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#### **ENTRY DOCUMENTS**

Travelers arriving in Africa are required to have passports that will be valid for at least six months from the date of departure and contain at least two blank pages per country to be visited for affixing entry and exit stamps.

US passport holders may enter Mauritius without a visa.

### **VACCINATIONS, ANTI-MALARIALS AND MEDICATION**

All travelers to Mauritius should consult a travel clinic at least 6 weeks before departure for advice as to the recommended medications and vaccinations for their journey, based on their itinerary, personal health profile and current policies in the destination.

Mauritius is a no risk Malaria destination.

Only travelers entering Mauritius from countries where yellow fever is present, including but not limited to, Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania, must have certification of yellow fever vaccination, or a waiver document provided by their physician citing the waiver reason. Airport transit travelers are not required to have yellow fever vaccinations.

#### **BAGGAGE**

Airlines in Mauritius routinely weigh both checked and carry-on bags. To avoid paying excess baggage fees, please adhere to the airline's restrictions.

## **TIPPING**

Service staff in Africa depend on tips as part of their livelihood. As a guideline, you are not required to tip in restaurants, if a gratuity is usually already included. If a gratuity is not included, you can leave between 10% and 15%.

For bellhops who help carry your luggage, you should tip them a about 100MUR per bag and for housekeeping about 100MUR every few days is a sufficient tip. If you are still unsure of how much to tip, the best option is to find out the hotel policy, as some establishments encourage using the common tip box.

A transfer driver should be tipped 100 – 200MUR.

#### **MONEY**

The Mauritius Rupee is the official currency. Credit cards are also accepted at major lodges. Visa and Mastercard are accepted, American Express less so.

USD can also be exchanged for rupee in Mauritius, or tendered directly in some stores and restaurants. It's best to travel with multiple payment options just in case.

When using USD bills, they must be clean and in excellent shape, and issued after 2008. Your bank will be familiar with this request if you explain that the notes are for use overseas.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

*Always* use the safe in your room to store cash, important documents and other valuables. Larger items can be left in the lodge or camp safe at the front desk.

# **ELECTRICITY**

Africa uses 230 volt electric current. Plugs are types C and G. For detailed information, images and links to purchase adaptors, please consult https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com

#### **POTABLE WATER**

Tap water in Mauritius is safe to drink. Bottled water is also provided by most hotels and lodges at a modest cost.

