

ILE DES DEUX COCOS

BLUE BAY, MAURITIUS

A DAY AT ILE DES DEUX COCOS
"TO BE ABLE TO COPE WITH REALITY,
WE ALL HAVE OUR LITTLE FOLLIES", MARCEL PROUST.



Whoever said life is about the journey, not the destination, probably didn't own a private tropical island retreat. With the unobstructed views, a picturesque villa and a dedicated team, you are guaranteed to live out your ultimate castaway fantasy on Île des Deux Cocos.

This beautiful jewel surrounded by turquoise ocean lies just off the south east coast of Mauritius. Reserve this island resort in Mauritius for an overnight stay, visit for day trips, or host your own exclusive party or special event, including weddings and anniversaries.

To the south of this island retreat in Mauritius, the dramatic ocean is an ever-changing spectacle of waves pounding against the coral reef. In contrast, to the north, tranquil, sandy white beaches border the Blue Bay Marine Reserve, one of the most stunning spots for snorkelling in Mauritius.

DISTANCES

- Airport: 10.9 km (10 min)
- Port Louis (Capital city): 52.9 km (45 min)



MARINE PARK

A 353-hectare oasis located in the sea directly in front of Ile Des Deux Cocos is the first Marine Park in Mauritius. Approximately 72 different corals and around 32 different species of fish can be found in the area.

Corals found can be up to 800 years old. In 1920, Sir Hesketh Bell applied to award Blue Bay as a protected area following a survey of the rich marine life and high number of different fish species and corals found there.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Private island
- One villa island
- Private pool
- Beautiful marine park in shallow waters
- All inclusive day package
- Private island offering the ultimate exclusivity
- Private adult beach

THE VILLA

The enchanting 252-square-metre villa on Île des Deux Cocos was built by Governor Hesketh Bell in 1920, to enable him to have a venue for his private parties which could not be hosted in his official residence. The Moroccan Villa blended the best of British and Moorish architecture with a stunning Mauritian interior, proving very unique in Mauritius.

Each and every Friday prior to his arrival, a platoon of late HMS Mauritius, based at le Chaland, would fly the Governor's flag, announcing his arrival to the island. The flag symbolised that no other visitors were welcome to the island with the exception of the Governor and his invitees who typically partied the weekend away. The Villa was named 'la villa des follies' at that time.

In the year 2000, the villa was refurbished through hotel project, Les Follies and was carefully restored to retain its original character. Highlights include a shaded Moroccan-style courtyard and a fragrant garden laden with bougainvillea, bordered with a wooden decked swimming pool.

From the moment one enters the Moroccan-style courtyard with its shady palm trees and softly-splashing fountain, one will definitely need to take a deep breath. A decadently furnished lounge and dining room, including two bedrooms with on-trend sleigh beds definitely catch your eye.

The Villa is perfect for couples or a family with two children and can be booked exclusively, or visited on day excursions.



INCENTIVES & EVENTS

Totally secluded and with outstanding personal service, the range of activities alone will make your team feel like royalty. The experience begins from the moment you jet into the airport and are transferred to the island for a delicious breakfast, while your bags are whisked away to your LUX* Resort & Hotel of choice.

Team-building activities include beach volleyball competitions, underwater treasure hunts or circuits around the island, followed by time out to swim, snorkel, or simply relax in style under the coconut palms on the beach.

The Villa is lit by candlelight as night falls with torches illuminating the pathways. Île des Deux Cocos is renowned for its themed evenings from Arabian nights, including authentic Moroccan riad with tents by the water's edge, to themed evenings at the circus. The evening finale ends with a bang as spectacular fireworks light up the night sky.

ACTIVITIES (WITH A FEE)

Scuba Diving

- (i) Discover Scuba Diving programme for beginners in the marine park (2-5 meters)
- (ii) Exploration dives for qualified divers (licensed) in the marine park (depth 5-10 meters)
- (iii) Discover Scuba Diving at Trou Mootoo (outside lagoon dependant on sea conditions)
- (iv) Exploration for qualified divers outside the lagoon (depth varying from 10-30meters) depending on the qualification of the diver

Scuba Diving activities will be carried out from 10.30am to 2pm subject to availability. Equipment will be provided and all safety measures will be applied by the SOP PADI 5 star resort centre.

Explore the Ship Wreck

Snorkelling and glass bottom boats will take you to the wreck outside the Blue Bay zone which is an approximate 10-15 minute ride by boat. The one hour trip includes swimming and snorkelling.

Timing: 11.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 3pm

Three Islands visit

A speed boat trip can be customised for 1 or 2 hours dependant on guest requirements. Visit the renowned islands of Ile au Phare, île de la Passe and île aux Aigrettes. Enjoy sightseeing and once in a lifetime photo opportunities at the first two islands, and watch îles aux Aigrettes from the boat itself. Boat capacity: 20 Pax (minimum 4 pax per trip)

Small Game Fishing

Carried out in the lagoon between blue lagoon hotels and the Iles Aux Aigrettes zone. Available 2- 3 hours daily and includes one boat fitted with two fishing rods with soft drinks and mineral water available. Small game fishing will commence from 10.30am to 2.30pm, depending on request and availability. Trips can accommodate up to two adults and two children and can be booked exclusively, or visited on day excursions.



ACTIVITIES (COMPLIMENTARY)

Glass Bottom Boats
Snorkelling
Beach Volleyball
Giant chess
Bocci ball
Frisbee
Boot Camp
Treasure hunt
Badminton

FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

The buffet complements the spirit of the uniqueness of the island: a delicious mix of culinary styles. And when you hear the sound of the acoustic guitars of our musicians and the svelte voices of the singers, you will be transported to another world. Enjoy as much beer, wine and soft drinks as you like before enjoying a traditional farewell rum cocktail.

"FOLLIES"

Whether you choose to meander along the sandy island paths, drift into the gentle island way of life under a palm tree or explore the outstanding underwater marine life, île des Deux Cocos offers an exceptional and unforgettable experience.

