

Republic of Mauritius: Factfile

- **Land Area:** 2,040 sq km (788 sq miles)
- **Population :** 1.2 million (mainland)
- **Capital:** Port Louis
- **Major languages** English (official), Creole (national), French, Indian languages
- **Major religions** Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism
- **Currency:** Mauritian Rupee (Rs or MUR)
- **Governance:** Westminster style democracy, with a written Constitution. General Elections every 5 years.
- **Legal system:** Independent judiciary with separation of powers. The highest court of appeal is the UK's Privy Council. The legal system consists of English, French and a hybrid system. **Literacy rate:** 90.6% approx.
- **Unemployment rate:** 10.9 % approx. (Sept. 2020), est. 11% (2021)
- **GDP per capita:** USD 11,200 approx.
- **Inflation:** 3.5-4% (forecasted 2021)
- **Climate:** Mauritius enjoys a mild tropical climate throughout the year.

Summer (October to mid-April): Temperature is bet. 25 to 38 degrees Centigrade.
Winter (April –September): Temp. is bet. 14 to 26 degrees centigrade in general.
Cyclonic period: December to mid-March
Heavy rainfall: Jan-Feb.
- **COVID:** The island being small, the government has managed the COVID pandemic successfully and the country has been largely regarded as a COVID-safe island, compared to other jurisdictions. Any outbreak has been rapidly contained due to the fast and efficient contact-tracing system put in place by the government. There is even a **Premium Visa** for foreigners who want to live in Mauritius for 12 months to escape Covid in their country.

