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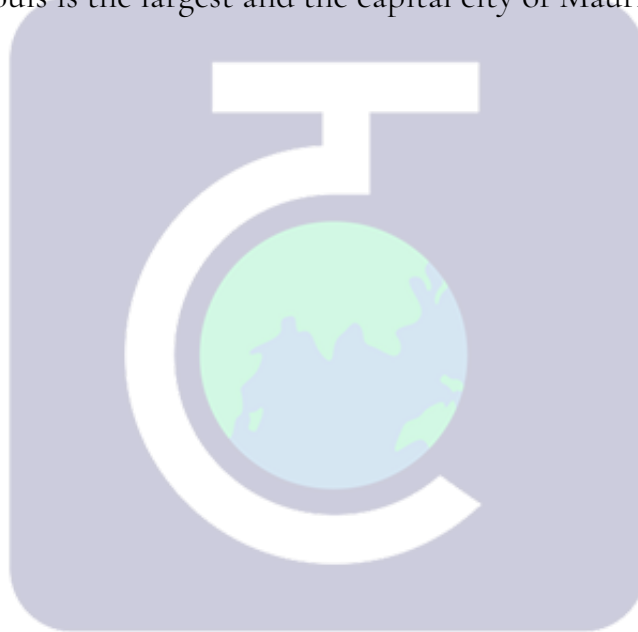
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1. Geographical location

An island nation in the Indian Ocean, Mauritius is located about 2,000 kilometers (1,200 mi) off the southeast coast of the African continent. The country comprises of the island of Mauritius, Rodrigues and the outer islands (Agalega, St. Brandon and two disputed territories). Together with St. Brandon, Rodrigues and Reunion, the island forms a part of the Mascarene Islands. The Mauritius Island is 65 kilometers long and 45 kilometers wide and its land area is 1,864.8 kilometer square. Port Louis is the largest and the capital city of Mauritius.



Index**2. Neighbouring cities/countries**

The Neighboring Countries Of Mauritius Are Reunion With An Approximate Distance Of 225 Kilometers, Madagascar With An Approximate Distance Of 1,130 Kilometers, Seychelles With An Approximate Distance Of 1,755 Kilometers And Mozambique With An Approximate Distance Of 2,310 Kilometers.



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3. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

3.1. Paid

3.1.1. Casela Nature Park

Casela Nature Park is one of the leading attractions of the island for both locals and tourists. Nature and the adventure park is spread over a surface of 250 hectares and it is home to 1,500 birds, Bengal tigers, giant tortoise, cheetahs, lynxes, white lions, hyenas, pygmy hippos, giraffe and many more species. The adventure park provides a platform for a plethora of activities ranging from an African safari to an adrenaline-gushing encounter with big cats. The western part of the island is known to be the only place in the world where tourists can swim with dolphins in the morning and stroll with the lions in the noon.

Address : Cascavelle, Mauritius

Location : -20.2908713, 57.4035137999999

Contact : +230 452 2828

Website : <http://www.caselapark.com/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Casela bus station

Entry Fee : Non-Residents: Adult: Rs 775, Child (3 to 12 years of age): Rs 500

Residents: Adult: Rs 395, Child (3 to 12 years of age): Rs 210

Open & Close Timing : Summers- Daily: 09:00hours-18:00hours Winters- Daily: 09:00hours-17:00hours

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.1.2. La Vanille Nature Park

Created in 1985, the La Vanille Nature Park exhibits what Mauritius looked like before sugarcane was cultivated. The park in real sense depicts the Mauritian hospitality, conservation of nature and welfare of the animals. In this magical setup, you will be privileged to witness crocodiles and a lot of other species. The park houses the world's biggest tortoise savanna where you can feed and pet giant tortoises for MUR 10. The park is home to other species including iguanas, bats, apes and chameleons. The staff here is very warm and welcoming, so feel free to ask questions.

Address : Riviere Des Anguilles, Mauritius

Location : -20.4997037, 57.56299799999999

Contact : +230 626 2503

Website : <http://lavanillse-naturepark.com/index.php/en/accueil-1>

Entry Fee : Non-Residents: Adult: Rs 490, Child (3 to 12 years of age): Rs 250

Resident: Adult: Rs 270, Child (3 to 12 years of age): Rs 125

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hours-17:00hours

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

3.1.3. Seven Coloured Earth in Chamarel

Located in the Chamarel plain of the Riviere Noire District in south-western Mauritius, the Seven Coloured Earth(s) are of geological curiosity and a protuberant tourist attraction in the country. This the only place in the world where one can discover a clay earth of 7 different colors at one place. These unique dunes comprise of red, brown, green, violet, blue, yellow and purple color. The Seven Coloured Earth In Chamarel is one such attraction which offers a magnificent view of the neighboring Waterfall of Chamarel. This attraction is covered with lush vegetation and is a perfect spot to ignite curiosity in a child.

Address : Riviere Noire District, Mauritius

Location : -20.4402713, 57.3737079

Contact : +230 5499 4618

Entry Fee : Adult: Rs. 125, Child (under 5 years of age): Free

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.1.4. Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden

The Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden is situated in Pamplemousses to the north of Mauritius. At the entrance of the garden, you will find many guides waiting to offer you a tour. They charge MUR 50 per person and it is advisable to hire a guide because there's a slight chance of getting lost in the 36-hectare park. Also, the interesting facts narrated by the guide are sure to be

worthwhile. The garden is among the species-richest gardens worldwide and even today the seeds and plants are exported to other botanical gardens around the world. The Victoria Regia and the Amazons Waterlily are the most famous plants here.

Address : Pamplemousses, Mauritius

Location : -20.107201, 57.57929999999999

Contact : +230 243 9401

Website : <http://ssrbg.govmu.org/English/Pages/default.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : A2, Pamplemousses bus station

Entry Fee : Resident: Child (Under the age of 5): Free, Adult (Between the age of 5 and 59): Rs 25 Non Resident: Child (Under the age of 5): Free, Adult: Rs 200

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hours-17:30hours

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.1.5. Blue Penny Museum

An art and history museum that is entirely devoted to Mauritius, the Blue Penny Museum is a stamp museum in Port Louis. It exhibits the red one-penny and the blue two-penny stamps issued back in 1847. It is the rarest of the stamp collections. The museum also offers its visitors a captivating glimpse of the art and history of Mauritius. If you intend to explore the country in depth then a visit to the Blue Penny Museum is a must.

Address : Caudan Waterfront, Block A, Port Louis, Mauritius

Location : -20.1609278, 57.497513

Contact : +230 210 8176

Website : <http://www.bluepennymuseum.com/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Place Victoria bus station

Entry Fee : Adult: Rs. 245, Child/Student: Rs. 120

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 10:00hours-16:30hours Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.1.6. Ile aux Cerfs Leisure Island

Spread over 87 hectares of untouched land off the east coast of Mauritius, the Ile aux Cerfs Leisure Island is a picture-perfect island which is known worldwide for its white and pellucid sandy beaches and the turquoise lagoons. Known as the deer island, Mauritius is home to Ile aux Cerfs Golf Club which is one of the most beautiful golf courses in the world.

Address : Ile aux Cerfs Leisure Island, Trou d'Eau Douce, Mauritius

Location : -20.269433, 57.802358

Contact : +230 402 7720

Website : <http://www.ileauxcerfsleisureisland.com/homepage/#about-ile-aux-cerfs>

Entry Fee : Rs. 450 for round transfer

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hours-18:00hours

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.1.7. Mauritius Aquarium

The Mauritius Aquarium offers an unforgettable experience to all its visitors. The aquarium is home to a large number of species including the Batfish and the Crown squirrelfish as well as lobsters, clownfish, butterfly fish and crabs to name a few. The aquarium also gives you an opportunity to feed the species here; it's not every day that one gets to see sea turtles and giant morays sharks, within an arm's reach, being fed by hand. The feeding sessions take place every day between 11:00 hours and 15:00 hours. Happy feeding!

Address : Coastal Road, Pointe-aux-Piments, B38, Mauritius

Location : -20.0565822, 57.5224398

Contact : +230 261 4561

Website : <http://www.mauritiusaquarium.com/>

Entry Fee : Rs. 300 per person

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday– 09:30hours-17:00hours Sunday & Public holidays– 10:00hours-16:00hours

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.1.8. Photography Museum

Located at the very end of La rue du vieux Conseil, the Photography Museum is a perfect stop to immerse in the world of photography. The museum turns out to be very small at the first glance, but inside it is full of heart. The museum was born out of the passion of photography that the owner, Mr. Tristan Breville had. This deep-rooted love can be sensed throughout the exhibited equipment. The museum is home to very interesting old cameras and movie-projecting equipment which will definitely leave you astounded with its history.

Address : Rue du Vieux Conseil, Port Louis, Mauritius

Location : -20.1644717, 57.5035953

Contact : +230 238 5737

Website : <http://musee-photo.voyaz.com/>

Entry Fee : Adult – Rs. 150, Student – Rs. 100, Child (below 12 years of age) – Free

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday– 09:00hours-15:00hours Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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3.2. Free

3.2.1. Black River Gorges National Park

Mauritius' only national park, the Black River Gorges National Park is home to over 300 species of plants and 9 species of birds which are exclusive to this country. Located in the south-western part of the island, the national park is made up of dense forest and covers about 3.5% of the island's surface. To protect the endangered endemic species like the pink pigeon, the Mauritius kestrel and the Mauritius sitti, the national park actively operates conservation. Entry to the park is possible via different points. The entry to the park is free, but guide services are chargeable.

Address : B103 – Plaine Champagne Road, Mauritius

Location : -20.4263719, 57.45094429999999

Contact : +230 464 4016

Open & Close Timing : Western Entrance: Monday to Friday: 09:00hours-15:00hours; Saturday and Sunday: 09:00hours-16:00hours Eastern Entrance: Monday to Friday: 08:00hours-15:00hours; Saturday and Sunday: 08:00hours-23:00hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.2. Curious Corner of Chamarel

For all the people who secretly like to snoop around, the Curious Corner of Chamarel where you should be. As the name suggests, this place kindles the curiosity in every mind. Located opposite to Seven Colored Earth In Chamarel, this corner houses many delusional fantasies which will leave you astounded. The Curious Corner of Chamarel is surely out to surprise you with its 40 exhibits set over an area of 5,000 meter square.

Address : Baie Du Cap Rd, Chamarel, Black River, Mauritius

Location : -20.4386944, 57.39026799999999

Contact : +230 483 4022

Website : <https://www.curiouscornerofchamarel.com/en/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hours to 17:00hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.3. Rochester Falls

The Rochester Falls are situated towards the south of Mauritius on the Savanne River. Cascading down a height of 10 meters, the most enthralling feature of the waterfalls are the lava rocks which are the result of years of erosion. The lava rocks appear like rectangular blocks clinging together. The milky water gushing through the rocks and gathering in a pristine pool is a sight to behold. The waterfalls are a perfect spot for picnics with ample of greenery around and the adrenaline junkies can perform adventurous dives into the water below.

Address : A9, Mauritius

Location : -20.5029835, 57.5168287999999

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.4. St Francois D'Assise Church

Dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, the St. Francois D'Assise Church is the third historic church on the island of Mauritius. It depends on the diocese of Port Louis and was classified under the National Heritage in 1998.

Address : Pamplémousses, Mauritius

Location : -20.1076947, 57.5768109

Contact : +230 243 3554

Nearest Public Transport : A2, Pamplémousses bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hours-17:00hours

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.5. Belle Mare Beach

The Belle Mare Beach is situated on the east coast of the island of Mauritius. The beach starts from the village of Belle Mare and ends all the way to south till the village of Trou d'Eau Douce. It is the longest beach on the island and is widely known for its unique combination of colors. The pristine white and powdery sand is the perfect companion for a long barefoot stroll with your loved one.

Address : Belle Mare Beach, Mauritius
Location : -20.198894799999, 57.7823846
Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours
Time Required : 3
Buy Ticket : No

3.2.6. Pereybere Beach

Located 2 kilometers from the Grand Baie Public Beach, the Pereybere Beach is popular amongst both locals and tourists. The effervescence of this beach lies in its heaps of food trucks scattered along the coast selling sandwiches, fresh pineapples and kebabs. The water at the lagoon is crystal clear which makes it a perfect spot for snorkeling. For tourists staying in Pereybere or in the neighboring Grand Baie, this beach definitely deserves your time.

Address : Pereybere, Mauritius
Location : -19.9933381, 57.5916892
Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours
Time Required : 3
Buy Ticket : No

3.2.7. Grand Baie Public Beach

You cannot afford to miss out on a visit to the Grand Baie Public Beach in the Mauritius. The bay inside has a very active boat and catamaran traffic leading to a very small area where to enter the water. Nonetheless, it is a very beautiful beach offering a great view of both the Grand Bay and the magnificent bay. You can relish some street food whilst strolling here.

Address : B13, Grand Baie, Mauritius
Location : -20.0101915, 57.5830935999999
Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours
Time Required : 3
Buy Ticket : No

3.2.8. Frederica Nature Reserve

Frederica Nature Reserve is a perfect way to reconnect with nature whilst exploring the Mauritian biodiversity. This Nature Reserve is spread over 1,300

hectares which embraces rolling plains, hilly landscapes and waterfalls. Offering a vibrant atmosphere and adventure haven, the adrenaline junkie in you is sure to come alive.

Address : Coastal Road Domaine de Bel Ombre, Bel Ombre 61002, Mauritius

Zipcode : 61002

Location : -20.502196, 57.413945

Contact : +230 202 6600

Website : <https://www.fredericanaturereserve.com/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hours-20:00hours

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.9. Blue Bay Beach

Located on the southeast of Mauritius, the Blue Bay Beach cannot be missed. This shore is very popular amongst both locals and tourists, attracting a heavy crowd on weekends and public holidays. Doing justice to its name, the water of the beach is clear turquoise, perfectly complementing the soft ivory sand. A large part of the bay is reserved for swimming, and the crystalline water makes it a perfect spot for snorkeling!

Address : Blue Bay NCG road, Blue Bay, Mauritius

Location : -20.4441928, 57.7164692

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.10. Flic En Flac Beach

Flic en Flac Beach is known widely for its restaurants and nightlife and is a perfect stop for all every partygoer. In Dutch, Flic en Flac means “Free and Flat Land” and staying true to its name, the beach is one of the longest ones in all of Mauritius, making it an ideal stretch to walk barefoot. The turquoise water is a great spot for swimming and snorkeling. All in all, this beach is perfect for unwinding after a hectic day.

Address : Flic en Flac, Mauritius

Location : -20.2995348, 57.3634236

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.11. Natural History Museum

The Natural History Museum is located in the colonial villa of the Mauritian Institute, which is a perfect escape from the chaos of the city life. Whilst unwinding, the museum gives you an opportunity to enhance your knowledge about Mauritius' flora and fauna. Founded in 1842, the Natural History Museum is Mauritius' oldest public museum.

Address : La Chaussee, Port Louis, Mauritius

Location : -20.1631773, 57.5022435999999

Contact : +230 202 0639

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday– 09:00hours-16:00hours Saturday– 09:00hours-12:00hours Sunday– Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.12. Mont Choisy Beach

Located between Pointe aux Cannoniers and Mont Choisy, the public beach of Mont Choisy is not far from the Grand Baie. The Mont Choisy Beach belongs to the category of one of the longest and most beautiful ones in Mauritius. A stroll at the beach is quite rejuvenating, especially during the week since there are only a few tourists around, giving you your share of peace and quiet. However, the beach witnesses a large crowd of locals on weekends.

Address : Grand Baie, Mauritius

Location : -20.0159971, 57.5571688

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.13. Trou aux Biches Beach

Trou aux Biches is a small town with a public beach that makes for a perfect sunbathing spot. The beach offers many water sports activities magnetizing every adrenaline junkies to its sprawling coastline. Being a fisher village, the beach is speckled with many colorful boats, but you will surely find some space to flaunt your swimming strokes.

Address : Trou aux Biches, Mauritius

Location : -20.035043899999, 57.5449607

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.14. Bagatelle - Mall of Mauritius

Visit Bagatelle – Mall of Mauritius if you are up for splurging on some luxurious brands. The mall has around 130 stores including brands like Armani Jeans, Also, Celio, any many more all under one roof.

Address : Moka, Mauritius

Location : -20.2237331, 57.4970621999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.15. Phoenix Mall

If you want entertainment, shopping and dining all at one place, then head to Phoenix Mall without a second thought. The mall boasts of around 100 shops including brands like Mango, Adidas, Nike and many more. It offers a variety of dining options including Nando's, Yum Cha and Churros. The mall has stores which sell everything from jewelry to home décor products.

Address : Centre Commercial Phoenix, S Sivananda Ave, Vacoas-Phoenix, Mauritius

Location : -20.279028, 57.4958599999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

3.2.16. Caudan Waterfront

Head to Caudan Waterfront to appreciate the local collection of cane work and other handcrafted products made by the locals. Some of the glassworks will leave you amazed with their unique artistry.

Address : Marina Quay, Caudan, Port Louis, Mauritius

Location : -20.160863, 57.49808899999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



4. Time Zone

Mauritius Time Zone: UTC+04:00



5. Do's and Don'ts

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