

A Quick Guide to Safe Car Rental and Driving in Mauritius

Mauritius Road Traffic Guide

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Essential Tips for First-Timers & Tourists



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Navigating Mauritius

Designed for first-time drivers, this section outlines four key driving tips essential for safely navigating Mauritius. Learn about local driving customs and crucial regulations to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey across the island.



Must-Know Driving Rules

- 1 Here we drive on the left side of the road
- 2 Using mobile phone when driving is strictly prohibited
- 3 Steering wheel is on right side of the car
- 4 Wearing your seatbelt is always mandatory



Original International Driving License required to legally drive in Mauritius

Strict Regulations

Mauritius enforces rigorous road safety regulations to ensure the well-being of all road users. Penalties for violations can be severe, including fines up to €1,100 and even imprisonment. It's crucial to adhere strictly to local driving laws to avoid these serious consequences.



Strict Road Safety Regulations:



Speed Limits
are strictly
enforced



Zero Tolerance by
authorities for Drunk
Driving



Drug Testing
Enforced by
Authorities



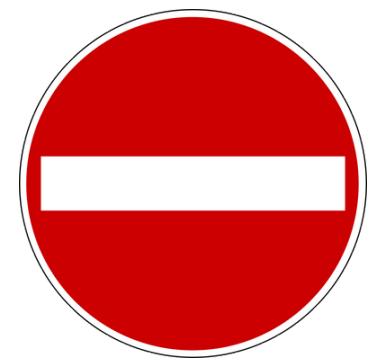
Mandatory Use of
Helmets for
Motorcyclists

Common Traffic Signs



Keep your distance.

Observe a safe trailing distance of two seconds between your car and the car in front of you.



No Entry

Roads or areas where vehicles are not allowed to enter. Drivers must find alternative routes.



Observe the speed limit.

Indicates the maximum legal speed at which you can travel on a particular stretch of road.



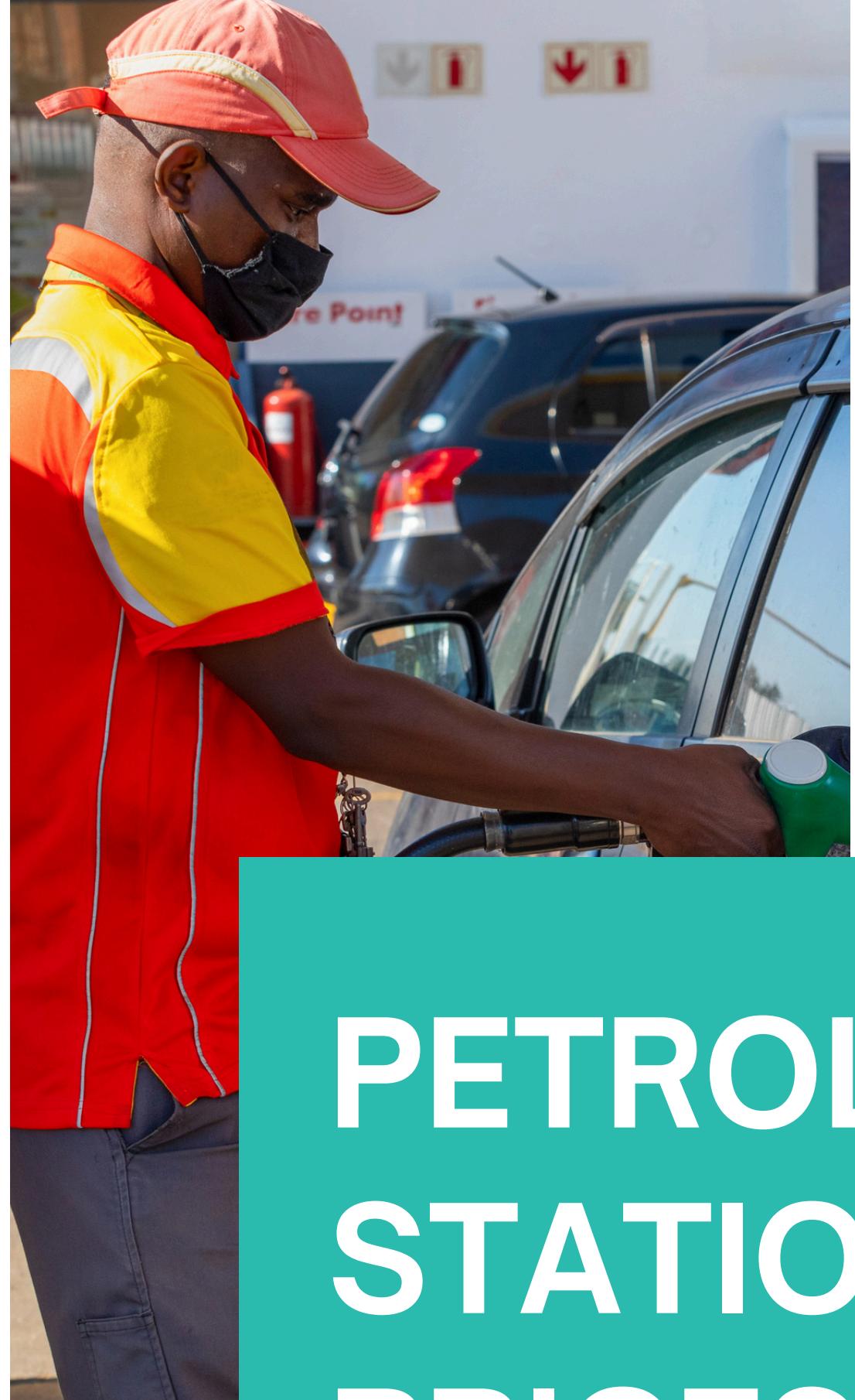
Follow traffic signals.

Prepare to stop at yellow lights and do a full stop at red lights.



Slippery Road Ahead

Road conditions may be slippery or hazardous ahead, especially when wet.



PETROL STATIONS & PRICES

€1.25

GASOLINE

KNOWN AS “L’ESSENCE”
IN CREOLE

€1.21

DIESEL

KNOWN AS “DIESEL”
IN CREOLE

Prices as at January 2025
Prices may have changed slightly

Fuel stations are widely available across Mauritius, ensuring easy access within a maximum 15-minute drive from any location on the island. Open from 6 AM to 9 PM, these stations not only offer gasoline and diesel but also provide additional services such as car washes and tyre pressure checks, catering to all your basic automobile needs during your journey.

[Click to see the updated prices](#)

Peak Traffic Hours



Time: Morning Rush from **7:30 AM to 9:30 AM** and Afternoon Rush from **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** during Weekdays.

Where: Especially near urban centers like Port Louis and on major highways.

Tips: Try to plan your drives outside these hours. This timing is particularly crucial if you're heading to or returning from popular tourist spots or need to catch a flight.

Feel free to WhatsApp us to determine the best time to leave your accommodation for embarkation points or hiking meeting spots. For the most accurate advice, please contact us via WhatsApp at least a day in advance. We're here to help ensure you arrive on time and stress-free.



DISTANCE FROM THE AIRPORT

Navigating Your Arrival: Distances from the Airport to Key Destinations:

GRAND BAY

1 hr 5 min

FLIC EN FLAC

49 min

PORT LOUIS

41 min

BELLE MARE

1 hr 7 min

EBENE BUSINESS HUB

32 min

BEL OMBRE

54 min

MAHEBOURG

15 min

Other destinations:

GRAND BAY TO ILE AUX CERFS

1 hr 3 min

BELLE MARE TO CASELA

1 hr 5 min

BELLE OMBRE TO PORT LOUIS

57 min

FLIC EN FLAC TO CHAMAREL

39 min

What to do in case of an accident

1. Call medical services (114) or police (999) for injuries.
2. Take photos/videos of the accident scene.
3. Inform your car rental agency as soon as possible to receive proper guidance.
(Hotline numbers on your rental agreement)
4. A company representative may arrive at the scene if needed. insurance will decide which party is at fault.

In case of an accident with another vehicle:

- Complete the Accident Form (found in the car's glove box) and exchange vehicle insurance and license details with the other driver/s.
- Both parties need to sign the form, and you must submit this document to your car rental agency.
- The form in the vehicle's glove box is a carbonless duplicate form that produces two copies when filled out. Only one party should complete the form at the accident scene, with one copy kept by each party.
- **Do not fill out the form and inform the police about the accident if the other driver appears drunk, under drugs or has no driving licence.**
- Please don't fill out the form if there are casualties. You need to call 999 & ask for help. They will send the police & ambulance to your location.
- Always **stay calm & do not admit fault or sign any other documents** releasing someone's liability. Just fill out the accident statement of facts form, and the insurance will decide which party is at fault.



Different rental agencies may have specific procedures for handling accidents. Please consult with your agency to understand the detailed protocols you should follow in the event of an accident.



Call Police
on 999



Emergency Numbers

Emergency Contacts:

- **Police:** Dial 999 for immediate police assistance in cases of emergency.
- **Ambulance:** Dial 114 for medical emergencies to request an ambulance.
- **Roadside Assistance:** Contact numbers for roadside help will be provided in your car rental information or reservation voucher. It's essential to keep these numbers handy while driving.

Some well-known clinics:

C-Care Grand Bay
Grand Bay
Tel: 601 2500

C-Care Tamarin
Tamarin
Tel: 484 0600

C-Care Wellkin
Royal Road, Moka
Tel: 605 1000

City Clinic
Port Louis
Tel: 206 1600

Fortis Clinic Darne
Curepipe
Tel: 601 2300

Fortis Clinic Darne
Grand Bay
Tel: 601 2500



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