

Port Louis, Mauritius

Mauritius's compact capital sits between volcanic mountains and a turquoise lagoon — ships dock right at the Caudan Waterfront, steps from a UNESCO immigration depot, a vivid market, and gateways to the island's coloured earths and sacred lakes.

Docked (Caudan Waterfront) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Mauritian Rupee (MUR) English / French / Creole

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Caudan Waterfront, central Port Louis

Walk to center: Steps away

Best For: History · Island excursions

Don't Miss: Chamarel Seven Coloured Earths

Getting around: **Taxi** 650–800 MUR (~\$14–18 USD) · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Chamarel Seven Coloured Earths & Waterfall** — Mauritius's most photographed natural wonder — volcanic dunes of seven distinct hues (red, brown, violet, green, blue, purple, yellow) alongside a...
- **Black River Gorges National Park** — Mauritius's largest national park: dense rainforest, endemic birds (pink pigeon, echo parakeet), waterfalls, and hiking trails through the island's...
- **Aapravasi Ghat & Blue Penny Museum** — Walk to the UNESCO-listed immigration depot where half a million indentured labourers arrived after slavery's abolition — then visit the Blue Penny...
- **Central Market & City Walk** — Port Louis's bustling bazaar overflows with vanilla, saffron, Creole street food, and handcrafts.
- **Grand Bassin Sacred Lake** — A crater lake in the highlands, sacred to Mauritian Hindus as a source of water for the Maha Shivaratri festival.

BEST WALKS

- **Caudan Waterfront to Central Market** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From the cruise terminal, stroll the Caudan Waterfront promenade past the Blue Penny Museum and harbour, then head inland through the city streets to the vibrant Central...
- **Aapravasi Ghat & Champ de Mars** ~3 km · 2 hrs · easy — Head north from the waterfront to the Aapravasi Ghat immigration depot on the harbour edge (UNESCO), then continue up to the Champ de Mars, the colonial-era racecourse...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	75°	18d
Jun	78°	70°	7d
Aug	78°	68°	8d
Sep	79°	68°	7d
Oct	82°	71°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 6:21AM–5:58PM · Jun 6:43AM–5:37PM · Aug 6:32AM–5:57PM · Sep 6:06AM–6:04PM · Oct 5:39AM–6:12PM	

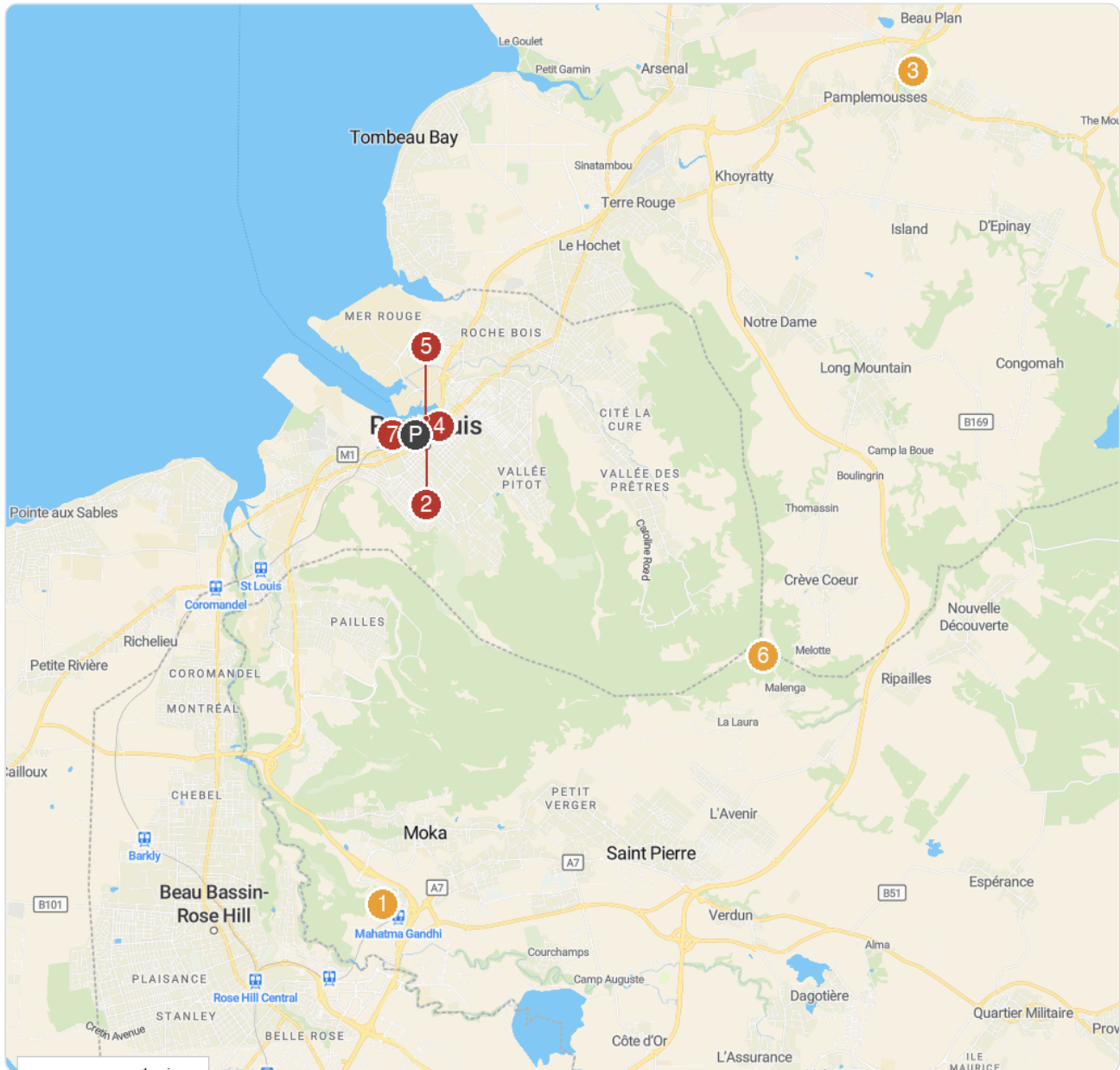
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for heat and humidity. Port Louis is one of the hottest and most humid cities in the Indian Ocean — lightweight, breathable clothing and sunscreen are essential, especially Nov–Apr.
- Carry Mauritian Rupees for the market. The Central Market and street food vendors prefer cash. ATMs are available at the Caudan Waterfront and accept major cards.
- Agree taxi fares before you go. Taxis don't always use meters — fix a price for any island tour before departing the terminal. The tourist desk at the pier can help with fair rates.
- Chamarel + Black River Gorges in one trip. Both are in the southwest and pair perfectly as a half-day excursion. Going separately wastes drive time; most tours combine them.
- Skip the Caudan mall for the real market. The Caudan Waterfront has a shopping mall with tourist prices. For authentic Mauritian spices, pickles, and crafts, walk 10 minutes to the Central Market.
- Long calls suit island touring. Port Louis is an 8–10 hr call on most itineraries — enough time to do a half-day island excursion AND explore the city. Prioritise Chamarel if you have one choice.

Port Louis, Mauritius — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <p>1 Le Reduit</p> <p>Mauritius President's official residence and gardens.</p> <p>3 Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden</p> <p>Historic botanical garden with giant water lilies and palms.</p> <p>5 Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site</p> <p>UNESCO site: former immigration depot for indentured laborers.</p> <p>7 Blue Penny Museum</p> <p>Museum showcasing Mauritian history and rare stamps.</p> | <p>2 Central Market Port Louis</p> <p>Bustling market for local food, crafts, and souvenirs.</p> <p>4 Jummah Masjid</p> <p>Historic mosque, an architectural landmark in Port Louis.</p> <p>6 Pieter Both</p> <p>Mauritius' second highest mountain with a distinctive peak.</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> |
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