



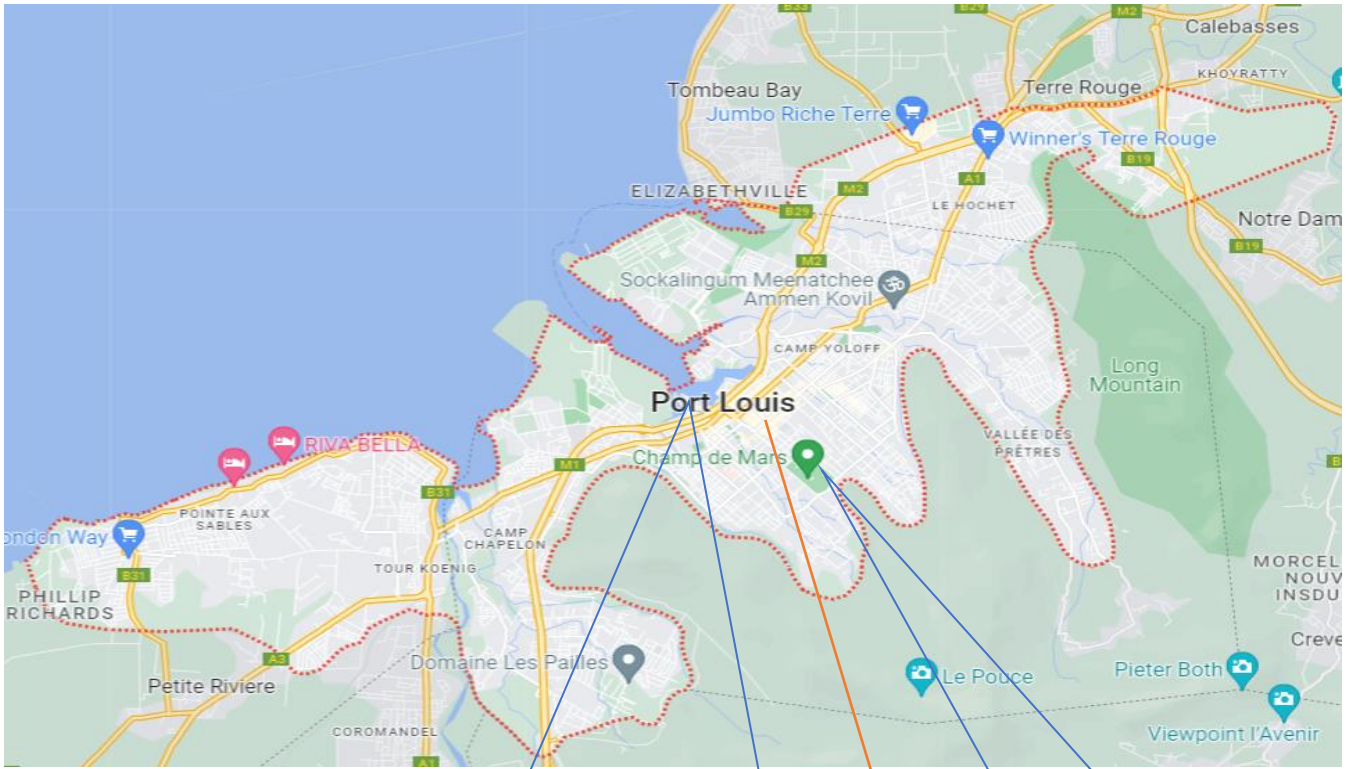
LOGISTICS INFORMATION

The 19th meeting of SAIHC of the International Hydrographic Organisation will be hosted by Mauritius from 28 to 31 August 2023. As host of the meeting, the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning (*Mauritius Hydrographic Service*) is pleased to welcome you to Mauritius and provide the following logistical information to make your stay comfortable.

The Island of Mauritius which has an area of about 2040 sq. km is almost entirely surrounded by coral reefs. Within those reefs are peaceful lagoons, ringed by smooth beaches of white coral sand. There is a break in the coral reef only in the South where part of the coast is steep and rocky.

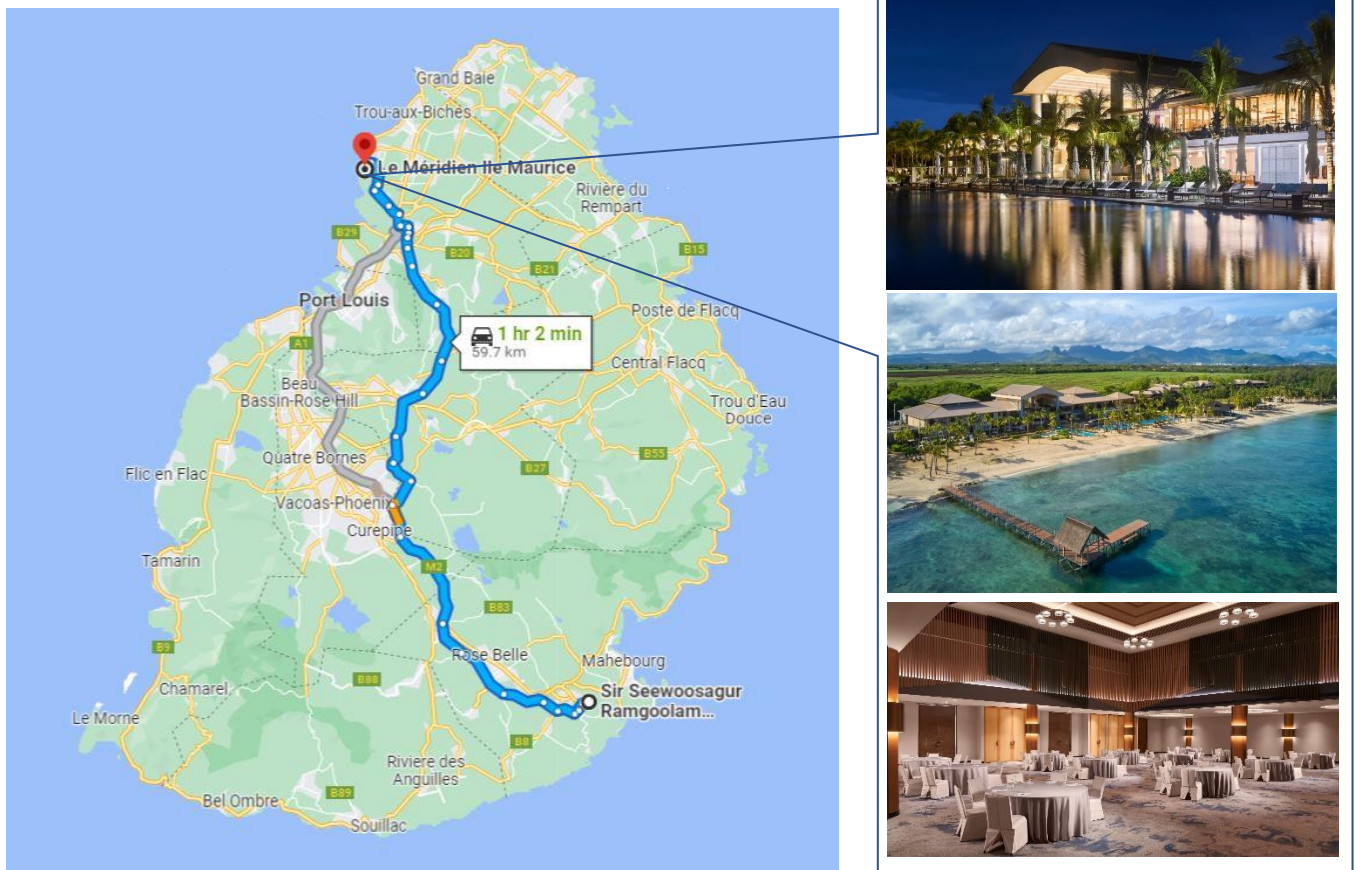


Port Louis is the capital of Mauritius. It's known for its French colonial architecture and the 19th century Champ de Mars horse-racing track. The Caudan Waterfront is a lively dining and shopping precinct. Nearby, vendors sell local produce and handicrafts at the huge Central Market. The Blue Penny Museum focuses on the Island's colonial and maritime history along with its culture.



Meeting Venue:

SAIHC-19 Plenary will take place from 29 – 31 August 2023 at Le Meridien hotel situated at Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius. This will be preceded by *Hydrographic Awareness Seminar*, followed by the *African Great Lakes & Rivers Working Group* on 28 August 2023 at the same venue. Registration link: <https://online.iho-khoa.kr/registration>.



How to reach Mauritius:

Many airlines offer direct flights to Mauritius International Airport (Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport). The airport code is *MRU* and it is located 48 km southeast of capital city of Port Louis.

Accommodation:

SAIHC-19 participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. We recommend that you consider accommodation options near Trou aux Biches and Pointe aux Biches as well. **PLEASE NOTE: It will be tourist season and it is highly recommended that you book your accommodation as early as possible.** Some suggestions are listed below:

| S/N | Name of Hotel | Address | Tele (+230) | Fax (+230) | Email Address | Website |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 5 Star (****) | | | | | | |
| 1 | Le Meridien – Conference Venue | Pointe aux Piments | 2043333 | 2043344 | Nundkeshwar.Namah@marriottmauritius.com Please email Nundkeshwar by the 15th June to receive the special discounted rate of 12,000 MUR | www.marriott.com |
| 2 | The Westin turtle Bay Resort and Spa | Pointe aux Piments | 2041400 | 2041401 | westin.mauritius@westin.com | www.marriott.com |
| 3 | The Oberoi Beach Resort and Spa | Pointe aux Piments | 2043600 | ---- | reservations.mauritius@oberoihotels.com | www.oberoihotels.com |
| 4 Star (***) | | | | | | |
| 4 | The Ravenala Attitude | Pointe aux Piments | 2043000 | 2043001 | info@theravenala-totel.com | www.hotels-attitude.com |
| 5 | Victoria Beachcomber | Pointe aux Piments | 2042000 | ---- | victoria@beachcomber.com | www.beachcomber-hotels.com |
| 6 | Le Sakoa Boutik Hotel | Trou aux Biches | 2655244 | 2658910 | reservations@trimetys-hotel.com | www.lesakoa.com |
| 3 Star (**) | | | | | | |
| 7 | Hotel Spice Garden | Pointe aux Piments | 2610740 | 2613945 | spicegarden@intnet.mu | www.hotelspicegarden.com |
| 8 | Casuarina Resort and Spa | Trou aux Biches | 2045000 | 2656111 | info@alizeeresort.com | www.hotel-casuarina.com |
| 9 | Le Palmiste Resort and Spa | Trou aux Biches | 2656815 | 2656811 | info@hotel-lepalmiste.mu | www.hotel-lepalmiste.mu |
| 10 | BeCosy Apart Hotel | Trou aux Biches | 2045400 | ---- | reservations@trimetys-hotels.com | www.beapart.com |
| 11 | Sunset Reef Resort and Spa | Pointe aux Piments | 2042500 | ---- | info@sunsetreefresort.com | www.sunsetreefresort.com |
| 12 | La Tonnelle Maison D'hôtes | Trou aux Biches | 54996855 | ---- | contact@latonnellehotel.com | latonnellehotel.com |
| 13 | Le Grand Bleu Hotel | Trou aux Biches | 2655812 | ---- | www.booking.com | legrandbleuhotel.business.site |
| 14 | Voile Bleue Boutique Hotel | Pointe aux Biches | 2656800 | ---- | info@voilebleue.mu | www.voilebleue.mu |

In case of any assistance required to book the abovementioned hotels, please contact Mr. Girshan Jheelan, Assistant Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning on his mail id giheelan@govmu.org

Airport Transfer:

The vehicles for airport transfer, to and from the hotel will be provided by the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning. The contact details for necessary transport arrangements are as follows:-

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Ministry of Housing & Land Use Planning (Mauritius Hydrographic Service)

Tel:- +230 57653546 (Available on WhatsApp)

Email: - hydrounit@govmu.org; oic_hydrounit@govmu.org

NB: Participants are kindly requested to email their flight and contact details on hydrounit@govmu.org by 15 August 2023 in order to make transport arrangements.

Travel Document & Visa:

All members and associate members of SAIHC **do not** require Visa to travel to Mauritius. Participants will get Visa on arrival for the duration of SAIHC-19.

Relevant information regarding Mauritius visa, types and requirements can be accessed at https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?page_id=605. For any additional information, you can mail your queries on piovisa@govmu.org and pio_admin@govmu.org.

Currency:

Mauritius currency is Mauritian Rupee(MUR). 1 USD = 45 MUR approximately.

One MUR is subdivided into 100 cents. The notes are of denomination 25, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and coins are 5c, 20c, 50c.



SAIHC-19 Logistic Questions Contact and Additional Information:

For any queries regarding additional information not supplied herein, special arrangements, letters of invitation etc. please contact:

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Weather in Mauritius:

Mauritius enjoys a mild tropical maritime climate throughout the year. The country has two seasons - a warm humid summer extending from November to April and a relatively cool dry winter from June to September. The months of October and May are commonly known as the transition months.

Mean summer temperature is 24.7 degrees Celsius and mean winter temperature is 20.4 degrees Celsius. The temperature difference between the seasons is only 4.3 degrees Celsius.

General weather in August and September

| <u>Month</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Max. Temp (°C) | 23 | 24 |
| Ave. Temp (°C) | 21 | 21 |
| Min. Temp (°C) | 18 | 18 |
| Sunshine Hours | 8 | 8 |

Electricity supply used in Mauritius:

In Mauritius the standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Mauritius, if the standard voltage is between 220 - 240 V. Mauritius has associated plug type **G** which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern.



Drinking water in Mauritius:

The drinking water will be provided by the hotel. If you wish to visit any place, it is recommended to carry the drinking water or you can buy it from the nearest supermarket.

Dietary Restrictions/Requirements:

Please let the organizers know if you have any dietary restrictions for religious or health related reasons (including allergies) so that we can make sure these needs are met.

Places to visit in Mauritius:

Grand Bassin, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden, Mont Choisy Beach, Pereybere Beach, Flic en Flac Beach, Casela Nature Park, Chamarel seven colored Earth amongst others.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the best way to travel around the island?

The best way to travel around Mauritius is to book a taxi for full day. It will cost about 3000 to 4000 MUR. You may choose to travel by Metro Express between 0600 to 1900 hours between the location of Port Louis to Curepipe.

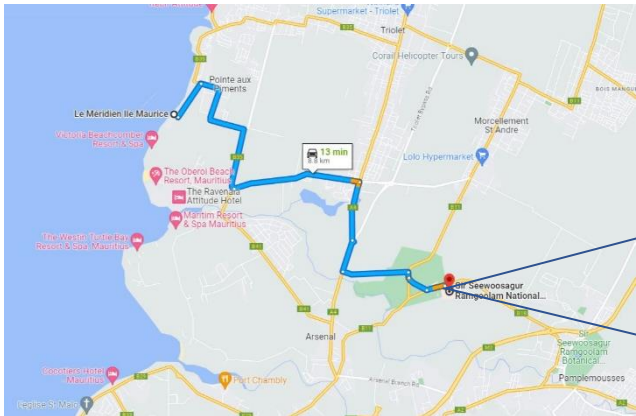


What is the tipping etiquette in Mauritius?

VAT on restaurant service in Mauritius is 15% of the total amount. Generally it is included in the total amount in the bill. Tipping is not mandatory and can be done optionally by the customer.

What is the closest hospital/clinic?

The closest hospital to the conference location is Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital (SSRNH). It is situated in the district of Pamplemousses. It is about 8.8 kilometers from the conference location.



Do I need any vaccinations?

No.

It is however recommended to carry the COVID-19 Vaccination certificate.