



55th AGA – Pre-AGA Tour Réunion

15–18 September 2024

Hosted by the Indian Ocean Islands Interline Club

Réunion Island enjoys a tropical climate resulting in lush vegetation. Nearly half of the total area of the island is classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. With its numerous peaks and volcanoes, the island is an open-air museum where intense nature sways. You can trek pretty much everywhere, from sea level to Le Piton des Neiges and its 3,070 m peak, the highest point on the island.

Réunion Island is a place for discovery, diverse scenery with a vibrant culture and thrilling activities.

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Day 1 — 15 September: Arrival in Réunion (Dinner)

Meet and greet with a local English speaking guide at Roland Garros Airport.
Private transfer to the 5-Star Akoya Hotel & Spa.
Welcome dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Day 2 — 16 September: Piton de la Fournaise Volcano (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

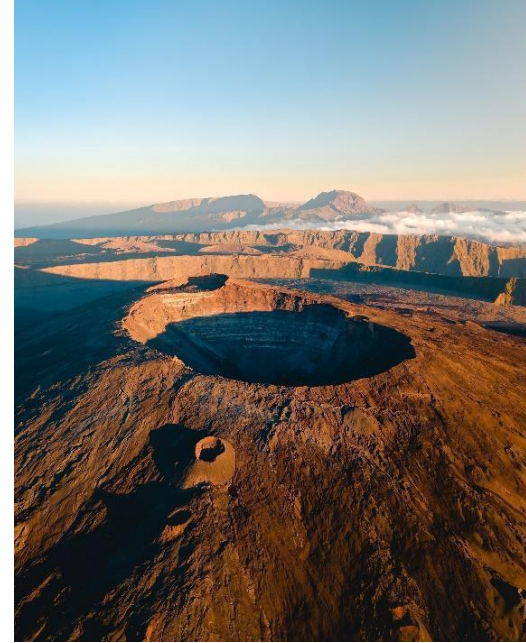
Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast an early departure to Bourg Murat and the volcano “Piton de la Fournaise” via La Plaine des Palmistes which is still an authentic village with magnificent Creole huts.

Piton de la Fournaise is one of the most active volcanoes on the planet with more than 150 eruptions recorded since the 17th century! The volcano is the most visited place on Réunion Island and is probably the most thrilling attraction of the Indian Ocean region. It stands at some 2,632 m high.

From Bourg Murat we’ll take the forest path to the volcano. Along the road, you won’t miss the numerous viewpoints. First, the Nez de Boeuf an exceptional panorama on the Rivière des Remparts which is a huge canyon created by the first caldera after the volcano summit collapsed.

Next its an amazing discovery of the exceptional lunar landscape of the “Plaine des Sables” created thanks to the second volcano collapsing.



From a lookout on Pas de Bellecombe you can witness the incredible caldera of Enclos Fouque.

Return to Bourg-Murat and traditional creole lunch followed by a visit to the museum of La Cité du Volcan (a museum dedicated to volcanism).

Return to the Akoya Hotel & Spa for dinner and overnight.



Day 3 — 17 September: Cilaos (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast departure to Cilaos.

Cilaos is a caldera located next to Mafate but, unlike its neighbour, Cilaos is accessible by road. The road follows a canyon and rises thousands of metres for about 40 kilometers before finally arriving at Cilaos in the Cirque de Cilaos valley, famous for its impressive canyons and waterfalls.

The cirque of Cilaos is centrally located on the island of Réunion and the name of this cirque is said to have its origins in the Malagasy word tsilaosa which means “the place one never leaves.” It is dominated by the high peaks of Réunion: the trois Salazes (2,121 m), the Grand Bénare cliff (2,896 m) and the Piton des Neiges (3,069 m), the highest point on the island.

On a very winding road spectacular vistas are at every corner on route to Cilaos village situated at 1,200 m. Cilaos is known for its thermal spa and mineral water, its wine, lentils and handicrafts such as sculpting and copper engraving. A visit will be made to the embroideries to discover “Cilaos Days”.



From Cilaos village we reach the belvedere of la Roche Merveilleuse and have an elevated perspective of both Cilaos and the surrounding landscape where we will take a traditional creole lunch.

After lunch we continue to Saint-Pierre where we will visit La Saga du Rhum. This unique museum was dedicated to the rums of Réunion Island. It transports you in an historic, cultural and sensory adventure mixing the history of an island with that of its inhabitants whilst continuing to produce these traditional island rums.

Return to the Akoya Hotel & Spa for dinner and overnight.



Day 4 — 18 September: Goodbye to Réunion (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure by private coach to Roland Garros Airport for your flight to Mauritius.



55th WACA — Pre-AGA Tour (Réunion) Package Details

Date: 15–18 September 2024

Cost: USD 900.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement USD 275.00.

Registration Deadline: 15 April 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 400.00 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 June 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. WACA's Bank of Montreal 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 May 2024. No deposit will be refunded after that date.

Package Includes

- Three night's accommodation based on double occupancy at the Akoya Hotel & Spa as indicated in the programme.
- Three breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners.
- Transportation in air-conditioned coaches with an English speaking guide and site entrance fees included.
- Transfer on arrival/departure: airport/hotel/airport.



Package Excludes

- International airfares.
- Personal expenses, e.g. laundry, telephone calls, Internet connection, etc.
- Meals, drinks, optional tours, etc. unless specified in the programme.
- Gratuities for guides and drivers.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Visa fee.
- WACA fee of USD 20.00 per participant.
- Any other miscellaneous items as applicable.

Should you have any questions about this pre-AGA tour, or require any further details, please send an e-mail to maga@intnet.mu or jpierrot@hotmail.com.