

Event: Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels hosts the UK "Big 50"

Beachcomber Tours UK, in its intention to mark the golden jubilee of Mauritius' independence, created a special Educational tour named "The Big 50" for its best travel agencies. 50 British travel agents who market Mauritius as a destination were thus invited to participate in the event, which ran from the 28th of April to the 6th of May.

This journey of discovery was an opportunity to present Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels' latest products and services, in particular Canonnier Beachcomber, Victoria For 2 and Mont Choisy Le Golf. Beachcomber's invitees stayed in the group's various hotels and took part in a wide variety of activities and challenges. These included quad-biking, water sports and visits to iconic tourist sites such as the Black River Gorges, the sacred lake at Grand Bassin, the Bois Chéri tea museum, La Vanille Nature Park and the Château de Labourdonnais, among others.

Two of the main highlights of the travel professionals' stay were the Dodo Hunt and the Rallye, for which they spent two days on the road, allowing them to discover Mauritius' heritage while tackling a variety of outdoor navigation challenges. The events also gave them an opportunity to meet the local population.

The crowning event of this edition of the "Big 50" was undeniably the gala dinner held at Shandrani Beachcomber. Over the course of the evening, which honoured the Mauritian flag, travel agents were invited to discover the island's cultural and culinary wealth.

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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.