

We Know MAURITIUS

Mauritius is a tropical island situated in the Indian Ocean about 1,865 miles from the east coast of Africa. It has about 112 miles of coastline almost entirely surrounded by coral reefs, a great central plateau and picturesque mountains, quaint villages, natural beauty and some of the best white sand beaches and aquamarine lagoons you are likely to find anywhere.



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Useful Information



CLIMATE

Mauritius has only two seasons: summer, November to May (warm and humid) and winter, June to October (cooler and drier). There is a large difference in rainfall across the island, especially along the east coast and central plateau, while the more sheltered west coast is much drier. The hottest months are December to March with the cooler (though still warm) months June to August. There is, however, always a pleasant breeze from the ocean.

CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

The monetary unit is the Mauritian Rupee (Re/Rs) which is divided into 100 cents (cs) and is issued in the following denominations:

Notes: 25 Rupees, 50 Rupees, 100 Rupees, 200 Rupees, 500 Rupees, 1000 Rupees, and 2000 Rupees (quite rare)

Coins: 5 cents, 20 cents, 50 cents, 1 Rupee, 5 Rupees, 10 Rupees, 20 Rupees

There is no limit to the amount of currency that may be brought into Mauritius. Mauritian rupees are only accepted on the island. US Dollars and cash can be changed in the banks. Banks located in the airport offer the best exchange rates. Forex providers usually offer best rates when compared to the Banks in Mauritius. Note: If carrying cash, it is recommended that you take only recently minted U.S. currency.

Major credit cards such as Visa and Mastercard are accepted in restaurants and hotels and in some shops. ATMs are widely available in most towns, banks, and large shopping centers. Check with your bank for any fees you may be charged.

SHOPPING HOURS

Shopping hours in the main cities range from 9:30am to 7:30pm, Monday to Saturday. Some shops are open till noon on Sundays and public holidays.

Many duty-free shops and modern shopping centers (Caudan, Curepipe, Floréal Square, Happy World House, Orchard Centre) offer a wide choice of products. Please note: shops in Rose-Hill, Curepipe and Quatre-Bornes are closed on Thursday afternoon.

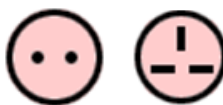
LANGUAGE

The Mauritian Constitution makes no mention of an official language and its citizens speak English, French, Mauritian Creole, French-based Creole, and ethnic languages such as Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi, Urdu, Tamil or Mandarin.

VOLTAGE

Power supply throughout the island is 230 volts and 50Hz.

ELECTRICAL PLUGS



220V or 12 50Hz

PHOTOGRAPHY

Visitors should respect the outlook of the local people towards photography and only use cameras if they have permission from the person or people the picture is being taken. Never try to "steal" a photo against the will of the person concerned. Let your tour guide or escort help you negotiate terms before you start shooting! It is also against the law to take photographs of border posts, persons in uniform, and of course, military and government installations.

