

# Mauritius Wildlife & Nature 5-Night Tour: Birdwatching & Conservatory Visits

Prepared by TourGrids



Destination  
**Mauritius**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 52,400 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE



**Blue Bay / Mahebourg · 3N**



**Grand Baie · 2N**

## Overview

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### Mauritius Wildlife & Nature 5-Night Tour: Birdwatching & Conservatory Visits

Discover the best of Mauritius wildlife and conservation on this immersive 5-night, 6-day Mauritius tour package. Perfect for nature lovers and families, this Mauritius Family tour package focuses on endemic birdwatching, conservatory visits, and interactive conservation experiences across the island. This Mauritius Family package and 5 and 6 Mauritius Family tour package option blends guided hikes, island conservation trips, and visits to botanical treasures to give you a balanced wildlife-rich escape.

#### Highlights:

- Guided birdwatching in Black River Gorges National Park and private reserves
- Ile aux Aigrettes island conservation visit (endemic species rescue)
- La Vanille Nature Park: giant tortoises & conservation exhibits
- Pamplemousses (SSR) Botanical Garden: iconic flora and historical palms
- Bois Cheri Tea Factory & Museum with panoramic tea-field views
- Chamarel Seven Coloured Earth & Waterfall scenic stop

Note: This itinerary is designed to be family-friendly while offering expert-led birding and conservation activities. Activities can be adjusted for fitness level and children.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation (3 nights South-East: Blue Bay/Mahebourg; 2 nights North: Grand Baie) on bed & breakfast basis
- ✓ Airport transfers and inter-hotel transfers
- ✓ Guided activities listed in the itinerary (conservation walks, birdwatching guided hikes)
- ✓ Boat transfers to Ile aux Aigrettes and Blue Bay activities
- ✓ Entrance fees to mentioned parks and reserves (Ile aux Aigrettes, La Vanille, Black River Gorges, Chamarel, Bois Cheri, Pamplemousses)
- ✓ Services of an English-speaking naturalist/guide for designated activities
- ✓ Selected guided talks by conservation partners
- ✓ Local taxes and service charges

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International and domestic flights
- ✗ Visa and travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not specified (lunches & dinners unless noted)
- ✗ Optional activities (snorkeling gear hire, Casela adventure activities, private transfers outside itinerary)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and items of a personal nature
- ✗ Any optional guided excursions not listed in the program

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

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### **Arrival, Transfer to South-East Base & Orientation**

Arrive at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport and meet your local guide. Transfer to your hotel in Blue Bay / Mahebourg (approx. 20–40 minutes depending on flight). Settle into your accommodation, enjoy a welcome briefing about the wildlife-focused activities, and take a short orientation walk along the coast.

Evening: Relax at the hotel or enjoy an optional sunset walk by Blue Bay Marine Park. If your flight arrives late, your guided activities will be adjusted accordingly.

Day

2

### **Ile aux Aigrettes Conservation Island Visit & Blue Bay Marine Experience**

Morning boat transfer to Ile aux Aigrettes — a privately managed coral island and conservation reserve. Join a guided conservation walk to learn about the successful reintroduction of endemic species such as the Mauritius pink pigeon, Mauritius kestrel, and endemic plants. The guided walk focuses on restoration ecology and the role of local NGOs.

Afternoon: Return to Blue Bay for a glass-bottom boat or optional snorkeling trip in Blue Bay Marine Park to observe marine biodiversity.

Tip: Wear comfortable walking shoes, hat, and bring sunscreen and a refillable water bottle.

Day

3

### **La Vanille Nature Park & Southern Wetlands Conservation**

Drive south to La Vanille Nature Park for close encounters with giant Aldabra tortoises, endemic reptiles, and interpretive conservation exhibits. Explore the park's reptile enclosures and learn about breeding programs and habitat preservation.

Late afternoon: Visit nearby wetlands and mangrove areas where possible guided walks highlight local birdlife and amphibians.

Family note: La Vanille is ideal for kids — interactive displays and tortoise feeding are crowd-pleasers.

Day

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## **Black River Gorges National Park — Guided Birdwatching & Chamarel**

Today is dedicated to the iconic Black River Gorges National Park. Accompanied by an experienced naturalist guide, take a moderate hike on forest trails searching for endemic birds such as the Mauritius kestrel, pink pigeon, and echo parakeet. Learn about reforestation and predator control efforts that have revived native populations.

Afternoon: Continue to Chamarel to visit the Seven Coloured Earth and Chamarel Waterfall, with panoramic viewpoints and photo opportunities.

Important: Forest trails can be uneven; wear sturdy shoes and carry a light rain jacket during the wet season.

Day

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## **Bois Cheri Tea Factory, Vallee de Ferney Reserve & Transfer North**

Check out after breakfast and head to Bois Cheri Tea Factory & Museum for a guided tour of the plantations, tea tasting, and scenic viewpoints over rolling tea fields.

Next stop: Vallée de Ferney (or similar private reserve) — a conservation area focused on native flora and island restoration, offering short guided walks and further birdwatching opportunities.

Late afternoon: Transfer north to Grand Baie for your final two nights. Evening at leisure to explore local restaurants and beaches.

Tip: Carry binoculars and a camera — roadside stops often provide unexpected wildlife sightings.

Day

6

## **Pamplemousses Botanical Garden, Casela or Optional Market Visit & Departure**

Morning transfer to Pamplemousses (SSR) Botanical Garden — a must-see for plant lovers with giant water lilies, historical palms, and introduced/endemic collections. Continue to Casela Nature & Leisure Park (optional) for additional bird encounters and conservation talks, or enjoy a relaxed morning at the northern beaches and local craft markets in Grand Baie.

Late morning/early afternoon: Return transfer to the airport for your onward flight. If you have a late flight, enjoy additional beach time or optional activities (snorkeling, coastal walks).

Departure note: Airport transfer time from Grand Baie is approx. 1–1.5 hours depending on traffic; plan accordingly.

## 🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔍 When is the best time to visit Mauritius?

Mauritius is a year-round destination with two main seasons. The ideal time is May–October (winter) when it's cooler, drier, and less humid with temperatures of 18–26°C. This period offers perfect conditions for hiking, sightseeing, and kitesurfing, especially on east and south coasts. November–April (summer) is hotter and more humid (25–33°C) with occasional tropical showers and cyclone risk from January–March. However, seas are warmer (27–29°C) and landscapes are lush. Mid-December to mid-January sees peak holiday crowds and higher prices but brilliant beach weather. For the best balance of weather, activities, and value, visit during shoulder seasons: May–June or September–October.

### 🔍 How do I reach Mauritius from India?

Fly into Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport (MRU) in southeast Mauritius. Direct flights operate from Mumbai (6.5–7 hours) and sometimes Delhi seasonally. Major airlines include Air Mauritius, IndiGo, and Air India. If no direct flights are available, convenient one-stop connections operate via Dubai (Emirates), Abu Dhabi (Etihad), Doha (Qatar Airways), or Nairobi (Kenya Airways). Book early for better fares, especially during peak season (December–January). The airport is well-connected to all resort areas and Port Louis via taxis, hotel shuttles, and car rentals. Airport transfers typically take 45–90 minutes depending on your destination.

### 🔍 Do Indian citizens need a visa for Mauritius?

Indian passport holders can enter Mauritius visa-free for stays up to 60 days for tourism purposes. You'll need a passport valid for at least 6 months from arrival date, confirmed return/onward tickets, proof of accommodation (hotel bookings), and sufficient funds (around \$100 per day or equivalent). Immigration may ask for these documents at arrival. If planning to stay longer than 60 days, apply for an extension at the Passport and Immigration Office in Port Louis. For business visits or other purposes, check current requirements with the Mauritian embassy. Always verify the latest entry requirements before travel as policies can change.

## ❓ **What are the local transportation options in Mauritius?**

Mauritius offers diverse transport options. Buses are extensive and inexpensive, connecting all towns and beaches – perfect for budget travel and local experiences. Taxis are abundant with usually fixed fares; confirm prices beforehand or hire for full days. The modern Metro Express light rail connects Curepipe to Port Louis via major urban centers. Self-driving is popular with good roads (drive on left like India); Indian licenses in English are usually accepted, though an International Driving Permit is recommended. Hotel shuttles serve airports and attractions. For flexibility, consider hiring a car with driver for day trips. Bicycles and scooters work well in quieter coastal areas.

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## ❓ **Where should I stay in Mauritius and what accommodation options are available?**

Mauritius offers accommodation for all budgets. Luxury resorts dominate: LUX\* Belle Mare (east coast), The Oberoi (northwest), JW Marriott at Le Morne (southwest) offer world-class amenities. East coast (Belle Mare, Trou d'Eau Douce) has calmer seas and powdery beaches. West coast (Flic-en-Flac, Tamarin) offers stunning sunsets and dolphin watching. North (Grand Baie) is livelier with nightlife and restaurants. South (Le Morne) provides dramatic mountain backdrops and kitesurfing. Budget options include guesthouses, self-catering apartments, and boutique hotels in coastal towns. Many resorts offer all-inclusive packages. Book early for peak season (December-January) and consider shoulder seasons for better rates and fewer crowds.

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## ❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Mauritius?**

Top attractions include Le Morne Brabant (UNESCO site) for hiking and sunset views, and Chamarel's Seven Coloured Earths with nearby waterfalls and rum distilleries. Visit sacred Ganga Talao crater lake with towering Hindu statues, and Aapravasi Ghat (UNESCO) – the historic immigration depot. Île aux Cerfs offers picture-perfect beaches and water sports. Port Louis features vibrant markets and the Blue Penny Museum. Black River Gorges National Park provides hiking trails and endemic wildlife. Pamplemousses Botanical Garden showcases giant water lilies and spice trees. Blue Bay Marine Park offers excellent snorkeling. Don't miss a catamaran cruise to northern islands, street food tours in Port Louis, and traditional Seggae dance performances under the stars.

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## 🔍 What local food and cuisine should I try in Mauritius?

Mauritian cuisine beautifully blends Indian, Creole, Chinese, and French influences. Must-try dishes include dhol puri (flatbread with split pea curry), farata (flaky paratha), and rougaille (tomato-based Creole stew). Sample vindaye (mustard-turmeric marinated fish), Mauritian biryani, and mine frite (fried noodles). Street food gems include gâteaux piments (spicy lentil fritters) and fresh seafood. Sweet treats include napolitaine biscuits and alouda (sweet milk drink). Visit Port Louis Central Market for authentic local flavors. Recommended restaurants: Le Capitaine (Grand Baie), Escale Creole (Moka), and Domaine Anna (Flic-en-Flac). Don't miss rum tasting at Chamarel or St Aubin distilleries, and try Phoenix beer, the local favorite.

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**Neha Joshi**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Beautiful Island, Great Service!

The islands of Mauritius are breathtaking. Our tour package included all the major attractions and the guides were very knowledgeable. Definitely worth it!



**Amit Agarwal**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Hiking in Paradise

Trekking through stunning landscapes was a highlight for us. The tour package catered to our love for nature and adventure perfectly.



**Rahul Verma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Great Cultural Insights

The tour package was very informative, offering insights into the rich culture of Mauritius. Enjoyed visiting local markets and historical sites!



**Siddharth Singh**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Heritage and Culture Tour

The cultural tour highlights were educational and fun. Our guide was knowledgeable, making our learning experience enjoyable!



**Tanvi Agarwal**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Exceptional Underwater Experiences

The scuba diving experience was a highlight of our trip to Mauritius. Our tour package made it easy to access top dive spots. Highly recommend it!

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