



# INDIAN OCEAN EXPLORER WITH NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINES

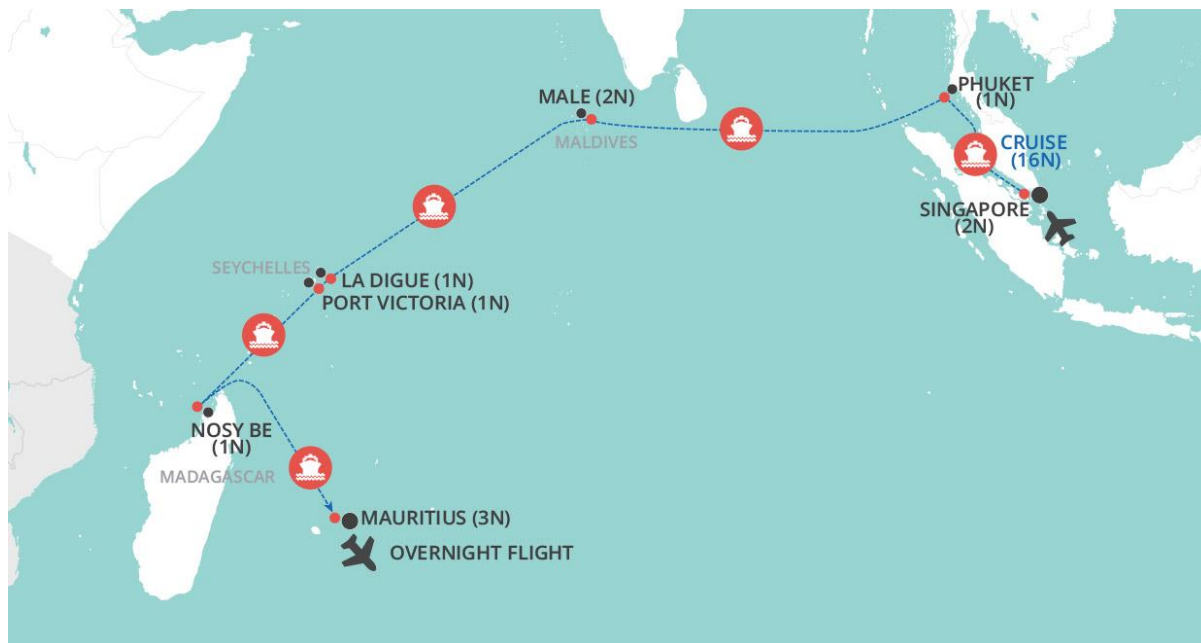
Classic Cruising Tour | 23 Days | Physical Level 1

SINGAPORE – PHUKET – MALE – LA DIGUE – PORT VICTORIA – NOSY BE – PORT LOUIS

Set sail from the vibrant, modern metropolis of Singapore, cruising westwards across the Indian Ocean, pausing to explore a series of spectacular paradise islands as you go. Our Cruise & Tour journeys bring together all the joy of a cruise onboard the Norwegian Sun with all the exciting exploration of a Wendy Wu Tours land itinerary. This holiday will have you exploring the white-sand fringed islands of Phuket, Male (Maldives), the Seychelles, Madagascar, and Mauritius, with time discovering the melting pot of culture on Singapore's bustling streets.

- Admire the impressive Garden's by the Bay in Singapore
- Explore the vibrant markets of Port Louis
- Visit the tropical paradise of Nosy Be and La Digue
- Wonder at the dramatic Seven Coloured Earth in Mauritius

## TOUR MAP



## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- 16 nights NCL cruise on board Norwegian Sun
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated (*if dining on board throughout*) – 21 breakfasts (B), 20 lunches (L), 21 dinners (D)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees, transportation and transfers pre and post cruise
- Local Guides pre and post cruise or English speaking National Escorts (if your group is 10 or more passengers)
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides

*Pre and post cruise, the only elements or aspects you may have to pay for are personal expenditures e.g., drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary.*

*During the cruise, your meals on board will be included in the main dining areas as well as a limited number of visits to the speciality restaurants. However, should you wish to dine in any of the speciality restaurants not included in your cruising / “more at sea” package, you will be required to pay for these locally. In addition, if you opt to dine off the ship, these meals will also be paid for*

*locally, and please note you will not be refunded for meals missed on board. Excursions are also available to book with your cruise reservation at your own expense. Gratuities on board the ship are included in your tour cost.*

### CLASSIC CRUISING TOURS:

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These tours are designed for those who wish to discover the local culture and breath-taking sites of some of the Indian Oceans best islands as well as Singapore and Mauritius on an excellent value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people combined with a cruise. The tours are on a fully-inclusive basis pre & post cruise, so you will travel with the assurance that all your arrangements before and after your cruise are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

### JOINING YOUR TOUR:

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The tour is 23 days in duration including international flights. Join the tour on Day 1 in Singapore and end the tour on Day 22 in Mauritius.

For travellers that have booked a 'Land & Cruise Only' tour with no international flights, please note the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if you are arriving on the start and departing on the conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre/post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours.

### PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

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Our tours come with a physical rating to guide you in selecting a holiday that suits your comfort level. Joining any of our tours involves independent mobility and the ability to stay active throughout the day, which is essential for fully enjoying the unique charm of each destination.

'Indian Ocean Explorer' is rated as a **physical level 1** tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required, and you should expect to be on your feet for much of the day. You will be getting on and off coaches, trains or boats and walking around the sights, often including steps, plus occasional longer walks.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time, often on uneven surfaces
- You will be required to get on and off small boats without assistance
- You will be required to board the cruise ship without assistance and get on and off at ports if you wish to disembark the ship

Of course, our National Escorts and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

### ITINERARY CHANGES:

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We intend to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours, or as dictated by local conditions. In these circumstances, we will endeavour to make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip. Similarly, while cruise liners always endeavour to adhere to the published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the captain due to weather advisories, port traffic, and any other unforeseeable circumstances.

### NCL'S MORE AT SEA OFFER: WHAT'S INCLUDED

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We are excited to include NCL's More at Sea offer with this cruise and tour package, enhancing your onboard experience with exceptional perks. Enjoy unlimited drinks throughout your cruise with a package that includes selected beer, wine, soft drinks, fruit juices, and branded spirits. While bottled water is not included, water is available by the glass in restaurants at no extra cost. This package is valid in all venues onboard, ensuring a seamless experience.

Stay connected with complimentary Wi-Fi, where each guest sharing the same stateroom receives 150 minutes of access per guest. Additionally, enhance your journey with shore excursion credits - \$50USD off per cabin, per excursion. These credits are assigned to the lead guest on the reservation and can be applied to excursions booked in advance via the app or website, where discounted rates will be displayed.

Delight in exquisite specialty dining experiences, with included meals for guests 1 and 2 based on stateroom category and cruise duration. For this sailing 3 specialty dining experiences are included for outside (Oceanview) cabins and 5 specialty dining experiences for balcony cabins. Reservations can conveniently be made through the app prior to your cruise. Take advantage of these incredible inclusions and make your cruise vacation even more enjoyable!

**DETAILED ITINERARY****Day 1: Arrive in Singapore****Meals: D**

Fly to the vibrant city of Singapore. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by your English speaking representative. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, travel to your hotel and check in.

*Please note: Early check-in is not included. If your flight arrives in the morning and you wish to arrange this, please speak to your reservation's consultant.*

*You will be transferred by shared coach with other passengers who are not part of a Wendy Wu Tour. If you are on a shared bus transfer, you may have to walk for a few minutes to get to your hotel. Transfers will differ depending on group size.*

**Destination Information**

**Singapore** – This tiny republic sits just above the equator and the tip of the Malay peninsula. The trading port was put on the global map by Stamford Raffles, who negotiated the 1819 Treaty of Singapore, when the British East India Company opened up a trading port. Singapore passed through the hands of Britain, Japan and Malaysia before gaining full independence in 1965. Today, it has a highly developed economy and is ranked as a world leader in healthcare and education.

**Day 2: Singapore****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast this morning, begin your full day city tour with a visit to Singapore's historic Chinatown, a bustling mix of old and new, filled with traditional shops and markets as well as a selection of stores and cafes.

Enjoy a stop at the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum, located in Chinatown before visiting the Kampong Glam, a historically rich and vibrant neighbourhood dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Here, you will also get to learn about the art of teh tarik or "pulling tea". Continue your tour with a visit to the Civic District, passing by the historic Parliament House and the National Gallery Singapore before arriving at the Merlion Park. Enjoy views of the Marina Bay before taking a stroll through the hidden underground walkway, once a vital tunnel used for transporting mail, now serving as a corridor for The Fullerton Hotel where you will enjoy an afternoon 'high' tea for lunch.



This evening, embark on a sunset river cruise up Singapore River before enjoying dinner at a local seafood restaurant. To conclude your evening, you will visit the colourful Gardens by the Bay. Explore the unique architecture before enjoying the impressive Gardens by the Bay Light Show.

**Destination Information**

**Gardens by the Bay** – This large public garden is famous for its Supertree Grove – vertical gardens built on tree-like sculptures up to 50 metres tall. Atop them sits the Sky Garden, accessible by elevated walkway.

**Chinatown** – Chinatown's maze of narrow roads includes Chinatown Food Street, with its restaurants serving traditional fare like Hainanese chicken rice, noodles and satay. Souvenir shops and indie boutiques dot the area, offering clothes, crafts and antiques, while Club Street is full of trendy wine bars.

**Civic District** – This area has a rich history dating back to the colonial era, serving as the administrative and political heart of the city-state. It was here the Singapore declared its independence in 1965.

**Day 3: Embark cruise ship in Singapore****Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out. You will be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred to Singapore cruise port. Upon arrival, board the Norwegian Sun, where your cruise adventure begins! Spend the rest of your day at leisure onboard the cruise ship .

Lunch and dinner can be enjoyed onboard your cruise ship today.

**Day 4: Cruising****Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy a full day at leisure onboard the Norwegian Sun and discover all the ship has to offer.

Onboard activities available on the Norwegian Sun include engaging trivia contests, dance lessons, and live performances featuring a talented cast of singers and musicians.

Guests can also enjoy the ship's lounges, bars, and dining options, offering a variety of cuisines and beverages.

Additionally, the Norwegian Sun features shopping boutiques selling a range of items, from fine jewellery to fragrances and clothing.

**Day 5: Cruising - Phuket****Meals: B, L, D**

Your first stop on your cruise is Phuket, Thailand. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*



### Destination Information

**Phuket** - Thailand's largest island, Phuket is renowned for its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, and rich cultural experiences. From the bustling Patong Beach to the tranquil shores of Kata and Karon, there's something for every type of traveller. Explore ancient temples, enjoy water sports, and savour delicious Thai cuisine, all while soaking in the island's natural beauty.

**Days 6 - 8: Cruising**

**Meals: B, L, D**

Spend a few days at sea enjoying what your cruise ship Norwegian Sun has to offer.



**Day 9: Cruising - Male**

**Meals: B, L, D**

Today port in Male, Maldives. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later for an overnight stay in port.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*



### Destination Information

**Malé** - The capital of the Maldives, Malé is a bustling city filled with colourful buildings, lively markets, and historic sites. While small, it offers a blend of traditional Maldivian culture and modern amenities. Explore attractions like the Old Friday Mosque, the Maldives Islamic Centre, and local markets, all while enjoying the vibrant island atmosphere.



**Day 10: Cruising - Male****Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy your second day at port in Male at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Days 11 - 12: Cruising****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend a few days at sea enjoying what your cruise ship Norwegian Sun has to offer.

**Day 13: Cruising – La Digue, Seychelles****Meals: B, L, D**

Today, stop at paradise island of La Digue. Disembark the cruise ship by tender and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Destination Information**

**La Digue** - One of the most beautiful islands in the Seychelles, is known for its serene beaches, crystal-clear waters, and stunning granite rock formations. With its laid-back atmosphere, the island is perfect for cycling around, exploring the lush nature reserves, and lounging on the iconic Anse Source d'Argent beach, renowned for its white sand and turquoise waters.

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**Day 14: Cruising – Port Victoria, Seychelles****Meals: B, L, D**

Today your cruise ship docks in Port Victoria, located on Mahé Island. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense*

**Destination Information**

**Port Victoria** - Capital of the Seychelles, this charming and vibrant port town is located on Mahé Island. Known for its colourful colonial architecture, bustling markets, and scenic waterfront, it offers a perfect blend of local culture and natural beauty. Explore the Sir Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke Market, the Seychelles National Botanical Gardens, and enjoy the relaxed island vibe in this picturesque capital.

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**Day 15: Cruising****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea enjoying what your cruise ship Norwegian Sun has to offer.



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**Day 16: Cruising – Nosy Be****Meals: B, L, D**

Port today in Nosy Be, Madagascar. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*



### Destination Information

**Nosy Be** - Off the northwest coast of Madagascar, Nosy Be is a tropical paradise known for its pristine beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and lush landscapes. Dubbed the "Perfumed Island" for its fragrant ylang-ylang and spices, it's a haven for marine life, lemurs and unforgettable sunsets.

### Days 17 -18: Cruising

Meals: B, L, D

Spend a few days at sea enjoying what your cruise ship Norwegian Sun has to offer.



### Day 19: Disembark Cruise Ship in Port Louis (Mauritius)

Meals: B, L, D

Your cruise concludes as you reach Port Louis, where you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel.

The rest of the day is free for you to relax or begin exploring your glorious tropical island surroundings. Your stay in Mauritius is on an all inclusive basis.



### Destination Information

**Mauritius** - A jewel in the Indian Ocean, Mauritius is renowned for its pristine beaches, turquoise lagoons, and vibrant coral reefs. This tropical paradise offers a rich cultural tapestry, lush botanical gardens, and iconic landmarks like the Seven Coloured Earths and Le Morne Brabant.

**Port Louis** - The capital city of Mauritius, Port Louis is a bustling blend of history, culture, and commerce. Surrounded by mountains and the sea, it boasts a vibrant waterfront, historic sites like Aapravasi Ghat, and lively markets offering local crafts, spices, and street food.

**Day 20: Mauritius****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast this morning, begin your full-day tour of the Southwest of Mauritius. You will have the chance to take a stroll around the crater of a dormant volcano, Trou aux Cerfs, and enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the island.



You will discover the Hindu culture of Mauritius with visits to the Hindu temples dotted around the crater lake of Grand Bassin. Afterwards, drive by the largest reservoir of the island and through the Black River Gorges National Park, with a stop to admire the views and the Alexandra falls. And, last but not least, visit the popular Seven Coloured Earths and Chamarel Falls.

**Destination Information**

**Black River Gorges National Park** - A haven for nature lovers, Black River Gorges National Park is Mauritius' largest nature reserve. The park features dense forests, dramatic cliffs, and deep valleys, home to unique wildlife and endemic plant species. It's perfect for hiking, birdwatching, and enjoying breathtaking views of the island's rugged interior.

**Chamarel Falls** - is a stunning natural attraction with water cascading over 100 meters into a lush valley below. Surrounded by tropical greenery, the falls are a picturesque sight and a popular spot for photography and nature walks.

**Seven Coloured Earths** - is a unique natural phenomenon where the soil forms vibrant shades of red, brown, violet, blue, and green. This striking landscape, created by volcanic activity, is a popular attraction and a testament to the island's natural beauty.

**Day 21: Mauritius****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend the day at leisure.

Just sit back and relax, enjoy the amenities of the hotel or choose to embark on an optional excursion, bookable and payable through the hotel in country.



**Days 22 - 23: Depart Mauritius****Meals: B**

This morning is free at leisure before transferring to the airport for your return flight home, arriving home the same or following day.

*Please note: Only breakfast is included today. Late check-out is not included. If you wish to book a late check-out for your final day in Mauritius, please contact our reservations department who can confirm additional pricing and make this arrangement for you, subject to availability at the hotel.*



**PLEASE INFORM OUR RESERVATIONS TEAM OF ANY ALLERGIES AND/OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOKING.**

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### VISAS:

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#### **Singapore**

A visa is not required for Australian passport holders for Singapore for stays up to 90 days.

#### **Thailand**

A visa is not required for Australian passport holders for Thailand for stays up to 90 days. Your passport must be valid for at least six months from your date of entry, and you may need to provide proof of onward or return travel as well as sufficient funds for your stay.

#### **Seychelles**

No visa is required for Australian passport holders traveling to Seychelles, but you must obtain a travel authorization online before departure (There is a per person fee payable when completing the online form and this is not included). You can apply for this authorization up to 10 days before you arrive. On arrival, you will receive a visitor's permit valid for up to three months. To apply for travel authorization, ensure you have a valid return or onward ticket, proof of confirmed accommodation, and sufficient funds for the duration of your stay.

<https://seychelles.govtas.com/en>

#### **Madagascar**

Australian passport holders can visit Madagascar for up to 15 days without a visa. Upon arrival, you must pay an administration fee per person (fee payable locally and not included) and provide proof of onward or return travel. Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your arrival date and have at least two blank pages.

#### **Mauritius**

Australian passport holders can stay in Mauritius visa-free for up to 60 days. A border official will stamp your passport on arrival to indicate the end date of your permitted stay. You must provide proof of onward or return travel and complete the "Mauritius All-in-One Travel Form" online before arrival, presenting the printed form with a QR code upon entry. Your passport must be valid for the duration of your stay and have at least one blank page.

<https://safemauritius.govmu.org/>

#### **Maldives**

Australian passport holders will get a 30-day visa on arrival when you enter Maldives as a tourist. Your passport must be valid for at least one month after arrival and must not be damaged to avoid immigration issues. You are also required to complete a traveller declaration form (IMUGA) online within 96 hours prior to your arrival. <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/traveller>

## INSURANCE:

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It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24-hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. These details will be available to your National Escorts should they be required. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

## EATING

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**Cruise dining:** Please note, there are no set menus onboard the cruise ship, instead, you will have the opportunity to dine at your choice of main restaurant included in your package and have the option to upgrade your package whilst onboard to dine in the various speciality restaurants. Your package also includes soft drinks and alcoholic beverages whilst onboard your cruise.

**In Singapore:** The city-state's cuisine is a reflection of Chinese, Malay, Indian, and Peranakan influences. Hawker centres serve as the heart of its food scene, where affordable yet iconic dishes like Hainanese chicken rice, laksa, satay, and chili crab delight locals and visitors alike. Fine dining is also prominent, with Michelin-starred restaurants offering innovative fusion creations. Whether indulging in street food or gourmet meals, Singapore promises a diverse and memorable dining experience.

**In Mauritius:** The local cuisine reflects the island's blend of Indian, African, Chinese, and French traditions. Staples include curries, biryanis, and rougaille, alongside street food favourites like dholl puri and gateaux piments. Fresh seafood is central, with dishes like vindaye and bol renversé showcasing the island's creativity. Mauritius also boasts a thriving rum culture, with sugarcane-based rums complementing its culinary offerings. From bustling street markets to elegant beachside restaurants, dining in Mauritius is a celebration of flavour and culture.

## PORTERAGE:

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Please be aware that portorage is not included on our tours in pre & post cruise. You will therefore need to be able to handle your own luggage within the hotel and when using transportation like trains and coaches.

Portorage is included onboard the Norwegian Sun Cruise Ship. When embarking, your luggage will be delivered to your room from the check-in area at the port. When disembarking you will leave your luggage outside your cabin door on the last night of your cruise. Staff will then be able to make arrangements for your luggage, ready for disembarkation early next morning. Please also note, it is customary to tip for the portorage service.

### ACCOMMODATION:

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All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, TV, and a telephone. Electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your Local Guide or National Escorts.

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort, or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family-run guesthouse in a smaller town or a heritage-type hotel. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard but do please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and other countries abroad. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards are met. Please be aware that there are security measures carried out at all hotels, on guests and vehicles entering the properties.

### TRANSPORT:

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**Coaches:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside, and longer transfers where necessary. Roads in Singapore and Mauritius are generally well-maintained, but traffic congestion can be an issue, particularly during peak hours in Singapore and in urban areas of Mauritius. It may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing to freshen up before dinner, so some flexibility is advised. Timings for transfers and tours are approximations and can be affected by traffic or weather conditions.

**Public Transport:** Singapore has a highly efficient and extensive public transport system, including buses and the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system, which operates until late at night. It is an excellent option for tourists exploring the city. In Mauritius, public buses are available and affordable, but they are less frequent and may not cover all tourist areas conveniently. While functional, public transport in Mauritius might not meet the expectations of those accustomed to urban transit systems in developed cities.

**Taxi's:** Taxis in Singapore are plentiful, metered, and can be hailed from the street, booked via apps, or found at designated taxi stands. They are a reliable and comfortable option, though they can be more expensive than public transport. In Mauritius, taxis are available in cities and near tourist hotspots, but fares are not always metered, so it is advisable to agree on a price before starting your journey. Taxi services in both destinations offer safe and convenient transportation for visitors.



## CRUISE EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION:

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Embarkation time is when you should arrive at the cruise terminal. Departure time is when your ship sets sail.

We strongly recommend guests complete their Online Check-In at least four days prior to sailing. Guests who have completed their Online Check-In should arrive at the terminal no later than one hour prior to the scheduled embarkation time printed on your cruise documents.

*Please note: guests who have not filled out their Online Check-In must arrive at the port two hours prior.*

**Boarding Time in Ports of Call:** In all ports of call, it is also the guest's responsibility to be back onboard the ship no later than one hour prior to the ship's scheduled departure time. Please be aware that shipboard time may differ from the time in the port of call and it is the guest's responsibility to follow the shipboard time. In the event a guest misses the ship, it will be the guest's responsibility to pay all expenses incurred to rejoin the ship.

## APPROPRIATE DRESS:

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When traveling to Singapore and Mauritius, as well as the surrounding Indian Ocean islands, it's essential to pack light, breathable clothing suitable for their tropical climates. Choose cotton or moisture-wicking materials in light colours to stay cool and comfortable. Long-sleeved shirts and trousers are helpful for protection from the sun and insects, especially during outdoor excursions. A lightweight waterproof jacket or poncho is also advisable, as brief but intense rain showers are common in Singapore and Mauritius.

For exploring Singapore's vibrant cityscape, casual yet modest attire is appropriate, particularly when visiting religious or cultural landmarks. In Mauritius and the nearby Indian Ocean islands, swimwear and light beachwear are essential for enjoying the stunning beaches, but remember to cover up when leaving the beach areas. Comfortable walking shoes or sandals are a must for city tours, nature trails, or exploring the lush landscapes of Mauritius.

Protect yourself from the sun with a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Don't forget your camera to capture the beauty of Singapore's modern skyline and Mauritius' pristine shores, as well as the charm of nearby islands like the Seychelles or Maldives. Pack chargers and spare memory cards to ensure you don't miss a moment.

A small medical kit with basic first aid supplies and personal medications is recommended. Whether you're exploring bustling Singapore, relaxing on Mauritius' beaches, or hopping between Indian Ocean islands, you'll be ready for a memorable tropical adventure.

**Onboard Dress Code:** On Norwegian Cruise, you can wear what you are comfortable with. Go cruise casual or get all-decked out and look your best – it's up to you.

## WEATHER:

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Singapore and Mauritius both enjoy tropical climates, ensuring warm, humid conditions year-round. Singapore's tropical rainforest climate features consistent temperatures of 25°C to 32°C, high humidity, and frequent short rain showers. Mauritius experiences two main seasons: a hot, humid summer from November to April with occasional tropical rain and a cooler, drier winter from May to October, offering milder conditions, especially on the central plateau.

As the cruise moves from Singapore to Mauritius via the Seychelles and Maldives, passengers will encounter tropical warmth, cooling ocean breezes, and calm seas. The Seychelles and Maldives boast idyllic beaches, clear waters, and abundant sunshine, with brief seasonal showers adding to their charm.

## GROUP SIZE:

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Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by a National Escorts. There will usually be no more than 28 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). National Escorts will accompany each group of 10 or more. However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

## TIPPING / GRATUITIES

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### Pre & Post cruise:

Although tipping is not mandatory in Singapore or Mauritius it is highly welcomed and necessary for some workers to make a living, as the wages are often quite low within the hospitality and tourism sector. Tipping costs are not included in your tour and are a good way to show your appreciation for the service you receive, including to your local guides and drivers. We have included some tipping recommendations below:

#### Mauritius:

Recommended total tipping for tour \$15 Euros per person

Additional discretionary tipping information-

Bars & Restaurants: A 10% tip over the total amount of the bill is expected when no service charges have been included.

Porterage: EUR2-5 per piece of luggage

#### Singapore:

Recommended total tipping for tour \$5 SGD per person

### On the cruise:

On board gratuities are included in your trip cost.

## SOUVENIRS:

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We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs, so we include some stops at museums or exhibitions which demonstrate a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone, so we aim to take you to places, which hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance.

## LUGGAGE:

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All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of five kilograms. It is essential that your luggage is lockable.

**On your cruise:** While luggage allowance on your cruise may permit further capacity, we ask you to adhere to the above restrictions due to airline and touring allowances. Suitcases should be tagged, luggage tags can be downloaded and printed from your eDocs. For your convenience, we recommend that your luggage tags be placed on your bags prior to arrival at the port.

It may take a few hours after embarkation for your luggage to be delivered to your stateroom. Likewise, suitcases are collected on the last night of your cruise. To avoid any complications, be sure to bring a small bag such as a backpack for carrying any necessary medication, valuables, important documents and need-to-have items.

## VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

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We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful [www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au).

## AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

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Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive an email with your confirmation invoice, along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information (if applicable) and other important information. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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