



Peru, Cusco Province

Welcome



Travel has been my life for 20 years. St Augustine's famous quote remains as true to me today as it was when I first set up 2by2 Holidays – "the world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page".

My first love was Africa, the place of my birth. Its remarkable wildlife and cultures continue to captivate me today. A recent visit to the gorillas of Uganda has starkly reminded me just how fragile the survival of so many endangered species remains. And reinforced my belief that travel must always have conservation at its heart.

In recent years I have discovered the joys of travel in the Indian subcontinent and Latin America. The iconic sites and cultures here are no less enthralling. And everywhere wildlife adapts and survives, from harsh barren deserts to cool mountain cloud forests and tropical wetlands.

My enthusiasm burns as brightly as ever and I continue to be as involved in every aspect of the business as I always have been, backed up by our superb travel team. I'm particularly thrilled that so many of our customers return time after time.

I do hope you find our latest brochure inspiring and we all look forward to hearing from you.

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Le Morne, Mauritius

Mauritius & Réunion

Famous for its palm-fringed white sands and turquoise seas, Mauritius works well for honeymooners, families and those looking for a relaxing beach break.

With its exotic mix of African, Asian and European influences, Mauritius is one of the world's most captivating islands, with spectacular hotels, beaches and extensive coral reefs, where you can snorkel and scuba dive for most of the year. There is a lot going on, from exhilarating water sports such as water skiing, wind surfing and sailing, to searching for dolphins by catamaran, playing a round of golf or simply enjoying a spa treatment before tucking into superb Creole seafood.

You can explore this tropical island by hiring a car or driver, or take a day tour to

discover the spectacular landscapes of the south. Nature lovers will relish exploring the forests, waterfalls and volcanic craters of Black River Gorges National Park and the colourful sands of Chamarel. The panoramic views from Trou aux Cerfs and the sacred Hindu temple at Grand Bassin Lake are also not to be missed. On the east of the island you can hike in La Vallée de Ferney forest reserve, or take a boat to Ile aux Aigrettes wildlife sanctuary where you can hope to see the rare pink pigeon, Aldabran giant tortoise and endemic sea birds.

'Shop 'til you drop' in the capital of Port Louis, take a submarine ride or try an undersea walk in bustling Grand Baie, with its many bars and nightlife. Don't miss the chance to sample the delicious offerings of the many street food vendors here and stop off for a local flavoured rum sundowner as you watch the sun set across the Indian Ocean. Also visit Pamplemousse Botanical Gardens, one of the oldest in the world.

Mauritius is a truly romantic destination so it's no surprise that many couples choose to honeymoon or get

married here. It really is a beautiful place and many hotels offer fantastic wedding, honeymoon and anniversary deals.

In contrast to the main island of Mauritius, the remote island of Rodrigues offers visitors a more tranquil and simple experience. Life here has changed little over the years. There are no 5-star hotels and the atmosphere is laid-back with genuinely friendly residents who are always happy to chat. It's the place to go for coastal walks and empty beaches as well as excellent diving and snorkelling.

Just a 45-minute flight away, the ruggedly beautiful French island of Réunion provides the ideal twin-centre holiday with Mauritius. There are a

host of exciting outdoor activities on offer here – everything from hiking to paragliding, as well as being home to the highest mountain in the Indian Ocean and one of the world's most active volcanoes. The helicopter trip over the three extinct volcanic craters, or cirques, at the centre of the island is truly exhilarating and the canyoning is superb, with excursions for everyone from beginner to expert.

For foodies, the mix of Creole and traditional French cooking is delicious. This really is a little piece of France in the tropics, where French, Arabic and Indian cultures fuse to form an irresistible holiday experience.

Mauritius combines well with a safari in South Africa or Madagascar, or an activity-based holiday in nearby Réunion where you can hike, white-water raft, paraglide, horse ride and go canyoning.



Belle Mare Plage



Trois Bassins, Réunion



Mauritius Safari

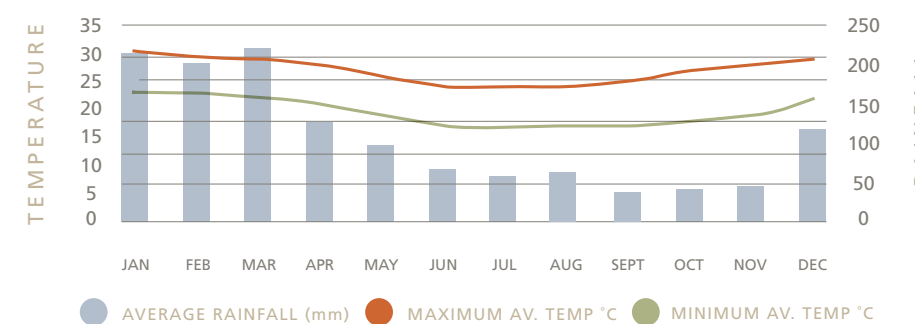
- DAY 1** Arrive in South Africa's beautiful Panorama Route
 - DAYS 2/4** Enjoy a Big Five safari in the famous Kruger National Park, with early morning & afternoon open top game drives
 - DAY 5** Fly to Johannesburg airport for overnight
 - DAYS 6/12** Fly to the tropical island of Mauritius for a week of relaxation on its white sandy beaches, swimming in warm turquoise waters & snorkelling among coral reefs. Enjoy a wide range of water sports including sailing, diving, fishing, horse riding, golf, island excursions and much more
 - DAY 13** Depart from Mauritius
- From £2,995 per person sharing including flights, mid season



This is an example itinerary – see page 5 for key. For more ideas, information and prices please call us on **01582 766 122** or visit www.2by2holidays.co.uk

When to go

With its warm subtropical climate, Mauritius offers pleasant beach weather from April onwards. Temperatures tend to be at their hottest towards the end of the year (October to December), so this is the most popular time to visit. Avoid January and February, as this is the cyclone season when there can be prolonged rains. In July and August, the trade winds affect the east and south coasts.





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We have ATOL certification and membership of the Association of Tour Operators (AITO).

Booking your holiday

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Financial Protection

Through our membership of ATOL (9025) and our Tour Operator Insurance, your holiday is fully financially protected wherever in the world you live, regardless of whether you book land-only arrangements or a complete holiday package with flights.

AITO Quality Charter

AITO is the Association for independent and specialist holiday companies. Our member companies, usually owner-managed, strive to create overseas holidays with high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

Exclusive Membership

AITO sets criteria regarding ownership, finance and quality which must be satisfied before new companies are admitted to membership. All members are required to adhere to a Code of Business Practice which encourages high operational standards and conduct.

Financial Security

An AITO member is required to arrange financial protection for all holidays and other arrangements (including accommodation only) booked by customers with the member under the AITO logo. This financial protection applies to customers who are resident in the UK at the time of booking and to most overseas customers who have booked directly with the member. In doing so, the member must comply with UK Government regulations. Members are required to submit details of their financial protection arrangements to AITO on a regular basis.

Accurate brochures and websites

All members do their utmost to ensure that all their brochures and other publications, print or electronic, clearly and accurately describe the holidays and services offered.

Professional service and continual improvements

All members are committed to high standards of service and believe in regular and thorough training of employees. Members continually seek to review and improve their holidays. They listen to their customers and always welcome suggestions for improving standards.

Monitoring standards

AITO endeavours to monitor quality standards regularly. All customers should receive a post-holiday questionnaire from their tour operator, the results of which are scrutinised by the Association.

Sustainable tourism

Our members acknowledge the importance of AITOs Sustainable Tourism ethos, which recognises the social, economic and environmental responsibilities of tour operating.

Customer relations

All members endeavour to deal swiftly and fairly with any issues their customers may raise. In the unlikely event that a dispute between an AITO member and a customer cannot be settled amicably, either party can call on an arbitration service to bring the matter to a speedy and acceptable conclusion.

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