

## Delightful Reunion Island



### **DAY 1: Arrive Reunion Island:**

Arrive RUN airport. Clear your immigrations and transfer to the hotel for check in. Stay overnight at Reunion Island.

### **DAY 2: CIRQUE OF SALAZIE:**

After the breakfast at the hotel, departure to the North. The main road, circulation, this area is plenty of activities, because it is the economic heart of Reunion Island. As soon as you will cover the 13 kilometres of the famous coastal road to Saint Denis, you will discover its old Creole houses dating to the East India Trade Company period, its metropolitan atmosphere and its bourgeois charm, and just after the Sainte Marie's green sugar canes plantations. At the edge of the East, the colourful architecture of Hindu temples delights your eyes. Your sense will be subject to a severe test ! Aromatic beans are programmed: vanilla exploitation, pioneer saga and all the subtlety preparation, such as exquisite perfumes, take hold of your senses until ecstasy! The Salazie access is a succession of amazing landscapes, where green is strong present. Thousand essential oil, waterfalls and flowers will accompany you until the top, around 1 000 m of altitude! The village, which honours Governor Hell, is a real Creole architecture living museum: acute roofing, tamarind shingle, exquisite 'lambrequins' and other local architectures will solicit constantly your cameras! The visit of la 'Maison Folio' is affecting trip to the past, a past where top hats and swallow tailed orbited around thermal baths and danced during unforgettable governors balls. The three gardens house contains furniture in precious wood and historic domestic instruments. Stay overnight at Reunion Island.

### **DAY 3: FULL DAY TOUR TO THE VOLCANO:**

The cold morning air will be quickly transformed by the natural warmth of volcanic sites. The West's roads reveal a seaside where calm coasts are punctuated by abrupt cliffs until Saint Pierre. Here

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begin the ascent to Plaine des Cafres plateaus and to la Grande Ferme. Heathers, gentians, villages, pastures, cows, forests will be the setting until Nez de Boeuf at 2 070 m. At this place it stretches a puzzling valley: 22 km of geological surprises! The gaping hole of Commerson crater has as many rocks as question marks. This amphitheatre loved by geologists, announced the amazing discoveries first fruits. The higher point of the day will be at 2360 m. Once you will have finished this visit, the change of scene will be sudden! La Plaine des Sables will blindingly obvious as a challenge to immensity. It's like in one step you go from earth to the moon. Fantastic, indescribable! Le Pas de Bellecombe, at 2 311 m, is a place which overlooks from a cliff of 150 m, a large enclosure over 22 km on 10, in which there are not less than 60 craters. The highest is Le Bory at 2 631 m. After a hearty mountain lunch, you will go from basaltic natural structures to the futuristic architecture of the Volcano's House. This museum, of modern, interactive and playful conception as much as instructive, lets ignore nothing of the tempestuous life of volcanoes, or the geologic formation of the island. Stay overnight at Reunion Island.

#### **DAY 4:THE WILD SOUTH:**

Early departure to the South. After crossing Grands Bois and dominant winds zone, you will discover as one goes along a country with changeable landscape. Since centuries, ocean and wild coast rocks engage a titanic fighting! Tropical rains abundantly water the whole vegetal blanket, which gives at these sites a beautiful exuberance. Primary forests carpet the volcanic summits foothills, for the white tailed tropicbirds and papangues happiness. Grand-Anse was the first inhabited place of the South. The site is impressive: coconuts shade, green blanket until the sandy beach where whole corals indicate that is a young island and we must to visit it with care and without break its first centuries fragility. In this way, factories ruins testify past times, which give their place to a modernism, which further step by step. It's unusual that dingy is beautiful, that pathetic is so admirable. These unique sceneries and these flashes of the birth of a world are hard to describe. It's a privilege to be here. In the Perfumes and Spices Garden that you will visit in the afternoon, it just misses Adam & Eve's presence. Otherwise all is here. Stay overnight at Reunion Island.

#### **DAY 5:HALF DAY TOUR TO SAGA DU RHUM:**

Half day excursion in St Pierre, capital of the south and the South coast. Discovering of the wild Grand Anse beach, Manapany's fisherman port and St Pierre with his different places of worship from all the religions. Visit of LA SAGA DU RHUM. Established at the heart of the Isautier distillery in Saint Pierre the oldest family distillery of the island, founded in 1845 the Saga du Rhum is La REunion's only rum museum. Shopping time.

#### **DAY 6:DEPARTURE:**

Transfer to the airport. Tour Ends



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