

THE SUMMITS OF REUNION  
Self Drive Discovery Tour  
08 Nights & 10 Days Ex Australia

Reunion is not an average tropical island but is ruggedly beautiful and an island of contrasts. Three amphitheatres dominate the topography and the climate is temperate in the mountains. The east coast is characterised by verdant, tropical vegetation and wild, black volcanic beaches. The west coast is generally dry, with golden, sandy beaches. Explore and discover on this self drive programme.

DAY 01 SAT AUSTRALIA TO REUNION

Met upon arrival at Réunion airport, and transferred to your hotel for overnight accommodation in the city centre. .

ACCOMMODATION

Central Hotel  
ST DENIS

The remainder of your evening is at leisure

DAY 02 SUN ST –DENIS TO SALAZIE (B)

This morning your rental car will be delivered to your hotel. After breakfast depart for Salazie Stop at St-André and visit a vanilla plantation where this authentic creole estate specializes in the preparation of vanilla pods. Continue to the cirque of Salazie, surrounded by waterfalls, bananas and watercress plantations before reaching Hellbourg, a charming old creole village. Visit Hellbourg, an open-air museum of architecture, thanks to the charming old houses, surrounded by lush gardens. Visit *Villa Folio* where the owner will explain the history of the house and village and the glorious past. ( 60 Kms 1 hour 1/2)

ACCOMMODATION

Relais des Cimes (2\*)  
HELLBOURG

DAY 03 MON SALAZIE TO PLAINE DES CAFRES (B)

After breakfast, drive back east along the coast. Discover the East and South coast of the island, famous for its landscapes. A few years ago, lava flowed across the main road, destroying houses before reaching the ocean. See spectacular and impressive lava sceneries such as the church of Notre Dame des Laves or la Vierge au Parasol. This afternoon, visit the *Garden of spices and perfumes*, in St-Philippe, famous for its endemic plants in one of the oldest forest of the island. Continue to Plaine des Cafres for overnight. (130 Kms 3 1/2 hours)

#### ACCOMMODATION

Les Geraniums (2\*)  
PLAINE DES CAFRES

#### DAY 04 TUE. PLAINE DES CAFRES TO CILAOS (B)

An early morning departure to the Volcano. At 'La Plaine des Cafres' take the road up to 'Piton de la Fournaise', stopping at 'Le Nez de Boeuf, moon-looking 'Plaine des Sables' and 'Pas de Bellecombe'. It is worth walking to the small crater 'Formica Léo', inside the volcano (1 hour walk) or even to walk around all the craters which is a 5 hour' walk. .This afternoon visit the museum *La Maison du Volcan* (closed on Monday), to gain first hand knowledge of Reunion's volcano, videos, models and animated illustrations. Continue down to the coast to the valley of Cilaos, 2 hours drive from Plaine des Cafres, to arrive in Cilaos before dark at 6 p.m. (130 Kms 4 hours)

#### ACCOMMODATION

Des Neiges (2\*)  
CILAOS

#### DAY 05 WED CILAOS (B)

Wake up early to enjoy the wonderful scenery around Cilaos. High mountains with blue sky. Surrounded by the highest mountains of the island, Cilaos is famous for its hot springs bath, its hand-made embroidery and for all its activities. A full day in this mountain resort will enable you to enjoy nature or the active side of the island; rent a mountain bike , take a full trek in the forest around the town , try canyoning ( a prior booking is necessary), wander in the small typical town, visit the vineyard, or relax by the pool of the hotel. (40 kms 1 hour)

#### ACCOMMODATION

Des Neiges (2\*)  
CILAOS

#### DAY 06 THU CILAOS TO SAINT GILLES (B)

After breakfast take a short walk up to 'La Roche Merveilleuse' with its botanical path and the look out over the cirque. Drive back to the West Cost, making a stop at some geologic curios and enjoy the famous spot of St-Leu, one of the best waves in the world! Visit the "STELLA museum", a modern museum about Reunion and the Sugar Cane history... (Closed on Monday) This afternoon drive up Saint-Gilles, the lively part of the beach resort. (70 kms 2 hours)

#### ACOMMODATION

Hotel Alamanda (2\*)

SAINT GILLES

#### DAY 07 FRI SAINT GILLES (BD)

An early morning drive to Piton Maïdo (up to 2000m) to enjoy a wonderful view over the Cirque of Mafate, surrounded by high mountains. You can only reach the cirque by foot or helicopter. On the way down to the coast, visit a factory hand making oil from the geranium plant, or visit the *De Villèle Muséum*, a house from last century. (Closed on Tuesday). Before reaching St-Gilles and its beach. Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the St-Gilles' area  
Dinner and overnight at hotel (70 kms 2 hours)

#### ACOMMODATION

Hotel Alamanda (2\*)

SAINT GILLES

#### DAY 08 SAT SAINT GILLES (B)

Your morning is at leisure. Take an optional 45 minute helicopter flight over the most interesting and impressive parts of the island. 45 kms 1 hour

#### DAY 09 SUN SAINT GILLIES TO ST DENIS FOR YOUR DEPARTURE TO SYDNEY (B)

Your day is at leisure to explore the West Coast. There are an array of optional activities; mountain biking, game fishing, a dolphin cruise, visit the botanical gardens, the aquarium in St Gilles or the Turtle Farm in St-Leu.

Late check out at your hotel has been arranged. Leave your rental car at the hotel. This evening you will be transferred back to St-Denis to connect with your flight to Sydney.

DEPART: REUNION

DAY 10 MON ARRIVE: AUSTRALIA

## PACKAGE INCLUDES

Meet & Greet upon arrival at St Denis Airport  
Arrival transfer to your St Denis Hotel on Day 01  
08 nights 2\* Bed & Breakfast accommodation with private facilities  
07 Days Rental Car unlimited mileage – Clio 206 or similar

First 2 nights and last nights accommodation must be pre-booked and confirmed prior to departure from Australia  
October & November is peak period and all arrangements should be pre-booked  
Maximum 2 night stay in St Gilles

## PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Sightseeing Tours or Excursions  
Petrol for the rental car

Surcharges apply during Christmas & New Year periods

ALL COSTS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATION WITHOUT NOTICE