

A tropical climate, stunning beaches, world-famous resorts...welcome to paradise

SHOULD you be asked to design a tropical island paradise, you would probably end up with something looking remarkably like Mauritius. Situated in the Indian Ocean between the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn, Mauritius lies about 500 miles east of Madagascar.

It is compact – just 720 square miles – has a population of 1.2 million and looks fabulous: all blinding-white sandy beaches, azure sea, nodding palm trees, wonderful wild flowers and gently rolling mountains.

Just as impressive is the warmth of the local people, an extraordinary ethnic mix of Indians, Africans, Europeans and Chinese. The official language of Mauritius is English but most locals speak Creole.

The weather, as befits a tropical paradise, is nearly always heavenly. During summer, which runs from November to April, you can expect temperatures to reach 35C in seaside places; during the winter – May to October – they'll hit a very agreeable 25C.

Mauritius is perhaps best known for its world-famous top-grade hotels such as the One&Only Le Saint Geran (www.oneandonlyresorts.com), the island's first international resort-style five-star hotel which opened more than 30 years ago and ever since has been setting the standards for style, service and glamour on the island.

The resort is set on its own private peninsula on the north-east coast, surrounded by 90 acres of lush gardens and miles of silver-white sand. The cool, open lobby offers breathtaking views of the ocean. Luxuryholidaysdirect.com offers seven nights at One&Only Le Saint Geran, flying Air Mauritius, in a junior suite on half-board basis from £1,425pp.

Also highly recommended is the Beau Rivage (www.naiade.com), Naiade Resorts' flagship hotel on the stunning east coast. The Beau Rivage has 162 newly refurbished junior suites and five honeymoon suites, all with a balcony or terrace facing the sea. The Beau Rivage Spa offers a range of indulgent Payot treatments, hot tub, sauna, plunge pool, hammam,

hydrotherapy room, massage rooms and beauty salon.

Activities include watersports, tennis, yoga, tai-chi and snorkelling, with diving and golf nearby. Luxuryholidaysdirect.com offer 14 nights at the Beau Rivage, flying Air Mauritius in a junior suite on half-board basis from £1,499pp.

One of the island's most luxurious and idyllic resorts is Le Touessrok (letouessrokresort.com). The resort may have a village atmosphere, yet

rooms feature state-of-the-art technology and amenities include a Givenchy Spa and Bernhard Langer-designed golf course.

The resort sits on the Trou d'Eau Douce Bay, offering staggering views of the Indian Ocean, about 50 minutes from the island's capital, Port Louis. Tropical, tranquil and exotic, Le Touessrok has elegant features such as a feng-

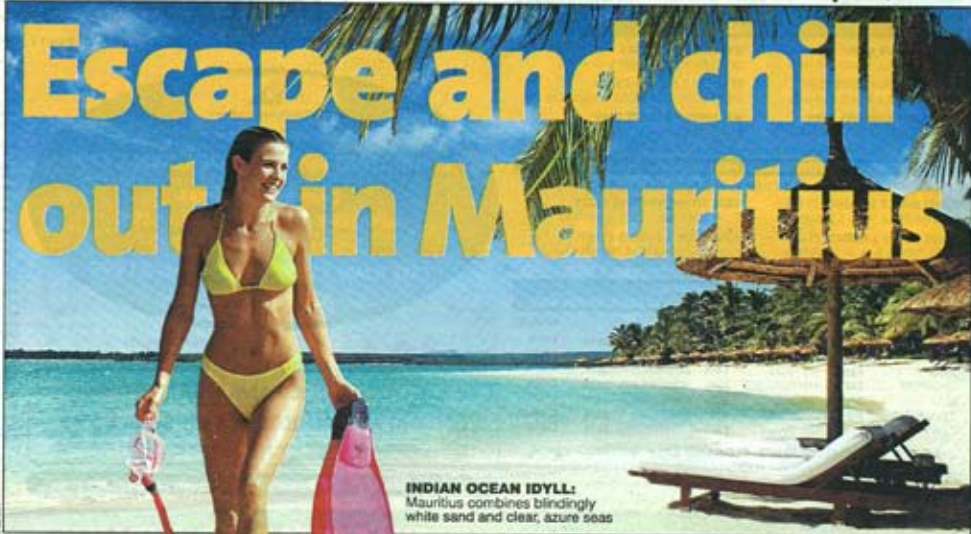
shui-designed walkway across a carp pool, thatched roofs and dark volcanic stone.

Lining the sweeping curve of the bay are 132 suites and 68 rooms, which all offer 24-hour butler service.

Luxuryholidaysdirect.com offers 14 nights at Le Touessrok, flying Air Mauritius, on a half-board basis in a deluxe room from £1,555pp.

Exclusive to Mail on Sunday readers, clients staying at Le Touessrok this summer will be upgraded to a junior suite.


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Escape and chill out in Mauritius







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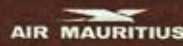


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One&Only Le Saint Geran	Constance Belle Mare Plage	Constance Le Prince Maurice	Beau Rivage	Le Touessrok Mauritius	Air Mauritius
7 Nights in a Junior Suite on Half Board from only £1425pp	10 Nights in a Prestige Room on Half Board from only £1175pp	10 Nights in a Junior Suite on Half Board from only £1545pp	14 Nights in a Junior Suite on Half Board from only £1499pp	10 Nights in a Junior Suite on Half Board from only £1555pp	One way upgrade to Business Class from only £485pp

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