

MTPA unveils Mauritius Winter Calendar

The Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA) recently unveiled its winter season events calendar. Health, wellness, sports, and gastronomy are just some of the themes on the winter calendar this year, reinforcing the island as a destination of choice for all kinds of travellers, whether seeking fun and adventure, or relaxation and luxury.

With its exquisite white sand beaches, amazing scenery, fun and adventure, water sports, a variety of cuisine, premier beach-side hotels, distinguished golf villas and extravagant luxury apartments – not to mention warm and welcoming people and a diverse blend of culture - Mauritius is an all-year destination. From this perspective, the Mauritius 2016 Winter Calendar offers an abundance of activities, showcasing a variety of thriving and diverse travel and tourism offerings across the island.

March – Culture

March saw the Christian holiday of Easter and the Hindu Maha Shivaratree festival both celebrated by Mauritians and tourists alike. The Maha Shivaratree festival marked a convergence of Shiva and Shakti and the fusion of religion and culture as the first of many exciting experiences set to unfold on the island.

April – Mauritius365

For every 365 days in the year, there is something new to do in Mauritius. The Mauritius365 campaign highlights that there is something for every kind of traveller to do every day of the year.

May - Golf

May shifted the focus to golf with the AfraAsia Bank of Mauritius Open Gold Tournament taking place at Anahita, the Asia Gold Fam Trip and the MCB Ocean Amateur Golf cup following shortly after.

June – Sports and Wellness

June saw an estimated 3,000 additional visitors to the island for the World Rugby 10s. If you are a tennis fan, The Mary Pierce Indian Ocean Series tennis tournament brought a legion of strong female athletes to the island competing to improve

their world rankings.

For those who prefer something on the calmer, more spiritual side of things, the Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability (LOHAS) festival celebrated a lifestyle and health conference on the island aligning with International Yoga Day, on 21 June 2016.

July – Trek, trails and marathons

Athletes and adrenaline junkies will flock to the mountainous landscapes of the island throughout the month of July to partake in various treks, trails and marathons across the island – some covering as long a distance as 100km on foot.

August – Gastronomy

As winter draws to a close, August will bring to the island gastronomic feast fit for a king, or any self-respecting foodie, with festivals and gatherings offering up the finest in local cuisine, creole cooking, international chefs and tastings of the very best of Mauritian rum from across the land.

September – Cycling

If you're not ready to bid farewell to the island paradise, September is cycling month. In an attempt to promote the interior of Mauritius, organisers have mapped out cycle tours fit for MAMILS (middle-aged men in lycra) and ladies alike.

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