

WACA 55th AGA — Annual Interline Festival Responsible and Sustainable Travelism

**18–23 September 2024
Mauritius**

**Hosted by
Indian Ocean Islands Interline Club**



The WACA 55th Annual General Assembly (AGA) with the theme Responsible and Sustainable Travel and Tourism will be held in Mauritius, the jewel in the Indian Ocean, where the lush landscapes meet crystal-clear waters. Mauritius is a tropical paradise with a vibrant culture that promises an unforgettable 5-night adventure filled with relaxation, adventure and authentic experiences.

The hotel that will host the AGA is the **Ravenala Attitude**, a 4-star eco-committed hotel situated on the northwestern coast of the island in the small village of Balaclava. It is an ideal hotel to accommodate participants at the 55th AGA being hosted by the Indian Ocean Interline Club for the first time. The 5-night, 6-day programme will feature one welcoming ceremony, three excursions, one regional beach party and one Gala Night.



There are options to hop over to three main Islands states (Seychelles, Madagascar and Reunion) by joining the pre- and/or post-AGA tours. There is also an option to visit South Africa for a KZN Berg, Beach and Bush experience in the KwaZulu-Natal departing from Durban.

Day 1 — 18 September: Arrival in Paradise (Cocktail Reception and Dinner)

Arrive at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport where you will be welcomed at *counter No. 24 in the arrival hall* by staff of our partner Coquille Bonheur, a responsible and sustainable accredited Destination Management Company. Transfer to the Ravenala Attitude hotel.



Registration at the WACA Welcome Desk from 10:30.

Welcome cocktail reception at the hotel in the evening with entertainment followed by dinner.

Day 2 — 19 September (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00: departure for the discovery of beauty in the south of the island (full day).



Highlights: visiting Trou aux Cerfs, Grand Bassin/Ganga Talao, Black River Gorges and the Seven Coloured Earth and Waterfalls at Chamarel.

Included: private transportation with English/French speaking guides, sightseeing, entrance fees and lunch at a local restaurant.

Excluded: drinks.

Discover the charm of inland Mauritius with a photo stop at Trou aux Cerfs, the extinct volcanic crater, where you will have a panoramic view of the towns of Mauritius.

Your next stop will be the Sacred Lake of Grand Bassin, one of the most ancient pilgrim destinations of the Hindus. Considered by many as the most sacred pilgrimage site for Hindus on the island, Ganga Talao is a crater lake nestled in the secluded mountains in the Savanne district of Mauritius. At more than 1,800 feet above sea level, the lake is as much of a visual delight as a spiritual stronghold.

You will then drive through the Black River Gorges, endemic fauna and flora with a photo stop at the panoramic viewpoint of the Gorges.

12:30: lunch at a local restaurant in Chamarel (Varangue Sur Morne).

Your next unforgettable stop will be at the spectacular Seven Coloured Earth and Waterfalls, a unique natural wonder.

16:00: transfer back to the hotel.

17:00: arrival at the hotel and the end of the tour.

Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 — 20 September: Assembly Session for Delegates; Free Day for non-Delegates (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00: Assembly Session.

12:30: lunch at the hotel.



16:30: transfer from the hotel.

17:00: departure for a sunset catamaran cruise with dinner on board.

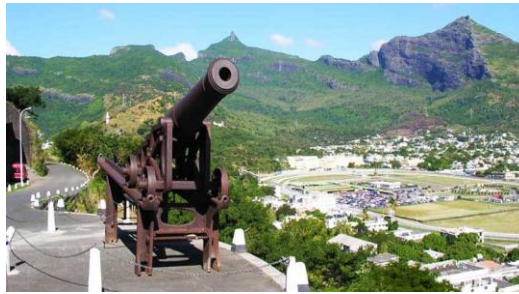


Late night transfer back to the hotel.

Day 4 — 21 September (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00: transfer from the hotel for a half-day tour of Port Louis, the capital city of Mauritius.



Included: private transportation with English/French speaking guides, Fort Adelaide, the central market, The Caudan Waterfront, passing by the Governors House, Port Louis Cathedral, and shopping experience.

In old Port Louis it is also an opportunity to visit local artisans who will share with you their stories. Let yourself be carried away by the atmosphere of a time that is quickly disappearing and enjoy enriching encounters.

You will visit the Port Louis central market, which sums up the charm of Mauritius: handicrafts, vegetables, spices and souvenirs and The Caudan Waterfront shopping mall, a symbol of the capitals modernity which harmonizes shopping, leisure and cuisine in a modern setting.

Lunch in the city.

Return to the hotel in time to get ready for the Regional Night on the beach including dinner.



Day 5 — 22 September: Free Day (Breakfast and Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Full day at your leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities or take one of the various tour options at your expense.

Gala Night with a seated gala dinner and presentations at the hotel.



Day 6 — 23 September: End of the Package (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight or for the starting point of your post-AGA tour.

Events organised with the support of the WACA Council, the WACA Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region and the Association Airline Ambassadors.

55th WACA AGA Package Details

Date: 18–23 September 2024.

Cost: USD 1,060.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement USD 350.00.

Capacity: 75 rooms. Registrations will be confirmed on a first come first served basis.

Registration Deadline: 30 May 2024.

Registration Form: can be downloaded from the Events section of the WACA website www.waca.org or requested by e-mail from Mr. Keith Miller, WACA Administration Manager at wacaworld@outlook.com.

Payments: a deposit of USD 500.00 per participant is required to be confirmed on the package. It can be made by cheque, money order or bank draft in United States dollars made payable to the World Airlines Clubs Association and sent with the duly completed Registration Form to: World Airlines Clubs Association, c/o Mr Keith Miller, 644 Westwood Avenue, Dorval, Quebec, Canada H9P 2M5.

The balance of payment can be made in the same manner as above and must be sent by 15 August 2024 at the latest.

Payment can also be made by bank transfer to WACA's bank account as follows:

Bank of Montreal, 2005 Peel Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1T7.

Account name: World Airlines Clubs Association.

Account number: 4600-790.

Transit number: 01581-001.

Swift code: bofmcam2.

*It is most important to note that bank transfer charges **for both** the issuing and receiving banks must be borne by the participant. Note that WACA's bank charges USD 16.00 for each transfer received.*

Regretfully, WACA does not have the capability to accept payments by credit card. Payment by PayPal is also not an option due to the high service charge incurred.

Note: deposits are subject to a USD 50.00 cancellation fee up to 1 June 2024. No deposit will be refunded after that date.

Package Includes:

- Five night's accommodation based on double occupancy at the Ravenala Attitude hotel.
- Five breakfasts, three lunches and five dinners.
- Two tours in air-conditioned coaches with English/French speaking guides with gratuities included.
- One sunset catamaran cruise.
- Transfer on arrival/departure airport/hotel/airport.

Package Excludes:

- Airfares.
- Personal expenses, e.g. laundry, telephone calls, Internet connection, etc.
- Meals, drinks, optional tours, etc. unless specified in the programme.
- AGA WACA fee of USD 15.00 for delegates and USD 30.00 for other participants.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Any other miscellaneous items as applicable.

Should you have any questions about the 55th AGA package or require any further details, please send an e-mail to maga@intnet.mu or jpierrot@hotmail.com.