



THE MOST AUTHENTIC AND MAURITIAN OF RESORTS

Fringed by a superb white-sand beach graced by the most glorious sunsets, La Pirogue revisited remains true to its traditional values of authentic Mauritian hospitality, romance and tranquillity.

Inspired by the famous fishing boats of Mauritius from which the resort takes its name, La Pirogue's unique architectural style is enhanced in its guestrooms by the added rustic warmth of wood and thatch.

The cottages, which all open privately on the resort's magnificent palm-grove of over 1000 coconut trees amid which they nestle, as well as on the sea, feature new warm shades and greater comfort throughout, bathroom included.

The resort boasts a magnificent pool of over 1000 square metres, that merges into the Indian Ocean. A harmonious combination of intimately cosy coves and open play areas, this "pool of pools" with its islets, Paul & Virginie restaurant and the Beach bar are at the heart of La Pirogue.

La Pirogue is a celebration of the best in world gastronomy, with marked emphasis on demonstration, generosity and variety, both at its main restaurant Thatches, La Badiane and at Paul & Virginie, around the pool and by the beach.

More than ever La Pirogue reasserts its vocation as a resort dedicated to the sea and to its pleasures, shared with a loved one, or with family or friends, for the most wonderful of tropical-holiday memories.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Located at Flic en Flac, La Pirogue, on the west coast of the island, is contiguous to its sister resort, Sugar Beach Resort. It is located along one of the country's finest beaches, of immaculate white sand, over one kilometre long. In addition, it nestles in a magnificent tropical garden, a remarkable palm-grove of 14 hectares pleasantly punctuated with colourful hibiscus and fragrant frangipani. Everything here is reminiscent of the traditional Mauritian fishing boat from which the resort takes its name - from the main building inspired by a white sail floating in the wind, to the cottages built in local volcanic rock and crowned with wood and thatch.

Merging into the Indian Ocean, the infinity pool of over 1,000 square metres is an invitation to relaxation and happiness. The resort is ideally situated in the proximity of the island's main commercial centres of Port Louis (25 mins), Quatre Bornes (20 mins) and Curepipe (45 mins). By virtue of its west-coast location, La Pirogue presents numerous excursion

Opportunities, notably to Casela Bird Park, the private hunting-ground of Yemen, Chamarel and its "seven-coloured earth", and the natural south. Another destination of interest is Black River with its celebrated big-game fishing clubs.





ACCOMMODATION

Standard

- Communicating
- Non-Communicating

Superior

Royal Suites

- 'Flamboyant'
- 'Bougainvillea'
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Bedrooms <input type="checkbox"/>	Area
34 <input type="checkbox"/>	25 m ²
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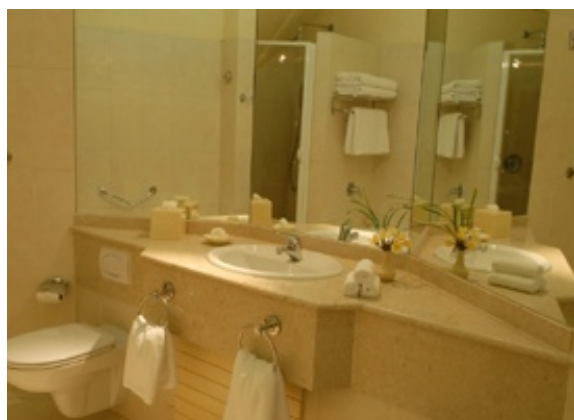
Child or children or 3rd adult sharing couple's room

Standard rooms – sofa-bed for 1 child up to 18 years or 1 adult.

Superior rooms – sofa-bed for 2 children under 12 years old or 1 extra bed for 1 adult.

All guestrooms are at ground-level and open privately on the magnificent palm-grove and the Indian Ocean. Each is equipped with its own air-conditioning fan unit and comprises twin beds or a double bed with a built-in drawer; a redesigned bathroom with separate bath and shower, toilet and 110/220-volt socket for electric razor; a mini-bar; a safe; a hair-dryer; a television set with satellite channels, a cartoon channel for kids and a teletext information system; a telephone with international direct dialling (IDD); equipment for making tea and coffee; and a

furnished private terrace. The Superior guestrooms are situated closer to the sea. Room service operates 24 hours a day.



RESTAURANTS

Thatches (seats 450)

Spacious and tropical, the main restaurant, on the terrace, is open daily from 7.30 to 10.30 a.m. for breakfast. The complete breakfast buffet comprises traditional English breakfast and added Creole, Mauritian and Indian signature items, for a great start to the day. Dinnertime, from 7.30 to 10 p.m., showcases demonstrative World Cuisine for a totally new and exciting dining experience. The new buffet features several themed live-cooking stations with food prepared fresh in front of the guests: a Chinese fresh-noodle and stir-fry station; a curry station with traditional Mauritian 'case-créole' cuisine, a tandoor (Indian clay oven) and colourful Indian dishes; a huge salad station; a pasta station; a pizza station with its wood-fired oven; a grill-and-tepanyaki station; a chilled-dessert counter with a daily hot dessert prepared live; and even a Kids' Ice-Cream Bar. For the more romantic, the restaurant also features cosy thatched dining pavilion around a striking decorative and reflective pond.

Paul & Virginie (seats 120)

By the beach, with romantic thatched dining pavilions overhanging the 'infinity' pool, the rustic charm of the à-la carte Paul & Virginie restaurant favours warmth and intimacy. At lunchtime, from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. daily, it proposes a selection of popular island cuisine, wood-fired pizzas, grilled, smoked or steamed fish, tossed salads and sandwiches.

Its dinner offering, from 7.30 to 10 p.m., Monday to Saturday, is more sophisticated, with a focus on seafood and healthy stir-fries, and features select items like scallops, oysters, mussels, giant prawns and lobster, around the restaurant's signature multi-choice concept (smoked to order, grilled or steamed). The wine list includes a variety of South African and New World wines, with a focus on great value for money.

La Badiane (Seats 40)

Adjacent to the main restaurant, The alfresco 'La Badiane' is enriched by a spice garden whose scent and sweet perfume is a complete invigorating experience for the guests. La Badiane offers a new Mauritian dining experience with its 'creole fusion' cuisine from 7.30 to 10.00 p.m.

Citronella's Café (seats 120)

Facing the sea, between La Pirogue and Sugar Beach Resort, guests can savour the delights of the Mediterranean's sunny cuisines - from tasty light snacks to the best Italian restaurants' traditional dishes - in the cordial warmth of Citronella's handsome dining room or in the shade of the café's teak terrace. Citronella's Café is open for lunch from 12.30 to 3 p.m. every day except Monday, and for dinner from 7.30 to 11p.m. every day except Sunday.

Dress Code

Long trousers are de rigueur for men in the evening.



Thatches Restaurant



The Paul & Virginie Restaurant



Citronella's Café

BARS

Blue Bar (seats 90)

The bar offers a wide choice of contemporary tropical cocktails and rums and an important selection of beverages, liqueurs, beers and spirits of international brands, as well as delicious espressos from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

The Coco Kiosk Bar (seats 50)

The 'Coco Kiosk' bar is adjacent to the pool and offers a wide variety of coladas (Pinacolada, litchicolada, mangocolada...) served in fresh coconuts with different style presentation as well as health line cocktails and tropical fruits.

Beach Bar (seats 75)

Overlooking the Indian Ocean, near the nautical club, the bar opens at 10 a.m. daily and closes at midnight every day. In a relaxed atmosphere with a spectacular sea-view, it offers a great 'drink-your-vitamins' menu of fresh fruit juices, vegetable juices, milk-shakes and other beverages as well as a superb selection of espressos. Food consists of light snacks: Mauritian snacks, sandwiches, burgers, pizzas, and exotic ice-cream at lunchtime as well as pastries and pancakes for five o'clock tea. A beach golf-cart provides refreshments from 10.00 to 5.30 p.m. and a pizza bike delivers pizzas on order to guests' thatched parasols from 12.30 to 5.30 p.m.



Blue Bar



Beach Bar



Dinner at Paul & virginie Restaurant

FOR CHILDREN

Fun Kids Club

For children aged 2 to 11 years. Open 12 hours a day and purpose-planned and equipped to cater for the specific needs of children on holiday, the Fun Kids Club offers numerous age-appropriate fun activities, as well as special menus, buffets and barbecues specifically prepared for the kids under the watchful eye of specially-trained hostesses. Activities include mini-golf, tennis, windsurfing, swimming, pony-riding and excursions. The services of a babysitter (for which there is an extra charge) are required for 2 - and 3-year-old.

Teens Club

The ideal meeting-place for guests aged 12 to 17, the Teens Club organizes and runs sports activities, outings, excursions and special evenings for teenagers.

SUN CARD

On arrival at the resort, each guest is handed a Sun Card, which entitles him or her to certain sports free of charge (see below) and to other specific advantages including reductions on certain activities, on excursions and on car rental, discounts at various shops at the resort and around the island, meal interchanges at Sugar Beach Resort and Le Coco Beach (Sun Card's offers subject to conditions).

SPORTS (FREE OF CHARGE)

Kayaking, laser-sailing, pedal boats, glass-bottom-boat rides, snorkelling, windsurfing, sailing (sport catamaran), aquagym classes in the resort's swimming-pool, tennis (Floodlit courts, equipment available; rackets free of charge, balls for a fee), aerobics, stretching and yoga classes, basketball, handball, frisbee, jogging, mini-football, badminton.

SPORTS (CHARGEABLE)

Scuba-diving (PADI courses are also available), big-game fishing, undersea walk, parasailing, banana-boat and supertube rides, giant-catamaran outings, horse rides, mountain-biking, bocciball (chips available at a fee), submarine dives and dolphin-discovery excursions. Golf (with preferential green fees for Privilege Card holders) at the 18-hole Le Touessrok Golf course located on Ile aux Cerfs as well as 'Le Tamarina' Golf Estate situated at 15 minutes drive from the hotel.



SUGAR CLUB

La Pirogue guests have free access to this air-conditioned, Cybex-equipped health and fitness centre supervised by competent coaches and located at Sugar Beach Resort, a short walk away across the palm-grove. There is a charge for personal coaching. The centre also houses a hair-dressing salon, a beauty parlour, which provides beauty care and massage, for a fee, and a sauna, which is free of charge. **SBR CLOSURE!?**

SERVICES (CHARGEABLE)

Secretarial services, car rental (leading credit cards accepted), dry-cleaning, laundry, film processing, foreign-exchange facilities at the reception, taxi service, doctor on call, cameraman and photographer (accredited by the hotel) for special occasions, e-mails and access to internet (on request at the reception of the hotel with access in rooms).



LA PIROGUE'S BOUTIQUES

La Pirogue's boutiques stock a variety of gift items, clothes bearing the hotel's logo, and other souvenirs as well as duty-free jewellery.

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

The resort features two Conference Rooms namely the Sesame room (250 m²) on the 3rd floor, which can accommodate 225 persons and the Muscade room (315 m²) on the 1st floor, which can accommodate 130 persons in banquet style. Both rooms are equipped with CD players, flip charts, lectern, fixed microphones, multi-system video player, overhead projector, sound system, screen, and TV monitor.



ENTERTAINMENT

Dancing to the music of the resort's resident band every night, and world-class themed shows several nights a week.

MAURITIUS, GENERAL INFORMATION

Mauritius is situated 3,000 kilometres to the east of the African continent, slightly to the north of the tropic of Capricorn. Its superb 160-kilometre coastline, multi-coloured coral reefs, and picturesque mountains make it the gem of the Indian Ocean.



CLIMATE

With average coastal temperatures of 22°C in winter and 31°C in summer, Mauritius is an ideal holiday destination all year round. Sea temperature along the coast varies between 22°C and 27°C. As Mauritius is a tropical island, its rainy and dry seasons are not really clear-cut.

POPULATION AND LANGUAGES

The population of just over one million consists of Indo-Mauritians (Hindus and Muslims), Mauritians of African, European or mixed origin, and Sino-Mauritians. English, French and Creole are the most widely spoken languages, followed by Hindi and other oriental languages.

FORMALITIES

A valid passport and a return ticket are essential for all visitors. Depending on the country of origin, a visa and documentary proof of certain vaccinations are also required. Prospective visitors are advised to consult their travel agent on the matter.

CURRENCY

The currency is the Mauritian rupee, divided into 100 cents.

DISTANCES FROM LA PIROGUE TO:

The airport: 55 km (+/- 60 minutes)
Port-Louis (the capital): 20 km (+/- 25 minutes)
Curepipe: 25 km (+/- 35 minutes)
Quatre Bornes: 20 km (+/- 25 minutes)
Black River: 20 km (+/- 15 minutes)
Le Touessrok: 63 km (+/- 65 minutes)
Le Coco Beach: 59 km (+/- 65 minutes).

LA PIROGUE

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