

### **Mauritius Tour Beachcomber 2019: Little ones in the spotlight**

The Mauritius Tour Beachcomber (MTB) is fast approaching. The fourth edition of the event, which is highly anticipated by seasoned mountain bikers, will include its fair share of novelty. Following the creation of a children's race last year, the MTB will offer a variety of fun children's entertainment on April 27th 2019, the final day of the race. This will include a bouncy castle, pony rides and other surprises ideal for a family day out!

Once again, children aged 5 to 12 will be invited to take part in the race via a specially-designed course. Boys and girls will race together but will be split into three different age groups, each of which will have its own heat.

Five to eight-year-olds will race over two 1km-long loops of track. Nine to 10-year-olds will complete three loops of the course, while 11 to 12-year-olds will race over five loops. Registration costs Rs 500 per child, with participating children given lunch in the Games Village at the heart of the Shandrani Beachcomber.

Participants can register online by clicking on the following link: <http://www.beachcomber-events.com/kids-race>. Please note that registration closes on April 15th!

The MTB will take place from the 25th to the 27th of April 2019. Once again, it will take riders inland, into the heart of an open-air playground full of challenges, discoveries and breath-taking landscape. It is certain to delight sports enthusiasts and nature lovers alike.

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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.