



# Guide to Mauritius

Over the years, Mauritius has crafted the prerequisites to make the island a really advantageous, safe and business-friendly location of unparalleled quality for the investor community. The country has a long and positive track record in attracting investors from all parts of the world, many of whom have re-invested in multiple projects and are still active in Mauritius. In recent years, the island state has emerged as one of the strongest economies in sub-Saharan Africa. Resting on a broad-based and resilient economy, the country is poised for further growth as it sets out to become a major business and financial hub in that region of the world.

## 10 compelling reasons to do business through Mauritius

- Social & political stability
- A strong & diversified economy
- An educated & bilingual workforce
- A pool of skilled & qualified professionals
- A business friendly environment
- Preferential access to international markets
- A modern & reliable infrastructure
- A comprehensive & forward looking legal framework
- A growing international business & financial hub
- A safe and enjoyable place to work and live

### Useful numbers:

Police	999 or 112
Fire Services	995 or 115
SAMU ambulance	114
Weather Information services	171
Tourist info.	152
Airlines Dep/Arr	603 3030
International Directory Assistance	10090

## VISA

Nationals of most countries do not require a visa prior to traveling to Mauritius, e.g commonwealth countries, European Union. A visa, tourist or business, is normally given for 2 months. The visitor should hold a passport with a minimum validity of 6 months, a valid return ticket and sufficient funds to meet the costs of stay in Mauritius.

In the event an exhibitor is from a country where visa is required then, he/she may apply for a visa at a Mauritian embassy or consulate. If there is no embassy or consulate in the country in question, he/she may apply at the nearest embassy or at any Air Mauritius office. If there is no Air Mauritius office, then application should be sent directly to the Passport and Immigration Office in Mauritius by post/fax. Adze Events can provide assistance

## VACCINATIONS

Mauritius is not susceptible to malaria or yellow fever. However, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for visitors over the age of 1 year, arriving from areas where yellow fever occurs.

## TIME DIFFERENCE

Mauritius is in a single time zone and is four hours ahead of GMT and two hours ahead of Central Africa time (S.A).



## BANKS AND MONEY

The currency unit is the Mauritian Rupee, denoted by the 'Rs' symbol, which is made up of 100 cents. Foreign currency can be exchanged at local banks and Bureau de Changes. Most international credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, Mastercard, Visa and their affiliates are widely accepted. Additionally, Bureau de Changes are available within the Airport premises for the convenience of the international traveller, as well as at most hotels and tourist centres.

Banks are open Monday – Thursday from 9.15am to 15.15pm, Friday from 9.15am - 15.30pm, Saturday from 9.15am - 11.15am (Not all banks). Sunday is a bank holiday.

## SHOPPING

Most major shopping centres and malls operate six days a week (Mo-Sat), although some shops and supermarkets do not operate on Sundays beyond 2pm.

## HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CARE

Mauritius offers world-class medical facilities with a strong network of public and private hospitals providing excellent service. If you need any assistance, please contact a member of ADZE EVENTS, who will direct you to the facility.

## TAX

Value-added tax (VAT) of 15% is payable on goods and services including hotel and restaurant bills.

## PERSONAL SAFETY

Mauritius is generally as safe as any other destination in the world.

## ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply across Mauritius is 220 volts AC 50 Hz. The plug is a UK type 3 pin square plug. Adaptors for international appliances are available. It is advisable to bring an appropriate adaptor with you.

## CLIMATE

The temperature on the coastal areas varies between 22°C in winter and 34°C in summer. In the central part of the island, the daytime temperature varies from about 19°C in August to about 26°C in February. The western and northern regions are warmer and relatively drier than the east and south.

## DRIVING

Driving is on the left side of the road and give way to the right. Foreign visitors with a valid driver's licence issued by a competent authority in their country of origin may drive during their stay in Mauritius.



## TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

There are a variety of post-event tours and excursions available to ADZE EVENTS participants. Half-day and full day tours to various tourist attractions in Mauritius are very popular with many visitors. Or, if you are in the mood, enjoy a delightful catamaran lagoon cruise, or an eco-tourism excursion. For more information please contact a member of ADZE EVENTS.

## INFORMATION DESK AND ASSISTANCE

During the exhibition you can address all your questions to our assistants at the information booth. We will do our best to make your exhibition as successful as possible. Additionally usherettes will be available to assist all participants at the Conference Centre.

## BUSINESS TO BUSINESS MEETINGS & PRESENTATION ROOM

During the exhibition there will be plenty of time to meet other entrepreneurs at our business to business meetings room. A presentation room will also be available. Please contact ADZE EVENTS for more information.



Mauritius economic success is earning the island wide scale international recognition

- In World Bank's Doing Business Survey 2008 Mauritius ranks 1st in the African region and 25th out of 181 countries.
- The Heritage Foundation and Wall Street Journal rank Mauritius 18th over a total of 157 countries in their World Index of Economic Freedom 2008.
- In Global Competitiveness Index 2008-2009 of the World Economic Forum, Mauritius is ranked 57th in a list of 134 nations.
- In the AT Kearney Global Services Location Index 2007, the Mauritius global business platform is listed amongst the world's top 25.
- In the Global Corruption Perceptions Index 2008 Mauritius ranks 41st out of 180 countries.
- In the International Property Rights Index 2008 Mauritius ranks 39th out of 115 countries.
- In the Press Freedom Index 2007 Mauritius ranks 25th out of 157 countries.
- In the Democracy Index 2008 Economist Intelligence Unit Mauritius ranks 26th out of 167 countries.



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