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# ONCE UPON A DIGITAL STORY

18-20 FEBRUARY 2020 | MAURITIUS

VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa  
Balaclava, Mauritius

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### 1. Workshop Dates:

18-20 FEBRUARY 2020

### 2. Venue:

The workshop will take place at **BANYAN BALLROOM**, The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa Mauritius

### 3. Accommodation:

LDMG has made arrangements for participants to stay at The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa Mauritius. Please note that all room reservations must be made directly with the hotel by email on [reservations.westin@mariott.com](mailto:reservations.westin@mariott.com) / [raja.rookhee@lemeridien.com](mailto:raja.rookhee@lemeridien.com). Please inform us if you are staying at a different hotel.

The special accommodation code for this conference proposed is [ABU/Radio Plus & LDMG Workshop 2020 to benefit special rate.](#)



**4. Transportation to Hotel:** Participants are expected to organize their own transportation to and from Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport and The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa Mauritius, Balaclava Mauritius.

**There are 2 options available:**

**a) Hotel Transfer**

When you book your hotel room, you can arrange airport transfer through the hotel upon request.

**b) Taxi:**

Taxis are conveniently available from the taxi rank outside the airport. Taxi fare may vary depending on your destination.

**5. Registration:** All participants are kindly requested to register and collect their name tags upon arrival at the workshop venue on the morning.

**6. Meals:** Lunch is provided during workshop days (18 & 19 February) in addition to coffee and tea with snacks in the morning and afternoon.

**7. Passport and Visas:** Please check if you require a visa to enter Mauritius. We advise you to arrange all visa requirements within your respective organizations. LDMG will provide visa support letter to those who require a visa to enter Mauritius.

**8. Clothes and Weather:** The temperature on the coastal areas varies between 22°C in winter and 34°C in summer. The sea temperature varies between 22°C and 27°C. In the central part of the island, the maximum daytime temperature varies from about 19°C in August to about 26°C in February. The western and northern regions are warmer and relatively drier than the East and the South. We recommend you to bring light clothes during the summer season.

**9. Currency Exchange:** Foreign currency can be changed in hotels, banks and authorized exchange dealers located all around the city. If you need to change money outside the usual banking hours, there are 24 hours exchange counters operating in the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport. Banks open normally from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Most credit cards are accepted in many hotels, shops and restaurants.

**10. Time Zone:** Mauritius Standard Time is 4 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time ( GMT+4 )

**11. Miscellaneous:** The power plugs used in Mauritius are of the three-pin, square-shaped or round-shaped type. See below photo



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## THINGS TO DO IN MAURITIUS -the best things to do in Mauritius and go beyond the hotel - know your destination and Mauritius culture.



- **Wander through Port Louis market**

Take a stroll through the daily Port Louis market for a real insight into the people, produce and culture of Mauritius. Take time to absorb all the different sights and sounds, and experience the sweet scent of exotic fruits, herbs, spices and street food.

- **Visit Cap Malheureux**

Spend an afternoon ambling through this atmospheric fishing village just north of Grand Baie on the island's northernmost tip. Due to a history of shipwrecks, the name translates as 'Cape Misfortune' but there's nothing sad about this secluded beauty spot with views out to the offshore islands of Ile Ronde, Ile Plate and Coin de Mire.

- **Walk around Ganga Talao**

Considered by many to be the most sacred Hindu place in Mauritius, Ganga Talao, otherwise known as Grand Bassin, is a secluded lake which lies within the crater of an extinct volcano about 550 metres above sea level. A popular spot for locals and tourists alike, the site is also home to a temple dedicated to Shiva and other Hindu gods.

- **Learn about the island's past at Aapravasi Ghat**

One of two World Heritage Sites in Mauritius, Aapravasi Ghat is the original immigration depot which saw more than half a million indentured labourers arrive between 1834 and the 1920s to work in the sugar plantations. Most Mauritians are able to trace their ancestry back to this site.

- **Discover Black River Gorges National Park**

Much of the forested mountain range in the island's south west corner belongs to Black River Gorges National Park. This protected haven for endangered species of flora and fauna is full of hiking trails and viewpoints, and is one of the best places in Mauritius to feel at one with nature. The deep green views across this remote volcanic landscape are spectacular.

- **Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius**

Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius is the leading shopping and retail destination in Mauritius. Its dominant presence and comprehensive retail and leisure options attract diverse shoppers from all over the island. Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius merges the world's most desirable brands, shopping convenience, entertainment, and everyday leisure, all in a majestic setting. Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius hosts the widest selection of specialty stores in Mauritius - there are 150 shops - thus offering the most comprehensive and compelling lifestyle shopping experience on the island.

- **Le Caudan Waterfront in Port-Louis**

An experience in itself, Le Caudan Waterfront offers a unique shopping, leisure and work hub, in the capital, on the water's edge. Since its opening in 1996, it has shown undeniable know-how and expertise in commercial activities and entertainment. On top of being an undeniable must for shopping, Le Caudan Waterfront is also a business centre, a melting pot for local artists and the favourite meeting place for gastronomes, tourists and locals looking for leisure and entertainment.

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- **Chamarel Seven Coloured Earth**

The seven coloured earth is a natural phenomenon and a prominent tourist attraction. The colours evolved through conversion of basaltic lava to clay minerals. It is a relatively small area of sand dunes comprising sand of seven distinct colours (approximately red, brown, violet, green, blue, purple and yellow).

- **Ile aux Cerfs Island**

Ile aux Cerfs Island is by far the most popular and reputed island destination in Mauritius. This is exactly why we offer our clients a large variety of island trips and packages catering for different budgets and preferences. During your time on Ile aux Cerfs, you are sure to enjoy one of the great activities offered on the island such as the Parasailing and the Ile aux Cerfs Treetops Adventure!

- **Grand Baie La Croisette**

Strategically located at the intersection where the M2 motorway meets with Chemin Vingt Pieds, within a major tourist area with affluent demographics, Grand Baie La Croisette is a major shopping and recreational hub for the whole northern region of Mauritius consisting with over 110 retail and food outlets with an unparalleled retail mix combined with world-class fashion, dining, entertainment and leisure attractions.

- **National Botanical Garden of Mauritius**

Mauritius National Botanical Garden is home to an incredible variety of tropical plants, many of them indigenous. The Botanic Garden, formally known as Sir Seewoosagur Botanic Garden, is one of the most visited attractions in Mauritius. The garden is located in the proximity of Port-Louis in the district of Pamplemousses. One of the main attractions of the botanical garden is the 85 different varieties of palm trees brought from different corners of the world. Other indigenous species of plants are also exhibited here.

- **Visit to the Sugar Museum and Factory**

Once lusted after as much as gold, sugar has enjoyed an extraordinary existence, leaving a profound impression on the history and identity of Mauritius. Rising above the sea of green sugar cane fields, like a great ship at anchor, the old Beau Plan sugar mill with its long history is a true history-maker and teller. By following the trail of the Sugar Adventure with over 250 years of history, you can trace the history of the whole country. The tour of the old sugar mill, which has been transformed into a modern museum, lasts about 1:30 hours, at the end of tour, delightful sugar and rum tastings await the visitor.





# Learn about MAURITIUS

- **Geography**

Mauritius is located approximately 2000km to the south eastern coast of Africa and lies east of Madagascar on 20.3°S, 57.5°E. The country covers an area of 1865km<sup>2</sup> with 330km of coastline. Mauritius is 45km in width and 65km in length.

- **Culture**

Mauritius is a blend of diverse cultures and religions. The population consists of Hindus, Creole, Chinese, Muslims and Europeans.

- **Language**

Most people in Mauritius are bilingual and are equally fluent in English and French. Creole and French are the main languages in the everyday environment and several oriental languages are also spoken.

- **Refined beach to relax**

The Resort is located directly on the beach. This area is lush with trees with remnants of volcanic rock, bordered by one of the largest infinity swimming pools in Mauritius.

Beach services such as regular cold towel service, refreshing welcome drinks, sweet surprises, sunglass cleaning, and range of food and beverage delicacies are just some of the features available at a press of a button from our newly launched “Electronic Beach Butler Service” from your sun-bed.

Press, enjoy, repeat!

Over 300 meters of soft sand at the northern part of the resort invites for leisurely swimming, active beach games, and water sports. Or laze away at our serene adults’ only whisper zone pool.

- **Learn more on Balaclava**

In 1735, the first Governor of the French East India Company, Mahé de Labourdonnais, decided to establish Port Louis as the main harbour of the island, Turtle Bay then became more significant. Around 1740, a naval arsenal was built, as well as an iron foundry and a gunpowder factory. In order to procure water for the workshops, a dam was built across the ‘Rivière Citron’ in 1743. This dam is still existent today.

