



## Bestseller Tour

*Dive into another World...*



**Duration:** 10 nights/11 days

**Price:** CHF 3500.- per person

### The price includes

- International flight in economy class
- Free transfers from airport to your apartment
- Half-board formula (breakfast and 1 meal)
- Travel by car or minibus air-conditioned
- All outings in Catamaran and Speed-boat described below
- VAT included

### Travel dates:

From 1st January to 30th September 2018

**No. of participants:** as from 3

### With supplement

- Personal expenses
- Cancellation and repatriation insurance for your luggage
- Document charges and payment done by your credit card

## Detailed Programme

### Day 1: Flight to Mauritius

Flight from Geneva/ Basel/ Zurich to Mauritius

### Day 2: Arrival in Mauritius and transfer to your accommodation

The plane lands at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) Mauritius airport where our local team will pick you up. Then, they will drive you to the Northeast coast of the island until your accommodation. At your arrival in your 5\* accommodation in Azuri Village Resort & Spa, a welcome cocktail awaits you for a pleasant refreshment. Free afternoon: You can enjoy the beach, the swimming pools and the various activities of Azuri.

### Day 3: Catamaran Cruise- See North Islands

Enjoy an unforgettable catamaran cruise along the North coast of Mauritius.

The catamaran cruise **departs at 8:00** from Grand Baie on the North of Mauritius. Expected arrival time back to Grand Bay is 16:00.

The sailing time is around 1.5 hours before reaching Gabriel Island. The island is most famous for its beautiful unspoiled beaches, with crystal clear water surrounding the entire island.



At around 12.30 you will enjoy full delicious BBQ lunch buffet set on the beach OR on the catamaran. Please note that the menu includes only fresh fish, fresh chicken and a selection of fresh salads (included in your package).

16:00 Departure to Azuri

#### **Day 4: Free day**

Enjoy the beach and spa

Suggestion: One of the hiking trails of the national park of "Bras d'eau" to five kilometres of Azuri. The park was created to protect endemic species close to extinction: the opportunity for you to imagine what Mauritius looked like before the man settled there. During your walk, you can discover ebony, ferns and orchids, but also birds, such as the Coq des Bois (or "flycatcher"). You will find information on fauna and flora at the visitor centre located on the road crossing the forest.

#### **Day 5: Black River Gorges and 7 coloured earth at Chamarel**

This natural park offers magnificent landscapes and allows to randomly discover walks about 300 species of trees, shrubs, plants and animals.

Situated in the South West part of Mauritius, in the heart of a fertile valley lies the Rhumerie de Chamarel which is surrounded by vast sugarcane plantations growing in harmony with the pineapples and other tropical fruits nearby.

Continue with the 7-colour tour of the land, Chamarel's most famous site, with its amazing landscape of naturally coloured hills. This phenomenon is due to the presence of volcanic ash containing mineral oxides of different colours exposed by erosion for centuries.

16:00 Driving back to Azuri along the East coast: a romantic way, which allows you to discover this part of the island still undeveloped.

#### **Day 6: Free day**

Relaxing day at the beach.

Why don't you do The Mangrove Nature Track? A stone's throw from your accommodation, discover the Mangroves "mangled", the natural habitat of many crabs, birds and other creatures of the seas and swamps. Continue

your walk by the beach to the village Lafayette post office. You will not be disappointed.

#### **Day 7: Catamaran Cruise – Swim with Dolphins**

Enjoy a full day catamaran cruise to see Dolphins on the west coast of Mauritius including a visit to Crystal rock and Benitiers Island.

This catamaran cruise includes Breakfast, BBQ lunch buffet and selection of drinks including alcoholic (beer, rum, cocktails...) and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day.

As part of this cruise tour, you will discover the dolphins of Tamarin bay, visit the famous Crystal rock which stands out in the middle of the lagoon, and stay on Benitiers Island for lunch and relaxation on its beautiful sandy beaches.

Expected arrival time to Tamarin is 4:00 pm and then back to Azuri

#### **Day 8: Enjoy the beach and its surroundings**

Suggestion: Visit the Cellar Lady (the Caves of Roches Noires). It is a natural volcanic cave, located on the main road of the village of Roches Noires, five minutes from Azuri. A friendly and refreshing excursion.

#### **Day 9: Catamaran to Deer Island**

Treat yourself to a memorable day of exhilarating sail on a beautiful Catamaran to "Ile aux cerfs" – this will definitely be one of the highlights of your holidays in Mauritius.

On board enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch, selection of alcoholic beverages (beer, rum, cocktails) and non-alcoholic drinks and more. The catamaran cruise departs at 09:00 from the Preskil Beach Resort's Jetty located at Pointe Jerome on the South East of Mauritius.

This cruise is all about sailing through crystal clear waters whilst enjoying breath-taking sceneries and relaxing on the beautiful white sand bank of "Ile-aux-cerfs".

Along the way at around 11:00, the catamaran makes a stop for you to enjoy snorkelling inside the islands largest lagoon allowing you to enjoy the underwater marine life and swim amongst superb corals and brightly coloured tropical fish.



After snorkelling, the catamaran continues sailing along the beautiful east coast and will take you up the river's mouth of Grand River South East to see the giant bat colony and monkeys living on the rivers bank and also to see the waterfall from afar.

Expected arrival time back to Azuri is 16:00, and depends on tide and winds.

### **Day 10: Visit and Shopping at Port-Louis**

9:00 Pick-up time to Azuri

You begin your visit by "Place d'armes" and its cannons returned to symbolise Peace. This broad, palm-lined avenue is the central location of the capital, bordered by the oldest Indian Ocean Theater, and the Government House.

Your visit continues with another unmissable place: the Central Market. Colourful, noisy, swarming with life and surprises, the "bazaar" (as they say in Mauritius) is divided into two parts. On the left, you will walk between the fruit and vegetable stalls, the pyramids of spices and the amazing packages of medicinal plants used by the Mauritians to cure all sorts of ailments. Do not hesitate to taste the "Dholl Puri" (Indian crepe) and local drinks such as "Alouda". The right part of the market is reserved for the local crafts: enough to have fun and bring back some souvenirs of your Mauritian escapade.

You then enter Chinatown, symbolised by an imposing red door with characteristic architecture. With its many restaurants, traditional pharmacies, shops, small shops and food stalls on every street corner, this small parcel of Asian culture will transport you to the Far East in no time at all.

The tour ends at Caudan. A short stroll along the waterfront will refresh you after crossing the streets of the capital lined with buildings. The Caudan provides a craft market, clothing shops, a bookshop, bars and restaurants, a museum, a cinema and even a casino.

16:00 Departure to Azuri

### **Day 11: Return Flight**

Transfer to Mauritius SSR airport and return flight to Geneva / Zurich / Basel.

The departure time at Azuri will depend on the time of your return flight.

### **Terms and Conditions:**

The services described in the program will be provided subject to climatic conditions and days. In any case, a replacement activity will be provided.