Day 1. Sun 15 Sep: East - Perth - Mauritius

After our morning flight from the East Coast across to Perth we check in for our International flight across to Mauritius. MK441 departs Perth @ 1305, arriving Mauritius 1745.

Our flight arrives at Mauritius where we collect our luggage, clear customs and change money to the local currency. We are then met by our English speaking guide and friendly team. After boarding our coach we can relax for the drive to our luxury resort. Along the way, our guide will share with us interesting information about this beautiful island paradise, its history and customs. We’ll even learn a few local words that might prove useful in the coming days! Our coach arrives at the stunning LUX Tamassa Resort at Bel Ombre in the south-west of the island. The resort is set in tropical gardens on a white sandy beach, with rustling coconut trees and a cobalt ocean. Offering a range of bars and world-class restaurants there’s plenty of daily activities and an array of evening entertainment. It’s the perfect spot for fun and relaxation. After check in, it’s a short stroll past the pools and gardens to our stylish and comfortable rooms where it’s time to unpack and unwind. Still a bit peckish, then head over to the buffet and relax with a drink and chat with fellow travellers. Our holiday has begun!

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Day 2. Mon 16 Sep: Chamarel Coloured Earth & Waterfall - Grand Bassin “Sacred Lake” - Takamaka Winery B,L,D

We start our day in paradise with a truly amazing buffet breakfast, then it’s onto the bus with our guide for a leisurely, half day tour. Cameras ready as this mornings tour takes in some stunning spots. First up are the natural wonders surrounding Chamarel and the Black River Gorges National Park including the Chamarel Waterfall and the amazing Seven Coloured Earth, perfect locations to stop for a while and appreciate the beauty of this tiny island. We then travel through the centre of the Black River Gorges National Park to Grand Bassin, a most sacred Hindu site, by a 33metre statue of Shiva. Our last stop for the morning is at the unique Takamaka Winery. This experience will surprise us all by the origin, originality and authenticity of their exceptional wines developed from pure Mauritian lychees. After our tour and tastings we return to the resort for lunch and a leisurely afternoon. We later meet for complimentary drinks and delightful dinner at the resort.

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Day 3. Tues 17 Sep: Saint Aubin House “Rum & Vanilla” - Biscuit Factory - Mahebourg B,L,D

After another delightful breakfast we are back on the bus for another interesting half day tour. First stop is Saint Aubin House which was built in 1819. It has been home to several managers of the sugar estate, before being renovated in the 90’s in order to preserve a part of the Mauritian heritage. Today one may still see the beams and ship poles used in its original construction. The estate produces sugar cane which is then processed to make sugar as well as delicious rum. Our tour takes in the Rum House, Vanilla House, Anthurium Greenhouse, Saint Aubin House and the surrounding tropical gardens. Next stop is an amazing little place - the H. Rault Biscuit Factory. The guide will share with us the fascinating history of this 4th generation, family owned business that has been producing manioc (cassava) biscuits by hand, using traditional methods since 1870.
Day 3. Continued

Of course we’ll have a tasting of the many different flavours of these naturally gluten free biscuits as we enjoy morning tea. We then pass through busy little villages including the beautiful seaside port of Mahébourg. Situated next to the largest lagoon on Mauritius, there is something relentlessly charming about bite-size Mahébourg. Once a busy port, these days the only boats belong to a small fleet of fishermen who feed the locals from their daily catch. We stop at the Fredrik Hendriks Museum in Grand Port. This building houses some interesting artefacts dating back to early Dutch settlement. Then it’s back ‘home’ to our resort for lunch and a leisurely afternoon. We might explore the magnificent beach, book in for a spa treatment, check out the many facilities and activities or just relax poolside as we work our way through the complimentary food and beverage list – all part of our ‘full board’ inclusion. Save some space though, for tonight we meet for pre-dinner drinks and another delicious dinner. At Tamassa, evening entertainment is also very special, with a poolside DJ, live bands, dance floors and nightclub - something different every night!

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Following another leisurely buffet breakfast, we depart for what will be for many, a life-changing encounter and certainly one of the highlights of our tour. At Casela Wildlife and Nature Park we have the opportunity to sit with a magnificent female lion – a moment we’ll never forget. Then take a leisurely stroll through the picturesque park where we will encounter a fascinating variety of creatures – big and small. We enjoy lunch in the park at the Mirador Restaurant. This afternoon it’s back to the resort via the Martello Towers, Notre Dame de Fatima Church and the salt pans of Tamarin. We travel past the iconic Le Morne Brabant Unesco World Heritage Site that symbolises slavery in Mauritius. We continue on to the magnificent, yet sobering Slave Route Memorial, erected to honour the slaves’ fight for freedom, their suffering and their sacrifices. After this special experience we head back to the hotel where we will have time to reflect on our amazing adventure over dinner and drinks.

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** Optional at extra cost $100.001 “Walk with Lions”. We get to walk, pat and take photos up close and study the primitive behaviour of the lions and share their “Pride” of being in their natural state.

Day 5. Thurs 19 Sep: Port Louis - Capital of Mauritius - Chateau de Labourdonnaux B,L,D

Today we head up to the city after another delightful buffet breakfast. Arriving in the Mauritius capital of Port Louis, our driver then takes us on a tour of the city while our guide points out cultural highlights, such as the Le Caudan Waterfront, nestled in the port. Take time to browse through boutique shops, markets and cafés and enjoy a light lunch at La Terasse forming part of Domaine Labourdonnais. Our next visit is to the grand, 150 year old Château de Labourdonnaux home to three generations of the Wiehe family. After our guided tour of the château we enjoy the lush gardens and old orchards of the property, host to fifty varieties of hundred-year-old mango trees, spice trees such as nutmeg and clove, as well as several exotic fruit trees such as pomme jacot, sapote, jamalac and kytira plum. Fruit varieties such as papaya, mango, guava and passionfruit are used in the manufacture of the Labourdonnais product range. Mid-afternoon we return south to Bel Ombre, home to our resort where we will have time to relax poolside before dinner and drinks at the resort.

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Day 6. Fri 20 Sep: School Visit - West Coast Cruise B,L,D

A memorable day lay ahead as we depart the resort and make our way to the Joie De Vivre School. The school was setup to take care of the local children that were wandering around the village to give them basic education, keep them from the dangers of life on the streets and help to provide them with opportunities that we often take for granted. With the experience to interact with the local children and enjoy lifelong memories, this is a great opportunity to give back to the school with much needed school materials. Continuing up the West Coast we arrive at Rivière Noire to begin another tour highlight - our half-day Catamaran Lunch Cruise. Keep camera’s handy as curious dolphins are likely to join us. We sail south towards La Roche Crystal with its clear lagoon while the crew prepares a mouth-watering BBQ lunch. Sailing back to Rivière Noire, cocktail in hand, we delight in the beauty and tranquility of another unforgettable day in paradise. Back on land, make our way through Le Morne stopping at the Matthew Flinders Memorial. Our guide will explain how this important monument links a part of our Australian history with Mauritius. We head back to the resort for a rest before meeting for drinks and delicious dinner.

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Day 7. Sat 21 Sep: Sugar Museum - Botanic Gardens - Grand Baie B,L,D

After an early buffet breakfast at the resort this morning, we begin our drive north for our full day touring. Our first stop is in Pamplemousses at L’Aventure du Sucre “Sugar Museum” to follow the trail of the sugar industry in Mauritius. We’ve been passing sugar cane fields all week, now it’s time to discover more of its profound history and the importance sugar and its by-products still play in Mauritius today. Next is the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden, formerly known as Royal Botanical Gardens Pamplemousses. The gardens are spread over 37 hectares and are the oldest in the Southern Hemisphere, constructed in 1770. Most famous for its giant water lilies, the garden features many rare and exotic trees and plants as well as 85 varieties of palms from across the world. Many trees were planted by world leaders and royalty, including Princess Margaret, Indira Gandhi, François Mitterrand and Robert Mugabe. We travel around the coast to the pretty village of Cape Malheureux and stop at the Notre Dame Auxiliatrice “Red Roofed Church”. We enjoy lunch in Grand Baie at the Merville Beach Hotel. Following lunch its time to hit the shops and seaside cafés especially the Super U Grand Baie. Later this afternoon we travel back to the south to our home away from home, the Tamassa Resort to refresh before meeting up for drinks and dinner.

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**Day 8. Sun 22 Sep: Free Day**

Today is all ours to enjoy the complimentary resort facilities and activities, or at own cost, why not book in a tour, a scenic flight or maybe attend a local church service! All food and beverage at the resort for the day is included in our ‘full board’ package.

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**Day 9. Mon 23 Sep: Trou aux Cerfs - Curepipe - Eureka House**

After a restful day yesterday and a another delicious breakfast we are back on the road for **another adventurous day in Mauritius.** Our first stop provides us with some photo opportunities at the **Trou aux Cerfs volcanic crater** before arriving in **Curepipe** in the Central Plateau area to experience some **rather unique duty free shopping.** Next we drive south to Moka where we walk through the **Eureka Mansion and Garden, built 1830.** The famous residence was built during the French colonial period and once belonged to a very well-known Mauritian family. Filled with period furniture and impressive antiques, this home shows a glimpse into colonial life on the island. A **traditional Mauritian lunch is then served on the back verandah** overlooking the lush gardens which carry through to the river. Then its back to our resort to freshen up before our final dinner at the resort.

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**Day 10. Tues 24 Sep: Bel Ombre - International Airport**

It’s our last day at the resort, so we enjoy the resort facilities before we are treated to an early supper by the pool as we share stories and laughter with our travel companions. Then it’s time to farewell the staff who have become our friends, before transferring to the airport for check in. We depart late evening for our overnight flight back across the Indian Ocean to Perth.

**Air Mauritius flight MK440 departs Mauritius 2240 - Arrives Perth 0910 (Wednesday)**

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**Day 11. Wed 25 Sep: Perth - East Coast**

Our flight arrives back into Perth today before our connecting flight back home after our amazing time away in Mauritius with Trade Travel.
**Tour Highlights:** Half Day Highlights of Chamarel & Black River Gorges - Chamarel Waterfalls & Coloured Earth, Grand Bassin Statue, Temple & Sacred Lake, Takamaka Winery; Saint Aubin Estate - “Saint Aubin House & Garden”, “Rum House”, “Vanilla House”, “Anthurium Greenhouse”; H. Rault Biscuit Factory; South East Coastal Village of Mahébourg & Historic Port Monuments; Fredrik Kendriks Museum; Casela Wildlife & Nature Park - “Interaction with the Lions” or optional extra “Walking with Lions”, Lunch Mirador Restaurant; Traditional Salt Pans of Tamarind; Martello Towers; Chapel of Notre Dame de Fatima; Le Morne Brabant Unesco World Heritage Site & Slave Route Memorial; Highlights of Port Louis - Natural History Museum of Mauritius, La Citadelle Fort Adelaide & Champ de Mars Racecourse, Le Caudan Waterfront Precinct; Lunch La Terasse; 150 Year Old Château de Labourdonnais; Joie De Vivre School Visit; Catamaran ½ Day Scenic Lunch Cruise West Coast; Matthew Flinders Memorial; L’Aventure du Sucre “Sugar Museum”; Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden; Highlights & Shopping Grand Baie; Cap Malheureux Red-Roofed Church; Trout aux Cerfs Volcanic Crater; Shopping Village of Curepipe; Lunch Eureka Mansion & Garden & more.

**Tour Price Includes:**
- Return economy flights: East Coast - Perth - East Coast
- Return international flights “Air Mauritius” Perth - Mauritius - Perth
- Coach travel Mauritius
- 9 Nights luxury beachfront accommodation
- Full board menu all inclusive meals & beverage - Mauritius
- All entry fees and guides as per Itinerary
- English speaking guide

**Tour Price Excludes:**
- Any optional touring Perth & Mauritius - Includes upgrade “Walk with Lions”; Scenic Flights etc.
- Travel Insurance - POA

**Tour Cost:** $4898.00 per person Twin Share ($650.00 single supplement)

+ Taxes Approx $650.00

Business Class Fares available on application

Tour price based on minimum 20 paying passengers ex East Coast

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Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.

**Deposit:** A deposit of $500 per person is due now on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking forms

**Final Payment:** Due no later than 1st July 2019

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