

## 🌴 The 2026 Mauritius Resort Comparison Guide

*Expert Picks, Insider Tips & the Best Resorts for Families*

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### 📍 Why Mauritius Remains South Africa's #1 Island Holiday Destination in 2026

Warm, friendly intro from you:

- Short flights
- Family-friendly culture
- Year-round warm weather
- Excellent value vs Maldives/Seychelles
- Incredible beaches and world-class resorts

#### **From Miles, Founder of IslandStays:**

“With over 30 years in the travel industry and thousands of guests sent to Mauritius, I’ve created this guide to give you absolute clarity on the *best* resorts for South African families — based on real feedback, refurb timelines, value for money, and location strengths.”

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## The Top 10 Mauritius Resorts for Families (2026 Edition)

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### **1. Trou aux Biches Beachcomber**

- ✓ Best beach for kids
- ✓ Large family suites
- ✓ Excellent snorkelling from shore
- ✓ Best kids club in Mauritius

### **2. Sugar Beach Resort & Spa**

- ✓ Huge palm-lined beach
- ✓ West coast sunsets
- ✓ Refurbished public areas
- ✓ Great value for larger families

### **3. Long Beach Mauritius**

- ✓ Massive palm grove playground
- ✓ Superb family rooms
- ✓ Modern, energetic vibe
- ✓ Perfect for teens

### **4. LUX Belle Mare**

- ✓ Refurb in 2023/24
- ✓ Super safe lagoon
- ✓ Wellness + kids club combo
- ✓ Ideal for picky eaters (great dining)

### **5. Canonnier Beachcomber**

- ✓ Best value premier family stay
- ✓ All-rounder
- ✓ Tree-house style kids club
- ✓ Access to sister hotel Mauricia

### **6. Victoria Beachcomber**

- ✓ Huge rooms
- ✓ Superb AI upgrade

✓ Teen-friendly resort

✓ Sunset side

#### **7. Mauricia Beachcomber**

✓ Affordable Beachcomber entry

✓ Walk to Grand Baie

✓ Perfect for older kids

✓ Access to Canonnier

#### **8. LUX Grand Gaube**

✓ “Retro-chic” elegance

✓ Great food and service

✓ Calm bays for kayaking

✓ Best all-round couples + families split

#### **9. Shandrani Beachcomber**

✓ Best lagoon in Mauritius

✓ 3 beaches

✓ Nature-side

✓ Many inclusions

#### **10. Veranda Pointe Aux Biches**

✓ Best budget family resort

✓ “Barefoot concept”

✓ Great lagoon for kids

✓ Excellent pricing for SA market

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## Resort Comparison Table (Kids Club, AI, Beach, Rooms, Refurbs)

### Mauritius Family Resort Comparison Table 2026

Resort	Kids Club	Teen Club	All-Inclusive Available	Beach Quality	Best For	Last Refurb
Trou aux Biches	✓	✓	✓ (superb)	Outstanding	All ages	Ongoing upgrades
Sugar Beach	✓	✓	✓	Excellent	Families + older kids	2023
Long Beach	✓	✓	✓	Very good	Active families	2020–2023
LUX Belle Mare	✓	✓	AI optional	Perfect lagoon	Younger kids	2023/24
Canonnier	✓	Limited	✓	Good lagoon	Under-12s	Ongoing
Victoria	✓	✓	✓	Great, sunset	Teens	2019
Mauricia	✓	No	✓	Sandy but lively	Budget families	Ongoing
LUX Grand Gaube	✓	✓	AI optional	Calm bay	Couples + families	2017
Shandrani	✓	✓	✓	Superb lagoon	Active families	2020
Veranda PAB	✓	Limited	✓	Calm lagoon	Budget families	2018

## **Mauritius Location Guide + Map**

### **North Coast (Grand Baie / Pointe aux Canonniers / Trou aux Biches)**

- ✓ Best weather year-round
- ✓ Great beaches
- ✓ Most entertainment
- ✓ Perfect for families

#### **Resorts here:**

- Trou aux Biches
- Canonnier
- Mauricia
- LUX Grand Gaube (Northeast)
- Veranda Pointe aux Biches

### **East Coast (Belle Mare / Poste Lafayette)**

- ✓ Best long beaches on the island
- ✓ Breezier (great for summer)
- ✓ Luxury feel

#### **Resorts here:**

- LUX Belle Mare
- Long Beach

### **West Coast (Flic en Flac)**

- ✓ Best sunsets
- ✓ Great for winter
- ✓ Calm water

#### **Resorts here:**

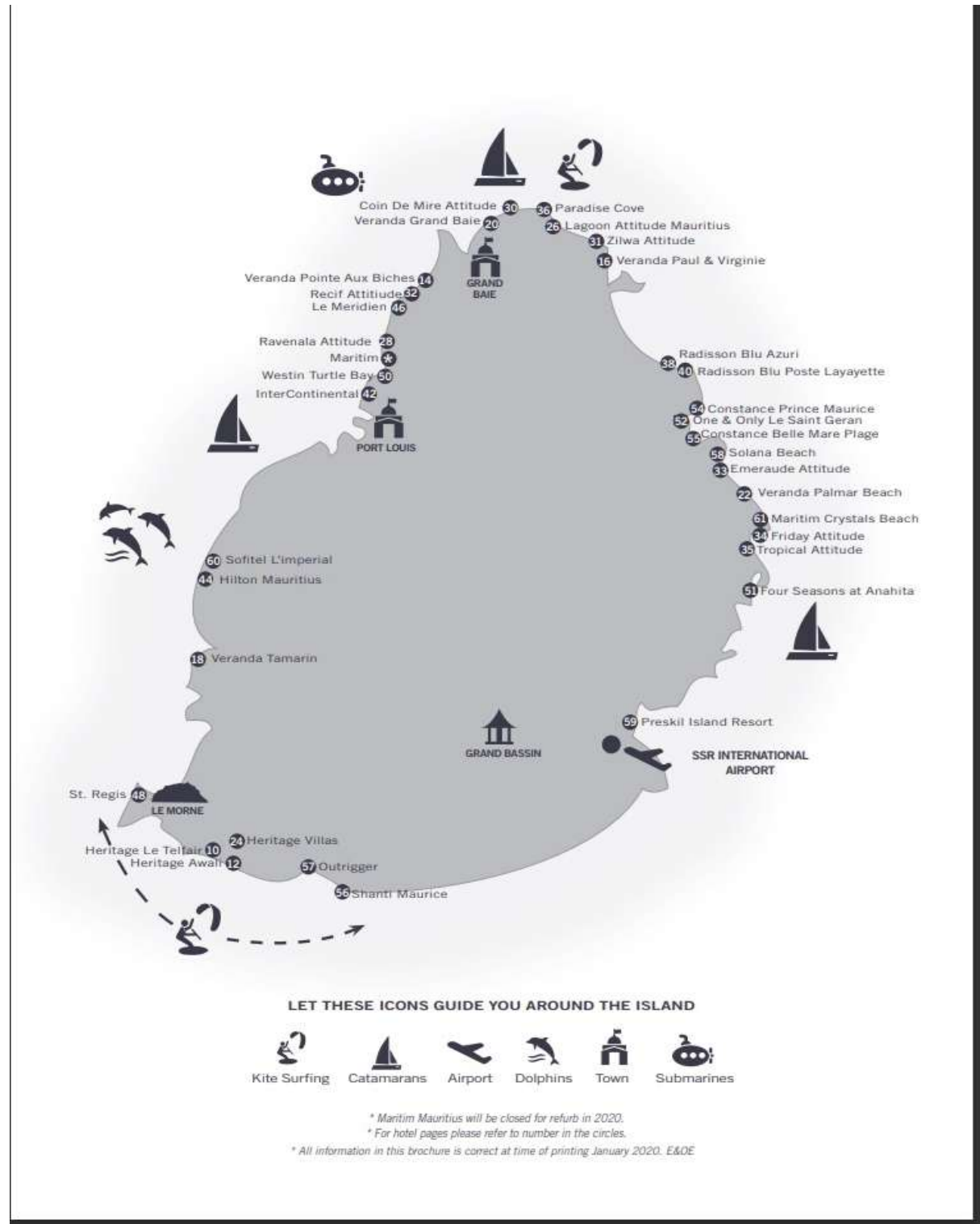
- Sugar Beach
- Victoria

### **South Coast**

- ✓ More natural
- ✓ Great for active families

## Resort:

- Shandrani



## 💡 Insider “Miles Tips”

### Tip #1 – Book the best beaches early

Trou aux Biches, Belle Mare, and Sugar Beach sell out 6–9 months in advance for school holidays.

### Tip #2 – All-Inclusive is worth it (but not at every resort)

AI is excellent value at:

- ✓ Long Beach
- ✓ Sugar Beach
- ✓ Victoria
- ✓ Canonnier

Not necessary at:

– LUX Belle Mare (B&B or Half Board is enough)

### Tip #3 – Pick your coast based on month

- **June–August:** West is warmer (Sugar Beach, Victoria)
- **December–April:** East is superb (Belle Mare)
- **All year:** North wins

### Tip #4 – Family rooms go fast

Most resorts only have 8–22 true family units — book school holidays **very early**.

### Tip #5 – If your budget is tight, go North

Mauricia + Canonnier combos give unbeatable value.

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