

7 Night Introduction to Reunion Self-Drive



DAY 1 – Arrival

Arrive at Roland Garros airport, where a representative of will greet you and give you all information needed for your stay and your vouchers. After picking up your car, you will drive to St Denis city center where your hotel is located.

Accommodation: Juliette Dodu 3*: located in St Denis city center

Meal Basis: B&B

DAY 2 – Salazie

Head for Salazie, one of the island's three cirques, the greenest and wildest. Along the way, you'll see many waterfalls, including the most famous, the “bride’s veil”.

In the afternoon, take the road to Hell Bourg. You can't help but fall under the spell of this small village steeped in Creole history and culture. Take time to explore the village.

Accommodation: Les Jardins Doheva 2* : located in Hell Bourg on the heights of the village.

Meal Basis: B&B

DAY 3 : Deep South & Lava Tubes

After breakfast, take the road down to the deep South with many stops along the road Piton Ste Rose with Notre Dame des Laves (church miraculously spared by lava in 1977), Anse des Cascades (little fishermen’s harbour with waterfalls), the lava road with all the lava flows that created the landscape, the most impressive being that of 2007.

Accommodation: Terre Sainte Hotel – 3* located in St Pierre city centre, next to the ocean

Meal Basis: B&B



DAY 4 : St Pierre's Market/Plaines des Cafres

St Pierre's local market (only on Saturday) (by foot but 20/25 minutes away or by car)) Travel the road to Plaine des Cafres and your hotel.

Accommodation: Geraniums Hotel 3*: located on the road to the volcano from St Pierre, little hotel with a wonderful overview on the mountains.

Meal Basis: B&B

Note : Option of Helicopter flight (own account)

DAY 5 : Volcano, Pito de la Fournaise/Cilaos

Early departure to the volcano Piton de la Fournaise (7.30am would be a good time to leave the hotel. Breakfast can be served at 6.45am if requested at the reception when you arrive)

You will make few stops on the way such as Nez de Boeuf, a viewpoint over the Rivière des Remparts, and Commerson's Crater (old crater) and at the Plaine des Sables (between the moon and Mars), the landscape is incredible. You will now arrive in front of the volcano, from the panoramic overview point, the Pas de Bellecombe : You have the option of descending the enclosure to the Formica Leo Crater (1h00/1h30 return walk).

Head Cilaos using its incredible 400 turns road.

Lunch enroute (own account)

Drive to the hotel where you can leave your car and walk into the village.

Accommodation: Le Vieux Cep3* : charming hotel looking like a chalet in the middle of the mountains.

Meal Basis: B&B

DAY 6 : Cilaos/West Coast

After breakfast, take the road to St Gilles-les-Bains along the coastal road with stops : Le Gouffre, Etang-salé-les-Bains (black sand beach) and St Leu. First drive up to La Roche Merveilleuse (the marvellous rock) from where you will have a wonderful overview on the village and cirque. On the way, you can have lunch at St Leu. Many little restaurants (called "rondavelles")

Late afternoon at the lagoon, ending with the sunset

Accommodation: Tropic Appart Hotel 3*

Meal Basis: B&B

DAY 7 : St Gilles

Visit of St Gilles or possible visit of Dina Morgabine St Gilles

Rest of the day at leisure

Notes: Glass bottom kayak excursion (own account)

Accommodation: Tropic Appart Hotel 3*

Meal Basis: B&B



DAY 8: St Gillies /Departure

Morning at leisure, before travelling to the airport for your flight back to Johannesburg.