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| Much time has elapsed since the Covid-19 pandemic brought travel worldwide to a sudden halt. We have, however, just received some great news that Mauritius is going to be opening its borders to all countries with effect from the 1st of October 2021. Thank you for your patience with the postponement of your holiday to Mauritius. We wanted to share the below news with you so you can understand the latest developments. |
| The Mauritian Government has just announced that the next phase of their border reopening is imminent as their vaccine campaign is on track for the population of Mauritius to reach herd immunity by end September 2021. When this is achieved they will then be in the position to start welcoming tourists back in a phased approach. |
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| Phase 1: From 15 July to 30 Sep 2021 **(travellers from South Africa are not permitted to travel directly from South Africa to Mauritius)** |
| Phase 2: From 01 October 2021 - The Mauritian Government has stated that travellers from all countries are welcome. The condition is that anyone aged 18 years or older must have been vaccinated with both doses at least 21 days prior to their arrival in Mauritius, and that a negative PCR test (administered 72 hours prior to the passenger's arrival in Mauritius) be produced on arrival at SSR Airport. |
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| At this stage we are waiting for the airlines to add inventory to the airline booking system, finalise their airfares and - very importantly - establish their new routes between South Africa and Mauritius. |
| Once these flights and fares are decided on, we will be able to provide clients with options so they are able to conclude their new holiday plans to Mauritius. |
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| **Air Mauritius (MK)** |
| Currently MK has flights loaded on two days per week from Johannesburg for the period 01 October 2021 to 25 March 2022. |
| **South African Airways (SA)** |
| Following the recent news reports about the majority share of SAA being sold to a non-government organisation, it is our understanding that it will take about 6 - 8 weeks for the deal to be concluded and thereafter routings and fares will be decided on. |
| **British Airways Comair (BA)** |
| A few weeks back BA removed their inventory due to the uncertainty regarding when Mauritius would re-open their borders. We await news from this airline as to when they will be finalising their new flight schedule. |
| **FlySafair (FA)** |
| FA will be a new airline partner on the Mauritius route. This airline has been granted landing rights for 2 flights per week. We look forward to working with them once they have launched their schedule and fares. |
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| The recent announcements by the Mauritian Government have been greeted with much enthusiasm and we have no doubt that this is a very positive step in the process of re-launching travel between South Africa and Mauritius but, naturally, there is a great amount that still needs to be finalised before we are able to communicate more details to our valued clients and agents. Once we are informed of where PCR tests will be administered, the costs related to these tests, and many other particulars, further updates will be forthcoming. |
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| The above information was correct at the time of the mail being sent and we look forward to contacting you soon to finalise your long awaited holiday once the airlines have launched their new schedules and we have confirmed entry requirements from the Mauritian Government. |