

# Mauritius

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Mauritius. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

+(230) 202-4400; EMER: +(230) 5253-3641; US Embassy Port Louis, 4th Floor, Rogers House, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius; PTLConsular@state.gov; <https://mu.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

230

### Local Emergency Phone

999

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Mauritius: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza..

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

### Climate

Tropical, modified by southeast trade winds; warm, dry winter (May to November); hot, wet, humid summer (November to May)

### Currency (Code)

Mauritian rupees (MUR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, G



Type C



Type G

### Major Languages

Creole, Bhojpuri, French

### Major Religions

Hindu, Roman Catholic, and Muslim

### Time Difference

UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

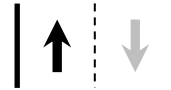
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### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

Chamarel; Flic en Flac Beach; Port Louis; Black River Gorges National Park; Mauritius Botanical Garden

### Major Sports

Soccer, athletics (track and field), badminton, basketball, boxing

### Cultural Practices

It is common to be playfully slapped on the shoulder in normal conversation in Mauritius.

### Tipping Guidelines

A gratuity is already included with the bill in most restaurants, but wait staff appreciate any small change, especially if you are satisfied with the service. Taxi fares are usually negotiated in advance. If the driver has been particularly informative or helpful, a tip of 100-200 rupees will suffice to show your appreciation.

### Souvenirs

Pareo fabric, ship models, spices, woven items, tax free luxury goods

### Traditional Cuisine

Dholl Puri — pan-fried, split pea flatbread stuffed with a Variety of fillings including rougaille (a tomato-based sauce), green chutney, kheer rice pudding, or lima bean curry

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