

## MAURITIUS Golf's Fantasy Island

This charming archipelago off the southeast coast of Africa has for years offered the idyllic retreat for honeymooners. With the recent advent of a string of outstanding golf courses decorating its exotic coastline, this fascinating, sparkling crystal of the Indian Ocean now offers golfers a marriage made in heaven.

**I**ts very name conjures images of tropical luxury and stupendous extravagance. And it's a vision supported by 177km of coastline almost encircled by a coral barrier reef. Located 900 kilometres east of Madagascar, Mauritius is only a six-hour flight from Perth. One of the island's biggest assets is its people; their warm and welcoming nature creates an ambience that is simply relaxing. While in many destinations famed for cobalt-blue seas, white sandy beaches and luxury hotels, you may eventually

find yourself wishing for something to do besides sunbathing and swimming. This island is loaded with historic sights, cultural diversity, geographic variation and almost limitless activities. And for Australian golfers, seven quality resort courses—most of which set on the shores of palm-fringed beaches and coral lagoons—offer an appealing destination to escape the cooler months. All with an elegance and charm that is truly special. Here are a couple of the best places to stay and play.



## PARADIS GOLF CLUB

Situated on the breathtaking Le Morne Peninsula, a round of golf on the course at Paradis can only be described as unforgettable. Here the fairways and greens curl along the shoreline of a spectacular bay against a backdrop of majestic mountains. The claim that this is one of the most beautiful golf courses in Mauritius is a valid one. Built within the resort's grounds, the 18-hole Par 72 golf course stretches 5924 metres between the iconic Morne Mountain, a towering volcanic mountain rising to a height of 640m above sea level, and the crystal-clear lagoon of the Morne Peninsula.

Much of the creative design of some bunkers and fairways is attributable to international golf legend Tony Johnstone, who has spent some years playing the course through its many evolutionary stages. The dominant backdrop to the smooth green fairways of the front nine is bright colours of bougainvillea, flamboyants, poinsettias and araucarias, while the royal palms, filao and coconut trees complete the picture of tropical island style.

In contrast back nine holes are spread along the coastline where five water hazards present a challenging hazard for all golfers. Guests tee off a mere 20 metres from the beach and play on fairways along the lagoon and towards the mountain. The par-5 16th is a stunning example. The green is perched at the end of the narrow peninsula and water hugs the right-hand side.

Two of Beachcomber Hotels' flagship properties, Paradis Hotel & Golf Club and Dinarobin Hotel Golf & Spa, share the 18-hole golf course, eight restaurants and



an array of beaches, pools and water sports activities. Suites and villas are sprinkled along 7km of sandy coastline. Each hotel creates its own distinctive atmosphere. At the Paradis it is elegance and vitality and at the Dinarobin it is harmony and refinement.

To top it all off, each hotel boasts the world-famous Clarins Spa where the focus is relaxation and beauty down to the smallest detail. An extensive range of Clarins treatments are on offer. In particular after-sport care treatments such as the "after-golf relaxing massage". Indulge yourself.



## FOUR SEASONS GOLF CLUB MAURITIUS AT ANAHITA

The Ernie Els Championship golf course, managed by Four Seasons Mauritius and built to USGA standards, is the first of its kind in Mauritius. With large fairways and offering five tee positions on every hole it allows every golfer the chance to enjoy an exhilarating tee-to-green experience.

Situated on the east coast of Mauritius this spectacular 6828-metre course meanders through its exclusive estate and is carefully woven into the landscape of this tropical sanctuary. It is specially designed to preserve the coastline's natural beauty, in particular the rich native flora and fauna. With an exceptional view of the Indian Ocean, spectacular rocky outcrops, jaw-dropping views of the mountains and set in the natural setting of lush vegetation with mesmerising beauty and turquoise lagoons, the Els Four Seasons Golf Club is best described as a masterpiece.

Six stunning oceanside holes offer the world's most beautiful finish. The final hole is a classic and deserved of hosting a major tournament. Up the fairway the lagoon guards the left and a stone ruins protects the right. The green, surrounded by bunkers, presents guests with one final challenge. Only an accurate pitch will rest safely on the putting surface of this par 5. Els himself describes the 18th as one of the best finishing holes in world golf.

To complete your golfing experience, the contemporary Mauritian-styled golf clubhouse has a pro shop that is fully-stocked with high-end merchandise, as well as Le Club restaurant. Presenting creative cuisine with the signature Four Seasons attention to detail, Le Club overlooks the 18th hole and provides all-day dining whether it is for a hearty breakfast, energising lunch or light refreshments in the afternoon, all the while soaking up the atmosphere with panoramic views of the greens and surrounding lagoon.

And for golfers looking to perfect their skills, the Four Seasons Golf Academy offers a complete approach to game improvement, covering all aspects of the game, including the full-swing, the short game, course



management, practice techniques, mental training, golf-fitness, and properly fitted equipment. The practice area consists of a large and generous 320-metre (350-yard) grass range, with nine target greens with bunkers, including putting and chipping greens.

This world-class sanctuary redefines the essence of luxury living with its exclusive residences. The Four Seasons Resort Mauritius at Anahita with luxurious accommodation and spa facilities, a signature dining experience and a stunning 18-hole championship golf course gives the destination a new aura.

Mauritius has now joined the world's premier golf destinations finally realising all golfers' fantasies.

For further information, contact the Four Seasons Golf Club Mauritius at Anahita on +(230) 4023125 or visit our website at [www.fourseasons.com/mauritius/golf](http://www.fourseasons.com/mauritius/golf)



## HOW TO GET THERE

**WHERE:**  
Mauritius

**PLAY AND STAY:**  
Paradis Golf Club, Le Morne Peninsula, one hour west of Plaisance Airport

Four Seasons Golf Club Mauritius at Anahita, Bel Ombre, south coast, 45 minutes west of Plaisance Airport

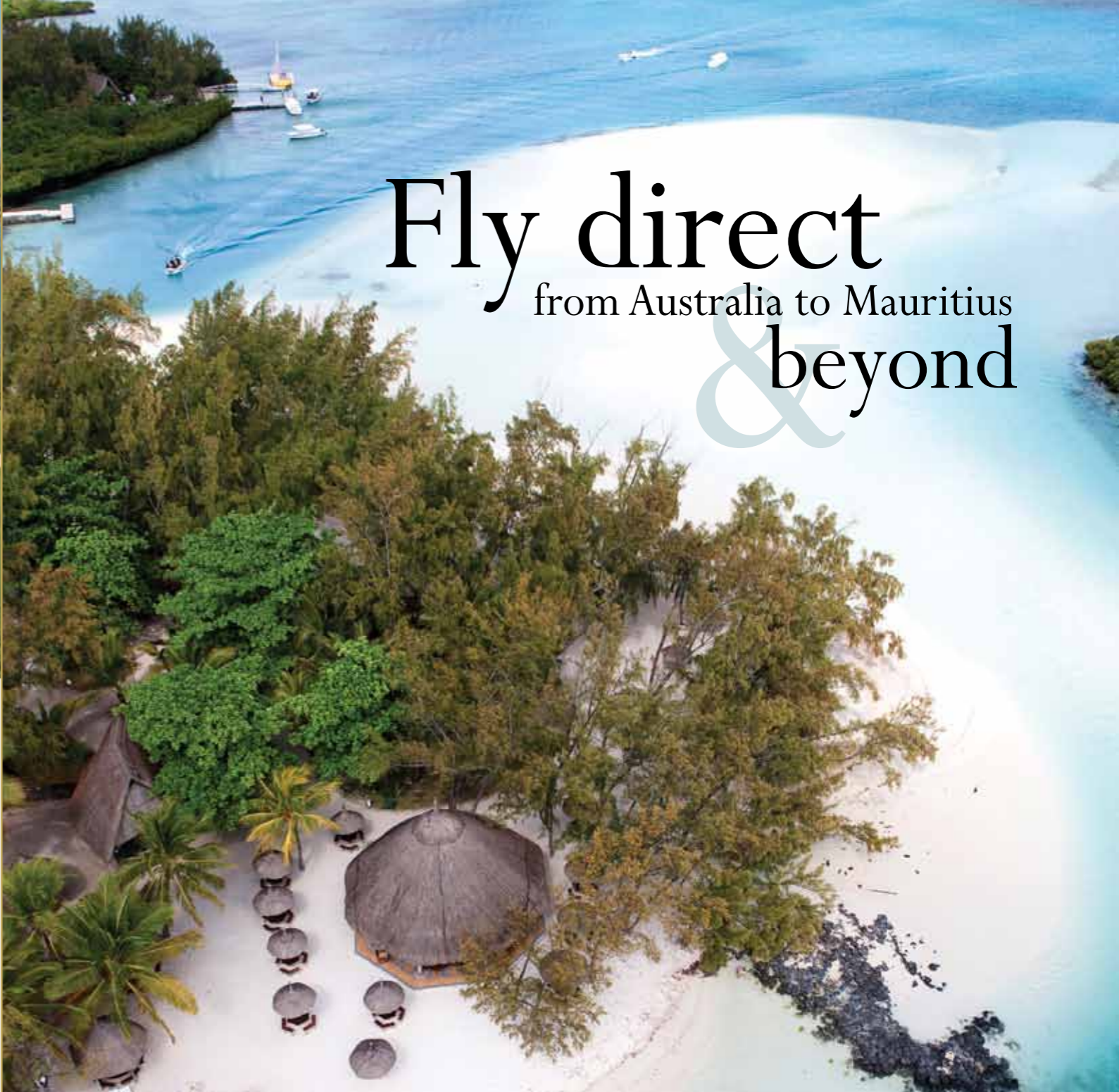
**CONTACT:**  
Air Mauritius Tel: 1300 332 077  
[www.airmauritius.com](http://www.airmauritius.com)

**FLIGHTS:**  
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*The dodo bird, which was indigenous only to Mauritius, had lost the power of flight because food was abundant and predators were absent. The extinction of the bird (300 years ago), within 80 years of its discovery, made man realise for the first time that he could induce the extinction of plants and animals.*

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