

## Essential Reunion

Turkode 39682	Destinasjoner Mauritius - Reunion	Turen starter Saint-Denis (Reunion)
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### Oversikt

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### Reiserute

- Day 1: Airport / Saint-Denis
- Day 2: Saint-Denis / Salazie
- Day 3: Salazie / Volcano / PLane des Cafres
- Day 4: Plaine des Cafres / Wild South / Saint-Pierre
- Day 5: Saint-Pierre / Cilaos
- Day 6: Cilaos / West Coast
- Day 7 Saint-Gilles / Maido / Saint-Gilles
- Day 8: Saint-Gilles / Airport for departure

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#### The island for the Great Outdoors

Although Réunion is not a hardcore diver's destination, it offers some cracking diving opportunities along the west coast. Hiking is the number-one activity. Some of the most inspirational hiking trails in the southern hemisphere are to be found here, from simple nature trails in the forest to more challenging, multi-day itineraries and iconic summits, including the Piton des Neiges (3071m). You've come to the right place. With its extraordinarily varied terrain, Réunion is a dream destination for lovers of the outdoors. Paragliding, canyoning, mountain biking, rafting and



horse riding are readily available. Need some more exertion? Want to get the heart pumping and the lungs gasping?

#### **Natural Wonders**

What to expect? Jutting out of the ocean like a basaltic shield cloaked in green, this scenically magical island enjoys a truly astonishing diversity of landscapes. The formidable Piton de la Fournaise, one of the world's most accessible active volcanoes, adds to the thrill – Réunion is not dubbed 'the Hawaii of the southern hemisphere' for nothing. Awesome mountainscapes, emerald forests, tumbling waterfalls, soul-stirring panoramas, energetic coastal cities and a sprinkling of white- or black-sand beaches. And as if living on an active volcano weren't enough, Réunion has three Cirques (calderas) with folk living in them.

#### **Food Culture**

Food lovers will revel in trendy beach restaurants serving the freshest of fish, and in snug restaurants featuring mouth-watering Creole specialties. You'll also find plenty of bakeries and pastry shops selling baguettes, croissants and melt-in-your-mouth cakes. Gourmands will be in seventh heaven in Réunion. One thing is sure: Réunion is not a place to diet. Markets are full of colourful exotic fruits and vegetables, from sweet bananas and huge avocados to succulent mangoes and lychees. Island cuisine is made up of a well-matched mix of Creole, Indian, Chinese and French cultures. The tastiest Creole food is often served at B&Bs, which are famous for their home-cooked meals.

#### **Reunion and its Culture**

Cultural diversity forms an integral component of the island's social fabric. A smattering of top-notch museums round out the offerings. There's a wealth of architectural treasures, historic sites, delightful religious and colonial buildings and vibrant festivals that are a great occasion to immerse oneself in local culture. Reunion is not all about

photogenic landscapes and adrenaline-pumping activities. This French overseas territory offers a fascinating jumble of Creole, African, Indian, Chinese and French influences that was created by centuries of immigration, and there's a casual multi-ethnic atmosphere.

#### **Day 1: AIRPORT/ SAINT-DENIS**

Meet and greet at the airport by Papangue Tours' representative and recuperation of the travel book (vouchers, map ...), delivery of the vehicle by our partner.

Departure to Saint-Denis, the capital is a former « trading post of the East India Company », an ethnic and cultural melting pot (Creole houses, colonial era's historical monuments, cult places Chinese, Christian, Muslim and Hindu, « Jardín de l'état », etc.) Visit of the « little and big market » on the Maréchal Leclerc street where you would find handicraft and local products. We suggest the panoramic view over the city from the curves of La Montagne road, by night and day the show is amazing.

Installation & night at JULIETTE DODU\*\*\*

#### **Day 2: SAINT-DENIS / SALAZIE**

Departure for the East Coast towards the cirque of Salazie: waterfalls, luxuriant vegetation. Stop recommended at Saint-André Tamil temple "le Colosse" and Roulof vanilla plantation. Arrival in Hell-Bourg, a lovely charming creole village (do not miss the sightseeing tour of Maison Folio & the Museum des Musiques & Instruments de l'Océan Indien).

Installation & night at RELAIS DES CIMES\*\*

#### **Day 3: SALAZIE / VOLCANO / PLAINE DES CAFRES**

Early departure in the morning by « la Plaine des Palmistes », then « la Plaine des Cafres » and the forest road leading to the « Piton de la Fournaise ». Many stops on the road to admire the amazing landscapes: Rivière des Remparts, Cratère Commerson, Plaine des Sables and Pas de Bellecombe. Possibility of walking until the first crater « Formica Léo » (about 1h00) or for the bravest the « Piton de la Fournaise » (about 4h30). Night at LA FERME DU POMMEAU\*\* (Plaine des Palmistes)

#### **Day 4: PLAINE DES CAFRES / WILD SOUTH / SAINT-PIERRE**

Discovery of the Bebour / Belouve forest by the road of "Petite Plaine" in the village of Plaine des Palmistes. , then drive down by the east coast to Saint-Pierre, through Saint-Benoit, Sainte-Rose, L'Anse des Cascades until La Pointe de la Table (1986 lava). Continuation vers Saint-Philippe

jusqu'à "Grand Bois" (close to Saint-Pierre). From Saint-Philippe to Saint-Pierre appreciate the nice atmosphere of this region between volcano and Indian Ocean. Stop recommended: Spices and perfume garden in Saint-Philippe at 10h30 or at 14h30 (Information at the tourist office in Saint-Philippe). Passage by Saint-Pierre, capital of the South.  
Night at DOMAINE DES PIERRES\*\*\* (Pierrefonds at 10 min from Saint-Pierre).

#### **Day 5: SAINT-PIERRE / CILAOS**

After Saint-Louis, take the unique picturesque road leading to the heart of Cilaos surrounded by the highest summits and dominated by the dormant volcano Piton des Neiges (3.070m). Many walks and point of view: Roche Merveilleuse, Ilet à Cordes road, Bras Sec, old thermals, etc. Stop recommended: embroideries and creole museum. Many sports activities: canyoneering, mountain bike, trekking. Specialties of Cilaos: lentils and wine.  
Night at VIEUX CEP\*\*\*

#### **Day 6: CILAOS / WEST COAST**

Wake up in this beautiful cirque and drive back to the west coast. Stop recommended at the Entre-Deux village, to see its nice small creole houses. Then to the "Souffleur" and Pointe to Sel. Visit suggested: some museum on the west coast like Matutina Museum at Piton Saint-Leu or some activities such as cruise.  
Installation for two nights at NAUTILE Beachfront Hôtel\*\*\*

#### **Day 7 SAINT-GILLES / MAIDO / SAINT-GILLES**

Early in the morning drive to Piton Maïdo to discover the superb view on the cirque of Mafate, only reachable by foot. Visit suggested on the way back: the creole property of Villèle at Saint-Gilles-les-Hauts (house and gardens), Eden Garden at l'Ermitage-les-Bains and Saint-Paul's Market (only on Friday).  
Activities recommended: helicopter, cruise, diving, paragliding, etc.  
Night at NAUTILE Beachfront Hôtel\*\*\*

#### **Day 8: SAINT-GILLES / AIRPORT**

Day at leisure and drop off the car at the airport, according to the flight departure.

## Viktig Informasjon

### Included:

- Meet & greet at our desk PAPANGUE TOURS located outside the airport and in front of the exit & assistance with a call during the stay
- 7 nights according to the meal plan booked (excluded drinks) in hotels of our selection

### Not included:

- Car rental according to the chosen category & optional insurance
- Mandatory celebration dinners (refer to the price list)
- Local tax to be paid on spot (refer to the price list)
- Counterproposal's supplements
- Visits & entrances mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses

### Other useful information:

**Price:** The price is per person sharin in twin/double room

**Single surcharge:** EUR 424

**About Reunion Island:** Located in the Southern Hemisphere, the island enjoys a tropical climate, tempered by the proximity of the Indian Ocean. The warmth and sunshine are present the whole year. Each region possesses its own microclimate. The seasons are "inverted" in comparison with the Northern Hemisphere. The coast of the island always holds a hot or mild temperature. The austral summer, from November to April, has an average temperature of 30°C! This is the hot and humid season. At altitude, the temperature can drop by ten degrees. This is the ideal period to indulge in diving or wild water activities such as canyoning. The austral winter from May to October is the cool season. At altitude, the temperature plummets significantly, while at the coast and especially the beach area (West), the water is still around 25°C. Note that as of June, and this for four months, one can behold the dance of the humpback whale near the coast of the island!

**Best time to visit Reunion:** There is two distinct seasons exist, winter and summer, although the difference is rather tenuous: a little more rain and heat in the summer (October to April). These seasons are reversed with respect to Metropolitan France. The between-seasons (May and September) are particularly pleasant, neither too hot nor cold. They do not bring any significant change that could justify the title of "season".

**If you are trekking what time is best?** The between-seasons (from May to June and from September to October) are especially recommended: it is not too hot, it is less likely to rain and it is possible to add a swim in the rivers to your hike or end the day at sea. Winter however (June-August), is also appropriate, provided that you bring wool for the cool nights.

**Best beaches on Reunion:** They are situated along the length of the West Coast (from "Boucan-Canot" to Saint-Leu) and in the South (Saint-Pierre, Manapany,...).

**Best time for fishing:**

- ⌘ From January to March: best period to fish for marlin.
- ⌘ From April to May: big yellowfin tuna, dorado, wahoo, sailfish, shark, bonito, big marlins passing.
- ⌘ From June to August: shark, yellowfin tuna, dorado, bonito
- ⌘ From September to December: dorado, wahoo, yellowfin tuna, sailfish, shark, bonito, big marlins passing.

**See our destination video from Reunion Island**

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## Priser / Datoer

Ved skriftlig aksept av vårt tilbud bekrefter du/dere at våre betingelser er både lest og forstått og at evt kansellerings gebyrer kan tilkomme ved en evt. avbestilling av reisen

Tilgjengelige datoer	Pris (1 voksen)	Pris (1 barn)	Status reise
Denne 8 dagers turen er gyldig fra 01 January 2020 til 30 December 2020.	NOK 5 224	NOK 1 420	Ledig

Vi vil komme tilbake til deg med et tilbud på den forespurte reisen/pakken I løpet av 48 timer. Alle tilbud er uforpliktende og er vanligvis gyldige i 7 dager. Vi gjør oppmerksom på at reserverte tjenester kan bli kansellert innenfor disse 7 dagene og at pris kan endres inntil en endelig bestilling er mottatt.