

**Consulate General of India
Saint Denis, Reunion Island

Travel advisory for Indian nationals travelling to Reunion Island and Mayotte

Even though Reunion Island and Mayotte are two overseas territories of France, all Schengen visas are not valid to enter these territories. Requirements for Indian nationals visiting these islands of France are different from those for visiting mainland France in Europe. Indian nationals intending to visit Reunion Island and Mayotte are requested to go through the following travel advisory.

1. Travelling to Reunion Island from India:

With effect from 29 April, 2026, Indigo Airlines has started direct flights from Chennai to Reunion Island, twice a week. More details could be found on the official website of Indigo: <https://www.goindigo.in/international-flights/flights-to-reunion.html>

Additionally, Air Mauritius operates its flights between Reunion Island and destinations in India (Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai) with a transit in Mauritius.

2. Visa Requirements for travelling to Reunion Island and Mayotte

a) Visa-On-Arrival:

Indian nationals travelling to Reunion Island for tourism are eligible for visa exemption for stays of up to 15 (fifteen) days, provided that their trip is organised through a tour operator in Reunion Island authorised by the French Government. This facility is **not available** for Indian nationals visiting Mayotte.

Travellers may ensure compliance with all the following requirements:

- i. Submission of the visa application to the travel agency at least 2-3 weeks prior to the scheduled arrival date.
- ii. Accommodation in Reunion Island and travel authorisation letter arranged by the approved tour agency.
- iii. Details of the traveller(s) must be shared by the tour agency with the Border Police of Reunion Island (PAF) at least one week prior to the arrival date. Decision regarding grant or refusal of entry to Reunion Island is the sole discretionary authority of the PAF.
- iv. Any change in accommodation during the stay in Reunion Island should be immediately notified to the PAF.
- v. This exemption scheme is strictly regulated.

- vi. For more information, please visit the official website of the French Government at: <https://in.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/visas-reunion-island-requirements-and-exemptions-indian-nationals>

b) **Requirement of obtaining visa prior to the travel:**

- i. In all other cases, a separate French national visa, specific to Reunion Island/Mayotte has to be obtained from the concerned French Embassy/Consulate before travelling to the respective islands.
- ii. A Schengen Visa is valid for travel to Reunion Island **for short stay under the condition** that it is a multiple entry visa issued by a French consular authority with validity between 6 months and 5 years.
- iii. For more information on the procedure to apply, documents required, fees etc., please visit the official website of the French Government at: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/visa-de-court-sejour>

Please note that the Consulate General of India in Reunion Island has no role in the process of obtaining French visa or in the process of obtaining Visa On Arrival.

3. **Visa requirement for transit via Reunion Island**

- i. Indian nationals transiting through the territory of Reunion Island exclusively by air are not subject to the airport transit visa requirement, provided they do not leave the confines of the airport's international transit area during stopovers.
- ii. Reference: <https://in.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/visas-reunion-island-requirements-and-exemptions-indian-nationals>

4. In all cases, the following requirements may be complied with, along with any other requirements as desired by the French Consular authorities:

- a) Possession of a valid travel document (valid for at least 3 (three) months after the intended date of departure), and containing at least two blank pages
- b) Proof of accommodation and sufficient funds
- c) Presentation of a return or onward ticket
- d) Proof of travel insurance covering medical and repatriation costs (minimum cover of Euro 30,000)

5. All Indian nationals visiting Reunion Island or Mayotte are advised to strictly comply with the terms of the visa held by them, especially with regard to length of stay and work permit, failing which appropriate action would be taken by the concerned authorities.

6. Please ensure sufficient time between the date of application for visa and date of travel.

7. **Security in Reunion Island and Mayotte**

The security situation in Reunion Island is overall considered satisfactory with no major crimes reported. However, Indians visiting Reunion Island are advised to exercise adequate caution, especially during the night.

A higher level of security awareness is advised for Indian nationals visiting Mayotte.

8. **Indian nationals intending to work in Reunion Island/Mayotte**

Indian nationals intending to work in Reunion Island and Mayotte through employment agents in India are strongly advised to ensure the authenticity of the agent and that they are registered with the Government of India before making any payments or undertaking any travel to the French territories. Please refer to the official e-Migrate Portal of Government of India for more information: <https://www.emigrate.gov.in/#/emigrate/emigrant/list-of-ra-consolidate-report>.