

# Mauritius

## Medical Summary

The health risk information presented here is summarized from Shoreland Travax<sup>®</sup>, a decision-support tool used by health care providers to perform a detailed health risk analysis based on specific locations, individual travel styles, and traveler risk behaviors. Travax provides practitioners current, independently researched malaria risk and prevention recommendations in a map-based format that goes beyond the annual WHO and CDC statements included here. Not included here are current reports from Travax of disease outbreaks or environmental events that may pose elevated risks to travelers' health and safety. The Providers section of this site offers a directory of health care providers who utilize Shoreland Travax for travel health counseling. Learn more about the detailed reports and maps available from these practitioners (*includes links to samples*).

## General Information

Mauritius is a developing nation classified as upper middle income. Located in the Indian Ocean (east of Madagascar), the climate is classified as humid equatorial (no dry season).

## Immunizations

### Yellow Fever

- Requirement: No requirement for any traveler as of July 1, 2019 per the 2019 online update of *International Travel and Health*.

### Other Vaccines

Depending on your itinerary, your personal risk factors, and the length of your visit, your health care provider may offer you vaccination against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, rabies, or typhoid fever. Routine immunizations, such as those that prevent tetanus/diphtheria or "childhood" diseases, should be reviewed and updated as needed.

## Malaria

The following is current information as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

### WHO—*International Travel and Health* (current online update, Country List)

No statement given.

### CDC—*Health Information for International Travel* (current online edition)

Areas with malaria: None.

Drug resistance: Not applicable.

## Other Concerns

### Travelers' Diarrhea

Moderate risk exists throughout the country, including in deluxe accommodations. Food and beverage precautions may reduce the likelihood of illness.

Travelers should carry loperamide for self-treatment of diarrhea and, if risk is moderate to high, an antibiotic to add if diarrhea is severe. Consult a knowledgeable health care provider regarding which antibiotic is appropriate for you and most effective for your destination.

### Other Food-Borne Illnesses

Precautions to prevent seafood poisoning may be needed.

## Insect- and Arthropod-Borne Diseases

Chikungunya, dengue, West Nile virus may pose a risk. Personal protective measures are important.

## Other Disease and Health Risks

Additional concerns include marine hazards, schistosomiasis.

## Consular Advice

*The material below includes information from the U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.K. Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), as well as from additional open-source material. Standard safety precautions that apply to all international travel can be found in the Library article Safety and Security.*

## Terrorism Risk

No intrinsic risk of attack by terrorist groups exists, but unforeseen attacks are possible.

## Crime

Low risk of violent crime (home invasion, sexual assault, and assault) and moderate risk of petty crime exist throughout the country, mainly in downtown Port Louis and coastal resort areas, including Grande Baie, Pereybère, and Flic-en-Flacq.

## Civil Unrest

Protests and demonstrations occur throughout the country and have the potential to turn violent without warning. Bystanders are at risk of harm from violence or from the response by authorities. Disruption to transportation may occur.

## Unsafe Areas

Piracy (involving commercial and private, leisure vessels) occurs in coastal and international waters.

## Water Safety

Hazardous water conditions (including currents, tides, and undertows) may occur. Heed posted warnings and avoid beaches that are not patrolled. Do not swim alone or after dark, and do not walk on any beach after dark.

Basic safety standards for recreational water activities (including scuba diving, snorkeling, jet-skiing, rafting, kayaking, and tubing) are often not in place. Rent water sports equipment from reputable operators. Scuba dive only with personnel certified by PADI or NAUI, and use equipment only from PADI- or NAUI-certified dive operators.

## Transportation Safety

High risk of traffic-related injury or death exists. The road-traffic death rate is 12 to 24 per 100,000 population. The rate is less than 10 in most high-income countries. Driving at night is not advised. Seek local advice before traveling on roads outside urban areas after dark.

Traffic flows on the left-hand side of the road. Travelers (including drivers and pedestrians) accustomed to traffic moving on the opposite side should be vigilant when navigating traffic.

Road-traffic collisions can lead to violent confrontations.

## Natural Disasters

The cyclone season is from November through May. Floods, mudslides, and landslides may occur.

## Consular Information

Selected Embassies or Consulates in Mauritius

- | United States: [+230] 202-4400; [mu.usembassy.gov](http://mu.usembassy.gov)
- | Canada: [+230] 212-5500
- | United Kingdom: [+230] 202-9400; [www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-high-commission-port-louis](http://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-high-commission-port-louis)
- | Australia: [+230] 202-0160; [www.mauritius.embassy.gov.au](http://www.mauritius.embassy.gov.au)

## Mauritius's Embassies or Consulates in Selected Countries

- | In the U.S.: [washington.mauritius.govmu.org](http://washington.mauritius.govmu.org)
- | In Canada: [+1] 514-507-1134; [travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates/mauritius](http://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates/mauritius)
- | In the U.K.: [+44] 020-7581-0294
- | In Australia: [canberra.mauritius.govmu.org](http://canberra.mauritius.govmu.org)

## Visa/HIV Testing

HIV and hepatitis testing are required to obtain a work or residence visa.

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