

# MAURITIUS



Mauritius is a tropical Indian Ocean island off the east coast of Madagascar. Its clear opal-hued ocean, soft white sandy beaches, and lush green hills have awarded Mauritius the nickname of 'Garden of Eden.' It is multi-cultural, having been a port-of-call for sailors worldwide; the first to colonize were the Dutch, whose influence is still seen in the architecture and cuisine of the island. The South / Southeast of the island offers the wildest and most beautiful landscapes: sandy beaches bordered by cliffs carved by waves, rocky shores, sugar cane fields as far as the eye can see, and mountainous terrains offering magnificent panoramas. The Northern part of the island host the bustling capital with markets and gardens.



Mauritius is for honeymooners or those that want to be, and lovers of water activities including diving, snorkeling, sea kayaking, swimming and more. There is also a mountainous interior with rainforests and waterfalls for wonderful hiking, and golf is available. This is a place to get away from it all for a few days – or weeks.

Mauritius can be a destination itself, or a relaxing add-on stop to an African or Indian journey. Lakani World Tours can create a travel itinerary best suited for you – depending on your time, interests, and budget. Some of the recommended island highlights include:

## IN THE SOUTH:

**Seven Colored Earth of Chamarel** – a 7500 m2 geological curiosity of strikingly bare landscape nestled within a large, dense forest. The hillsides have beautiful patterns of color created by volcanic rocks and the gorgeous Chamarel waterfall.

**Ganga Talao** – a 1800 feet high crater lake in a secluded mountain area in the heart of the island. It is considered as the most sacred Hindu place in Mauritius.

**Bois Chéri** – Mauritius' first tea plantation dating back to 1892. Explore the plantation and tea production museum

## IN THE NORTH:

**Port Louis** – Capital of Mauritius with a bustling port waterfront and shopping complex. The craft market offers a wonderful ambiance filled with local products, textiles, Mauritian spices, fruits and souvenirs. Visit Fort Adelaide (aka La Citadelle) built by the British in 1835.

**Mauritius National Botanical Garden** – a vast 300-year-old botanical garden home to more than 650 varieties of indigenous tropical plants. Highlights are the famous Baobabs, the ineluctable giant water lilies, 85 different varieties of palms, a big spice garden and more.

