

**SELECT HOLIDAYS**  **Agricultural Tour**

# MAURITIUS

**Set in the Indian Ocean off the coast of  
Madagascar, Mauritius offers  
Relaxation, Agriculture and Culture**

**February 16 - March 02, 2018**

**15 Days**







**Day 01: Feb 16, 2018: Overnight Flight to Dubai , UAE [IFM]**

The Adventure begins with a flight from Toronto, Canada\* to Dubai.

**Day 02: Feb 17, 2018: Dubai , UAE [IFM]**

Arrive Dubai and transfer to hotel for an overnight.

**Day 03: Feb 18, 2018: Dubai, UAE - Mauritius [B/IFM]**

Morning flight from Dubai to the island of Mauritius. Upon arrival, transfer to the Meriville Beach Resort in Grand Baie for a 7-night stay.



**Day 04: Feb 19, 2018: Meriville Beach Resort, Mauritius [B/D]**

Free Day to enjoy this superior beach resort that is an oasis of calm. There are beautiful views overlooking the lagoon or tropical gardens with the scent of flowers and vanilla in the air. It is also within easy walking distance of the trendy seaside village of Grand Bay, renowned for its bustling nightlife, restaurants and shopping attractions.

**Day 05: Feb 20, 2018 Visiting Sugar Mills & Botanical Gardens [B/L/D]**

Following breakfast depart for a day of visits in the north of the island. Visit the Old Sugar Mill of Aventure du Sucre now converted into a fascinating museum showing the sugar industry through the ages. Demonstration of the cutting and harvesting of the sugar cane. Lunch at La Fangou-rin Restaurant. Afternoon walk in the nearby Botanical Gardens with over 500 different plant species including 80 different palms. Return to the hotel. Evening talk and discussion with a local and knowledgeable farm manager. He will talk about Mauritian agriculture and will join the group for buffet dinner.

**Day 06: Feb 21, 2018 Visiting Sugar Estates with Tastings [B/L/D]**

After breakfast visit to Domaine of Labourdonnais, an old sugar estate that has been in the same family for many years and is now run by two cousins who have tastefully developed it into a major tourist attraction. Get a look “behind the scenes” with the owners to see the old house, the orchards, the conversion of old buildings into commercial units, the farm shop, the restaurant and the new train which will be operating to take visitors around the grounds. There will be tasting of the various products that the estate produces before lunch in La Terrasse. Free time in the gardens and the shops. Short drive back to the hotel. Buffet dinner this evening.

**Day 07: Feb 22, 2018 A Day of Relaxation [B/D]**

Breakfast. A full day to relax for your own interests utilising the hotels activities – sail boarding, fishing, or lazing on the beach or by the pool. Lunch own arrangement. Buffet dinner included this evening.

**Day 08: Feb 23, 2018 Rice Plantation, Port Louis, Citadelle and Market [B/L/D]**

Following breakfast at the resort, visit to a rice plantation that is growing rice both for the local population and for seed. This is a relatively new and innovative farming system managed by an international company. Continue to the capital, Port Louis to see the Citadelle, the harbour and to wander through the busy market of fruit, vegetables, fish, meat and local handmade articles. Lunch at the waterfront overlooking the harbour. In the afternoon visit to Les Moulins de la Concorde, a company processing grain for the local population, and for animal feeds. The last visit of the day will be Aapravasi Gath World Heritage Site (Immigration Depot) where the modern indentured labour diaspora began.



In 1834, the British Government selected the island of Mauritius to be the first site for what it called ‘the great experiment’ in the use of ‘free’ labour to replace slaves. Depart and return to the hotel. Buffet dinner.

**Day 09: Feb 24, 2018 Grande Baie-Flic en Flac , Farm and Nature Reserve [B/L/D]**

After breakfast check out of the resort in Grande Baie and travel to the south west of the island. Morning visit to a small farm with stock and a huge variety of vegetables grown on a very small plot. Enjoy a typical Mauritian lunch in the local restaurant owned by the owner of the farm using her home grown produce. Afterwards, head to the Frederica Nature Reserve to take quad bikes or buggies (accompanied) to see, hear and learn about the unique biodiversity of Mauritius. You may be lucky to catch sight of the rare Mauritius Black Bulbul and the Echo Parakeet which have been saved from extinction. This reserve is also home to 2,500 Java deer that are bred on the 1,300 hectare estate. Arrive and check in at the Sands Resort and Spa in Flic en Flac for 5 night stay. Buffet dinner at the hotel.



**Day 10: Feb 25, 2018 Day of Relaxation [B/D]**

Breakfast. Full day to enjoy the superb hotel amenities – beach, swimming pool, water sports etc. Lunch own arrangement. Buffet dinner included.

**Day 11: Feb 26, 2018 Coral Island Visit, Giant Tortoise, Biscuiterie [B/L/D]**

Following breakfast, depart to visit a protected coral island called Isle aux Aigrettes. Here giant tortoises and fruit bats are among the species being studied and protected. Lunch at a delightful local restaurant overlooking the Grand Bay where the French beat the British in a naval battle! Afternoon visit to Biscuiterie Rault, a family business established over 140 years ago making traditional biscuits using a secret recipe from tapioca. Tasting of the various biscuit flavours. Return to the resort. Buffet dinner at resort.

**Day 12: Feb 27, 2018 Visit FAREI, Greenhouse Tour, Vegetable Plantation [B/L/D]**

Breakfast at resort then visit to FAREI – Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute and a tour of the greenhouses. Visit to a vegetable plantation and lunch at Colonial Mansion. Visit to the Agricultural Marketing Board, at Moka before returning to resort. Buffet dinner included.

**Day 13: Feb 28, 2018 Tea & Flower Plantation Vanilla & Orchard Nursery, Rum Distillery [B/L/D]**

Breakfast at resort. Morning visit to a tea plantation for a tour and tasting followed by a further visit to a flower plantation at Nouvelle France. Lunch at Saint Aubin restaurant followed by a visit to a nursery that is growing vanilla, orchids and anthuriums. Here they also have a rum distillery. Continue to Gris Gris, a cliff / beach location of outstanding beauty then return to the hotel. “Farewell Buffet Dinner” this evening.



**Day 14: Mar 01, 2018 Sands Resort, Evening Flight to Dubai, UAE [B/IFM]**

Breakfast and resort and time for relaxation before late checkout and transfer to the airport for an evening flight back through Dubai.

**Day 15: Mar 02, 2018 End of Tour**

Arrive Dubai and transfer to flight to Toronto, Canada\*.



## Price Per Person / Full Tour:

**\$5,980.00 CAD**

Based on Double Occupancy  
Including Air from Toronto, Canada\*

Plus: \$688.40 Air & Government Taxes

Single Travelers Please call our office

\*Please call for airfare from other  
North American Gateways.

## **Other Info:**

- No visa required for Mauritius.
- No compulsory health requirements, but consult your health centre for professional advice
- Passport must be valid for six months beyond the date of expected departure from that country. Canadians are also required to have a ticket for return or onward travel and proof of sufficient funds.



## Responsibility & Liability

### Special Requests:

Travelers requiring special needs such as accommodation, meals must place this request at time of reservation with Select Holidays. Select Holidays will do their utmost to accommodate these special requests, but cannot be held responsible if such requests are not fulfilled. Clients requesting special meals or services, are responsible to accept these meals or services as requested and as they are supplied.

### Optional Tours/Unused Services:

Please be advised that if a client books any optional tour, which is not in the tour package, the traveler is then using the right of choosing. If the traveler diverts from the tour for any reason, Select Holidays will not make any refund for any unused portion of the tour package.

### Reservations/ Travel Documentation:

All travelers will be required to fill out a "Passenger Information Form" and submit a clear copy of their valid passport, prior to travel documents being issued or completed. Travel documents will be sent to the booking Travel Agent or traveler (which ever applicable) two to three weeks prior to tour departure provided Select Holidays has received full payment and other tour regulations have been met.

### Fuel/Currency Surcharges:

Select Holidays reserve the right to adjust pricing that may be imposed by motorcoach companies, airlines, cruise lines and/or other travel related suppliers. Should the international currency exchange rate change substantially, from the time the brochures are printed, Select Holidays reserves the right to add the additional surcharge to the client to cover any international currency exchange shortfalls.

### Baggage Handling:

Because of the heightened security measures at airports and at some hotels, Select Holidays is not responsible to handle any luggage and this becomes the responsibility of the travelers. Select Holidays is not responsible for lost luggage at either airports and/or hotel and such loss must be reported directly to airlines and/or hotel as applicable.

### Room Accommodation:

Single: 1 person ~1 bed; Double: 2 persons sharing ~ 1 - 2 beds;  
Twin: 2 persons sharing ~ 2 beds; Triple: 3 persons sharing ~ 2 beds (extra charge for cot) Quad: 4 persons sharing ~ 2 beds.

## General Information:

Clients need to be aware that the roads and terrain in some areas of the countries visited will not always be what you may find back in North America. Meals times, services and menus may vary from what you may be used to in North America.

### Deposit:

**Booking Deposit: \$3000.00 per person**

**Final Payment: is due September 30, 2017**

Payment not received by rule and regulation dates guide lining that tour, may result in the travelers reservation being canceled and booking penalties assessed against the traveler.

### Late Reservations & Changes:

As late reservations need special administrative attention, bookings made within 30 days of departure require FULL payment before the process of requesting rooms and tour space begins. If we are unable to confirm the request, a full refund will be made. If a booking is cancelled once the tour has been confirmed, cancellation penalties apply. To offset administrative costs incurred by late changes, a fee of an additional \$250.00 per passenger will be charged for late reservations, changes in departure date and itinerary or a passenger's name, once travel documents have been printed. The above fee is in addition to any fees that may be charged by travel vendor.

### Cancellation Fee:

**91 days or prior: deposit is non-refundable;**

**90 days – 0 days prior to departure: 100% of all monies paid are non-refundable & travelers shall not be entitled to any refund from Select Holidays for any portion of the trip not taken or unused.**

**Travel is an excellent opportunity to experience different cultures and traditions of the countries visited and as such one needs to travel with an open and receptive mind.**

\* This tour is operated by one of our Travel Partners



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