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PRIVATE JOURNEY

Mauritius Grand Island Discovery

“Port Louis, the oldest botanical garden in the southern hemisphere, the northern islands and Île aux Cerfs — the definitive Mauritius”

10

DAYS

2

COASTS

1

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Overview

A perfectly balanced journey across Mauritius, from the vibrant north coast to the exclusive eastern peninsula. It pairs cultural discovery in Port Louis and the sacred interior with island adventures on the water and the pinnacle of Mauritian luxury — and it is designed to show how genuinely varied this island is beyond its beaches.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Four nights at LUX* Grand Baie, with the Indian Ocean's first outdoor rooftop wellness space
- Mauritian street food, from dhol puri to gateaux piments
- Giant water lilies, 85 varieties of palm and a spice garden across 37 hectares
- Five nights at One&Only Le Saint Géran on its private peninsula, with butler service
- Ganga Talao — the sacred crater lake and the most important Hindu pilgrimage site in Mauritius
- Port Louis — the Caudan Waterfront, the Central Market and UNESCO-listed Aapravasi Ghat
- The SSR Botanical Garden at Pamplemousses, established in 1770 and the oldest in the southern hemisphere
- A full-day private yacht through the northern islands, with a secluded beach lunch
- A private boat day to Île aux Cerfs, with a barbecue lunch on the island
- A private helicopter flight over the underwater-waterfall illusion at Le Morne

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The Itinerary

01

GRAND BAIE, NORTH COAST

Day 1 | Arrival in Mauritius

Arrive at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport and transfer north by private luxury vehicle to LUX* Grand Baie — roughly an hour and a half across the island. The resort sits on a crescent-shaped beach in the heart of Grand Baie, with 116 suites and villas designed by Kelly Hoppen and architect Jean Francois Adam. Spend the afternoon settling in, then walk out into Grand Baie itself — boutiques, waterfront cafés and the most energetic stretch of the north coast. Dinner over the lagoon: Beach Rouge for Mediterranean cooking, or the rooftop Bisou for sunset.

- LUX* Grand Baie
- Dinner

02

PORT LOUIS

Day 2 | Port Louis & the Cultural Heart of Mauritius

A private guided morning in Port Louis. The Caudan Waterfront is the modern face of the capital — shops, restaurants and marina views. The Central Market is the older one, stacked with produce, spices and craft. Between them sits Aapravasi Ghat, the UNESCO World Heritage immigration depot where indentured labourers first stepped ashore, and where a great deal of modern Mauritian identity begins. Midday is given to street food, which in Mauritius is a serious cuisine rather than a snack: dhol puri, gateaux piments, and whatever the stall in front of you is doing best. The afternoon returns north to the resort — the rooftop infinity pool, a treatment at LUX* ME Spa with its Turkish hammam and multi-sensory water path, or simply the beach.

- LUX* Grand Baie
- Breakfast, Lunch

03

PAMPLEMOUSSES

Day 3 | SSR Botanical Garden & Trou aux Biches

The Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden at Pamplemousses was established in 1770, making it the oldest botanical garden in the southern hemisphere. Thirty-seven hectares hold more than 650 plant varieties: baobabs, indigenous bottle palms, medicinal collections, a spice garden, and 85 varieties of palm — among them royal palms and the talipot, which flowers once in its life and then dies. The giant water lilies are at their best in the warm months from December to February. Go early; it is more pleasant before the heat, and the mosquitoes are fewer. Bring repellent and closed shoes. Golf-cart tours are available for anyone with limited mobility. The afternoon runs to Trou aux Biches for calm water and easy swimming, then back to Grand Baie for dinner.

- LUX* Grand Baie
- Breakfast, Dinner

04

PAMPLEMOUSSES

Day 4 | The Northern Islands by Private Boat

A full day at sea on a private yacht or catamaran out of Grand Baie, which sits directly opposite the offshore islands and is the natural launching point for them. The day shapes itself around conditions and preference: island hopping across the northern waters, snorkelling over coral gardens, swimming in secluded coves, and a private lunch served on a remote beach. Return in the late afternoon for sunset, and dinner at Ai KISU — contemporary Asian cooking with Warayaki straw-fire grilling and a soy sauce sommelier, which is not a sentence one writes often.

- LUX* Grand Baie
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

BELLE MARE, EAST COAST

Day 5 | Grand Baie » Le Saint Gérân

A private transfer across the island to the east coast after breakfast. Check in to One&Only Le Saint Gérân, on a private peninsula flanked by the Indian Ocean on one side and a sheltered lagoon on the other. Suites come with butler service, and the complimentary water sports — kayaking, pedal-boating, waterbiking, snorkelling — are all available straight from the beach. The afternoon is yours across two shorelines, five tennis courts and a fully equipped gym. Dinner at PRIME, La Terrasse or the Indian Pavilion.

- One&Only Le Saint Gérân
- Breakfast, Dinner

06

ÎLE AUX CERFS

Day 6 | Île aux Cerfs

A full-day private boat excursion to Île aux Cerfs, off the east coast — a lagoon cruise through turquoise water, snorkelling over a marine-rich seabed, and swimming from white sand that has been photographed to death for good reason. Lunch is a barbecue on the island. For anyone wanting more, parasailing over the lagoon and the underwater-walk experience — walking the seabed in a helmeted air supply — can both be arranged, subject to operator availability. Return to the resort in the afternoon.

- One&Only Le Saint Géran
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07

GRAND BASSIN

Day 7 | Grand Bassin & the Sacred Interior

Inland and up, to Grand Bassin — Ganga Talao — a crater lake at roughly 550 metres in the mountainous southwest district of Savanne, and the most sacred Hindu pilgrimage site in Mauritius. A shoreline temple and a collection of smaller shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva and other deities ring the water, alongside the large statues that mark the site from a distance. Local belief holds it was discovered by a Hindu priest around 1897; in the 1970s water from the Ganges was poured into the lake, which is how it took its name. Dress respectfully — shoulders and knees covered. The afternoon continues through the central highlands and its viewpoints before returning east.

- One&Only Le Saint Géran
- Breakfast, Dinner

08

GRAND BASSIN

Day 8 | Horse Riding by the Sea

A slow luxury morning, and then a private horse-riding session along the beach and coastline — part of the resort's own activity programme, and best taken early before the sand heats up. The afternoon is entirely open: the One&Only Spa, the uncrowded private beach, diving, windsurfing, kitesurfing or snorkelling, the Gary Player nine-hole par-33 course, or a private sunset cruise. Dinner at the resort.

- One&Only Le Saint Géran
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

LE MORNE, FROM THE AIR

Day 9 | The Underwater Waterfall From the Sky

A private helicopter flight over the underwater-waterfall illusion off the southwest coast near Le Morne. It is worth being precise about what this is: an aerial phenomenon created by sand and silt moving over the edge of the coastal shelf, which reads from above as an enormous cascade plunging into the deep. It cannot be seen from the ground or from sea level at all. The flight also passes Le Morne Brabant, the UNESCO World Heritage mountain, and takes in Chamarel village and the Pouce and Pieter Both peaks. Minimum two passengers to book and four to operate, and the schedule follows the weather. The afternoon returns to Le Saint Géran for a final swim, and the evening is a private dinner over the lagoon.

- One&Only Le Saint Géran
- Breakfast, Dinner

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LE MORNE, FROM THE AIR

Day 10 | Spa & Departure

A final session at the One&Only Spa, followed by a late breakfast and last moments on the peninsula. A private transfer to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport follows in the afternoon, roughly an hour away.

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- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$9,900

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Pricing is an estimate subject to confirmation based on season, room category, and final accommodation selection.

SEASONAL PRICING

Nov – Apr	BEST VALUE	\$9,400
Warm summer, giant water lilies in bloom		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$10,600
Dry, cooler winter — best for hiking and boats		
Sep – Nov	SHOULDER SEASON	\$9,900
Warming spring, quiet beaches		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » Private luxury transfers throughout, including airport arrival and departure
- » 9 nights accommodation — 4 at LUX* Grand Baie, 5 at One&Only Le Saint Géran
- » Daily breakfast, plus meals as detailed in the itinerary
- » Private guided Port Louis excursion including Caudan Waterfront and the Central Market
- » Aapravasi Ghat UNESCO World Heritage site visit
- » Guided street food tasting in Port Louis
- » SSR Botanical Garden entry and guided visit at Pamplemousses
- » Trou aux Biches beach afternoon
- » Full-day private yacht or catamaran through the northern islands, with beach lunch
- » Full-day private boat excursion to Île aux Cerfs, with island barbecue lunch
- » Private excursion to Ganga Talao and the central highlands

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from Mauritius
- Parasailing, underwater walking and other optional operator activities
- Green fees beyond the resort courses, and equipment hire
- Premium wines, imported spirits and additional spa treatments
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, boat crew and resort staff
- Items of a personal nature

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This itinerary is a starting point, not a fixed departure. The pace, the lodges, the length, the dates and the party travelling can all be reshaped around you.

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