

### **Morris Beef: The Victoria for 2's exceptional restaurant**

Morris Beef, the only Beachcomber Group restaurant specialising in meat dishes, is located at the heart of the Victoria for 2, an adults-only space within the Victoria Beachcomber Resort & Spa. It's the perfect place to enjoy delicious cuisine in a relaxed and intimate setting, while taking in breathtaking views over the Balaclava Marine Park and the lagoon off of the west coast of Mauritius. All of this under the auspices of one of the island's most iconic cars: a 1949 Morris Minor.

This classic car, which you'll find lovingly installed in front of the Morris Beef, is a nod to both the Mauritius of yesteryear and the restaurant's name. Morris Minor cars grew in popularity on the island from the 1950s onwards. They were referred to locally as Morris Bèf (meaning "beef" in Creole) because of the carmaker's logo, which depicts a red ox fording a river – a tribute to the coat of arms of the British city of Oxford, where Morris Minor cars were produced.

The Morris Beef serves a continental breakfast and à la carte dinner every day. Among the most sought-after dishes on the dinner menu are the Morris Beef tasting platter (which consists of steak, chicken, lamb and pork loin), the Texas-style Angus steak and the steak tartare. The menu has something for everyone, including those who prefer poultry or seafood, with dishes such as grilled lobster with herbs, Cajun-style farm-reared cockerel and grilled freshwater prawns among others.

The décor is contemporary, with hardwood, metal pendant lamps and industrial materials reigning supreme. The Morris Beef boasts generous volumes and an open kitchen, giving guests a glimpse of the establishments' various grills as well as its unique charcoal-fired oven, which also doubles as an open barbecue pit.

"This 100-seat restaurant offers a wide range of meticulously prepared meat dishes that guests can enjoy in a beautiful, relaxed setting while wearing casual attire," explains Gerard Prodano, Executive Assistant Manager – Food & Beverage at Victoria Beachcomber Resort & Spa. "Its exceptional location overlooking the ocean allows diners to take in the beautiful Mauritian sunset. As for our magnificent Morris Bèf, the car has become the restaurant's mascot!"

The Victoria for 2 is a secluded enclave within the 4-star superior Victoria Beachcomber Resort & Spa. It is exclusively aimed at adults and offers both accommodation and dedicated dining areas. This hotel within a hotel boasts 40 rooms, a gourmet restaurant (the Morris Beef), a bar (the Nautil Café) and an 800 m<sup>2</sup> swimming pool. A truly unique concept within Beachcomber's wider hospitality offer.

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### About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 9 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

The Group recently expanded its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 9 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

### *Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber*

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the “Amour et Espoir” NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the “Duke of Edinburgh International Award” programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

### *Social responsibility – Local Hands*

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

### *Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label*

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Silver accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.