MAURITIUS SELF-CATERING

EXPERIENCE Mauritius your way
EXPLORE At your own pace
DISCOVER The people, places and pleasures

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VALUE VACATIONS – TAILOR MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY

You want it all, right? The chance to have the most value for money holiday in Mauritius, with all the trimmings? The freedom to come and go as you please, modern & comfortable accommodation offering a variety of facilities and the choice to either dine out or dine in with a private chef if you wish! Let’s not forget being situated in great locations close to restaurants and shops. It’s all waiting for you on a Thompsons Value Vacation. We will help you plan the perfect holiday based on your tastes and budget. Mauritius “your way” with Thompsons Holidays. Take a look...

VALUE VACATIONS... SO MANY REASONS WHY

- Ideal for families or friends travelling together
- Explore Mauritius at your own pace & in your own personal way
- Flexibility to dine in and either cook for yourself or with the help of a personal chef. Alternatively dine out and rub shoulders with the locals at one of the many authentic restaurants
- More personal space and more privacy
- Discover Mauritius in depth by either making your own way around the island in a rented car or book a comfortable transfer or sightseeing tour with our Thompsons Mauritius office
- Relax. You’re on your own time schedule. This is a holiday at your own pace.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Language:** English is the official language. French and Creole are commonly spoken.
- **Currency:** Mauritian Rupee. US Dollars and Euros are widely accepted at all properties. South African Rands can be exchanged at Mauritius Airport upon arrival. ATMs are available.
- **Visa:** South African passport holders do not require a visa.
- **Time:** 2 Hours ahead of South Africa.
- **Weather:** Summer (November to April) / Mild winter (May to October).
- **Plug type:** Square 3-pin plug and round 2-pin plug. Standard voltage = 230 V.
- **Travel Insurance:** For peace of mind, contact Thompsons for more info.

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With over 40 years of trusted travel experience, you receive expert advice. No request too large, no detail too small. Thompsons Holidays is a division of Cullinan Holdings Group and a member of THE TRAVEL CORPORATION, a fourth generation family-owned group. Our financial stability is the key to a relaxed holiday.

UNRIVALLED VALUE FOR MONEY ON TRIED AND TESTED HOLIDAYS

As the largest South African tour operator, our greater buying power means you get the best deal on your holiday, unrivalled value for money and unexpected bonus offers.

**WE ARE WITH YOU 24/7**

With you all the way – our care line is your friend in an emergency.
BOOK YOUR SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Book your excursions and enjoy special deals and uniquely designed sightseeing tours by Mauritian specialists. All trips offer personal English speaking driver/guides. Tours are especially crafted for you to discover the very best of Mauritius’ attractions. Get ready for a true adventure!

SIGHTSEEING IN THE NORTH

Half Day Port-Louis of Mahe de Labourdonnaiz

Mahé de Labourdonnais was appointed General Governor of Ile de France in November 1734. He founded Port Louis, which later became Mauritius’ capital, transformed the island and revived the economy. This tour takes you around the city to discover the island’s history through its developments, initiated by the French and the English until the island became independent in 1968.

SIGHTSEEING IN THE WEST

Full Day West Coast Catamaran Cruise

Depart from Black River on a catamaran to discover the scenic beauty of one of Mauritius’ most unspoilt areas, the South West coast. You’re likely to encounter dolphins in Tamarin Bay – a major highlight – as well as numerous beautiful lagoons. Includes time for swimming and snorkelling as well as lunch on board the catamaran with selected drinks.

SIGHTSEEING IN THE SOUTH

Full Day Scents & Colours

An enchanting tour to experience the contrast of colours and scents, natural charm and diverse scenery found in the South of Mauritius. Includes visits to a Glass Gallery, Black River Gorges, Chamarel Seven-Coloured Earth as well as lunch at Varange sur Morne Restaurant at Black River Gorges.

Half Day Rum Tour

Head for Saint Aubin Artisinal & Traditional Distillery for a guided tour of the distillery, a rum tasting and a visit to the Vanilla House, with time to explore the Anthurium plantation and exotic garden.

EXPLORE MAURITIUS BY CAR

Let Thompsons arrange Car Rental for you so that you can explore the island at your leisure. We offer a range of different vehicles to suit a variety of budgets and space requirements including specialised vehicles such as convertibles, prestige models, hybrid/electric vehicles or SUV’s and passenger vans.
DISCOVER THE ISLAND NORTH COAST

The North is well known for an exciting selection of activities on its beautiful beaches including water sports such as water skiing, windsurfing, sailing, deep sea fishing and parasailing. In the evenings you will get to enjoy amazing views of the sunset, and can party the night away at trendy bars and restaurants.

MUST SEE S

- **Grand Baie**: Great for shopping, dining and the capital of the Nightlife on the island.
- **Cap Malheureux**: Charming little fishing village offering spectacular views, especially of Coin de Mire.
- **Pamplemousses**: The legendary Botanical Gardens with its exquisite plants, giant tortoises and vast water lilies.
- **Mont Choisy**: Close to Grand Baie, this little town boasts a beautiful long stretch of white sandy beach, ideal for relaxing in the warm Mauritian sun.
- **Trou aux Biches**: Renowned for its stunning beach, this spot offers excellent snorkelling and boasts numerous beach restaurants and bars.
- **Port Louis**: The island’s capital is full of historic and cultural places of interest including the Citadel, Central Market and St Louis Cathedral. Here you will find Le Caudan Waterfront including a variety of shops and entertainment.

BEACHES

**Grand Baie**: Mauritius’ most vibey village. Famous for the many water activities available such as: water skiing, windsurfing, yachting, catamaran cruises, deep sea fishing and sailing trips. Easily accessible, where you can enjoy a range of facilities (i.e fresh juice stands, fast food stalls, shops, restaurants and many more) offered on or alongside the beach.

**Mont Choisy**: A 3km-stretch of beach. Although quite empty during the week, this beach comes alive over weekends. Easily accessible by bus from Port Louis, Grand Baie and all the other villages along the North West coast of Mauritius.

**Trou aux Biches**: This beautiful 2km-long beach is protected by an offshore reef which makes it excellent for snorkelling. It is also great for sunbathing and boasts spectacular sunsets.

SHOPPING HOTSPOTS

**Grand Baie**
- The Super U complex with a large supermarket has a selection of shops plus the new Grand Bay Plaza
- The Sunset Boulevard street shopping complex offers numerous shops
- Grand Baie Bazar features a variety of stalls offering a wide selection
- Grand Bay La Croisette Shopping Mall provides a lifestyle shopping experience

**Port Louis**
- Port Louis main market, the ideal place to find many local handicrafts, fresh produce and clothes
- Le Caudan Waterfront offers luxurious shops, craft market, food court and many restaurants
O'Biches Luxury Self-catering

Trou Aux Biches  North West Coast

Situated in the heart of Trou aux Biches, these luxurious and modern self-catering beachfront apartments are a mere 100 metres away from one of the most beautiful beaches. O'Biches offers the ideal location for a holiday combining relaxation and exploration.

AT A GLANCE

- Direct access to the beautiful Trou aux Biches Beach
- Modern, spacious Deluxe (2 bedroom) and Beachfront (3 bedroom) apartments
- Infinity pool with panoramic ocean views
- Fully equipped kitchen
- 10 minutes’ drive or bus ride to bustling Grand Baie

FACILITIES

- Infinity pool
- Serviced 6 times a week
- Concierge service
- 24-Hour security
- Private parking
- Private chef service available at a fee
- Onsite Resort Manager

SHOPPING IN THE AREA

- Chez Popo
- Grand Baie La Croisette
- Super U Grand-Baie

EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA

- L'assiette du nord
- La Marmite Mauricienne
- La Caprese

Why we love it: Amazing apartments right on the beach
Be Cosy Apart Hotel

Trou Aux Biches  North West Coast

Situated in Trou aux Biches, across the road from one of the most beautiful beaches on the island, this contemporary apartment/hotel offers the services of a hotel with the freedom of staying in a spacious, comfortable modern apartment.

AT A GLANCE

- The best of both worlds - hotel & self-catering facilities
- Beautifully decorated, modern Apartments
- Fully equipped kitchenette
- Apartments serviced daily
- Ideal for couples or families
- Large swimming pool

FACILITIES

- Restaurant
- Bar
- Pool
- Kids Club (3-11 years)
- Spa
- Complimentary water sports: Glass bottom boat, water skiing, wake boarding available

SHOPPING IN THE AREA

- Chez Popo
- Choisy Royal Supermarket
- T.A.B Store

EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA

- L’assiette du nord
- Le Pescatore
- The Spoon

Why we love it: Wow! The staff made us feel right at home - Be Cosy exceeded our expectations. Great combination of a hotel and an apartment
Casuarina Resort & Spa  
Trou Aux Biches  
North West Coast

Located in the heart of a lush tropical garden across the road from the beautiful white sandy beach of Trou Aux Biches. The Resort offers traditional Mauritian hospitality and a range of facilities for a relaxing getaway.

AT A GLANCE

- Unique experience of enjoying the privacy of Self catering family cottage while benefiting from the added value of Resort facilities & services.
- Cottages offer living room, dining area and fully equipped kitchenette
- 18-hole golf course 3 minutes away
- Plenty of exciting activities for the whole family
- Sega nights every Friday
- Two swimming pools

FACILITIES

- 3 Restaurants & 1 bar
- 2 Pools
- Balinese-style Spa
- Kids club (3-11 years)
- Gym
- Tennis courts
- 5* PADI Diving Centre

SHOPPING IN THE AREA

- Chez Popo
- Choisy Royal Supermarket
- T.A.B Store

EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA

- The Spoon
- Le Mediterrane
- Le Pescatore

Why we love it: Great staff, beautiful gardens & good food. We have visited numerous times and each stay is always above par.
La Pointe Villas

La Pointe aux Canonniers North West Coast

Located on the peninsula of La Pointe aux Canonniers. These comfortable, private apartments are nestled in a tropical garden surrounded by two inviting salt-chlorinated pools and a tennis court. Traditional Mauritian hospitality at its best!

AT A GLANCE

- Few minutes from Grand Baie
- Serviced daily
- Spacious, bright & colourful Apartments with 1 to 4 bedrooms
- Fully equipped kitchen, dining area & lounge
- Veranda or balcony with garden or pool views
- Ideal for couples, families and group of friends

FACILITIES

- 2 Pools
- 200m from cafes, bars and restaurants
- Tennis court
- BBQ corner
- 24-hour security
- Water sports nearby

SHOPPING IN THE AREA

- Momo Supermarket
- Yanna Superette

EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA

- Le Capitaine Restaurant
- Le Off
- Orizon Beach Restaurant
- L'Espadon Restaurant
- Selfish, Roots (during the day only)
- French Guinguette
- La Cigale pizzeria

Why we love it: An amazing place! We loved the central location, with several restaurants and shops within walking distance
BLUE BAY

You’ll find Blue Bay in the relatively unspoilt South Eastern part of the island, home to some of Mauritius’ most breathtaking scenery, including imposing Lion Mountain and the tiny island of Ile aux Aigrettes. In Blue Bay, the water is an amazing kaleidoscope of blue shades, the spectacular beach beckons and the surrounding underwater world is incredible, with corals, fish and other marine life. Near Blue Bay is the magnificent Marine Park, offering excellent diving and snorkelling.

**MUST SEES**

* Ile de deux Cocos: A tiny private island offering ocean views. Explore winding paths through the woods, relax in a secluded spot under a palm tree or sunbathe in a scenic spot near the sea.

* Ile aux Aigrettes: This tiny coral island is a 10-minute boat trip from Mahebourg, and is home to plants and animals found nowhere else including the pink pigeon, the Mauritius kestrel, giant tortoises and rare orchids.

* The Blue Bay Marine Park: Boasts rare corals (more than 50 different types), extensive fish species, mangroves, algae, sea grasses and other marine life that can be viewed from a glass bottom boat or during snorkelling.

**BEACHES**

Blue Bay Beach: Easily accessible from Mahebourg. It’s legendary because of the magnificent colours of the water and the brilliant swimming & snorkelling opportunities (Famous for the Blue Bay Marine Park).

Pointe d’Esnay: With crystal clear water and one of the whitest sandy beaches on the island, this beautiful beach is much quieter and more secluded than Blue Bay.

Ile aux Cerfs: Situated just off the coast, a short 5 minute boat ride away. As you approach the island, you will see the swaying palm trees and the pure white beaches framed by the vivid turquoise waters of the lagoon. It is located inside the large east coast lagoon, which means it boasts the same calm waters of the lagoon and its beautiful crystal clear colours. It’s best to dedicate a full day to enjoy all that this little island has to offer – from lazing on the beach soaking up the sun to participating in numerous activities.

**SHOPPING HOTSPOTS**

- Market of Mahebourg specialising in unique traditional products as well as colourful tropical fruits, vegetables, fresh fish, spices, medicinal plants as well as clothing.
- London Way Supermarket
Paradise Beach Luxury Self-catering
Pointe d’Esny South East Coast

Luxury apartments located at Pointe d’Esny, near Mahebourg, with spectacular views of the island’s largest lagoon and a beautiful white sand beach. A little slice of heaven on a paradise island – luxury at its best.

AT A GLANCE

- Set on one of the most beautiful beaches in the Indian Ocean
- Choice of stylish apartments and penthouses within a tropical garden
- Fully equipped kitchen plus living room and terrace
- Old-fashioned hospitality and excellent service
- Enjoyable swimming

FACILITIES

- Pool
- Serviced 6 times a week
- Concierge service
- Onsite Resort Manager
- Private parking
- Private chef service available at a fee

SHOPPING IN THE AREA

- King Savers
- London Way
- Blue Bay Superette

EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA

- Blue Bamboo Restaurant
- La Vielle Rouge
- La Belle Creole
- Les Copains d’abord

Why we love it: An excellent spot for a peaceful, relaxing holiday with a beautiful beach right on your doorstep
WEST COAST

Enjoy beautiful beaches and magnificent sunsets along the West coast of Mauritius. This side of the island is popular with tourists as it is the warmest and driest coast. Here you are able to get a real taste of the Mauritian culture.

MUST SEES

**Flic en Flac:** This little village in Black River is not only famous for its beautiful beach; it’s also home to excellent hotels and apartment complexes as well as souvenir shops, restaurants and bars. The nightlife here is legendary.

**Casela World of Adventures:** Visitors can experience various adventures including viewing more than 100 animals including zebra and hippo while on safari, quad biking, zip lining, Segway rides, mud karting, 4D cinema, a scary canyon swing bridge and so much more!

**Eureka:** This French Colonial mansion once owned by the wealthiest sugar baron on the island is an engineering masterpiece, boasting 109 doors and a wrap-around balcony.

**Tamarin:** Before you hit the beach, visit this charming fishing village. Here you’ll find the island’s best preserved tower, the Martello tower, which is now a museum, as well as bars and restaurants and the largest supermarket in the area.

BEACHES

**Tamarin:** Famous among surfers as the waves (about 1 metre) are ideal for surfing and bodyboarding.

**Flic en Flac:** This is one of the longest white sandy beaches in Mauritius (approx. 20km), stretching almost all the way to the village of Tamarin and is ideal for a great beach walk. The beach is protected by the coral reef and offers great swimming, snorkelling and for spending a relaxed day on the beach.

SHOPPING HOTSPOTS

**Tamarin**
- London Way - The largest supermarket in the Black River area, offering a variety of products.

**Flic en Flac**
- Pasadena Village Centre - The main shopping complex in the village
- Cascavelle Shopping Centre - Offers a selection of great shopping outlets
- Street shops and stalls offering local souvenirs and textile products.
- Spar
Esplanade Tamarin Mauritius Luxury Self-catering

Tamarin  West Coast

Situated in Tamarin in Black River, close to shops and restaurants and right next to its own private beach, this resort features a choice of stylish Apartments and Penthouses within a tropical garden. It offers a luxurious, secluded holiday with all the trimmings.

**AT A GLANCE**
- Private beach and a beautiful Banyan tree for a romantic atmosphere
- Exquisite infinity pool with sun deck and loungers
- Deluxe Apartments with 3 bedrooms plus 2 Penthouses
- Open plan kitchen and dining/living areas
- Great location near Tamarin shops and restaurants

**FACILITIES**
- Infinity pool
- Serviced 6 times a week
- Concierge service
- Onsite Resort Manager
- Private parking
- Private chef service available at a fee

**SHOPPING IN THE AREA**
- London Way
- La Gaulette Supermarket
- Spar
- Cascavelle Mall

**EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA**
- Apo Chinese Food
- Hidden Garden
- La Bonne Chute

*Why we love it:* Wonderful service, a beautiful beach and a stunning apartment with everything at our fingertips. A fantastic family holiday for the four of us!
Leora Beachfront Apartments
Luxury Self-catering
Tamarin
West Coast

Set in a peaceful area in Tamarin, these unique, trendy beachfront Apartments offer front row seats to spectacular sunsets, every modern facility and a superb House Reef for incredible snorkelling.

AT A GLANCE
- Apartments overlooking the pool and beach
- Fully equipped kitchen plus Weber for BBQs
- Amazing snorkelling at the House Reef
- Close to local shops and restaurants
- Ideal for families

FACILITIES
- Serviced 6 times a week
- Pool and sundeck with loungers
- Cooler box for the beach
- Concierge service
- Onsite Resort Manager
- Private parking
- Private chef service available at a fee

SHOPPING IN THE AREA
- London Supermarket
- Cascavelle Mall
- La Gaulette Supermarket

EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA
- Hidden Garden
- La Bonne Chute
- Moustache Bistrot

Why we love it: One of the best family holidays ever – we loved the freedom to do as we please and the pampering was at another level
Cap Ouest Luxury Self-catering
Flic en Flac

Luxury beachfront apartments set in 2 acres of magnificent tropical garden. All Apartments and Penthouses are located right on Flic en Flac beach overlooking the azure sea.

AT A GLANCE
- Set on Flic en Flac, one of the best beaches in Mauritius
- Exquisitely decorated Apartments and Penthouses with 2 or 3 bedrooms
- Fully equipped kitchens with dishwashers and microwaves
- Close to Flic en Flac’s restaurants, shops and nightlife
- Ideal for families and couples

FACILITIES
- Serviced 6 times a week
- Pool and sundeck with loungers
- Cooler box for the beach
- Concierge service
- Onsite Resort Manager
- Private parking
- Private chef service available at a fee

SHOPPING IN THE AREA
- Cascavelle Mall
- Wolmar Supermarket
- Spar

EAT-OUT HOTSPOTS IN THE AREA
- Zub Express
- Sunset Garden
- Domaine Anna

Why we love it: What a wonderful surprise! The place is awesome with spacious and modern Apartments and a beautiful beach steps away.
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