MAURITIUS INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

DETA 2025

Distance Education and Teachers' Training in Africa

SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES

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Date: Friday 25 July 2025

Time: Departure MIE 13.30hrs - Drop off MIE Réduit/Voila Bagatelle 19hrs

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PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS' VIBRANT CAPITAL

As the economic, cultural, and political centre of the country, Port Louis thrives with nearly 200,000 inhabitants. Experience iconic landmarks and immerse in vibrant cultural attractions. Uncover history, explore heritage, and expand your knowledge of the place as a historical site which traces back from the French colonial period.

MARIE REINE DE LA PAIX

This modern shrine is a popular spot which offers an ornamental view over the city of Port Louis. The first mass conducted there was officiated by Pope Jean Paul II during his first visit in Mauritius.

FORT ADELAIDE, LA CITADELLE

Fort Adelaide, also called the Citadel, was built by the British in 1840. It was made to protect Port Louis from foreign attacks and possible uprisings by freed slaves. It was named after Queen Adelaide, the wife of King William IV. The fort is on a hill with great views of the city. Today, it is a popular place for tourists, cultural events, and offers beautiful sights of Port Louis.

PLAINE VERTE

Situated on the opposite side of the Citadel, Plaine Verte's simple concrete buildings contrast with the business and commercial towers of Port Louis. Landmark locations in Plaine Verte are the Jumma Masjid, formely known as Mosquée des Arabes or "Mosque of the Arabs", which dates from 1850s and combines Indian, Creole and Islamic architecture; St Paul's Church which was built in 1863; and a small museum which offers insights into the life of the father of independence, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam.

THE CHAMP DE MARS HORSERACING TRACK

The Champ de Mars was established in 1812 and stands as the oldest horse racing track in the southern Hemisphere. Steeped in history and tradition, the Champ de Mars still attracts horse racing enthusiasts and remains a popular cultural institution.

AAPRAVASI GHAT

Built in 1849, Aapravasi Ghat was where indentured laborers landed upon their arrival. This was the place where they were registered, underwent health check and were assigned to work on sugar plantations. The British used this site as part of a plan to replace enslaved workers with indentured laborers. Today, Aapravasi Ghat is a museum and cultural center that teaches visitors about the history of indentured labor and the different cultures of Mauritius.

KAILASSON TAMIL TEMPLE AT STE CROIX

The Arulmigu Sockalingum Meenatchee Ammen Tirukovil, also known as the Kaylasson temple is the oldest temple in Mauritius. Its construction started in 1854, and visitors can appreciate the craftmanship of this architectural wonder.

TOMBEAU DU PERE LAVAL- PILGRIMAGE SITE

The shrine of missionary and French catholic priest, Pere Jaques-Desire Laval, who is known for converting 67,000 people to Christianity during his 23 years in Mauritius. He died in 1864 and was beatified by Pope Jean Paul II in 1979. Many miracles are attributed to pilgrimages undertaken to the shrine of Pere Laval.

TROU AUX BICHES PUBLIC BEACH

Trou aux Biches is one of the most beautiful beaches in the north of the island. Located between Mont Choisy and Pointe aux Piments, this beautiful beach is famous among photographers for its setting and postcard sceneries. Trou aux Biches was several times elected one of the most beautiful beaches in the African continent and is often cited as one of the finest beaches in the world.

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