from previous highs of around Rs 74.10 during tougher economic periods a few years ago. Diesel, on the other hand, has seen a slight increase from Rs 54.55 in 2023.

Monthly cost of living in Mauritius

When planning to move abroad, consider the costs of housing, bills, internet, food, gasoline, home insurance, and leisure activities.

Housing

Apartments or detached houses in Port-Louis, Plaines Wilhems or villages outside of expat hubs: Rs 15,000–40,000 per month.







































- ▶ Studios for one person in Plaines Wilhems: Rs 7,000-15,000 per month.
- Family house with a garden in expat hubs in the North and West: Rs 25,000-70,000 per month.
- ▶ Beachfront villas: Rs 30,000− 90,000 per month.

Note: These figures can vary depending on property features (such as a swimming pool, gardening services, or domestic help) and location, with higher rents typically found in popular tourist areas like the North.

Agency fees and deposit

- ▶ **Deposit:** Usually at least one month's rent plus 15% VAT, and sometimes up to 2-3 months' rent.
- ► Agency fees: Shared between the tenant and landlord. For leases longer than six months, fees can be up to one month's rent plus 15% VAT.

Food prices

Food costs vary based on individual habits. Open-air markets provide affordable fruits and vegetables, while items like meats, alcohol, and cheeses tend to be more expensive in supermarkets. The prices of some basic food items, such as bread, are capped by the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Approximate prices:

- ▶ 500 g deboned chicken breast: Rs 250;
- ▶ 1L of full-cream milk: Rs 65;

- ▶ 1 egg: Rs 10;
- ▶ 1kg local tomatoes: Rs 80;
- ▶ 1 can of tomatoes: Rs 40;
- ▶ 500g of cheddar cheese: Rs 80;
- ▶ 1 apple: Rs 15;
- ▶ 1kg of potatoes: Rs 45;
- ▶ 0.5L of local beer: Rs 70;
- ▶ One bottle of mid-range red wine: Rs 500;
- ▶ 2L of Coca-Cola: Rs 8o:
- ► Baguette: Rs 2.70-5.40.

Eating out

Mauritius offers options for all budgets, from street food to upscale dining.

- ▶ Dholl puri: Rs 20 per pair;
- ▶ Chow mein: Rs 100–300;
- ▶ Restaurant meal: Around Rs 400 per person.

Average restaurant prices:

- ▶ Basic lunch menu (business district): Rs 350;
- ▶ Fast food combo (e.g. Mc Donald's): Rs 250;
- ▶ Upscale restaurant (meal for 2): Rs 2,000-Rs 6,000.

Utilities

Electricity: Rs 1,000-3,000/ month, higher in summer if you use air conditioning.

Water: Rs 300-500/month, higher if you have a pool.

Household gas:

- ▶ 5 kg cylinder: Rs 80
- ▶ 6 kg cylinder: Rs 95
- ▶ 12 kg cylinder: Rs 190

Internet: Rs 1,200–2,100/month.

Mobile phone (prepaid credit): Rs 1.2 to 3.6 per minute, depending on whether the call is made to a number of the same operator or not.

Transport

(Taxis)

Mauritius has a good network of buses, cabs, and the Metro Express. Cabs do not use meters, as the fare is based on kilometers and time, so negotiating a fixed fare in advanced is recommend-

- ► Taxi base fare: Approx. Rs 150, plus Rs 100-200 per additional km
- ▶ Waiting charge: Around Rs 600 per hour

For information on public transport, refer to the "Getting around Mauritius" chapter.

The car

Car ownership costs include fuel, servicing, maintenance, registration, and insurance. Expats can buy or rent a car in Mauritius. For more information, see the "Driving in Mauritius" chapter.

Fuel and electric charging costs for cars

For combustion engine vehicles, current fuel prices are as follows:

- ▶ Gasoline: Rs 61.20/L;
- Diesel: Rs 58.95/L.

Note that these prices are sub-

























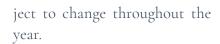












For recharging electric cars, the costs depend on the battery's capacity and type. The more powerful a battery is, the more expensive it will be to recharge. Three other factors influence the

- 1 Location (gas station or at home)
- 2 Time of day
- 3 Charging speed (levels 1, 2, or 3)

To calculate the cost, multiply the battery size (in kWh) by the cost of electricity from the supplier (per kWh) to get the cost of a full recharge.

Vehicle maintenance

Vehicle maintenance, often referred to as "servicing," can be done periodically (including checks, adjustments, etc.) or annually. In some countries, such as France, annual servicing is mandatory. Maintenance costs vary depending on the garage used:

- ▶ If taken care of by a agency, it will be more expensive (up to Rs 36,000 for the most comprehensive servicing package or packages for cars that have driven many kilometers)
- ▶ With private garages, costs vary greatly. The average cost is usually Rs 5,000-10,000.

Many garages, dealerships, and specialized chains offer both annual and one-time maintenance.

Renting a car

If you plan to rent a car in Mauritius, here is how much it will likely

- ▶ Manual transmission: From Rs 1,000/day (basic model). For more comfort or a newer car, around Rs 1,500/day.
- ▶ Automatic vehicle: From Rs 1,500/day (older or smaller models); newer, more luxurious or spacious cars cost around Rs 2,500/day.

Renting through a hotel typically costs around Rs 2,500 per day. There can be an airport surcharge if you want to pick up your rented car directly from SSR International Airport. Alternatively, renting from a private individual can be more affordable, around Rs 1,000 per day, but make sure the car is no older than 4-5 years for reliability.

Leisure activities

Beaches and mountains are free, but other activities are reasonably priced:

- ► Cinema: Rs 250-350
- ► Tourist attractions often have two prices: one for residents and a slightly higher one for tourists.

Some indicative prices:

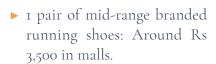
► Casela Nature Park, for a package that includes activities: Resident and non-resident adult: Rs 1,450; resident and non-resident child: Rs 1,160 (please note that promotional offers are only applicable to Mauritians).

- ▶ Splash and Fun Water Park: Resident adult, Rs 450; resident child under 12, Rs 300; resident senior over 60, Rs 200; non-resident adult, Rs 1.000: non-resident child under 12, Rs 800.
- ► Cinema: 2D movie, Rs 250; 3D movie, Rs 300-350.
- ▶ Bowling Strike City in Bagatelle Mall and Flacq Retail Park: Peak: Rs. 200 Per Game/ Player; Off Peak: Rs. 180 Per Game/Player; Shoes: Free of charge.
- ▶ Bowling Gravity Max in Tribeca Mall: Rs 249 per play-
- La Vanille Nature Park: Resident adult, Rs 405 (includes restaurant voucher); non-resident adult, Rs 975; resident child, Rs 295; non-resident child, Rs 685.

Clothing

Street markets offer affordable clothing, while prices in malls (from mid-range brands) are higher. Those sold in street markets might not be from recognizable brands and are often made in China, but their quality can still sometimes be good.

- ▶ 1 pair of jeans: Around Rs 2,000 in malls, but Rs 500-Rs 1,000 in street markets or from small shops outside of malls.
- ▶ 1 summer dress: Around Rs 2,000 in malls, but Rs 600-Rs 1,500 in street markets or from small shops outside of malls.



▶ 1 pair of men's leather dress shoes: Around Rs 5,000.

Cost of schooling

While public education is free in Mauritius, expat parents often prefer private international schools:

- École du Nord, Mapou (French education system)
- ► Lycée La Bourdonnais, Forest Side, Curepipe (French education system)
- ► Clavis International Primary School, Mount Ory
- ► <u>Le Bocage International School,</u> Mount Ory
- Westcoast International School (with different sections for primary and secondary education), Cascavelle and Flicen-Flac

Refer to the chapters "Studying in Mauritius" and "Moving with Children in Mauritius" for more on childcare and higher education.

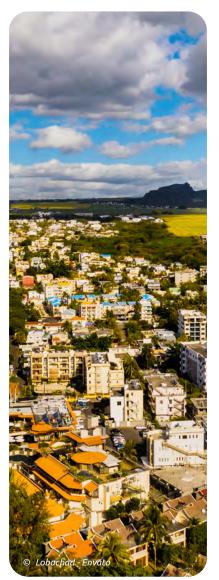
Living on a budget in Mauritius

Living on a budget is possible by managing key expenses:

▶ Healthcare: Local general practitioners (GPs) and specialists typically charge around Rs 2,000 per appointment. Costs for more serious medical conditions can vary. It's highly advised for expats to buy international private

health insurance, as they will be billed as non-citizens in public hospitals (which are free for Mauritians) and hospital stays or surgeries in private clinics can easily rack up a bill over Rs 100,000.

es depend on the location and type of property. Housing in the interior regions of the island (away from the coast) is generally more affordable. Sharing accommodations with housemates can also help reduce costs, although this practice isn't very common yet in Mauritius.



Where to live

Popular areas for expats include:

- ► North: Grand Baie, Pointe aux Canonniers, Mont Choisy, Trou aux Biches, Pereybère
- ▶ West: Tamarin, Flic en Flac
- ► Center: Moka, Curepipe
- **East**: Poste Lafayette

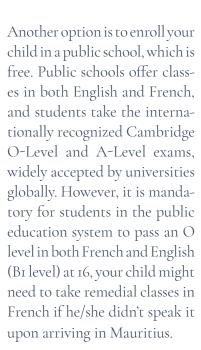
Please note that while these expat hotspots are close to the beach and many entertainment venues, they tend to have higher rental rates, and the cost of food in restaurants and clothing there can also be more expensive. If you're looking for more affordable housing, consider renting in towns in the Plaines Wilhems region, such as Rose-Hill, Beau-Bassin, and Quatre-Bornes. These towns offer all the necessary amenities and are well-connected to the rest of the island by metro and bus.

Schooling for children under 18

International schools are a popular choice for expat families, though they can be costly, with some schools charging tuition fees over 1,000 euros per month for non-citizens. French nationals benefit from reduced fees at schools within the French education system in Mauritius, but this discount is not extended to other nationalities. Recently, more affordable private schools, such as *Dukesbridge* for English-medium primary education, have begun to open.







Leisure activities

Mauritius has plenty of free or affordable leisure options, including beaches, mountains, and hiking trails. All beaches are public and free for everyone in Mauritius, even if there might be private hotel/resort grounds above the waterline. Libraries and media centers in urban areas also offer low-cost resources and activities, especially for children. However, a night out at clubs, bars, live music venues or game arcades can quickly add up to Rs 1,500 or more per person once ticket and food prices are combined.

Getting around

Mauritius is very car-dependent, but public transport is practical if you live near a bus line or metro station. For now, the metro covers Port-Louis and the towns of Plaines Wilhems in the center. Buses cover the rest of the island. The website *Mauritius Buses* can help you find which bus(es) you need to take for your journey, but it's best to also ask people who work at your nearest bus station.

A one-way trip between the two ends of the metro line, that is Victoria Urban Terminal in Port-Louis and Curepipe Central, costs Rs 52. You can consult the fare calculator on Metro Express' website to determine the fare of shorter trips. You can tap to pay with ME-Card on the metro system, but unfortunately, bus riders can still only pay with cash (no app payments or contactless cards are accepted). The price of a bus fare depends on the distance of the trip, which is classified by stages. It ranges between Rs 17 and Rs 47 per trip. Bus fares haven't increased since 2022.

MARÍA CÁNOVAS, A SPANISH PROFESSIONAL:

"Before relocating to Mauritius, I thought it would be an affordable country, like Bali or Thailand. However, I discovered that Mauritius is quite expensive, with high costs in food, cars, housing, and fuel. I wish I had known this to save more in advance."





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Leisure in Mauritius

Mauritius is anything but dull! You'll always find something interesting to do, whether at the beach, in the mountains, at a cultural center or in a club. Here are some popular options to consider.



Hobbies

Moving to Mauritius doesn't mean giving up the hobbies you had in another country. You can find places and groups that offer activities related to your hobbies, such as dancing, public speaking, painting, water sports, board games, yoga, language learning, and more.

Facebook is the preferred social media platform of Mauritians, followed by Instagram and TikTok. You can search keywords related to your hobbies on these platforms to find advertised activities. On Facebook, there are many private groups centered around hobbies which you can request to join. Don't forget to also check the *leisure directory on Expat.com*.

In the last decade, various discount websites such as MariDeal.mu, Deal.mu and DefiDeals. mu have emerged. They offer vouchers with discounts of up to 70% on luxury hotel packages, spa treatments, and activities such as scuba diving and kayaking. However, some of these offers may be restricted to permanent residents or citizens of Mauritius, making expats without a permanent resident permit ineligible.

Outdoor adventures

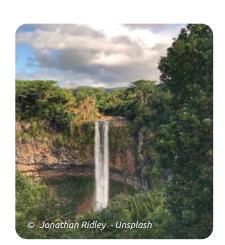
Quad biking, ziplining, hiking, picnics, aquariums, learning about conservation efforts — there are plenty of options when it comes to outdoor adventures in Mauritius.

Here are some ideas for places you can go for a great outdoor adventure.









La Vanille Nature Park: Located in Rivière des Anguilles in the south, this park is entirely dedicated to nature conservation and animal welfare. It allows you to dive into the heart of nature with or without a guide. Among the activities in the park are watching a crocodile feeding show; feeding giant Aldabra tortoises; watching baby tortoises and crocodiles hatch; a photo session with a baby crocodile; meeting Octar the iguana; a petting farm; and pony rides.

Casela Nature Park: This outdoor amusement park is in Cascavelle in the West, which covers over 350 hectares, has a safari tour and other areas for activities such as mini golf, quad rides, interaction with rhinoceroses, walking with lions, camel riding, zipline rides, and canyon swings.





There is even a program that teaches children how to be zoo-keepers for a day. It is the only place in Mauritius where visitors can see animals like caracals and servals.

Odysseo Oceanarium: This is the first public oceanarium in Mauritius. It is found close to the Caudan Waterfront in Port-Louis, a short walk from the metro stop of Victoria Urban Terminal. It is home to over 200 species of marine animals and plants found in the Indian Ocean, in different zones that mimic a real natural environment such as the lagoon, coral reefs and the open sea. More than just an aquarium, it is a conservation project that protects local species and teaches the public about them. The oceanarium's layout is interactive and pedagogical, which is great for children. Among the highlights are a glass tunnel with an immersive view of sharks and an interactive encounter with stingrays.



Gros Cailloux Leisure Park: This park located in Petite Rivière in the west, not too far from Albion. It has vegetable gardens, plant nurseries, an animal farm and a central freshwater lake. There are plenty of activities for the entire family, such as paddle boats on the lake, fishing for tilapia (a common freshwater fish in Mauritius) and a zipline. If you get hungry, you can enjoy a scenic lakeside meal at Tekoma Restaurant.

Le Domaine Bel Ombre: The Bel Ombre Nature Reserve is a sprawling wildlife park in the south. It is home to one of the few remaining endemic forests of Mauritius, with rare local birds like the pink pigeon, kestrel and echo parakeet. This forest is protected as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, and you can see it on a guided hike with a ranger or on a four-wheeler tour. Outside the reserve, in other parts of the park, there are other activities such as quad bike rides, sunset safari tours, and picnic pods.





Black River Gorges National Park: If you love hiking, the largest protected forest of the island in the hilly southwest is a must-visit. It covers close to 70 km² and offers various hiking trails with different levels of difficulty. Along the way, you might spot monkeys, deer and wild pigs across the fences that protect hikers from the forest's wildlife. Streams and rivers cross the park, and some of them are safe for a very refreshing swim. This park is also a conservation zone for endangered endemic animals and plants, such as the pink pigeon. You can see some of these animals at the conservation center at the park's entrance.

Ebony Forest Reserve Chamarel: This is another conservation park in the southwest, where you can see the rare and endemic dark-wooded ebony trees that used to cover the whole island before its colonization. The reserve also has a museum about the wildlife history of Mauritius, as well as two stunning points (Sublime Point and Piton Canot Lookout) for a view of the turquoise lagoon.

Chamarel Seven Colored Earth Geopark: This geological formation is not far from the Ebony Forest Reserve. It consists of sand dunes that have been carved by geological forces to have a spectrum of different colors, from red and yellow to purple and greenish. The dunes can be observed from a deck.

Île aux Cerfs: Île aux Cerfs is a popular islet off the eastern coast of Mauritius that is reachable by boat. It offers close to 90 hectares of beautiful crystalline beaches, pristine lagoons, picnic areas, golf courses and restaurants. Many water sports such as water skiing and parasailing can be booked there.

Île d'Ambre: This is another popular islet that is reachable by boat, this time off the northeastern coast. It is a protected national park with rich biodiversity, notably a sprawling mangrove forest. Visitors can explore the island's unique ecosystem by kayaking through the waterways that wind between the mangrove plants. The island also offers various trails for hikers.



SSR Botanical Gardens: This is the largest botanical garden, and it is located in Pamplemousses in the north, a short drive away from Port-Louis. It has plenty of shaded picnic spots in an environment with over 600 plant species as well as animals like deer and tortoises. A highlight of the park is a pond with giant water lilies.







Le Morne Brabant: This UNE-SCO World Heritage Site is a majestic mountain that overlooks the lagoon in the southwest. Historically, when Mauritius was still a colony, enslaved African workers took refuge on this mountain when they escaped from the harsh work conditions on plantations. Today, the mountain is not only a site of historical remembrance but also a popular hiking spot.

Museums and Galleries

Explore the history of Mauritius or enjoy contemporary local and regional art by visiting these museums and galleries.

Intercontinental Slavery Museum: This is a recently opened museum in Port-Louis, a short walk from the Victoria Urban Terminal and Caudan Waterfront, that is set in a former military hospital. Serving as a memorial to Mauritius's painful history of slavery, the museum is grounded in the findings of the Truth and Justice Commission, which investigated the legacy of slavery on the island with an aim toward reparations.



Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site: A 5-minute walk away from the Intercontinental Slavery Museum is another public historical museum. This one focuses on the history of Indian indentured laborers who came to work in Mauritius in the 19th century, when the country was part of the British Empire. The site is the landing docks where they first set foot on the island, and the museum contains artifacts about their lives on sugar plantations.

Blue Penny Museum: This museum, located right on the Caudan Waterfront, covers all of the historical periods of Mauritius. Notably, it has a rare stamp collection which includes the rare 1847 Blue Penny, which is worth millions of dollars. These were the inaugural stamps issued by the Mauritian postal service to decorate invitation letters to a ball by the British Governor's wife.

Natural History Museum: This

museum is located by Jardin de La Compagnie, a public garden in the centre of Port-Louis. There, you can see a near-complete dodo skeleton reconstructed from bones found on archaeological digs, as well as remains of other extinct birds such as the Solitaire of Rodrigues (the second largest island of the Mauritian state).

House of Digital Art: Located in Edith in central Port-Louis, this innovative gallery showcases immersive, interactive digital art installations by contemporary artists from Mauritius and around the world.

Caudan Arts Centre: Located on the Caudan Waterfront, right at the metro exit, it doubles as a performing arts center and contemporary art gallery. Check out their website or social media pages for information about the latest or upcoming exhibitions in their art section. These are usually free to visit.

Mahatma Gandhi Institute Art Gallery: This contemporary art gallery, located in the center in Moka, is part of the School of Fine Arts of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, a public educational institution. Its gallery often showcases art by both emerging and established Mauritian artists. Entrance is usually free.

Imaaya Gallery: Another contemporary art gallery, located in Vacoas-Phoenix in the center. It showcases and sells work by Mauritian artists.





Château de Labourdonnais:

This 19th century mansion is in Mapou, close to Grand Baie and also a mere 20-minute drive from Port-Louis. Visitors can see the rooms of the mansion, including the spacious dining room with historical silverware, as well as the gardens and orchards. They can also enjoy a tasting session of the fruit jams, fresh fruit juices locally-crafted rum by the Labourdonnais Distillerie.

L'Aventure du Sucre: Located in Pamplemousses in the north, also a half hour drive from Port-Louis, this is a former sugarcane factory that has been transformed into a museum about the cultivation of sugarcane and production of sugar on the island.

National History Museum (Mahebourg): The largest public history museum of Mauritius is found in the southern village of Mahebourg. Housed in a building from the French colonial era, it has a large collection of artifacts from the island's history, from historical furniture to weapons to paintings. It also has a near-complete skeleton of the dodo.

Frederik Hendrik Museum: This





is the only museum on the island about the Dutch colonial period. It has the remains of a Dutch military fort as well as artifacts from the same period found in archaeological digs.

Bois Chéri Tea Factory and Museum: Mauritius cultivates its own tea in the cooler highlands, and one of the major producers of local tea, Bois Chéri, has opened its factory to public visits. Guided tours are available to explain to visitors the process that transforms the plant camellia sinensis into tea. A tour highlight is a stroll through the scenic tea plantation surrounding the factory, followed by a tasting session of various teas paired with snacks in a restaurant that overlooks the lush plantation.

World of Seashells Museum: This museum in Bel Ombre in the south has over 8,000 seashells in its collection, making it one of the largest in Africa.

Curious Corner of Chamarel: This is a quirky museum of optical illusions, mazes and mind games in Chamarel in the southwest. It is opposite the Chamarel Seven Colored Earth Geopark.

Beaches

These are the most popular beaches in Mauritius. They can get very busy during the weekend and the summer holidays (December), but they can also be quite calm and uncrowded on weekdays or early in the morning. Please bear in mind that, according to Mauritian law, no beach can be privately owned. It might be illegal to trespass into the garden of a hotel or villa close to the beach, but everyone is allowed to walk below the waterline on any beach.

North: Grand Baie, La Cuvette, Mont Choisy, Trou aux Biches, Pereybere, Anse La Raie, Bain Boeuf, Cap Malheureux, Grand Gaube;

South: Blue Bay, La Cambuse, Rivière des Galets, La Prairie, Le Morne, Gris Gris, Pomponette, St. Felix, Riambel, Le Bouchon, Pointe d'Esny;

East: Belle Mare, Poste Lafayette, Trou d'Eau Douce, Palmar, Poste de Flacq, Roches Noires;

West: Flic-en-Flac, Tamarin, La Preneuse, Albion, Pointe aux Sables.







Not one beach is the same as the other. Blue Bay, for instance, is not only a favorite picnic spot for families but is also home to a protected marine park with breathtaking corals. Flic-en-Flac and Mont Choisy are other popular choices, where many Mauritian families gather for a swim and a beachside meal on weekends. Mont Choisy is also known as a very long beach, so it is an ideal one if you want to take a leisurely walk.

Some beaches like **St. Felix, Pomponette, Pointe d'Esny**, and **La Cuvette** are smaller, quieter, and more intimate.

Generally, southern beaches remain in a more natural state, while northern ones are often lined with hotels. **Gris Gris** stands out as one of the few beaches without coral reef protection, making it unsuitable for swimming but offering dramatic views of waves crashing against the cliffs.

La Cambuse is a short drive away from the airport, in case you want to go to the beach the morning before your flight. Rivière des Galets has rounded pebbles rather than white sand, and in Tamarin, you can see a river estuary meet the sea. Tamarin and La Preneuse are popular with surfers, as the weather conditions are quite windy there.

Water sports and sports activities in Mauritius

There are endless water sports in Mauritius: kitesurfing, underwater walking, sea and river kayaking, stand-up paddle (SUP), dinghy sailing, diving scooters, water skiing, swimming with dolphins, snorkeling, among others. You can find vouchers for these activities on websites like MariDeal.com, Deals.mu and DefiDeal.mu. Be sure to check that your diving center or instructor is properly certified. Another important point to note is that harassing or touching animals like dolphins, sea turtles or whales while swimming with them is illegal.

Catamaran cruises are also popular, especially with families or groups of friends. Some people even host their bachelorette party or birthday party on a catamaran cruise! They often sail to the islets surrounding Mauritius, like to Gabriel Island in the north and Île aux Benitiers off the southwest coast. You can find catamaran cruise companies on the booking websites that were previously mentioned, or on Facebook.

Some waterfalls are also popular swimming and picnic spots, although you have to be careful about diving there if you are not experienced. Eau Bleue waterfall in the southern village of Cluny and Rochester Falls close to Souillac, also in the south, are two very popular ones.

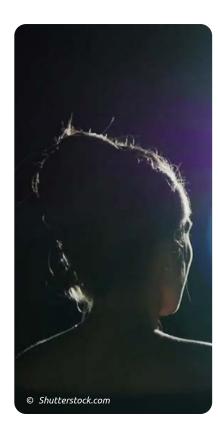
If you would prefer to be up in the air, there are also plenty of air sports: helicopter and seaplane flights, skydiving, bungee jumping, paragliding, parachuting, among others.

Concerts, live music and music festivals

The country regularly hosts many international artists, from the French icons Aya Nakamura and Maitre Gims, Indian serenaders like Atif Aslam and Sonu Nigam and multiple international DJs. Local music festivals are also growing in popularity, offering fantastic opportunities to discover local talent, enjoy delicious food, and make new friends from Mauritius.







Below is a list of popular music festivals as well as venues that often host live music events:

- ▶ Le Sapin Café Culture in Rose-Hill;
- ► Institut France de Maurice in Rose-Hill;
- ► Eureka House La Maison Créole, Moka:
- ► Caudan Arts Centre, Port-Louis;
- ▶ N'Joy in Mont Choisy;
- ▶ Jam Inn in Petite Rivière;
- ► Kaz'Out Musik Festival:
- Underground Rock Festival (usually held in Café du Vieux Conseil in Port-Louis);
- ➤ Sunburn Beach Festival, an electronic dance music (EDM) festival at Maritim Resort & Spa in Balaclava;
- ► PURE Music Festival (usually held on the islet Île des Deux Cocos in the southeast);

- ► La Isla Festival (usually held on Domaine de Labourdonnais in Mapou);
- Festival International Kreol (International Creole Festival);
- Mama Jaz.

The main ticketing platform is *Otayo*.

Language classes in Mauritius

For such a small country, Mauritius is linguistically very complex. Most of the population is trilingual in Mauritian Creole (Kreol Morisien), French and English. Mauritian Bhojpuri, a local variant of the language spoken in the northern state of Bihar in India, is also spoken by quite many Mauritians, especially in the countryside. Furthermore, Mauritians often also learn a modern foreign Asian language (Hindi, Urdu, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil or Mandarin Chinese) or Arabic as an optional subject in the public school curriculum. Some Catholic and private schools also teach modern foreign European languages like German, Spanish or even Russian. Some members of the Sino-Mauritian community, whose ancestors come from southern China, can speak Hakka

There is a growing market for *language classes* and tutoring. Here are some providers and institutions you could contact:

► GoAcademy! Mauritius (Rose-Hill) - German classes;

- ► Arabic Language Solutions, registered with the MQA (Vacoas-Phœnix);
- StudyWays Ltd (Ébène) German classes;
- ► British Council (Rose-Hill) -English classes;
- ► Traveling Teachers (Curepipe, Helvetia, Tamarin, Grand Baie) – English, French and Spanish classes;
- ➤ Creole Speaking Union (main office in Quatre-Bornes) — Mauritian Creole classes (to write the language, intermediate fluency in spoken Creole is required beforehand);
- Confucius Institute at University of Mauritius (Réduit) Mandarin Chinese classes.

Music, visual arts, theater and dance classes in Mauritius

If you would like to not only listen to music but also learn to play it, here are the schools you could contact:

- ► Frédéric Chopin Conservatory of Music, Quatre-Bornes;
- ► Arpège École de Musique, Rose-Hill;
- Guitar Academy Mauritius, Curepipe;
- ► Artvia Music School, Calebasses (close to Port-Louis);
- VoxLab Powered by Zenlife (singing coach), Port-Louis;
- ► Ebanez Music School, Quatre-Bornes;
- ► Elevate Music School, Quatre-Bornes.





If you you would rather pick up a paintbrush, these art class providers might interest you:

- ► The Caudan Arts Centre in Port-Louis offers various art classes, from acrylic painting to linoleum art (linocut);
- Artspace Mauritius in Calodyne (north) offers various art classes, including oil painting, charcoal painting and sculpture;
- ➤ Tamarin Arts Centre also offers various classes, from pottery to ceramic painting;
- ▶ Raaya Art Studio in Pereybere, offering art classes tailored for both adults and children;
- Art Classes by Sneha Sookhur in Curepipe (email: gysneart@gmail.com);
- ► Atelier Nefeli, Beau-Bassin;
- ► Hobby Studio, in Hobby World at Mahogany Mall in Pamplemousses (north);
- ▶ Drink & Draw in the Vanilla Village, Tamarin. They are not art classes per se, but rather an activity where you can paint in groups while enjoying complimentary wine and snacks;
- Mingle also hosts drink and draw events, called "Sip and Paint", in The Hive Nouvelle Usine, a coworking space in Floréal, Curepipe.

For theater and the performing arts, you can contact these institutions:

► The Caudan Arts Centre in Port-Louis also offers theater classes for adults and children:

- ► La Comédie Mauricienne in Curepipe also offers theatre classes;
- ► Le Studio Dance School, l'Aventure du Sucre, Beau-Plan;
- Wake Up Dance School (classes often held at Institut Français de Maurice in Rose-Hill);
- ▶ Bailando Latino, Beau-Bassin;
- ▶ VIBE'IT Dance Studio, Quatre-Bornes;
- ▶ Rosy Dance Rhythm, Moka;
- Misschawky Studio (ballet), Grand Baie;
- Attitude Dance Studio, Cascavelle.

Books and board games

If you are a bookworm, you can find the latest international fiction and non-fiction bestsellers at Bookcourt (stores in Caudan, Bagatelle Mall, La City Trianon, Grand Baie La Croisette and Tribeca Mall), Le Cygne in Rose-Hill, or Editions Le Printemps Bookshop in Vacoas, Port Louis an Curepipe. In case you can't find a book, you can request Bookcourt to order it from abroad for a fee. These bookshops also have a section for books written by Mauritians.

Every Mauritian town has a municipal public library, and in the countryside, each district council also has a public library. The British Council, found in Rose Hill, also has a library for English books and magazines.

If you enjoy board games, check out the group Board Gamers Mauritius, which organizes monthly board game nights, usually at Kenzi Bar in Flic-en-Flac or Flying Dodo in Bagatelle Mall. If you want to buy board games or jigsaw puzzles, the stores to go to are Lotus d'Or (in La City Trianon and Port-Louis), Mouzouzou (Phoenix), and King Jouet (in Grand Baie La Croisette and Bagatelle Mall and Tribeca Mall).

Shopping malls

There are many shopping malls in Mauritius, especially in the center. In the past, residents in the south did not have access to a nearby mall, but a few have been built in the last few years. The food courts of these malls are especially popular, especially on Friday nights and during the weekend, and they also have cinema halls, games arcade, bowling alleys and skateboarding areas.





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As for shopping, you will find both international brands (e.g. Calvin Klein, Hugo Boss, GAP, Mango, Kiko Milano) and local ones. The food court also has a mix of international and local cafés and restaurants.

The malls of the Ascencia Group are:

- ► Bagatelle Mall Moka;
- ▶ Phoenix Mall Phoenix:
- ▶ Riche Terre Mall Riche Terre (near Port-Louis);
- ▶ Bo'Valon Mall Mahebourg;
- ► So'flo Mall Floréal;
- ► Kendra Mall Saint Pierre:
- Les Allées d'Helvetia Helvetia, Moka.

The malls of the Coeur de Ville group are:

- ▶ Grand-Baie Cœur De Ville:
- ▶ Goodlands Cœur De Ville:
- ▶ Flacq Cœur De Ville ;
- ▶ Tamarin Cœur de Ville.

These are other shopping malls not part of the two groups mentioned above:

- La City Trianon (near Quatre-Bornes and Ébène);
- Cascavelle Shopping Village;
- ► Mahogany Shopping Promenade in Beau Plan;
- Ruisseau Créole Mall (Black River, not far from Tamarin);
- ▶ Plaisance Shopping Village (near the airport);
- ▶ Le Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis (notably, it has an indoor market for local crafts);

- ▶ Grand Baie La Croisette:
- ► Tribeca Mall;
- ► Le Valentina Shopping Mall;
- ▶ Mon Choisy Le Mall;
- ▶ Ébène Commercial Centre:
- ► Vacoas Square Shopping Mall-Mall:
- ► CentrePoint (in Trianon).

Shopping goes beyond just malls. The open-air markets in Port-Louis, Ouatre-Bornes and Flacq are vibrant, lively spots to browse for clothes and unique trinkets, as well as have delicious street food. The downtown areas of other towns like Curepipe and Rose-Hill also have many shops. Don't forget to also check out stores that sell clothes and jewelry designed in Mauritius, such as My Pop-Up Store,





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which has locations in Tamarin, Floréal (Curepipe), and now in Bagatelle Mall. Many of these local clothing brands, such as Lupina and Sephora Rosalba, also have an online store and Instagram page.

Eating out

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Food is a vital aspect of Mauritian culture, whether enjoyed at home or dining out. From cozy "snacks" (small eateries) to a variety of restaurants and bustling street food stalls, there's no end to the delicious choices available. Spice levels can be customized to your taste. While wholewheat and gluten-free options are still limited outside higher-end establishments, vegetarian and vegan options are widely available everywhere. Potato and soya are usually used in these.

The most beloved street food is "dalpuri," a flatbread made



with yellow split peas and flour and filled with different curries (broad bean, taro leaves, tomato, etc.) and chutneys. It costs less than a dollar. Dalpuri stalls also usually sell "roti", a flour flatbread with the same curries. Some top-rated spots for dalpuri and roti are Roti Aka (Cité Vallejee, Port-Louis), Dewa Dholl Puri (in Rose-Hill and Bagatelle Mall) and Maraz Dholl Puri (Port-Louis).

Other popular street food are fritters, such as yellow split peas fritters called "gato pima" ("chilli cakes") and taro fritters called "gato arwi." On the streets, you can also find Chinese-Mauritian dumplings ("boulettes") inspired by dim sum, Mauritian-style biryani (called "briyani"), and a soup with lentils, wheat or barley, and meat called "haleem."

As dessert, you can have pickled fruits ("konfi") or fruit salads ("salad fri") doused in tamarind sauce, chili and salt. If you want something sweeter, you can go for an artisanal ice-cream with Vona Corona having several outlets, including Bagatelle Mall and Rose Hill (next to Plaza), which usually comes in vanilla and almond flavors and is topped with pink grated co-conut and pineapple jam. They are sold in carts.

Here are a few highly-rated places you could visit that specialise in Mauritian cuisine:

► Chez Youngo, Montagne Blanche: Noodles, dumplings,

crab soup, skewers, homemade juice and popsicles. Rating of 4.6 on Google Reviews, popular with food reviewers. Budget - affordable.

- ► Chez François, Bel Ombre: Noodles and dumplings right on the beach, with a beautiful view of the sea. Rating of 4.5 on Google Reviews, popular with food reviewers. Budget affordable.
- ► Chez Meung, Grand Baie: Noodles and dumplings. Rating of 4.5 on Google Reviews, popular with food reviewers. Budget affordable.
- ► Créole Shack, Flic-en-Flac: Mauritian food such as banana curry, fried unicorn fish and lentil soup. Rating of 4.9 on Google Reviews. Budget: midscale.







- ► Escale Créole, Bois Chéri Road (Moka): Mauritian cuisine such as vinday (saffron fish), "rougay sosis" (sausages cooked in tomato) and octopus curry. Rating of 4.8 on Google Reviews. Budget midscale.
- ► Karay Mario, Mahébourg: An elegant restaurant specializing in Mauritian cuisine in a relaxed rustic setting. Open exclusively for lunch, it features a daily-changing menu crafted from fresh, sameday ingredients. Popular dishes include deer curry, crab soup, and wild boar curry. Rating of 4.6 on Google Reviews. Budget midscale.

For street food, the must-visit place is Rue Desforges (officially Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Street) in Port-Louis. At night, it is bustling with various street stalls and food trucks selling everything from kebab, grilled lamb, burger to, shaved ice and Indian sweets. The main road of Beau-Bassin near the metro stop is also another popular street food spot at night. Pakistan Hotel on Desforges Street and Gool Snack in Beau-Bassin are legendary late-night joints whose "dipin tika" (fried chicken cutlet in a sandwich) are a favorite of many Mauritians.

Read also Mauritian gastronomy

Nightlife

Mauritius may be a small island, but it still offers a lively nightlife! Along with the street vendors that bring energy to the big cities on Saturday nights, if you're into bars, clubs, and casinos, here are a few spots to keep in mind.

You can locate their exact addresses on Google Maps, Facebook, or Instagram by searching for them online.

Bars and nightclubs in the north:

- ► Avant Garde Cocktail Bar, Grand Baie;
- ▶ Banana Beach Club (bar and grill), Grand Baie;
- Beach House Restaurant and Bar, Grand Baie;
- ▶ Buddha Bar, Grand Baie;
- ► Insomnia Night Club, Grand Baie;
- ► OMG Nightclub, Grand Baie;
- ▶ Le Bar et Vous, Grand Baie;
- ▶ Barrel and Bay, Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis;
- ➤ On The Rocks Lounge Bar, Le Suffren Hotel, Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis;
- ► The Post Box Lounge Bar & Terrace, Le Labourdonnais Hotel, Port-Louis:
- ► L'entracte (café, bar and restaurant), Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis;
- ► Côte Jasmin Bar, Port-Louis;
- Chez Tato, La Butte, Port-Louis.

Bars and nightclubs in the center:

- Backstage Lounge Bar, Hennessy Park Hotel, Ébène;
- ► HY Ebène, The Core, Ébène, a sky lounge bar;

- ► Flying Dodo, Bagatelle Mall, Moka, which brews local craft beer;
- ► The Irish, La City Trianon, between Ébène and Quatre-Bornes;
- Restaurant/Bar Peron, Quatre-Bornes, an affordable bar famous for its fried unicorn fish, known as "poisson corne," that goes great with beer or rum;
- ► The Sports Bar & Restaurant, Rose-Hill;
- ► Barcode Restaurant Bar Lounge, Rose-Hill.

Bars and nightclubs in the West:

- ▶ Big Willy's, Tamarin;
- ► Le Lounge 9381, Tamarin;
- ► Kenzi Bar, Flic en Flac;
- ► Shotz Nightclub, Flic en Flac;
- ► Saxo Beach Club, Flic en Flac;
- ► Lakaz Cascavelle, Cascavelle;
- ► ENSO Restaurant & Lounge Bar, La Gaulette.

For casino enthusiasts:

- ► Le Caudan Waterfront Casino, Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis;
- ► Ti Vegas Casino, Grand Baie;
- ► Le Grand Casino du Domaine Les Pailles, Pailles;
- ► Grand-Baie Casino, Grand Baie;
- ► Flic en Flac Casino, Flic en Flac;
- ► Casino Mauritius, Curepipe;
- ➤ Senator Club, with locations in Port-Louis, Grand Baie, Triolet, Flacq, Rose-Belle, Mahebourg and Chemin Grenier.



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Integrating as an expat in Mauritius

Moving abroad is not only about changing countries but also about integrating into a new culture and sharing the life of its inhabitants. Here is how to make the most of your new life in Mauritius as an expat.



What language is spoken in Mauritius?

Mauritius has no official language, although it is the law to use English in the parliament and for administration. Mauritian Creole (Kreol Morisien or KM) and French are the most spoken languages in everyday life. Creole is the native language of over 90% of the population.

It is a French-based Creole, so a lot of its grammar and vocabulary is based on French, which makes it relatively easy for French-speaking expats to learn. It also has linguistic elements from Bhojpuri (a north Indian language), African languages like Malagasy, English and Hakka (a Chinese language).

Is it necessary to speak Creole to integrate?

Most Mauritians are trilingual in Creole, French and English, and they will try to converse with you in whichever of these three languages makes you most at ease. Quite many Mauritians also speak other languages like Hindi.

However, in social contexts where there are many Mauritians, the conversation will quickly switch to Creole. In order not to miss what's being said, it's advisable to at least learn some Creole. Mauritians will also be touched and impressed that you've made the effort to learn their native language.

Many Mauritians around you would be glad to teach you Creole.

However, you could also try to





































find a professional tutor. The University of Mauritius has been offering degrees in KM and Creole linguistics for about a decade, which means that there are now qualified tutors of the language on the market. The Creole Speaking Union offers classes in addition to publishing and selling books in the language, including bilingual dictionaries. You can find the official Creole dictionary in most major bookshops in Mauritius.

If you are still abroad and haven't moved here yet, there are free and downloadable primary school ebooks on the website of the Mauritian Institute of Education (look under the "Asian Languages and Kreol" section).

Commonly used words and phrases in Mauritius

Ayo

The most commonly heard interjection. It can take on multiple meanings depending on the tone - joy, enthusiasm, disappointment, anger, etc.

Examples: "Ayo, zordi letan zoli, anou al laplaz!" ("Ah, it's so beautiful today, let's go to the beach!") to express joy, or "Ayo, mo'nn plin rest biro travay, mo anvi sorti al amize" ("Oh, I'm tired of staying in the office working, I want to go out and have fun") to express fatigue or frustration.

Very often used as a superlative, it intensifies the adjective it precedes. For example, you could say "Sa minn bwi-la mari bon!" to mean "These noodles are super delicious!".

Alo, ki pozision? / Ki manier? Hey, what's up? / How are you?

Mo bien, mersi. / Korek. I'm good, thanks.

Kot to/ou sorti? ("To" is the informal second-person pronoun to use with close friends, while "ou" is the formal, respectful second-person pronoun)

Where are you from?

Where are you coming from?

Ki pei to/ou sorti? Which country are you from?

Mo enn angle(z), mo sorti Langleter.

(The extra letter is to put the nationality in the feminine form if you are a woman)

I'm British, I am from the UK.

Mo enn ostralien(n), mo sorti Lostrali.

I'm Australian, I am from Australia.

Kot to/ou pe ale?

Where are you going?

Kifer? Why?

Kotsa?

Where?

Ki to/ou pe fer zordi? Ki rol zordi?

What are your plans for today?

Kouma to/ou apele?

What is your name?

Kan to pou vinn lakaz? Lot wikenn mo vini.

When will you come to my place? I'll come next weekend.

Mo lib lot wikenn/Mo pa lib lot wikenn.

I'm free next weekend. / I'm not free next weekend.

Kot to/ou reste?

Where do you live?

To/ou kontan Moris?

Do you like Mauritius?

Ki ler la?

What time is it?

Mari/extra zoli sa!

It's so beautiful!

Mo pe gagn fin.

I'm hungry.

Mo pe gagn swaf.

I'm thirsty.

Li mari/extra bon!

It's so delicious!

Ki to/ou bann pastan?

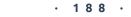
What are your hobbies?

Mo kontan vwayaze/naze/lir!

I love traveling/swimming/reading!

Zordi pena lapli, mo pe al lamer/laplaz.

It's not raining today, I'm going to the beach.





MARÍA CÁNOVAS, A SPANISH PROFESSIONAL:

"I won't sugarcoat it - the initial weeks in Mauritius were quite challenging. Everything felt so different from my life in Spain that I needed time to adapt. The first hur-

dle was the language barrier. While I'm proficient in English, I struggled with French and Creole, making communication with hotel staff a bit challenging. Another test was navigating Mauritian roads! Eager to explore the entire island, I opted to rent a car, forcing myself to get used to left-hand driving and the unique Mauritian driving style (not the easiest feat). However, it's important to note that these challenges were confined to the initial weeks. Once I adjusted to the new lifestyle, communication norms, and driving patterns, living in Mauritius evolved into an incredible experience where I had the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally."

The Mauritian cultural code

Mauritian culture is based on living peacefully together. Although the country has faced some challenges, Mauritians value community life and place primordial importance on maintaining peace between the different ethnic and religious groups in the country.

Mauritians are Hindu, Muslim and Christian, and they have cultural roots in India, East Africa, Europe and China. For religious festivals, members of each group share gifts with their colleagues, friends and neighbors regardless of their faith or background. Expect to receive boxes of sweets from your Hindu colleagues for Diwali, and niangao (known as "gato lasir" or "wax cake") from your Sino-Mauritian colleagues for Chinese New Year! In Mauritian workplaces, you will see women wearing both sarees and hijabs, and Muslims often take an hour off on Fridays to go pray the Jummah prayer (or Friday prayer) at a nearby mosque. Respecting religious diversity is important in Mauritius.

As this is a collectivist culture, family is very important in Mauritius. Adults tend to stay with their parents well into their 20s and 30s, often moving out only when they get married. Many Mauritians build their house next to or on top of their parents' house. Only a minority of elderly people live in old age homes; most stay with their children or grandchildren.

You can expect to be invited to many family parties and dinners. In the summer, Mauritians families love having BBQ parties on the beach together and inviting friends to join.

Congeniality and peaceful living

Mauritian culture is based on living peacefully together and congeniality. Although things have not always been smooth, Mauritians like to live in a community. They like to gather around a table for dinner, lunch, or for a big party for a wedding or a birthday. In residential areas, especially in working-class neighborhoods, the neighbors get along well and help each other out.

As Mauritius is the meeting place of many cultures - including Indian, African, Chinese, Arab, and European cultures - there is a lot of sharing between the different segments of the Mauritian population. It is customary, for example, that for religious and cultural holidays or celebrations, some share sweets, food and presents with others, even if they do not share the same beliefs or culture.

Family values

Family is sacred to Mauritians. In fact, it is customary for young Mauritians to live with their parents until they are ready to get married and start their own families. It is not at all uncommon for the whole family to be involved in a family member's decision-making, whether it is about marriage, choice of housing, or anything else. A habit that might be difficult to understand for expats coming from Western countries.

Respect for elders is also very important for Mauritians. It is relatively rare for Mauritians to send their elderly parents or grandparents to retirement



homes.

Greetings

How Mauritians greet each other depends on the social setting. In more conservative circles, people



might greet each other by folding their hands in the namaste gesture or only with a verbal greeting. Otherwise, Mauritians often kiss each other on both cheeks (two kisses). In business settings, the handshake is standard.

Proximity and friendship

It is relatively easy to make close friends in Mauritius. Mauritians are very open, will invite you to have a drink or dinner at their place, and will introduce you to their families and friends quite quickly if you manage to forge a friendship with them.

Punctuality

Mauritians embrace a laid-back approach to life, and their lives will not be dictated by a clock! Don't be offended if a Mauritian arrives late to a party; it's completely normal and not a sign of disrespect. In fact, parties typically begin 30 minutes to an

hour after the scheduled time, so there's no need to arrive right on time. This said, Mauritians are generally punctual for appointments and work interviews.

Where to meet the locals in Mauritius?

As an expatriate, it can be comforting to only surround yourself with your fellows or other expats; however, over time, this can lead to a feeling of remoteness and disconnection with your host country's environment. At work, or among your neighbors, don't hesitate to reach out to Mauritians. You will gradually be included in the extra-professional activities. All this is to say that Mauritius is not just about expatriate neighborhoods and regions or luxury hotels where you can spend the weekends.

Meeting locals is easy. Try chatting with locals at the public beach, where families, couples, and groups of friends do not hesitate to share their picnic and will not hesitate to engage in small talk with foreigners. Sometimes, all it takes is a smile and a hello to surround yourself with a family ready to integrate you into their group.

You can also join clubs, gyms, or activity groups.

The workplace is also a great place to meet new people! If you've just arrived and you've already been invited to a colleague's wedding: just go. Not only will your presence flatter your host, but more importantly, they will introduce you to many other people during the event.

Discover everyday Mauritius

The North of the island is full of activities, dynamism, shops, bars and restaurants, but beyond the tourist areas, Mauritius is alive! If you don't have a car, take the bus or rent a car and make your own route. Go to the market (the fair / bazaar) on weekdays if possible or on weekends, buy your bread from a bakery from time to time, and have lunch in a small unpretentious snack.

Don't hesitate to bring your own picnic to the beach! This family activity is an integral part of Mauritian culture. In the evenings, go for a walk at Marie Reine de la Paix or around the Champ de Mars, it's the perfect opportunity to let the kids run around and play.

Eat like a local

The multicultural history of the island has given it a cuisine with diasporic influences from all over the globe. The French influence has given us baguettes, which we eat with different fillings like spicy mashed potatoes (satini pomdeter), sauteed beef or chicken, or Chinese BBQ pork (char siu). Char siu is one of the diasporic Chinese foods in Mauritius, as is boulet (dumplings slightly similar to dim sum), minn bwi





(boiled noodles), and minn frir (chowmein or fried noodles). The Indian influence can be seen in popular foods like alim (haleem, a spicy, warming soup with oats and meat) and briyani (biryani in India, a mixed rice dish)

Street food in Mauritius

The most popular street food is dalpuri, a flatbread made with yellow split peas which has fillings like rougay (tomato sauce), sonz (taro leaves) and gro pwa (curried lima beans). It is a very affordable grab-and-go lunch, so expect to find dalpuri carts or stalls at every street corner. The queues can be long around lunchtime, especially in the capital and other regions with many offices! These carts also sell roti, a wheat flour flatbread similar to Indian parathas, with similar fillings.

The haleem, the dumplings boulet, various savory fritters and fruit salads are also part of the is-



land's street food scene. Boulet are either eaten on their own with a few toppings (salad boulet) or in a soup (boulet ar bouyon). Some of the savory fritters are dipin frir (frybread), gato brinzel (eggplant fritter), gato arwi (taro fritters) and baja (gram flour fritter), and they are usually eaten with satini (chutney).

Fruits in Mauritius

Fruit salads are a popular snack, especially during the summer months, although they are also generally available all year long. Fresh tropical fruits like mango, pineapple and guava are cut up and doused in condiments like tamarind sauce and salt with chili (disel pima). You can choose to not add the condiments if you want a less spicy fruit salad. Summer is also the season for litchis and longan (or dragon's eye fruit), which you will see growing on trees in people's backyards. March-June, meanwhile, is the season for guava picking. They are cherry guavas, known locally as "goyaves de Chine", which grow in wooded areas. Mauritians eat them fresh and in salads, or they make jam out of them.

Spices in Mauritius

Mauritian food is slightly spicy. It is not as spicy as Indian or Mexican food, but chili paste, chutneys and pickles often accompany Mauritian dishes. Nearly all forms of takeout will offer a dip container with pima kraze (chili paste). You can

choose to not use it if you cannot handle spice.

Mauritians love to cook with garlic and ginger; they'll add a paste that's a blend of both condiments called lay zinzam to nearly every curry and stew. They often also use a mix of spices, called masala, in curries, and cook in a mix of oil, mustard seed and turmeric called vinday. If you're ordering fish, you can order kari pwason masala (fish curry with masala) or vinday pwason (fish vinday) as options.

Drinks in Mauritius

Alouda is a popular sweet, creamy drink that is distantly related to falooda in South Asia. It is made with evaporated milk, ice-cream and flavored syrup and is topped with refreshing basil seeds and grated agar. You can buy it by the glass in markets and also by the bottle in supermarkets. On the beach, especially during summer, fresh coconut water (delo koko) drunk right out of the fruit with a straw is a great way to cool off. Due to its history of being part of the British Empire, Mauritius is a more tea-drinking than coffee-drinking country, although café culture is increasingly popular among young Mauritians. They have local black tea with powdered creamer and sugar.

Accept the invites from Mauritians!



Just as an example, in Mauritius, when someone gets married, the whole neighborhood participates! In Hindu and Muslim communities, the festivities can last up to a week. So don't be surprised if you are invited by a colleague, one of your neighbors, or a shopkeeper you see regularly. Religious celebrations are no exception. Divali, for example, is the Hindu festival of lights, but above all, a moment of extraordinary communion between all the communities of the country.

For certain celebrations, the communities concerned meet at the beach with their families, eat, drink, sing and dance the sega, and for others, it will be a shared meal at a host's house, etc.

By the way, here is the 2025 calendar of public holidays:

- ▶ New Year Wednesday, or January;
- New Year Thursday, 02 January;

- ► Chinese Spring Festival -Wednesday, 29 January;
- ► Abolition of Slavery Saturday, or February;
- ► Thaipoosam Cavadee Tuesday, 11 February;
- ▶ Maha Shivaratri Wednesday, 26 February;
- ► Independence and Republic Day - Wednesday, 12 March;
- ► **Ugadi** Sunday, 30 March;
- ► Eid-ul-Fitr** Monday, 31 March (depending on the visibility of the moon);
- ► Labour Day Thursday, or May;
- ► Ganesh Chaturthi Thursday, 28 August;
- ▶ **Divali** Monday, 20 October;
- ► All Saints Day Saturday, or November:
- Arrival of Indentured Labourers - Sunday, 02 November;
- ► Christmas Thursday, 25 December.

diversity of its people. Theater, music, painting, etc., there is something for everyone.

What you absolutely need to know about Mauritian culture is the sega. This music and dance that comes from the enslaved people and their descendants is the music that unites all Mauritians. You will hear it at weddings, parties, supermarkets, in the streets, etc.

The endemic genres in Mauritius are Geet Gawai, with Hindu and Indian influences and seggae, a mix of sega and reggae.

Concerts and other events in Mauritius take place in pubs, clubs, restaurants and other cultural venues, such as the the Caudan Arts Centre every weekend.

Mauritian theater is not well known, but if you are interested, please check what the Trup Sapsiway is doing and follow the Caudan Arts Centre page.

Exhibitions are also often held, notably in Port-Louis at the Edith Galleries or at the Caudan Arts Centre.

PAUL AND PENNY HOWS, BRITISH RETIREES:

"Mauritius has achieved a level of cultural diversity that many countries would envy if they took a look. It has avoided the divisions usually found in most European countries,

which can be explained by the religious diversity of the population. Combined with the naturally welcoming nature of the inhabitants, this makes it an ideal place to retire.

What we particularly like are the people and the island life. Mauritians are proud of their country and its history, perhaps because it was built by people who worked and suffered under different colonial rules, but who persevered to prosper and build a country they can be proud of."

Culture in Mauritius

Mauritian culture is rich in the

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Tips from our expats...

ÉTIENNE HOY, A FRENCH PROFESSIONAL:

My wife, our daughter, and I have been settled here since 2018, and we have no intention of returning. The key to a successful expatriation lies in thorough preparation. This involves choosing a banking institution that won't pose issues once you're abroad; I recommend considering options like N26 or Revolut. Additionally, reflect on your professional goals, location choice, and fa-

miliarity with the local automotive market and healthcare system. In my experience, partnering in a business venture significantly saves time and reduces stress during such a life-changing transition.

BÉATRICE DE MICHELENA, A FRENCH LAWYER:

Embarking on expatriation to Mauritius, especially without a local base, demands both financial resources and substantial time and energy. Adaptability is crucial, and one must be open to questioning preconceptions. Familiarize yourself with Mauritian life by reading local press websites, spend several weeks in the hottest period, and research the administrative and financial feasibi-

lity of your project, especially if you have children. Anticipate costs related to schooling, including extras like transportation and extracurricular activities. For those not fluent in English, start learning or seek assistance, as English proficiency is essential on the administrative front.

ANNE CATHERINE, A BELGIAN PROFESSIONAL:

- Ensure you have a return ticket upon arrival and passing through immigration, unless your residence permit is already active.
- Exercise caution when booking cabs online, as your cab may not wait in the event of flight delays or extended waits.
- Thoroughly prepare original documents for banking, Mauritian phone numbers, medical examinations, etc.
- Cultivate patience and politeness, as abrupt behavior can hinder assistance from Mauritians.
- Be wary of additional costs in rentals, such as wifi, pool maintenance, disinfection, and pest control.
- Begin with an economical rental car, given the chaotic roads.
- Some properties have British-standard electrical sockets.
- Purchase citronella with a diffuser or use chemical wafer/liquid diffusers.
- Shop at Foir Fouille, Gifi, Conforama for all your home needs.

In conclusion, savor the fine weather, warm rain, and magical sunsets in Mauritius.





MARÍA CÁNOVAS, A SPANISH PROFESSIONAL:

My main advice is to adopt an open attitude and recognize that Mauritius is not your home country; everything is different here. Don't expect to replicate your previous life. If you are open-minded, invest in meeting new people, and immerse yourself in their way of life; your experience in Mauritius will be extraordinary.



KRIS LUTCHMAYAH, A BRITISH PROFESSIONAL:

Embrace the local culture and immerse yourself in the community. Mauritius is a diverse and dynamic country with a rich cultural heritage. Take the time to learn the customs, traditions, and languages of the Mauritian people. Engage in conversation, participate in local events, and be open to new experiences.



SANDRA LEBLÉ, A FRENCH ENTREPRENEUR:

Don't hesitate; the Indian Ocean and Africa offer real opportunities. Surround yourself with experts and join one or more peer networks. In Mauritius, CCI France-Maurice is an excellent entry point for companies with ties to France. French Tech Mauritius is another valuable resource, especially for those involved in innovation and tech.



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National Coast Guard helpline - 177 **Web:** https://police.govmu.org/police/

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Email: information@studentliferesidences.mu

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Web: https://www.unicitieducationhub.com/

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Uniciti Education Hub, Pierrefonds

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ENSA NANTES MAURITIUS

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LIGHTHOUSE PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Address: 26, Raoul Follereau St, Beau Bassin-Rose

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LA COCCINELLE NURSERY SCHOOL

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ÉBÈNE ANGEL KIDS

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Phone: (+230) 454 7027

MOM'SDAY CARE CENTRE GARDERIE

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BEAUTY KIDS

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Royal Road, Quatre Bornes

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Email: info@jubileemauritius.com

AXA GLOBAL HEALTHCARE

International House, Forest Road, Royal Tunbridge

Wells, Kent, UK, TN2 5FE **Phone:** +44 (0)1892 59 6418

Website: https://www.axaglobalhealthcare.com/

en/international-health-insurance/mauritius/

APRIL INTERNATIONAL

APRILIUM Building, 114, Marius Vivier Merle Boule-

vard, 69439 Lyon, Cedex 03, France

Phone: +33 (0)1 7303 4129

Website: https://www.april-international.com/en/landing/international-health-insurance-mauritius

CAISSE DES FRANÇAIS DE L'ÉTRANGER - CFE (ONLY FOR FRENCH EXPATS)

160 Rue des Meuniers CS 70238 Rubelles 77052 Melun Cedex, France

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Mauritian health insurance companies

SWAN FOR LIFE

Head office: Swan Group Centre, 10 Intendance

Street, Port-Louis

Rose-Hill office: 365, Royal Road, Rose-Hill Ébène office: Ébène Commercial Centre

Phone: (230) 207 3500 **Email:** *info@swan.mu*

Website: https://www.swanforlife.com/en

EAGLE INSURANCE

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Ébène Cybercity,

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Website: https://www.eagle.mu/





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Web: https://www.mua.mu/

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BCP BANK (MAURITIUS)

Business Center: Corner Bank Street & Silicon Ave-

nue, Ébène

Customer Relations Center available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday - excluding public ho-

lidays

Phone: (+230) 207 1000

Email: serviceclient@bcpbank.mu **Web:** https://www.bcpbank.mu/fr

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Port-Louis

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Street,

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Fax: 230 212 8883

Cards Hotline: 230 467 19 00

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STANDARD BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

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72201, Mauritius

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STANDARD CHARTERED BANK (MAURITIUS)

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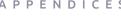












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Specialty: *Veterinary*

Phone: (+230) 5919 2402 **Hours:** closes at 6 p:m

Web: www.facebook.com/p/Pets-Concern-Pointe-aux-

Biches-100063595178050/



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF PORT-LOUIS

1, Jules Koenig Street Port-Louis

Phone: (230) 4056600

Email: portlouiscity@municipalcouncil.org mpl.

mayor@intnet.mu (to contact the mayor)

Website: Port-Louis

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF CUREPIPE

Queen Elizabeth II Avenue, Curepipe

Phone: (230) 6609776 Email: curepipe@intnet.mu

Website: Curepipe

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Town Hall, Royal Road, Rose-Hill

Phone: (230) 4137600

Email: rosehill@la.govmu.org Website: Beau Bassin / Rose-Hill

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St. Jean Street, Quatre Bornes

Phone: (230) 4548054
Email: mcqb@intnet.mu
Website: Quatre Bornes

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St. Paul Avenue, Vacoas **Phone:** (230) 6962975

Email: mcvp@mail.la.govmu.org

Website: Vacoas Phoenix

FLACQ DISTRICT COUNCIL

François Mitterrand Street, Central Flacq

Phone: (230) 4132600

Email: ceofdc@la.govmu.org

Website: Flacq

PAMPLEMOUSSES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Royal Road, Calebasses, Pamplemousses

Phone: (230) 2438300

Email: chiefexecutive.dcp@gmail.com

Website: Pamplemousses

MOKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Royal Road, Quartier Militaire, Moka Phone: (230) 4355531 / 4357432

Email: ceomfdc@intnet.mu

Website: Moka

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Royal Road, Mapou

Phone: (230) 2662095

Email: ceo.rdr@la.govmu.org Website: Rivière du Rempart

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Geoffroy Street, Bambous **Phone:** (230) 4013100

Email: brdc@la.govmu.org

Website: Black River





GRAND PORT DISTRICT COUNCIL

Royal Road, Rose-Belle

Phone: (230) 6274542, 6274575, 6277633

Email: dcgp@mail.la.gov.mu

Website: Grand Port

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SAVANNE

Lady Barkly, Souillac Phone: (230) 603 7930

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Website: Savanne



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APPENDIX 9 Embassies and Consulates

DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

8th Floor, Saint James Court, Rue Saint Denis, Port Louis

Phone: (230) 207 1515

Email: delegation-Mauritius@eeas.europa.eu **Website:** https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/

mauritius_en?s=110

EMBASSY OF FRANCE

14 Rue St Georges, Port Louis Phone: (230) 202 0100 Emergency: (+230) 52 57 6100

Email: consulat.port-louis-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Website: https://mu.ambafrance.org/

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION

Sir Hesketh Bell Street, PO Box 2, Floréal Contact form

Phone: (230) 660 4900/ (44) 20 7008 5000

Fax: (230) 660 4908

HONORARY CONSULATE OF IRELAND

9th Floor, Nexteracom Tower 1, Cybercity, Ébène

Phone: (230) 403 4777

Email: daryl.csizmadia@mu.ey.com

HONORARY CONSUL OF GERMANY

Ébène Junction, Rue de la Démocratie, Ébène

Phone: (230) 5253 0300 Email: ebene@hk-diplo.de

HONORARY CONSULATE OF SPAIN

Groundfloor, IBL House, Caudan Waterfront, Port-

Louis

Phone: (230) 208 7289

Emergency: (230) 5729 3313 Email: consulates@iblgroup.com

HONORARY CONSULATE OF ITALY

Property Mauritius Building, Royal Road, Pointe Aux

Canonniers

Phone: (230) 263 0358

Email: consolatoitalia@myt.mu

CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND

24, Avenue des Hirondelles, Quatre Bornes

Phone/Fax: (230) 427 5507 **Email:** mauritius@honrep.ch

HONORARY CONSULATE OF LUXEMBOURG

Level 3, Alexander House 35, Cybercity, Ébène

Phone: (230) 403 0800 / 403 0868 / 5255 3518 **Email:** blim@intercontinentaltrust.com/portlouis@

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Email: consulates@iblgroup.com/rpayen@iblgroup.

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Suite 201, St James Court, St Denis Street Port Louis Phone: (230) 212 8142 Email: dtc@intnet.mu

SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSION

25, Pope Hennessy Street, Port-Louis

Phone: (230) 5740 0867

Email: rapakuanak@dirco.gov.za

CONSULATE OF RWANDA

2nd Floor, Fairfax House,

21, Mgr. Gonin Street, Port Louis Phone: (230) 210 1378 / 212 9487 Email: naz.bhugaloo@mmultd.net

SEYCHELLES CONSULATE

Ground Floor, The Catalyst, Silicon Avenue, 40, Cybercity, Ébène

Phone: (230) 454 0566

Email: secretary@seyhc.com, ahmed.parkar@seyhc.

com

EMBASSY OF MADAGASCAR

Guiot Pasceau Street, Floréal **Phone:** (230) 686 5015

Email: secretariat@ambamadmaurice.org / mad-

mail@intnet.mu

CONSULATE OF CANADA

3 Royal Street, Sir Jean Moilin Court, Port Louis

Phone: (230) 5500 2808

Email: port-louis@international.gc.ca

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rogers House, 4th Floor,

President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis

Phone: (230) 202 4400

Email: PTLConsular@state.gov

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA

Plot No.65-C, Cybercity, Ébène

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Email: admn.portlouis@mea.gov.in

EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Royal Road, Belle Rose

Phone: (230) 467 4600 / 466 5626 **Email:** chinaemb_mu@mfa.gov.cn

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12th Floor, Nexteracom Tower 1, Ébène

Phone: (230) 5253 3132

Email: saleem@beebeejaun.org

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION

2nd Floor, Rogers House

5, President John Kennedy Street

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Email: ahc.portlouis@dfat.gov.au(general enquiries) / consular.portlouis@dfat.gov.au (consular services)



APPENDIX 10 Leisure activities

LA VANILLE NATURE PARK

Senneville, Riviere des Anguilles 60602

Phone: (+230) 626 2503

Web: https://www.lavanille-naturepark.com/index.

php/en/home-1

CASELA NATURE PARK

Royal Road, Cascavelle Phone: (+230) 401 6500

Web: https://caselaparks.com/

ODYSSEO - OCEANARIUM

Les Salines, Harbour Waterfront, Port-Louis

Phone: (+230) 659 8000

Web: www.odysseomauritius.com/?lang=fr

GROS CAILLOUX EXPLORE

Petite Rivière, Mauritius **Phone:** (+230) 238 5071

Web: www.facebook.com/groscaillouxmauri-

tius/?locale=fr_FR

LE DOMAINE DE BEL OMBRE

Phone: (+230) 260 5102 **Web:** https://belombre.com

GRAVITY MAX

Tribeca Mall, Trianon **Phone:** (+230) 461 4888

Web: https://www.facebook.com/gravitymax.tribe-

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SPLASH AND FUN LEISURE PARK

Coastal Road, Belle Mare, Mauritius

Phone: (+230) 460 4600 Email: info@splash.mu Web: https://www.splash.mu/

FREDERICK HENDRICK MUSEUM

Royal Rd, Vieux Grand Port **Phone:** (+230) 634 4319

WORLD OF SEA SHELLS

Coastal Road, Place du Moulin, Bel Ombre, 61002

Phone: (+230) 623 7984

Web: https://www.worldofseashells.mu/

CHÂTEAU DE LABOURDONNAIS

Domaine de Labourdonnais, Mapou, 31803

Phone: (+230) 266 3007

Web: https://domainedelabourdonnais.com/fr/

L'AVENTURE DU SUCRE

Beau Plan, 21001 Pamplemousses,

Phone: (+230) 243 7900

Web: https://aventuredusucre.com/fr/

BOIS CHÉRI TEA FACTORY AND TEA MUSEUM

Bois Chéri Road, Bois Chéri Phone: (+230) 617 9109

THE CURIOUS CORNER OF CHAMAREL

Baie du Cap Road, Chamarel, Black River,

Mauritius

Phone: (+230) 483 4200

Email: info@curiouschamarel.com

Web: www.curiouschamarel.com/?lang=fr













































BLUE PENNY MUSEUM

Le Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Phone: (+230) 210 9204

Email: info@bluepennymuseum.mu Web: https://bluepenny.museum/

INTERCONTINENTAL SLAVERY MUSEUM

Quay Street, Port-Louis Phone: (+230) 214 3608 Email: ism1@gmail.com

Website: ismmauritiusltd.govmu.org/ism/?page_

id=1231

AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Address: Quay Street, Port-Louis

Phone: (+230) 217 3080

Website: https://aapravasi.govmu.org/aapravasi/?-

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HOUSE OF DIGITAL ART

Address: 6 Edith Cavell Street, Port-Louis

Phone: (+230) 214 9272

Email: info@houseofdigitalart.io Website: https://houseofdigitalart.io/

CAUDAN ARTS CENTRE

Address: Caudan Waterfront, Port Louis

Phone: (+230) 260 0592

Email: tickets@caudanartscentre.com **Website:** https://caudanartscentre.com/

MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE ART GALLERY

Address: Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka

Phone: (+230) 403 2000

Website: https://www.mgirti.ac.mu/index.php/

art-gallery

IMAAYA GALLERY

Address: The Cubicle 35-37, Royal Road, Phoenix

Phone: (+230) 605 8256 Email: today@imaaya.com Website: https://imaaya.com/

Gyms in Mauritius

SYNERGY SPORTS & WELLNESS INSTITUTE

Les Allées d'Helvétia, Moka Phone: (+230) 433 8666

MYFIT 360

MYFIT360 RICHE TERRE

Richeterre Mall (Riche Terre Rd, Port Louis, Mauritius)

Phone: (+230) 249 5955

MYFIT360 CAUDAN (1ST FLOOR)

Dias Pier building, Caudan Port Louis

Phone: (+230) 214 3550

MYFIT360 TRIANON

Emerald Park Ltd Commercial Center, Trianon 72262,

Mauritius

Phone: (+230)465 4062

ENOIA SPORTS & FITNESS CLUB

Grand Baie: Promenade des Artistes, Grand Baie

Phone: (+230)269 4200 1st Floor, 1 Cybercity, Ébène Phone: (+230) 468 6787

GRAND BAIE GYM HYDRO SPA

X Club Road Grand Bay, Mauritius, Coastal Route,

Grand Baie

Phone: (+230) 263 9290

SHAPE SPORT CLUB

Sottise Road, Grand Baie Phone: (+230) 263 6640













































APPENDIX 11 Restaurants

In the North

HAPPY RAJAH

Address: Cœur de Ville, Grand Bay (Super U), Grand

Baie,

Phone: (+230) 263-2241

Cuisine: *Indian*

LE CAPITAINE

Address: Coastal Road, Grand Baie

Phone: (+230) 263-7243 **Cuisine:** *Seafood*

SAUTERELLE

Address: Sunset Boulevard, Grand Baie

Phone: (+230) 263-1111

Cuisine: Mediterranean-inspired

CABANE DU PÊCHEUR

Address: Trou aux Biches Phone: (+230) 265-0167

Cuisine: *Seafood*

LA TABLE DU CHÂTEAU

Address: Domaine de Labourdonnais, Mapou

Phone: (+230) 266-7172 **Cuisine:** *Mauritian*

BOTTEGHITA

Address: *Grand Baie* **Phone:** (+230) 269-0074

Cuisine: *Italian*

LUIGI'S

Address: *Pereybere* **Phone:** (+230) 263-6628

Cuisine: Wood-fired pizzas and traditional pasta di-

shes

ROOTS CAFÉ

Address: Chemin Vingt Pieds, Grand Baie

Phone: (+230) 263-3331 Cuisine: Healthy food options

BEACH HOUSE

Address: Royal Road, Grand Baie

Phone: (+230) 263-2599 Cuisine: International

LE POIVRIER

Address: Pointe aux Canonniers

Phone: (+230) 263-7050

Cuisine: Creole and European-inspired

CHEZ MEUNG

Address: La Colline Road, Grand Baie

Phone: (+230) 5924-7838

Cuisine: Local

INTI

Address: Lux Grand Gaube Hotel, Coastal Road

Phone: (+230) 204-9191

Cuisine: Peruvian, Argentinean, Latin

CHÂTEAU MON DÉSIR

Address: Balaclava Phone: (+230) 204-1000 Details: Fine dining













































In the West

THE BAY

Address: Avenue des Cocotiers, Tamarin

Phone: (+230) 483-8900

Details: *Mediterranean-inspired dishes*

BIG WILLY'S

Address: Tamarin Phone: (+230) 483-7400 **Details:** Pub food

DOMAINE ANNA

Address: Flic en Flac Phone: (+230) 453-9650

Details: Asian-inspired and Creole dishes

LE CHAMAREL RESTAURANT

Address: Chamarel, Black River

Phone: (+230) 483-6421 **Details:** Mauritian cuisine

LA VARANGUE SUR MORNE

Address: Chamarel, Mauritius Phone: (+230) 483-5713

Details: Creole and European cuisine

BLUE BIRD RESTAURANT (CASELA)

Address: Cascavelle **Phone:** (+230) 401-6500

Details: International and local cuisine

MYSTIQUE

Address: Wolmar, Flic en Flac **Phone:** (+230) 453-8700

Details: Mauritian and international cuisine

ZUB EXPRESS

Address: Flic en Flac **Phone:** (+230) 453-5245

Details: Mauritian and Chinese cuisine

CHEZ PEPE

Address: Coastal Road, Flic en Flac

Phone: (+230) 453-9444 **Details:** Italian cuisine

MEDIUM RARE STEAKHOUSE

Address: *Tamarin* **Phone:** (+230) 483-9500

Details: *Steaks*

PAVILLON DE JADE

Address: Trois Bras, Black River Phone: (+230) 452-2430 **Details:** Chinese cuisine

CRÉOLE SHACK

Address: Radar Avenue, Flic en Flac (Located in Silver

Sands Residence)

Phone: (+230) 5736-1523 **Cuisine:** *Mauritian*

LAKAZ CASCAVELLE

Address: Cascavelle Shopping Centre, Cascavelle

Phone: (+230) 452-7777

Details: Mauritian and International cuisine

In the East

CHEZ TINO

Address: Trou d'Eau Douce **Phone:** (+230) 480-2762

Details: Mauritian and creole cuisine

SAFRAN RESTAURANT

Address: Le Touessrok Resort, Trou d'Eau Douce

Phone: (+230) 402-7400 **Details:** Indian cuisine

LE CAFÉ DES ARTS

Address: Route Royale, Trou d'Eau Douce

Phone: (+230) 480-0220 **Details:** Mauritian cuisine

















































LA MAISON D'ÉTÉ

Address: Poste Lafayette **Phone:** (+230) 410-5039 **Details:** Mauritian cuisine

SEABELL RESTAURANT

Address: Belle Mare **Phone:** (+230) 415-3648

Details: Seafood and Mauritian cuisine

AMARI BY VINEET

Address: Lux Resorts and Hotels, Belle Mare

Phone: (+230) 402 2000 Fax: (+230) 415 2020

Email: luxbellemare@luxresorts.com

Cuisine: Indian and Asian

LA SPIAGGIA

Address: B59, Belle Mare, Poste de Flacq

Phone: (+230) 402 2600 **Fax:** (+230) 402 2626

Cuisine: Local, Italian, Mediterranean, European

CHEZ YOUNGO

Address: Morcellement Sans Souci, Montagne

Phone: (+230) 5816 6026 / 5751 9398

Facebook: Chez Youngo

Cuisine: Local

DUCK LAUNDRY

Address: Coastal Road, Quatre Cocos, Belle Mare

Phone: (+230) 402 2000 Fax: (+230) 415 2020

Email: luxbellemare@luxresorts.com

Cuisine: Chinese and Asian

Address: Coastal Road, Long Beach Mauritius, Belle

Mare

Phone: (+230) 401 1919 / 402 0150

Email: reservations.longbeach@yoursunlife.com

Cuisine: Sushi

BEACH ROUGE

Address: Lux Belle Mare Phone: (+230) 402 2000 Fax: (+230) 415 2020

Email: luxbellemare@luxresorts.com

Cuisine: Italian

In the South

CHEZ ROSY

Address: Gris Gris, Souillac Phone: (+230) 625-4179

Details: Mauritian cuisine and seafood

LE SAINT AUBIN

Address: Rivière des Anguilles Phone: (+230) 626-1513 **Details:** Mauritian cuisine

LE BATELAGE

Address: Port Souillac **Phone:** (+230) 5772 5747

Details: Seafood

KARAY MARIO

Address: Royal Road, Beau Vallon, Mahébourg **Phone:** (+230) 630 1682 / 5833 0471 / 5750 5715

Email: *info@karaymario.com*

Cuisine: Mauritian

CHEZ FRANÇOIS

Address: Public Beach of Bel Ombre

Opening Hours: Open every day except Wednesday,

from 10 AM to 3 PM

Cuisine: Local

WAPALAPAM ISLAND EATERY

Addresses: Le Morne: Centre Commercial de L'Harmonie (Also found in Port-Louis and Curepipe)

Phone: (+230) 5852 2902

Cuisine: Mauritian, Asian, and International

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In the Center

LA BONNE MARMITE

Address: Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis

Phone: (+230) 212-0282
Details: Mauritian cuisine

CAFÉ MULLER

Address: Quatre Bornes Phone: (+230) 425-2649 Details: European cuisine

HOUSE OF CANTON

Address: *Ebène*

Phone: (+230) 465-4588 Details: Chinese cuisine

FLYING DODO BREWERY

Address: Bagatelle, Moka

Phone: (+230) 468-8811

Details: Microbrewery and local and international

cuisine

ESCALE CREOLE

Address: Moka

Phone: (+230) 433-2200 Details: Mauritian cuisine

THE IRISH

Address: *La City Trianon* **Phone:** (+230) 5805 8888

Details: Pub food

KING DRAGON

Address: Route Saint Jean, La Louise, Quatre Bornes

Phone: (+230) 424-7888

Details: Chinese cuisine



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