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Mauritius Billfish Release Competition	26-31 January	Off the coast of Black River	<p>The Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament is taking place in Black River, in late January during the peak of the marlin season. Situated on the west coast of the Island, sheltered from the prevailing trade winds, Black River is the perfect place for unforgettable deep-sea fishing experiences.</p> <p>Organizer:- Lux and JPH in collaboration with MTPA</p> <p>Website: www.mauritiusbillfishtournament.com</p>
Chinese Spring Festival	28 January	National Event	<p>The Spring Festival, which is the Chinese New Year, is celebrated in January/February, depending on the adjustment of lunar days. Food is piled up to ensure abundance during the year and the traditional wax cake is distributed to relatives and friends. Firecrackers are lit to ward off evil spirits.</p> <p>Gala Show with local and artists from People's Republic of China</p> <p>Organiser: Ministry of Arts and Culture and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.</p>



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Abolition of Slavery	01 February	Le Morne Public Beach National Event	<p>Slavery was abolished on the island in 1835 by the British, following the vote of the Slavery Abolition Act in 1833 by the British Parliament. Each year, to celebrate the abolition of slavery, concerts and commemorative events are organized throughout the island, especially at Le Morne, a symbolic place, which was the refuge of many runaway slaves</p> <p>Official Wreath Laying Ceremony and Commemorative Programme.</p> <p>Organiser: Ministry of Arts and Culture</p>
Thaiposam Cavadee	09 February	National Event	<p>Cavadee is among the most spectacular Tamil events. The body pierced with needles and the tongue and cheeks with skewers, the devotee, trance-like and in penance, walks in procession to the temple bearing the "Cavadee".</p>
Maha Shivratri	24 February	National Event Grand Bassin	<p>Maha Shivaratri est célébré en honneur du Dieu Shiva. A cette occasion, les dévots hindous, vêtus de blanc immaculé, portent le « Kanwar » – arches en bois couverts de fleurs – en pèlerinage vers le lac sacré du Grand Bassin.</p>
Fete Du Poisson (Rodrigues)	01 March	Cotton Bay, Rodrigues	<p>An annual activity organised to celebrate opening of net fishing. Activities include cultural shows, sales of local food and drinks, exhibitions.</p> <p>Organiser: Rodrigues Tourism Office</p>



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World Wildlife Day	03 March	National Event	World Wildlife Day will be celebrated in 2017 under the theme "Listen to the Young Voices." Given that almost one quarter of the world's population is aged between 10 and 24, vigorous efforts need to be made to encourage young people, as the future leaders and decision makers of the world, to act at both local and global levels to protect endangered wildlife.
National Day Celebrations	12 March	Champs de Mars National Event	Mauritius celebrates Independence Day Every year on the 12th March. Mauritians enjoy a public holiday to celebrate the anniversary of independence from Britain. At this time of year, the colorful flag is displayed all over the island – in shops, homes, schools, government buildings and local communities gather for smaller festivities across the country. Organizer :- Ministry of Arts and Culture
Nando's Royal Swim	30 March	Pereybere Beach	Nando Royal Life Saving Society Open Water Swim aime promouvoir le sport et promouvoir l'île Maurice comme une destination qui a de grands événements sportifs à assister. L'Open Water Event est devenu une véritable course à pied pour la communauté locale et est de plus en plus international. En outre, les recettes sont destinées à Royal Lifesaving Society of Mauritius. La natation est un événement qui contribue à un mode de vie sain à l'île Maurice avec le sport et un cadre magnifique.
Open Days and guided visits free of charge to the public for monuments & heritage sites	22 to 23 April	National Event	Open to the public, free of charge - entertaining and instructive discoveries of the rich past of Mauritius through a selection of historical monuments and guided visits of national and world heritage sites. Details, at a later date, on www.tourism-mauritius.mu



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China Town Food and Cultural Festival	6-7 May	China Town, Port Louis	<p>A festival of food whereby restaurants of the region of China Town in Port Louis offer special menus and tariffs. The public are also overwhelmed with the spectacular shows carried out in the streets, decorated with Chinese lanterns, from Chinese troupes as well as local artists such as Kung Fu demonstration and lion dance</p> <p>Organiser: Chinese Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with MTPA</p>
Royal Raid – Trail Run	13 May	Yemen Nature Reserve, Black River National Park and Bel Ombre Nature Reserve	<p>Royal Raid, the first and fantastic Mauritian Trail run that will lead you inside our Island and makes you discover unforgettable tropical sceneries. Every year, local and international runners and hikers enjoy the event friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>Organizer:- Lux* resorts in collaboration with MTPA</p> <p>Website: www.sports.luxresorts.com</p>
Passes Portes International Drama & Music Festival	19-24 May	Théâtre Serge Constantin, Vacoas	<p>The objective of this festival is to encourage and promote artistic creation amongst the young generation and emerging theatre companies from the Vanilla Islands (Mauritius, Madagascar and Comoros) as well as other French-speaking countries. It includes workshops meant to sensitise less fortunate children to creative activities.</p> <p>Theater and Music Festival Agenda TBC</p> <p>Organizer :- Catherine SWAGEMAKERS in collaboration with MTPA</p>



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Mauritius Tour Beachcomber – Mountain Bike Race	18 - 20 May	Stage 1 – 72km (Paradis – Chamarel – Shandrani) Stage 2 – 29km (Shandrani – Plein Bois – Shandrani) Stage 3 – 22.5km (Shandrani – Le Bouchon – Shandrani) Stage 4 – 57km (Shandrani – Etoile – Shandrani)	<p>The Mauritius Tour Beachcomber (MTB) is a unique mountain bike stage race by the leading Mauritian hospitality group, Beachcomber, and its expert partners. It creates an unparalleled opportunity to get the best vibes of Mauritius while riding across wild and very varied terrain, from mountains, forests, sugar cane and tea fields to beaches and atop cliffs and views.</p> <p>Organizer :- Beachcomber in collaboration with MTPA</p> <p>Website: www.beachcomber-events.com</p>
Dragon Boat Festival	21 May	Caudan Waterfront, Port-Louis	<p>Dragon Boat Festival is celebrated to commemorate Qu Yuan (340 – 278 BC) an ancient patriotic poet. In Mauritius a dragon boat race competition is organised where about 8 – 10 teams of 25 participants usually participate. Rodrigues and Reunion Island are invited to take part in the dragon boat race competition which is held at Caudan Waterfront. The Embassy of the People's Republic of China invites a cultural troupe, under the Cultural Exchange Programme, to perform during the festival along with local artists.</p>



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Tropicadingue	3-4 June	Mon Trésor Sugar Estate, Plaine Magnien	<p>Trail and Raid Multisport with no timing. Dress up from super heroes to clown, all participants enjoy this fun and festive event.</p> <p>Organizer:- Beachcomber in collaboration with MTPA</p> <p>Website: www.beachcomber-events.com</p>
Eid Ul Fitr	26 June	National Event	<p>Eid-ul-Fitr is the first day of the Islamic month of Shawwal. It marks the end of Ramadan, which is a month of fasting and prayer. Many Muslims attend prayers during Eid-ul-Fitr. They are dressed in fine clothing and children receive gifts on that occasion.</p> <p>Organiser: Ministry of Arts and Culture</p>
Surfski Week – Mauritius Ocean Classic	28 June	Tamassa Hotel Bel Ombre	<p>This event is a fantastic week of surf skiing and paddlers: Downwind in perfect conditions, team race, free coaching from champions, friendly and warm atmosphere. On the occasion of the 2017 edition they will re-launch Stand Up Paddle event.</p> <p>Organizer:- LUX* Sport in collaboration with MTPA</p> <p>Website: www.sports.luxresorts.com</p>
Kite Surf Festival (Rodrigues)	To Be Confirmed	Mourouk Rodrigues	<p>An annual festival organised for local and international kite surfers. Activities include long and mini raid competition organised during several days.</p> <p>Organiser: Rodrigues Kite Surf Association.</p>



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Mauritius Marathon	16 July	St Felix Public Beach, Bel Ombre	<p>Mauritius Marathon AIMS and IAAF Certified races is a fantastic challenge which takes place in one of the most beautiful part of Mauritius: 20km of coastal road in the south, along one of the most beautiful lagoon and through typical coastal villages.</p> <p>Organizer: LUX* sport in collaboration with MTPA</p> <p>Website: www.sports.luxresorts.com</p>
DodoTrail	16 July	West/South Coast of Mauritius	<p>Dodo Trail's first edition was held on the 30th July 2011 with more than 350 participants. Three fabulous track were offered, crossing the island from South to West. An ultra trail of 80 kms at la Cambuse. A trail of 33 kms beginning at Pétrin, and a Mini trail of 10 kms beginning at Yémen all ending at La Pirogue Hotel, on a beautiful beach of the west coast.</p> <p>Organizer: IBL Mauritius</p> <p>Website: www.dodotrail.com</p>



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Tour De Maurice	24-28 August	*Port – Louis to Beau Plan *Curepipe *Ferney to Plaine Magnien *Albion to Chamarel *Bagatelle to Grand-Bassin *Ferney to Post Lafayette	<p>International Cycling Event which sees the participation of professionals from countries such as Reunion Island, Seychelles, France, Kenya, South Africa and Switzerland</p> <p>Organiser:- Federation Mauricienne de Cyclisme in collaboration with MTPA</p> <p>www.facebook.com/Tour-de-Maurice</p>
Ganesh Chaturthi	26 August	National Event	<p>Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated during the August / September. It marks the birthday of Ganesha, the God of wisdom and remover of all obstacles according to Hindu mythology. The event ends with the Ganesh Visarjan whereby devotees immerse idol of Lord Ganesh in water body after a gala street procession.</p>
Regatta (Rodrigues)	To Be Confirmed	Mourouk, Rodrigues	<p>A boat race with different boat categories. Event include sailing competition, music, concert and sales of local food.</p> <p>Organiser: Rodrigues Tourism Office</p>



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Maiden Cup	3 September	Champ De Mars Race Course	This prestigious race is run at the Champ De Mars since 1843
Père Laval Pilgrimage	8 and 9 September	St Croix, Port Louis	Every year towards the hour of sundown on 8 September, men, commemorated on 9 September
Ferney Trail	9 September	Vallée De Ferney South East	<p>The Ferney Trail is one of the oldest trails in Mauritius and is one of the most popular races with more than 2500 participants each year! The Ferney Trail takes place in the heart of La Vallée de Ferney, majestic sanctuary of the Mauritian biodiversity which sheltering several species of birds and endemic plants on the heart of nature and in a good mood!</p> <p>Organizer:- Ciel groupin collaboration with MTPA</p>
Festival De La Mer (Rodrigues)	To Be Confirmed	Cotton Bay/ Mourouk, Rodrigues	<p>The festival consist of different activities and competitions which are all related to the sea, such as initiation to diving, kite surfing, regatta, swimming competition as well as sensitization campaign, cultural show.</p> <p>Organiser: Rodrigues Tourism Office</p>



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100 Km Bike Race	9 October		<p>Since 2004, the Deutsche Bank 100km Cycle Tour is one of the annual rendez-vous on the Mauritian sports calendar. Besides being a sport challenge, this cycle race invites participants to ride for a cause. Each year, part of the entry fees is remitted to local NGOs to support their laudable work for the embetterment of the Mauritian society</p> <p>Website: www.craworldeventsmanagement.com/calender</p>
Divali Celebration	19 October	National Event	<p>Divali is the most jovial of all Hindu festivals. Celebrated in October/November, it marks the victory of righteousness over evil in the Hindu mythology. Traditionally, clay oil lamps were placed in front of every home turning the island into a fairyland of flickering lights; these have now been replaced mostly by decorative electric lights.</p> <p>Popular Cultural Show</p> <p>Organiser: Ministry of Arts and Culture Semaine Rodriguaise</p>
Semaine Rodriguaise	24-29 October	Curepipe	<p>Road Show including Curepipe performance by artists from Rodrigues, sales of craft, food, preserved food and seaproducts.</p> <p>Organisers: Municipal Council of Curepipe in collaboration with PMO (Rodrigues Division) and Ministry of Tourism</p>



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Mauritian Southern Tropical Challenge – Mountain Bike	2-5 November	South West of Mauritius	Race (event submitted by MTPA) Organiser:- MTPA in collaboration with private operators
Indian Ocean Triathlon	11 November	Le Morne Public Beach	A fantastic sport event takes place in the south-west of Mauritius
Afrasia Mauritius Golf Open	23-26 November	Heritage Golf, Bel Ombre	Tri sanctioned golf tournament endorsed by sunshine European and Asian Tour
Festival International Kreol (FIK)	To Be Confirmed	Main events in Port-Louis and Mahebourg	The Festival Kreol is, at its core, a manifestation of Mauritian and kreol identity and a celebration of culture of the island as experienced through music, dance, arts, craft, cuisine, customs and the general way of life. It offers the Mauritian a fascinating week full of the colors, sound and fragrances of the kreol world that treasures its traditions as well as its present. Organiser :- Ministry of Tourism and MTPA Website: www.fik.mu Organiser:- MTPA in collaboration with private operators



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Trail De Rodrigues	5 November	Anse Quitar, Rodrigues	<p>An annual event gathering participants from different countries who come to Rodrigues to run through the island of Rodrigues. Activities include races over different distances, prize giving ceremony and cultural show.</p> <p>Organiser: Rodrigues Trail Association.</p>
International Jockey's Weekend	2-3 December	Champ De Mars Race Course	<p>Jockeys from all over the world participate in this 2-day event</p>
Porlwi by Light	First week of December	Port Louis	<p>Mauritius' capital city transports you on an ocean of culture and authenticity where art and history are omnipresent. A festival allowing both Mauritians and tourist to discover and rediscover the history of the capital, Porlwi by light remains a unique evening offering a unique opportunity to be amazed by the streets of Port Louis, its buildings and unusual venues which will be dressed in light.</p> <p>Organiser:- Ministry of Tourism and MTPA in collaboration with private sector</p>



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Christmas Day and Night Markets	To Be Confirmed		Organiser: Ministry of Tourism & MAC in collaboration with MTPA & AHRIM
Christmas Celebrations	25 December	National Event	Mauritians enjoy Christmas celebration in a lively, tropical, summery atmosphere. A series of activities are organized to mark the end of year celebrations paying special attention to children who are deprived, animating their Christmas into a memorable one. Organiser: Ministry of Arts and Culture
Marche De Noel (Rodrigues)	To Be Confirmed	Port Mathurin, Rodrigues	An activity around Christmas celebration and which includes sales of products, music, shows, and choir animation related to Christmas.

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