
Mauritius Tour Beachcomber: Experience the island like never before!

The 2017 Mauritius Tour Beachcomber will offer an enjoyable four-day ride along newly created trails. From 18 to 20 May, mountain biking enthusiasts are invited to participate in a real sporting challenge in the midst of nature and be the first to explore certain sites that are usually closed to the public.

This second edition of MTB, hosted by Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels, the leading name in upmarket hospitality in Mauritius, is open to experienced mountain bikers and nature lovers aged 17 and above. It will be an excellent opportunity to enjoy the best vibes on the island and race across a variety of rugged terrain, mountains, forests, sugarcane and tea plantations as well as beaches and clifftops.

The Beachcomber Group continues to expand its range of sports and ecotourism events following the first three editions of the Ultra Trail Beachcomber Raidlight (UTRB), which have attracted in 2014, 2015 and 2016 the biggest names in trail running at the global and regional level.

Mountain bikers are free to register for the entire race or pick the legs they want to complete. Participants can also book a room at a discounted rate at a selection of Beachcomber hotels.

According to Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels' Events Manager, Arianne Devienne-Bellepeau, the main objective is to give mountain bikers the opportunity to enjoy this event with their family and live the Beachcomber Experience. *"We invite Mauritian riders and nature lovers to come and discover these amazing spots. The race courses pass through places that are still unknown to many Mauritians. Besides the memories to remember, the human experience and the joy of sharing their passion, we want to give participants the opportunity to discover a different aspect of Mauritius while combining the practice of a great sport with the 5-star service on offer at the feeding stations,"* says Arianne Devienne-Bellepeau.

For this second edition of MTB, the courses have been redesigned by Sebastien Hacques, who serves as technical advisor for the event. He has used his experience to design some unique courses. *"This second edition will also feature the cyclist, Gregory Maillot, who has won many races including the Run Tour VTT and the Espoir Challenge Off-Road VTT, as ambassador for Reunion Island,"* adds Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels' Events Manager.

Participants have until 05 May 2017 to register for the race. Simply go to the dedicated page on the Beachcomber Events website: <http://www.beachcomber-events.com/mtb>

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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 11 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical RoyalPalm Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

Beachcomber has exported the tradition of Mauritian hospitality beyond the shores of the island, with the launching of Sainte Anne Resort & Spa in Seychelles, in 2002, and that of the Royal Palm Marrakech in 2013 in Morocco.

The Group is presently expanding its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera Resort & Spa, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 11 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 Bronze accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.