

# Holiday Inn launches in Mauritius

IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) has announced the opening of Holiday Inn Mauritius Airport on the island's south east coast.



Just 700 metres from the new SSR International Airport, five minutes from the nearest beach and 45 kilometres from the capital, Port Louis, the hotel is ideally located for travellers looking to make the most of their time in Mauritius.

The 140-room hotel is surrounded by gardens carefully landscaped to preserve the natural botanic diversity. The names of the hotel's food and beverage outlets pay tribute to the proximity to the country's airport and the history of air trips and travel in Mauritius: its all-day dining restaurant, '1933', is named after the year the first international flight was made from the island and 'Piper Navajo', its bar lounge, is named after the first type of plane used to link Mauritius island to Rodrigues island in 1972.

In addition to leisure guests, Holiday Inn Mauritius Airport caters for Mauritius' growing business travel community with 450m<sup>2</sup> of meeting space, including a boardroom and four meeting rooms with garden break-out access. Guests looking to unwind after a long day will enjoy the property's gym and spa facilities. Views of the gardens can be enjoyed from the hotel's large terraces, including one adjoining 'Piper Navajo', and a north-west facing pool terrace with a stepped, infinity pool.

The hotel conversion was completed with historic and environmental considerations front of mind, using basalt rock from existing shacks and out-houses in its construction. In addition, the building features rainwater harvesting for irrigation and uses local timber in all public areas, to help reduce carbon footprint.

Jean-Eric Sirop, GM, Holiday Inn Mauritius Airport, commented: "I'm delighted to announce the opening of Mauritius' first Holiday Inn. The combination of the building and ground's unique character, with its prime location close to both the airport and Mauritius' beautiful beaches, will make this a popular hotel for business and leisure guests. We are proud to be part of such a globally celebrated brand and have no doubt that guests from across the globe will enjoy the comfort and value that our hotel and team deliver."

Pascal Gauvin, IHG's Chief Operating Officer, for India, Middle East and Africa commented: "We've been looking forward to bringing Holiday Inn to Mauritius and today we welcome guests through the hotel's doors. As the island's popularity amongst holidaymakers and business travellers continues to increase, this Holiday Inn will provide an affordable, quality option on Mauritius' scenic south east coast."

This hotel is IHG's second hotel in Mauritius, joining InterContinental Resort Mauritius at the Bay of Balaclava.

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