

Things to know before coming to Mauritius

Location

Mauritius is located in the Indian Ocean, approximately 500 miles/ 800 kilometers east of [Madagascar](#) and 125 miles/ 200 kilometers east of Réunion Island.

Geography

With a total land mass of 784 square miles/ 2,030 square kilometers, Mauritius is approximately 11 times the size of Washington, D.C. In addition to the main island, the country includes the Agalega Islands, the Cargados Carajos Shoals and Rodrigues Island. The [capital](#) of Mauritius is Port Louis, located on the northwest coast.

Population

The current population of Mauritius is 1,274,727 as of Tuesday, July 2022, based on the projections of the latest United Nations data

Language

The official [language](#) of Mauritius is English, although it is spoken by less than 1% of the population. Instead the most widely spoken language is Creole, which accounts for 86.5% of the population. Other notable languages include Bhojpur and French.

Religion

Hindu is the most popular religion in Mauritius (it is practiced by 48.5% of Mauritians).

Currency

The country's official currency is the Mauritian rupee (MUR). For up-to-date exchange rates, use this [online converter](#).

Climate

Mauritius has a mild tropical climate with two distinct seasons. The [rainy season](#) runs from November to April and is the hottest, most humid time of year. The dry season runs from June to September and is relatively cool. October and May are shoulder months and see variable weather.

What to wear

The winter months of May, June, July, August, September and October are a little cooler by day, and you may need a pashmina or light sweater for the evenings. Temperature may vary from 17 °C-24 °C. Rainfall varies widely across the island, with the Central Plateau

being the wettest region. Local showers often pass quickly, but a small travel umbrella and lightweight raincoat may come in handy.

Sanitary precautions

- *Vaccination card is not required;*
- *Rapid test is not required upon arrival at the airport for vaccinated delegate, however same is still applicable for non- vaccinated delegates;*
- *Self-isolation is not required for non-vaccinated delegates; and*
- *In case you are tested positive, you must self-isolate yourself for 7-days.*
- ***Mask is compulsory at the airport.***

Direction & Transportation

- *The workshop will be held at **The Maritim Resort & Spa Mauritius** which is located on the sunniest and sheltered North West coast of the island, along the "Turtle Bay".*
- *Transport from the airport to the hotel normally takes around 50 to 60 minutes via the new motorway and you can reach there either by 'Taxi' which is available 24/7 at the airport OR by choosing the airport transfer when you are finalising your booking. Price from airport to hotel may cost MUR 3,000 (one way)*
- *Time and Duration of the trip from airport to hotel may vary depending on the traffic.*
- *We would highly recommend you to opt for **The Maritim Resort & Spa Mauritius** for your stay in Mauritius to avoid the inconvenience of being stuck in traffic jam. You will benefit from a preferential rate.*