

THE RESIDENCE
MAURITIUS

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The Residence Mauritius Fact Sheet 2014

Like leafing through the pages of an old photo album The Residence Mauritius awakens a nostalgic feeling...

Although only open for 15 years, The Residence Mauritius is already considered as one of the jewels of the international hotel scene. Its mile-long beach of immaculate white sand fringed by tropical gardens, its refined and deliciously nostalgic decor inspired by turn-of-the-century plantation houses, its butler service surpassing the colonial palaces of yesteryear, its exotic and delicate cuisine... are only some of the ingredients which have contributed to the hotel's success.

The decoration of the oversized rooms and suites (from 54 to 164 square metres) is an inspired blend of sobriety and elegance. The sun's dance on the shutters sifts into the interior to create a melody of light and dark, its mottled shadows wavering over a muted colour-scheme of white and delicate shades of beige, picking out harmonies of honey-coloured woods and wrought iron, highlighting nuances in the sandy tiles. The same sophistication is present in the hotel staff's attire: the women wear long, sand-toned layered dresses or silk saris in natural colours while the men wear trousers and raw linen waistcoats.

The hotel also prides itself on its cuisine, whose symphony of subtle aromas, tastes and colours can be savoured in its three restaurants. The Dining Room restaurant, made entirely of wood and delicately positioned overlooking the pool, is an open invitation to discover the thousand and one savours of a sophisticated cuisine. The Verandah serves light lunches around the pool. The Plantation, a planter's house by the beach, offers a wide range of seafood and a selection of dishes cooked with local herbs and spices. The bar spacious yet intimate, whose walls are hung with a fine collection of engravings of scenes from Mauritius's history, awaits you for late breakfast, traditional tea or an exotic cocktail.

If The Residence Mauritius embodies sophistication and authenticity in the hotel field, CARITA is synonymous with luxury and innovation in the domain of beauty care. CARITA Haute Beauté concept was created in the 60's in the Maison de Beauté at 11 Faubourg St Honoré in Paris, under the creative inspiration of Maria and Rosy CARITA, two French sisters who were called "the magicians of beauty". On the strength of their talent, hard work, creativity and experience, they revolutionised the world of hair and beauty. Brigitte Bardot, Maria Callas, Catherine Deneuve... all the greatest stars entrusted their beauty to their expert hands, skilled at crafting legends. The CARITA spirit, both innovative and daring, is perpetuated today through treatments of excellence provided by the "artisans of beauty" of La Maison de beauté CARITA. The "Haute Beauté" has found its Residence...

The 850 square metres of this temple to relaxation, opened from 8.00 to 18.00, are dedicated to the well being of the body and the mind, offering a wide choice of skincare treatments, massages and custom-made programs. The ultimate in luxury: one of the 11 cabins is located in the middle of a tropical garden overlooking the lagoon, where beauty treatments and massages are performed in the softness of the sea breeze.

The Residence Mauritius has even thought about its youngest clients by creating The Planters Kids Club. Inspired by a sugar-cane plantation house, this superb 400 square metre space is dedicated to the entertainment of children.... and the relaxation of their parents.

◆ Accommodation ◆

The 135 luxuriously appointed rooms and 28 suites, each with a spacious private balcony, patio or terrace are divided into 7 categories:

- ◆ 41 Colonial Garden View rooms (54 m2)
- ◆ 56 Colonial Ocean View rooms (56 m2)
- ◆ 38 Colonial Ocean Front rooms (58 m2)
- ◆ 8 Colonial Garden View Junior Suites (86 m2)
- ◆ 10 Colonial Garden View Senior Suites (106 m2)
- ◆ 2 Colonial Ocean View Suites (164 m2) - 1 bedroom (These suites interconnect with Colonial Ocean View rooms)
- ◆ 8 Colonial Ocean Front Suites (116 m2) (4 of these suites interconnect with Colonial Ocean Front rooms)

All rooms and suites have a king size or twin beds, air-conditioning, overhead fan, desk, living area (separate living room in the Colonial Garden view Senior Suites as well as in the Colonial suites), satellite TV, music channels, a fully stocked personal bar, tea and coffee facilities, DVD and CD player and a direct dial telephone with voice mail system. The large marble bathroom is equipped with a separate bathtub and shower cabin, a hairdryer and a walk-in wardrobe with an electronic safe.

Each suite hosts a computer with free internet access, tea and coffee facilities, DVD and CD player and direct dial telephone with voice mail system. The terrace is elegantly furnished with wooden chairs, table and sunbeds. (Except for Garden View Junior Suites, these do not have sun beds).

◆ Children Policy ◆

Children (up to the age of 16 years) sharing a room with their parents can be accommodated as follows:

- Colonial Rooms and Colonial Ocean Front Suite: 2 adults and 1 child (0 to 16 years)
- Colonial Garden view Junior Suite: 2 adults, 1 child (3 to 16 years) and 1 baby (0 to 3 years)
- Colonial Garden view Senior Suite and Colonial Ocean view suite: 2 adults and 2 children (0 to 16 years)

◆ Hotel Facilities ◆

- Multilingual concierge
- In-house laundry
- 24-hour in-room dining
- Car rental service
- Tour and excursion service
- 5 Boutiques
- Spa facilities
- Tea and coffee facilities
- Fitness equipment
- Heated Swimming pool with Jacuzzi
- Children's pool
- Hairdresser and Beauty salon
- Children's club (3 to 12 years)
- Baby-sitting service
- Free WIFI at the Bar
- Internet Salon with free internet

◆ Special Touches ◆

- Private butler service for every room and suite
- Private air-conditioned car available to and from the airport at extra cost
- Cold towel and iced tea on arrival at the hotel
- In-room guest registration
- Unpacking service and complimentary pressing service for 2 items per person (upon arrival)
- Luggage stored out of the room until departure
- Complimentary welcome amenities

◆ Restaurant & Bars ◆

The Dining Room (Open from 7:30 am to 10:30 am and from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm)

As the main restaurant of the hotel, all the native produce of the island is displayed through its creative and authentic selections. In the morning, a sumptuous breakfast is offered featuring both Western and local specialities, as well as a selection of freshly squeezed fruit juices. The atmosphere and cuisine moves to à la Carte in the evening, possessing the pungent spices of Mauritius, which are blended with a diversity of fine recipes from around the world, producing a fusion of enticing flavours.

The Verandah (Open from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm)

The lunch menu features a choice of exciting light dishes served around the pool overlooking the Indian Ocean. An impressive selection of toasted sandwiches, oven cooked pizzas, generous salads and homemade ice creams are offered.

The Plantation (Open from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm and from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm)

The marriage of a spectacular oceanfront setting with an original approach to the freshest seafood and Creole cuisine will make this restaurant a destination for both Mauritian and hotel guests. A sumptuous array of fish and shellfish are served for lunch and dinner in this restaurant where guests may also enjoy live Sega performances and original local entertainment several times a week.

The Gourmet Kiosque (Open from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm)

Located close to the swimming pool, the Gourmet Kiosque serves delicious sweet snacks such as waffles, pancakes and an assortment of ice creams.

The Bar (Open from 10:30 am to midnight)

This 500m² lounge features sumptuous sofas, comfortable armchairs and discreet lighting. It is the central area of the hotel, open all day long. Certainly the ideal place to enjoy a late breakfast, traditional ice tea or an evening cocktail. Live musical entertainment is provided until midnight.

◆ Recreational Activities ◆

The following activities are at the disposal of your delegates from our Yacht Club.

Complimentary Watersports

- Water skiing
- Wind surfing
- Hobbie Cat
- Canoe and kayak
- Snorkeling
- Paddle boats
- Glass bottom boat

Land sports and Activities

- Three floodlit tennis courts (equipments at charge)
- Circuit Training
- Volley-ball
- Fitness equipment
- Steam-room
- Sauna
- 1 floodlit Petanque area

The following activities may also be organized at charge:

- Deep sea fishing
- Catamaran Cruise
- Horse riding
- Under Sea Walk
- Scuba diving :-

DIVING

Resort Course – Initiation to diving (Pool & Lagoon)

Refresher Diver

1 Dive

5 Dives – 6th Dive free

1 Dive with a private instructor

Night Dive (Group of 4 persons)

Dive on North or West Coast including transport

Safari Dives North or West Coast (2 dives + transport)

Safari Dives North, West or South East Coast (2 dives + Lunch + transport)

Safari Dives North on catamaran (2 dives + BBQ + transport)

◆ The Residence Mauritius and the Kids ◆

Open from 9:00am to 10:00pm

To make its youngest clients' vacation a time of endless fun and adventure, The Residence Mauritius has created a special Kids Club. Picture a mansion on a sugar-cane plantation nestled in a wondrous tropical park set just steps from the beach, and you have The Planters Kids Club. Children from 3 to 12 can romp around the Club's 450 square meters, free of charge, enjoying the warmth of the house or the fun of the playgrounds in the surrounding gardens. For their delight, a creative and experienced team of professionals is on hand to supervise a wide choice of activities. The programme includes treasure hunts, snorkelling classes, sports competitions, body painting, the Internet, hikes and picnics, glass-bottom boat tours, theme days, pony rides, and much more. Open from 9 am to 10 pm The Planters Kids Club is also offering evening entertainment, fashion shows, plays and films, or activities dedicated to the magic world of fairy tales and stories.

Delicious buffet lunches and dinners can be enjoyed outdoors under a tropical canopy in the gardens or indoors (16 Euros per child and per meal). The meals have been designed to satisfy even the pickiest eaters, offering a wide assortment of dishes and eating fun, such as making and cooking your own pizza in small baking ovens.

The Residence Mauritius will enchant both children... and their parents at bedtime with its dedicated cartoon TV channel and Children movies.

A day nursery as well as baby-sitting service (at a nominal fee starting at 425 Rupees per 2 hours) is also available to watch over the little darlings.

◆ Useful Information ◆

Mauritius, a beautiful island of 1 800 km², is located in the Indian Ocean, off the eastern coast of Africa. The average temperature during the summer months (October to May) is approximately 28°C, with a water temperature of 24°C. The sub-tropical winter months (June to September) are as beautiful as summer in Europe.

Approximately one million inhabitants of different origins live peacefully together, creating a melting pot of cultures, religions and languages. Sugar Cane, Textile Industry and Tourism are the three major sources of the Mauritian economy.

English is the official language of the island, although French is widely spoken and used everywhere.

No visa is required to enter Mauritius for an EU national.

A valid passport and a return plane ticket are essential. No vaccination is needed.

The following credit cards are accepted in the hotel: Visa, American Express, Master Card, and Diner's Club.

The currency is the Mauritian Rupee, divided in 100 cents. (Approximate exchange rate: 100 rupees = 2.5 Euros)

Mauritius is 4 hours ahead of GMT.

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