

Mauritius Wildlife & Marine 7-Night Expedition: Dolphin Swim & Bird Sanctuaries

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Destination
Mauritius



Duration
7 Nights 8 Days



Starting from
Rs. 1,25,900 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 Grand Baie · 2N

📍 Tamarin / Flic en Flac · 3N

📍 Mahebourg / Blue Bay · 2N

Overview

An immersive Mauritius tour package designed for wildlife lovers and marine-adventure seekers. This 7-night, 8-day Mauritius Adventure tour package blends early-morning dolphin swims, protected marine snorkel trips, and visits to iconic bird sanctuaries and nature reserves. Ideal for travelers seeking a balanced mix of adventure, conservation-focused experiences, and relaxed beach time.

Highlights:

- Dolphin swim in the Indian Ocean (early-morning boat expedition)
- Blue Bay Marine Park snorkeling and coral conservation insights
- Guided walk on Île aux Aigrettes – a unique bird sanctuary and restoration island
- Scenic views at Chamarel: Seven Coloured Earth and Chamarel Waterfall
- Wildlife and adventure at Casela Nature Park (lemurs, safaris, optional zipline)
- Visits to Pamplemousses Botanical Garden and Cap Malheureux (red-roofed church)

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 7 nights accommodation (3-star to 5-star options available) with daily breakfast
- ✓ Private arrival and departure transfers
- ✓ Early-morning guided dolphin swim boat trip (safety briefing, life jackets included)
- ✓ Guided visit and boat transfers to Île aux Aigrettes
- ✓ Snorkeling trip to Blue Bay Marine Park (guided)
- ✓ Entrance fees to listed parks: Pamplemousses, Black River Gorges, Chamarel, Casela
- ✓ English-speaking local guide for listed excursions
- ✓ All applicable local taxes and service charges
- ✓ Mauritius Adventure package upgrades available (activities, room categories) upon request

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Mauritius
- ✗ Visa, travel insurance and personal expenses
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary (lunches/dinners unless stated)
- ✗ Optional activities (Île aux Cerfs water sports, Casela zipline/quad) unless pre-booked
- ✗ Tips/gratuities for guide, drivers and hotel staff
- ✗ Items of personal nature (souvenirs, minibar, etc.)
- ✗ Important: Any change fees or late booking surcharges for last-minute activity confirmations

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Transfer to Grand Baie & Beachside Orientation

Arrival at SSR International Airport and private transfer to Grand Baie. Settle into your hotel and enjoy a relaxed afternoon on the white sands. Evening orientation walk of Grand Baie waterfront with time for shopping and a seaside dinner. Tip: Flights typically land in the evening; request a late check-in if needed.

Day

2

Pamplemousses Garden & Cap Malheureux Excursion

Morning visit to the world-famous Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden (Pamplemousses) to see giant water lilies and endemic flora. Continue to picturesque Cap Malheureux to photograph the iconic red-roofed church and enjoy coastal views. Return to Grand Baie for dinner. Note: Comfortable walking shoes recommended.

Day

3

Transfer to West Coast & Leisure at Flic en Flac

After breakfast, transfer to the West Coast (Tamarin / Flic en Flac). Afternoon at leisure on one of Mauritius' longest beaches or opt for a reef snorkeling session. Sunset at Flic en Flac with time to explore beachfront cafes and local cuisine.

Day

4

Dolphin Swim & Black River / Chamarel Highlights

Early morning boat departure for a guided dolphin swim near Tamarin Bay. After returning, shower and continue to Black River Gorges National Park and Chamarel to visit the Seven Coloured Earth, Chamarel Waterfall and panoramic viewpoints. Explore a local rum distillery if time allows. Important: Dolphin swims depart at dawn — be prepared for very early pickup.

Day

5

Casela Nature Park Adventure & Transfer South-East

Spend the morning at Casela Nature Park for wildlife encounters—walks with lemurs, safari-style animal viewing, or optional zipline and quad-bike activities. After lunch, transfer to Mahebourg / Blue Bay in the south-east and relax at your coastal hotel. Optional activities at Casela are subject to availability and require advance booking.

Day

6

Île aux Aigrettes Conservation Walk & Blue Bay Marine Park

Board a short conservation boat ride to Île aux Aigrettes, a protected islet managed by the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation—guided walk focusing on endemic birds, giant tortoises and native plants. Afternoon snorkeling at Blue Bay Marine Park to view coral gardens and marine life on a guided snorkel or glass-bottom boat trip. Note: Conservation visits are strictly regulated to protect fragile habitats.

Day

7

Ile aux Cerfs Option or Leisure Day & Village Exploration

Choose a day trip to Île aux Cerfs (boat transfer from Trou d'Eau Douce) for lagoon activities and water sports, or remain local to explore Mahebourg's historical sites including the National History Museum and waterfront promenade. Enjoy a farewell seafood dinner celebrating local Creole cuisine. Tip: Book Ile aux Cerfs boat trips in advance during high season.

Day

8

Departure via Port Louis (Time-permitting)

After breakfast, transfer to SSR International Airport for your departure. If your flight schedule permits, stop by Port Louis for last-minute shopping and to visit the Central Market or Caudan Waterfront. Important: Allow recommended international check-in time – coordinate with the operator for departure transfer timing.

🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

🔍 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.

❓ **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.

🔍 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 Sega dance performances under the stars.

🔍 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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