

Ebony Forest Reserve Chamarel



Spend the day hiking and strolling along the trails & tracks or view the splendor of the Ebony Forest...

As you make your way through the forest, you will get to admire the native fauna of Mauritius, such as fruit bats, swiftlets and tropicbirds soaring high along the mountains' ridgeline. If you are a keen bird watcher, you will be able to spot the endemic birds such as the Mauritius Paradise Flycatcher, Mauritian Black Bulbul and grey-white eyes. The two mid-canopy walkways through the Ebony Forest will give you the surreal sensation of floating through one of the best-preserved forests on the island. The Sublime Point offers a breathtaking view of Le Morne Brabant and the surrounding bays.

Location	West of Mauritius	
Minimum age	N/A	
Operating days	Everyday	
Activity Time	09:00 to 17:00	
Transportation	Not included, price of activities only	
Lunch	Not included	

Rates

Our rates are in MUR inclusive of 15% VAT - Validity: 01st of January 2024 till 31st of December 2025

Cost of Activity - Price per person		Public Rate
The Green Loop 30 mins 09:00 – 16:30	Adult (from +18 years)	240
	Child (from 5 to 17 years)	180
Guided tour of Museum, short trail, plant nursery – Learn about our conservation and restoration work. Tours organized every 30 mins		

Cost of Activity - Price per person		Public Rate
Take a hike 1-4 HOURS 09:30 – 16:00	Adult (from +18 years)	460
	Child (from 5 to 17 years)	280
Immerse yourself in nature. 30 mins guided tour of an ebony forest. Hike along one of the most beautiful mountain top trails in Mauritius. Museum, guided Flycatcher raised walkway on the hour and every half hour, Sublime Point, Piton Canot. Recommended to arrive at latest 14:30 to access all site.		

Cost of Activity - Price per person		Public Rate
Take a Drive Max: 9 persons 09:30 – 15:30	Adult (from +18 years)	1,300
	Child (from 5 to 17 years)	900
Guided 4 x 4 tour through an endemic forest. Float along our unique raised walkway. Breath-taking views at Sublime Point. Guided tour of Museum, Flycatcher raised walkway, and Sublime Point – Tours organized every 2 hours (9:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30)		

Cost of Activity - Price per person		Public Rate
Bird watching Min: 2 adults 09:00 – 13:00 2-4 hours	Adult (from +18 years)	2,000
	Child (from 5 to 17 years)	1,300
Discover some of the world's rarest birds with our professional guides. Private tour of our bird release aviaries. Selection of drinks and local snacks.		

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Cost of Activity - Price per person		Public Rate
Sublime Sundowner Min: 2 adults 15:30 3-4 hours	Adult (from +18 years)	3,600
	Child (from 5 to 17 years)	2,000
Exclusive sunset at the best viewpoint in Mauritius. Selection of drinks and local snacks. Night jeep ride and guided tour.		

Cost of Activity - Price per person		Public Rate
Love tree (1 tree for 2 adults) 2 hours	Adult (from +18 years)	1,900
	Child (from 5 to 17 years)	1,300
Plant an endemic tree and express your love. Selection of drinks and local snacks. Guided 4 x4 jeep tour. Ebony Forest gift. Tours organized every 2 hours (9:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30)		

Cost of Activity - Price per person		Public Rate
Guided Trek 2-4 hours As from 9am	Adult (from +18 years)	2,000
	Child (from 5 to 17 years)	1,300
Discover the island's history and secrets. Selection of drinks and local snacks. Climb up Piton Canot.		

Terms and Conditions

- No refund for pre-booked confirmed tour when guests cancel in Mauritius
- Exceptional waiving for pre-booked tour in case of bad weather without possibility of postponing due to restrictions of days
- 50% cancellation fee if tour is cancelled more than 24 hours prior to date of excursion
- 100% cancellation fee if tour is cancelled less than 24 hours prior to date of excursion
- When a tour is cancelled by the supplier due to bad weather and cannot be postponed before guest departure; a total refund is applicable
- If any activity is cancelled due to bad weather by the supplier and that guests have already left the hotel, a minimum fees for transport will be charged. Guests can convert the tour to a land excursion, hence no transportation refund will be applicable

Take a Hike

Highlights:

- Guided tour on our 300 m raised walkway through an ancient ebony forest
- Savouring snacks at Sublime Point
- Hike along the Ridgeline Trail
- Museum about the island's natural history
- Support our ongoing conservation activities, just by visiting

Includes:

- Access to self-guided hiking trails
- Film in English (6 mins) or French (8 mins) about the island's wildlife
- Option to further contribute to saving endangered species and carbon offsetting by planting trees

Suitable for:

All ages, families, groups and couples. As Ebony Forest is located on a mountain slope, access by push- or wheel-chair to the raised walkway and hiking trails is limited. The Visitor Centre is accessible to wheel- and push- chair users. If you need assistance, please contact us for advice.

Group size:

no restrictions. If you are a large group, please contact us in advance.

Difficulty level:

The hikes are graded easy, based on international standards. The hike up Piton Canot can be slippery when wet. The Flycatcher raised walkway is more than 4m in height so if you suffer from vertigo, please inform our staff in advance. There are 113 steps up and 142 down on the walkway, but you will hardly notice these on your guided tour.

Duration:

2 – 4 hours, depending on if you hike up Piton Canot. You can stay the whole day as there is plenty to see and do. We recommend you visit before 3pm to fully appreciate your visit as we close at 17:00 (1st April – 31st October) and 17:30 (1st November – 31st March).

Distance:

3 km – 6.1 km if you hike to Sublime Point or Piton Canot.

Flycatcher guided tour times:

The first tour starts at 9:30 and the last one at 16:00. Tours are every 1 hour and provided by an experienced local guide.

What to bring:

We recommend trainers or hiking shoes. Mosquito repellent is advised, and of course your camera.

Take a Drive

Highlights:

- Guided tour of the museum, endemic forest and spectacular Sublime Point
- Experience the forest in a 4×4 jeep as you hop on and off at sites of interest
- Support our conservation activities with your visit
- Option to further contribute to saving endangered species and carbon offsetting

Suitable for:

All ages, families and couples.

Group size:

Maximum 8 persons.

Difficulty level:

The Flycatcher raised walkway has 113 steps up and 142 down, which you will hardly notice on your guided tour. In some places, the Flycatcher raised walkway is more than 4m in height so if you suffer from vertigo, please inform our staff in advance. If you do decide to walk back along the Ridgeline Trail to the Visitor Centre it is a 2.1 km descent.

Duration:

2 hours.

Distance:

0.5 km. This refers to the distance along the Flycatcher Forest raised walkway and Sublime Point walkway.

Tour times:

Tours depart at set times: 9:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30

What to bring:

We recommend trainers or hiking shoes. Mosquito repellent is advised, and of course your camera.

Bird Watching

Highlights:

- Private visit to the bird release aviaries to see the rare Pink Pigeon and Echo Parakeet feed in the wild
- Tour with our experienced and passionate bird conservationists
- Spot the Pink Pigeon, Echo Parakeet, Mauritius Paradise Flycatcher, Mauritius Black Bulbul, Mauritius Kestrel, and Grey-white eye
- Enjoy a selection of local drinks and Mauritian snacks at the breath-taking Sublime Point

Includes:

- Access to self-guided hiking trails
- Film in English (6 mins) or French (8 mins) about the island's wildlife
- Option to further contribute to saving endangered species and carbon offsetting
- Raised walkway to the spectacular Sublime Point
- Museum about the island's natural history written by bird expert Dr Julian Hume

Suitable for:

All ages, families, groups and couples. As Ebony Forest is located on a mountain slope, access by push- or wheel-chair to the raised walkway and hiking trails is limited. The Visitor Centre is accessible to wheel- and push- chair users. If you need assistance, please contact us for advice.

Group size:

Minimum 2 adults. If you are a large group wishing to do a Bird watching Tour, we may divide the group into smaller groups to ensure a better experience and chance of seeing the birds.

Difficulty level:

The hikes are graded easy, based on international standards. The Flycatcher raised walkway is more than 4m in height so if you suffer from vertigo, please inform our staff in advance. There are 113 steps up and 142 down on the walkway, but you will hardly notice these on your guided tour.

Duration:

2 – 4 hours, depending on your schedule. After your tour, you are welcome to continue exploring the site, Visitor Centre, or simply to go and look for more birds. Our Bird Watching Tours generally start at 9am to increase the chances of spotting the birds. Call or email should you have any special requests.

Distance:

5.8 km

What to bring:

We recommend trainers or hiking shoes, a hat, water and a raincoat. Mosquito repellent is advised, and of course your camera and if you have them, binoculars.

Food and drink:

As part of the Bird Watching Tour, you will be offered one drink (lemon grass juice, tamarind juice, soft drink) and a selection of vegetarian snacks at Sublime Point. Picnics are not allowed as we wish to limit the amount of rubbish generated. As part of our commitment to the environment, we do not sell drinks in plastic bottles, but you can fill up your water bottle for free from our water fountain in our Shop.

Sublime Sundowner

Highlights:

- Stunning sunset of the west coast
- Exclusivity of Sublime Point
- Unlimited selection of local drinks and Mauritian snacks at the breath-taking Sublime Point
- Guided tour on our 300 m raised walkway through an ancient ebony forest
- Open air safari ride through a forest at night

Includes:

- Access to self-guided hiking trails
- Film in English (6 mins) or French (8 mins) about the island's wildlife
- Option to further contribute to saving endangered species and carbon offsetting
- Raised walkway to the spectacular Sublime Point
- Museum about the island's natural history written by bird expert Dr Julian Hume

Suitable for:

All ages, couples, families, groups, corporates. As Ebony Forest is located on a mountain slope, access by push- or wheel-chair to the raised walkway and hiking trails is limited. The Shop, museum, ecology centre and toilets are accessible to wheel- and push- chair users. If you need assistance, please contact us for advice.

Group size:

minimum 2 adults.

Difficulty level:

The Flycatcher raised walkway has 113 steps up and 142 down, which you will hardly notice on your guided tour. The hikes are graded easy, based on international standards. In some places, the Flycatcher raised walkway is more than 4m in height so if you suffer from vertigo, please inform our staff in advance.

Duration:

2 -3 hours. We recommend you arrive at 16:00 (1st April – 31 October) or 16:30 (1st November – 31 March). Should you wish to do some hiking, come earlier. If you just want to watch the sunset then this is also possible.

Distance:

0.5 – 6 km, depending on if you hike earlier in the afternoon. The 0.5 km refers to the distance along the Flycatcher Forest raised walkway and Sublime Point walkway.

What to bring:

We recommend trainers or hiking shoes if you are planning on hiking in the afternoon. Mosquito repellent is advised, and of course your camera.

Food and drink:

As part of the Sublime Sundowner Tour, you will be offered a selection of drinks and snacks. Each person is entitled to 6 beers, 2 glasses of wine, 6 soft drinks, 4 cocktails and snacks. As part of our commitment to the environment, we do not sell drinks in plastic bottles, but you can fill up your water bottle for free from our water fountain in our Shop.

Love Tree

Highlights:

- Plant and label your own endemic love tree while also contributing to saving endangered species and offsetting carbon
- Express your feelings for each other with a written note
- Semi-guided tour with our friendly guides
- So you don't forget your special day, we give you an Ebony Forest gift
- Enjoy a selection of local drinks and Mauritian snacks at the romantic Sublime Point
- Experience the forest in a 4x4 jeep
- Guided tour on our 300 m raised walkway through an ancient ebony forest

Includes:

- Access to self-guided hiking trails
- Film in English (6 mins) or French (8 mins) about the island's wildlife
- Option to further contribute to saving endangered species and carbon offsetting by planting more trees
- Raised walkway to the spectacular Sublime Point
- Museum about the island's natural history

Suitable for:

Couples, honeymooners, friends and families wishing to celebrate their feelings, remember someone or as a birthday gift for a nature lover. As Ebony Forest is located on a mountain slope, access by push- or wheel-chair to the raised walkway and hiking trails is limited. The Shop, museum, and toilets are accessible to wheel- and push- chair users. If you need assistance, please contact us for advice.

Group size:

Minimum 2 adults.

Difficulty level:

The Flycatcher raised walkway is more than 4m in height so if you suffer from vertigo, please inform our staff in advance. There are 113 steps up and 142 down on the walkway, but you will hardly notice these on your guided tour. The hikes are graded easy, based on international standards.

Duration:

2 hours.

Distance:

0.7 km. The 0.7 km refers to the distance along the Flycatcher Forest raised walkway, Sublime Point walkway and walk to the plant restoration site to plant your tree.

What to bring:

we recommend trainers or hiking shoes if you wish to hike. You will be planting a tree in the forest so flat shoes are advised. As is mosquito repellent, and of course your camera, to capture those memories.

Food and drink:

As part of the Love Tree Tour, you will be offered one drink (lemon grass juice, tamarind juice, soft drink, wine or beer) and a selection of vegetarian snacks. Picnics are not allowed as we wish to limit the amount of potential rubbish. You can purchase additional snacks at Sublime Point if the complimentary snacks and beverages are insufficient or just too yummy. We also sell ice cream, drinks and snacks in our Shop. As part of our commitment to protecting the environment, we do not sell drinks in plastic bottles, but you can fill up your water bottle for free from our water fountain in our Shop.

Tour times:

Tours depart at set times: 9:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30

Guided Trek

Highlights:

- Breath-taking 360 degree view from Piton Canot
- Experienced and passionate guide to divulge the island's history and secrets
- Enjoy a selection of local drinks and Mauritian snacks at the breath-taking Sublime Point

Includes:

- Film in English (6 mins) or French (8 mins) about the island's wildlife
- Option to further contribute to saving endangered species and carbon offsetting
- Museum about the island's natural history written by bird expert Dr Julian Hume

Suitable for:

children and adults of all ages. Some level of physical fitness is needed.

Group size:

minimum 2 adults.

Difficulty level:

The hikes are graded easy, based on international standards. Just let your guide know what pace you would like to go at.

Duration:

3 – 4 hours. After your tour, you are welcome to continue exploring the site.

Distance:

5 – 6 km, depending on if you hike up Piton Canot.

What to bring:

We recommend trainers or hiking shoes, a hat, water and a raincoat. Mosquito repellent is advised, and of course your camera and if you have them, binoculars.

Food and drink:

As part of the Hiking Tour, you will be offered a drink (lemon grass juice, tamarind juice, soft drink) and a selection of vegetarian snacks at Sublime Point. Picnics are not allowed as we wish to limit the amount of rubbish generated. As part of our commitment to the environment, we do not sell drinks in plastic bottles, but you can fill up your water bottle for free from our water fountain in our Shop