



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Mauritius. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is granted upon entering the country.

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/>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

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

<http://www.who.int/>

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

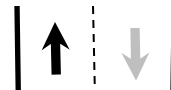
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

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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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