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# MAURITIUS

## A CULTURAL PARADISE

Travelling with Goodall's Gadabouts

8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012

15 Days / 14 Nights

### Inclusions:

- ✚ Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- ✚ Return Economy Flight to Mauritius
- ✚ 13 Night's Quality Accommodation Tamassa Luxury Beachfront Resort
- ✚ Full Board Menu – Inclusive all you can eat and drink Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Drinks (Selection of Cocktails, Wines, Spirits, Beers & Soft drinks)
- ✚ All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary
- ✚ Numerous Resort Activities Water & Land Based
- ✚ Bottled Water daily on Coach while touring
- ✚ English Speaking Guides
- ✚ Group Tour Information Officer



### Tamassa Luxury Beachfront Resort:

Wonderful Beachfront Location, 4 Pools, 3 Bars, Superb Accommodation, Beautiful Manicured Tropical Gardens & Lawns, 2 Restaurants, Day Spa, Gymnasium; Free Water & Land Based Activities & All Inclusive Full Board all you can eat & drink – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily (Selection of Cocktails, Wines, Spirits, Beers & Soft drinks).

**Day 1 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012 (LD)**  
**Home – Mauritius**

We arrive in the beautiful paradise of Mauritius after our flight from Melbourne with **Air Mauritius**. Once custom formalities and luggage collection has been completed and our currency has been exchanged we are met and receive assistance from our English speaking guide and our friendly Mauritian ground team. After boarding our coach we enjoy a brief introduction to Mauritius as we are transferred to the beautiful beachfront **Tamassa Beachfront Resort** which is surrounded by magnificent manicured tropical gardens, pools and sheltered turquoise waters. After check in we are escorted to our well appointed rooms enjoying time to unpack and unwind before enjoying a **light supper** and **complementary drinks** from our mini bar.



**Overnight: Tamassa Beachfront Resort**

**Day 2 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August (BLD)**

**Half Day Highlights Chamarel**

After a wonderful night's sleep and maybe an early morning swim or walk along the beach we enjoy a full buffet resort breakfast. We then meet at reception for an orientation tour of the Tamassa Beachfront Resort and its wonderful facilities. We then enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at the resort before departing on our half day excursion and highlights tour taking in the **Grand Bassin Statue** and **Sacred Lake, Macabée Forest, Black River Gorge, Coffee Plantations, Chamarel Waterfalls** and the amazing **Chamarel Coloured Earth**. Later in the day we meet for pre dinner drinks and dinner at the resort.

**Day 3 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August (BLD)**

**Half Day Tour Rum Factory, Anthurium Nursery, Vanilla House**

After a buffet breakfast, we depart for our half day excursion to the sugar plantation of **Saint Aubin Estate**, where we tour the colonial home and the authentic **Rum Distillery** and sample the rum. We visit the **Anthurium (Andreanum) Green House** and see numerous varieties which make Mauritius so popular with flower lovers worldwide. We also visit a **Vanilla Plantation and Vanilla House** to understand how this fruit is turned into the black sticks with this special scent and delicious flavours. With our tour complete we travel back to the resort for lunch and afternoon at leisure. Later in the day we meet for pre dinner drinks and dinner at the resort.

**Day 4 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August (BLD)**

**Port Louis Capital of Mauritius**

After a delicious breakfast we depart the resort early on a full day excursion that will take us up north to **Port Louis** the Mauritian Capital. After arriving in Port Louis we visit the **Natural History Museum of Mauritius** where we view skeleton remains of the extinct **Dodo Bird**. We then enjoy a cultural highlights tour of the city where we see such sites as the **La Citadel** (Fort Adelaide) and Champ de Mars (horse race track), the Bazaar and much more. We then visit the relaxing port precinct or **Le Caudan Waterfront**, consisting of boutique shopping, markets, cafes and museums. Later in the afternoon we travel back to our resort via **Moka** for a tour and afternoon tea at the 150 year old **Eureka Mansion and Garden**. Later in the day we meet for pre dinner drinks and dinner at the resort.

**Day 5 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August (BLD)**

**Free Day**

Today we are able to totally relax and soak up beautiful ambiance of Mauritius as we enjoy a free day with breakfast, lunch and dinner. *Optional activities* may be booked at reception or just enjoy the free activities offered by the resort, eg: Glass Bottom Boat or Snorkelling off Beach at own cost.

Day 6 & 7 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

(BLD)

Walking with Lions / Interaction with Lions or Cheetahs at Casela Nature Park or Free Day  
*Today depending on the size of our touring group we may need to divide activity over two days see below.*

Today we enjoy a choice of a complete day relaxing at the resort with breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks plus the free activities available at the resort. Our resort co-ordinator will advise on our special group resort activity which may include: Tai chi, yoga, aqua-gym, bridge, drawing on apron, cooking lesson – ‘how to make Mauritian pickles’

OR

After breakfast we depart for our exciting and life changing experience as we make our way to Yemen and the *Casela Nature and Leisure Park* to either **Walk with Lions** or **Interact with Lions and Cheetahs**. Here with the expertise of Safari Adventures Mauritius we have our “Lion Encounter”. 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. After our amazing 45 minute amber with the lions or 30 minute Interaction with the Lions and Cheetah’s we can take a leisurely stroll through the nature bird and wildlife park before lunch at the **Mirador Restaurant** which offers amazing views down through the valley and across to the ocean. After lunch we leave the park and begin our drive back to the resort via the tiny **Notre Dame de Fatima Church** and the salt pans of **Tamarind**, built during the French colonial period. After arriving back at the resort we enjoy some leisure time before meeting for pre dinner drinks and dinner.



Day 8 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

(BLD)

#### West Coast Cruising

After breakfast we depart the resort and make our way up the West Coast to **Rivière Noire** where we board our large **Catamaran**. If one is lucky, numerous dolphins can be seen in the morning playing in the area or catching fish. Then we sail south towards **La Roche Crystal** with its crystal clear lagoon while the crew prepares a delicious **BBQ** on board. After lunch we sail back to Rivière Noire with a cocktail in hand...the beauty and tranquillity of this whole region cannot be missed and will create a wonderful lasting memory. Mid-afternoon we arrive back at the jetty and transfer back to the resort to relax once again. Once back at the resort we enjoy some leisure time before meeting for pre dinner drinks and dinner.





### Day 9 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August

(BLD)

#### Mauritius Rally

Another delightful day in paradise awaits – Breakfast at the resort before a fun day. **A Rally Mauritius style!** After dividing into our teams we board separate mini buses for our rally and excursions out into the “Life of the Locals” Before leaving the hotel, there will be a briefing for each team. Each team will be given an illustrated road book with a circuit to follow. These directions have to be explained to the drivers. Our Circuit: You thought I would give you the details of the

rally so you could study on the net before you came to this beautiful island didn't you. All I can tell you is that we will visit 3 or 4 local Villages, talk to locals, collect specific information on history, buy and collect food items and recipes (shopping money supplied) and complete several group tasks including singing for bonus points when back at the resort. On the completion of rally our chef will display his cooking skills from the food items we have collected. We will then enjoy some drinks and food tasting. Later in the day we meet for pre dinner drinks and dinner at the resort.

### Day 10 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August

(BLD)

#### Half Day Tour to Curepipe / Floreal

After breakfast at the resort we head out on another half day tour to **Curepipe** and **Floreal** where we take in the most magnificent views of the **Trou aux Cerfs** volcanic crater and also enjoy shopping for diamonds, cashmere, souvenirs and a visit to a **ship model factory**. After our tour we return to the resort for lunch and another relaxing afternoon in paradise where we enjoy a group activity arranged by the resort. Resort Group Activity – Bocce, an introduction to Sega Dancing, Creole Cooking Lesson Later in the day we meet for pre dinner drinks and dinner at the resort.

### Day 11 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August

(BD)

#### Full Day Tour Grand Bay (Baie) North Mauritius

We depart the resort for a full day tour as we head for the northern point of Mauritius to the beautiful hamlet of **Grand Bay**. We visit the delightful **Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden**, formerly known as Royal Botanical Gardens Pamlemousses which covers 37 hectares. Then we make our way to the lovely seafront shopping precinct and markets for a little free time. This afternoon we tour the amazing **Sugar Museum** following the trail of Sugar in Mauritius. Once lusted for as much as gold, sugar has enjoyed an extraordinary existence. By following the trail of the Sugar Adventure with over 250 years of history, we can trace the history of the whole country, as in a book – a mixture of faces, the verdant or silvery sugarcane in the countryside and the sunny, colourful customs. Our tour of this modern museum created from the old sugar mill includes displays, audio visual and interactive experiences concluding when we reach the well stocked gift shop. Afternoon tea or a cold drink can be purchased in the delightful café style restaurant, which has wonderful views of the surrounding landscape and gardens. After leaving the museum we return south to our resort for drinks and dinner.

### Day 12 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

(BLD)

#### Church Service & Vortex

After breakfast this morning we make our way to **Chemin Grenier** to attend Mass at the Catholic Church and to listen to the hymns sung in the native Creole tongue. After our church service with the locals we visit the **Vortex in Riambel** where by the flow of positive energy, there is a balancing of the different chakras of the body. This place is said to be a gateway between the sky and earth, and there are only 9 similar sites in the world. We then make our way back to the resort for lunch and free afternoon to relax at leisure. Later in the day we meet for pre dinner drinks and dinner at the resort.



**Day 13 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**(BLD)**

**Full Day Tour South East Coast Mahébourg**

Breakfast is again enjoyed by all before a full day touring which is ahead of us. After boarding our coach we make our way to the beautiful seaside village of **Mahébourg** sitting next to the largest lagoon on Mauritius. We enjoy a self guided tour through the magnificent colonial building containing the **National History & Naval Museum**, the crafts shops and the Mahébourg seaside markets. We also visit the monuments recounting the epic naval battles of the past between the French Navy and the Royal Navy. The Dutch historical museum or **Fredrik Kendriks Museum** in Grand Port recounts the early Dutch settlement of the island. Then we are treated to a wonderful **Creole "Taste of Mauritius"** dining experience at **Copain D'abord** on the waterfront and overlooking the wonderful islands and turquoise waters of the lagoon. Following our delicious lunch we make our way back to the resort to relax. Later in the day we meet for pre dinner drinks and dinner.

**Day 14 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**(BL)**

**Mauritius – Home**

After breakfast we have a free morning then it's a sad farewell to staff before transferring to the airport for check in early afternoon and 3.35pm flight back home to Sydney and Melbourne. Our flight arrives back into Sydney and Melbourne on Wednesday after our amazing time away in Mauritius with Goodall's and their partners Trade Travel, Air Mauritius, Naiade Resorts and Solis Indian Ocean.



**COST:** GST inclusive  
\$ 4945 per person twin share  
\$ 495 per person single supplement  
**No forced singles**

**Final Payment due by 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**Deposit:**

\$ 1000 due within 7 days of booking. Non refundable.

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## Tour Highlights:

- ✚ *Half Day Highlights* of Chamarel – Grand Bassin Statue, Temple & Sacred Lake, Macabée Forest, Black River Gorge, Coffee Plantations, Chamarel Waterfalls & Chamarel Coloured Earth
- ✚ *Full Day Highlights* to Port Louis – The Champ de Mars (horse race track) & Fortress, Natural History Museum of Mauritius & Skeleton remains of the extinct Dodo Bird; Markets, Waterfront Precinct, A/tea & Tour 150 Year Old Eureka Mansion & Garden.
- ✚ *Full Day Cruise* – Catamaran Cruise along West Coast from Rivière Noire to La Roche Crystal with BBQ, Dolphin Spotting & Wonderful Scenery
- ✚ *Half Day Tour* – Curepipe & Floreal, Trou aux Cerfs Volcanic Crater, Diamonds, Cashmere, Souvenirs, Model Shipbuilding Factory
- ✚ *Full Day Tour* – Grand Bay – Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden; Markets, Shops & Cafes of Grand Bay; The amazing Sugar Museum & more
- ✚ *Half Day Tour* – Chemin Grenier Catholic Sunday Church Service; The Riambel Vortex
- ✚ *Half Day Tour* – Saint Aubin Estate Sugar Plantation Mansion & Rum Distillery Tour & Taste, Anthurium Nursery Green House, Vanilla Plantation and Factory House
- ✚ *Half Day Tour* – The amazing experience of “Walking with the Lions” Or Optional Interaction with the Lions & Cheetahs; Casela Nature & Leisure Park, Delicious Lunch & Scenic Views; Notre Dame de Fatima Church; Traditional Salt Pans of Tamarind
- ✚ *Half Day Rally* – Map Reading, Travelling into Local Villages, Mixing with the Locals, Collecting Information, Food & Recipe Items, Singing, Food Prep etc
- ✚ *Full Day Tour* – South East Coastal Village of Mahébourg; National History & Naval Museum; Craft Village; Mahébourg Seaside Markets; Historic Port Monuments; Fredrik Kendriks Museum; Traditional Creole style lunch at Copain D`abord overlooking the crystal turquoise waters

## Not Included:

- ✚ Extra Food & Drinks Items listed as such on Menus not marked with \* as Full Board Menu
- ✚ Some Activities offered by Resort at extra cost such as Day Spa, Scuba Diving, Deep-sea Fishing, Speedboat Rides etc.
- ✚ Round Island Scenic Helicopter Flights

## Luggage:

- ✚ Checked in baggage allowance is 23kg
- ✚ Carryon luggage is 7kg which dimensions must not exceed 22x15x8 inches

## Please Note:

- ✚ Once you book all names must be spelt correctly as there is no name changes allowed
- ✚ A copy of your passport must be taken at the time of booking
- ✚ Passengers must have travel insurance

**Travel Insurance:** Further information can be obtained by phoning 03 5152 3484.

## **Terms & Conditions**

1. In the event of a cancellation by an individual, the following fees apply.
  - 96 + days of departure – \$ 1000 Airfares & Administration Fees (Now – 3<sup>rd</sup> May)
  - **Within 95 days of departure – 100% Cancellation Fee (4<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012)**
2. Changes in Prices and Itineraries  
Airport taxes/levies are subject to change without notice  
The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. Goodall's will not be held responsible for weather based cancellations or those closures made at the venue's discretion. Further, no refund shall be made for any unused portion of any itinerary. Alterations to an itinerary, made by a passenger, shall be wholly at the expense of that passenger. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours JC & LM Goodall Pty Ltd takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. If we have to change part of your booking for reasons beyond our control, eg. Airlines schedule changes we will notify you. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of Goodall's. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to our passengers. Circumstances may necessitate changes in costs in which case you will be informed as soon as possible. Goodall's cannot be held responsible for any price changes which may occur and reserves the right to increase the price of any travel arrangements up to the date of departure. This includes any increases for airline fuel surcharges as well as international exchange rate fluctuations. Goodall's advises making full payment for tours as early as convenient to avoid any potential price increases.
3. Some accommodation properties may require a room bond or credit card number to cover incidentals not otherwise covered in the cost of the tour. Please note that this will be the responsibility of individual passengers.
4. Forced Singles' are **not** accepted according to the policy of individual accommodation properties.
5. Minimum number of 20 passengers applies for tour to proceed.