



# MAURITIUS, MADAGASCAR & THE WESTERN CAPE WITH NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINES

Classic Cruising Tour | 21 Days | Physical Level 1

PORT LOUIS - POINTE DES GALETS (REUNION) - ANTSIRANANA - NOSY BE -  
PORT ELIZABETH (GQEBERHA) - MOSSEL BAY - CAPE TOWN

From the Indian Ocean islands of Mauritius, Reunion, and Madagascar around the tip of the African continent to the extraordinary city of Cape Town, this spectacular voyage of discovery brings together majestic nature, wonderful wildlife and rich culture. 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. On this adventure, savour the powder white sands, sparkling blue waters and lush interiors of three Indian Ocean Islands before travelling westwards along the coast of South Africa to discover Cape Town, the Winelands, and the Cape Peninsula.

- Explore the vibrant markets of Port Louis
- Discover the beauty of Reunion Island in Pointe des Galets
- Experience the rich culture of Antsiranana & Visit the tropical paradise of Nosy Be
- Enjoy the scenic beaches of Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)
- Relax and unwind in the charming town of Mossel Bay
- Be enchanted by Cape Town's stunning natural landscapes and rich history

**TOUR MAP**

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- 11 nights NCL cruise on board Norwegian Sun
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated (*if dining on board throughout*) – 18 breakfasts (B), 17 lunches (L), 18 dinners (D)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees, transportation and transfers pre and post cruise
- English speaking National Escorts (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides pre and post cruise
- 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 South Africa and some of the Indian Oceans best islands. Whilst 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 21 days in duration including international flights. Join the tour on Day 2 in Mauritius and end the tour on Day 20 in Capetown.

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.

'Mauritius, Madagascar & the Western Cape' 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 Escort 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****Days 1-2 Arrive in Port Louis, Mauritius****Meals: D**

Fly overnight to the beautiful island of Mauritius. 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.

Upon check in enjoy all the hotel has to offer, including all-inclusive food and drinks.

*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**

**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 3: 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** - A stunning natural attraction with water cascading over 100 meters into the 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** – This 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.

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### Day 4: 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.



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### Day 5: Embark cruise ship in Port Louis (Mauritius)

Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out. You will be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred to Port Louis 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.



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**Day 6: Cruising - Pointe Des Galets (Reunion)****Meals: B, L, D**

Your first stop on your cruise is Pointe Des Galets, Reunion. 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**

**Pointe des Galets** - Situated on the northwest coast of Réunion, Pointe des Galets is a bustling port town known for its maritime heritage and vibrant local culture. It serves as a gateway to the island's dramatic landscapes, including volcanic peaks, lush forests and stunning coastal views.

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**Day 7: 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.

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**Day 8: Cruising - Antsiranana****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock in Antsiranana, 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

**Antsiranana** - Located on the northern tip of Madagascar, formerly known as Diego Suarez, is a vibrant port city known for its natural deep-water bay, colonial architecture, and surrounding rugged landscapes. It's a gateway to stunning beaches, marine reserves and unique geological formations like the Amber Mountain.

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#### Day 9: 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.

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#### Days 10 - 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 - Port Elizabeth****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. 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**

**Port Elizabeth** – Located on the cusp of the Algoa Bay, Port Elizabeth, established in 1820 as a British settlement, is renowned for their beaches, nearby Addo Elephant National Park and its many brilliant museums. Home to a rich collection of marine life, Port Elizabeth also boasts a number of heritage buildings and is one of the largest cities in South Africa.

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

Enjoy your second day at port in Port Elizabeth 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.*

**Day 15: Cruising - Mossel Bay****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will Port in Mossel Bay, South Africa. 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

**Mossel Bay** – Located between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, Mossel Bay is home to stunning sand-covered beaches and lies within the heart of the Garden Route, renown for its diverse nature. Mossel Bay is also known for featuring evidence of the world’s oldest human inhabitants, which can be found in fossil form within the caverns of Pinnacle Point.

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#### Day 16: Disembark cruise ship in Cape Town

Meals: B, L, D

Your cruise concludes as you reach Cape Town cruise terminal today, where you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel.

This evening you’ll day at the wonderful GOLD Restaurant, an immersive and authentic African experience that features a 14-course taste safari and traditional African entertainment



### Destination Information

**Cape Town** – Located on the southwest coast of South Africa, Cape Town is South Africa’s most popular tourist destination. Boasting a gorgeous coastline and stunning beaches, South Africa is home to a rich history and an abundance of wonderful wildlife.

**Gold Restaurant** - An authentic African experience. So much more than just an African restaurant, a night at GOLD is an immersive experience that will take you on a 14-dish taste safari paired with traditional Mali puppets and entertainment. Dinner is accompanied by interactive entertainment, and one cannot help but be swept up in the excitement of archetypal African stories told through the live entertainment, which includes praise singing to welcome you, Mali puppetry, and dancing to the rhythms of the marimba percussion and djembe drums.

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#### Day 17: Discover Cape Town

Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a guided tour of the ‘Mother City’ with your English-speaking guide.

Take a drive through the city centre and make a stop at the historical Greenmarket Square before heading to the 17th century Castle of Good Hope.

You will also visit the Company’s Garden and discover the Bo-Kaap area of Cape Town. Formerly known as the Malay Quarter, this picturesque corner of Cape Town is well-known for its vast collection of colourful houses and cobblestone streets.



Continue on to pay a visit to Table Mountain (weather dependent), a flat-topped mountain overlooking the city of Cape Town, with spectacular views of the Lions Head and Signal Hill on the left, the City Bowl in the middle and Devils Peak on the right.

This evening enjoy dinner at Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

### Destination Information

**Castle of Good Hope** – Made up of 9 boutique museums, the Castle of Good Hope was once an Army base, former seat of government as well as a slave port and is now deemed a National Heritage Site. The castle is considered the oldest remaining colonial building in South Africa, a symbol of the country's complex colonial past.

**Table Mountain** – An iconic natural wonder standing proudly at over 1,000 meters (3,281 feet) above sea level, the flat-topped mountain offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city, the surrounding coastline, and the majestic Atlantic Ocean.

**Victoria & Alfred Waterfront** – A beautiful neighbourhood situated within the oldest working harbours in the southern hemisphere and home to a retail district, dining, leisure and entertainment facilities, the V&A Waterfront makes for a perfect place to visit for both tourists and locals alike.

## Day 18: Cape Town (Winelands)

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking guide and transfer to the Winelands.

The experience starts with an exciting Wine Blending. You will receive a selection of blending components with the challenge to create your own blend. A wine Ambassador will guide you through the process showing how and why certain varieties harmonise better than others.

Then we head to another wine farm in the Franschhoek valley. Here you will enjoy your lunch followed by a wine and chocolate pairing tasting.



Afterwards, journey back to Cape Town and spend the remainder of your evening at leisure.

### Destination Information

**Cape Winelands** – Comprising of the Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl Valleys, the Cape Winelands feature some of South Africa's oldest towns and are considered by many as the wine and food hotspots. Each town also features influences from Dutch architecture, with colonial history dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

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**Day 19: Cape Town (Peninsula)****Meals: B, L, D**

Depart early for your tour of the Peninsula. You will head South and weather permitting, drive via Chapman's Peak. The famous Chapman's Peak Drive is a nine-kilometre coastal road on the Cape Peninsula, south of Cape Town.

Afterwards you will head to the Cape of Good Hope. The Cape of Good Hope is a rocky headland on the Atlantic Coast of the Cape Peninsula. Cape Point may not quite be the southernmost point of Africa, but it will still make you feel as if you were standing on the edge of the world.

On the way back to Cape Town you will stop at the penguin colony at Boulders Beach.



### Destination Information

**Chapman's Peak** - Chapman's Peak is a spectacular coastal road and mountain pass offering breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, rugged cliffs, and the picturesque coastline. The drive is renowned for its stunning scenery and unforgettable panoramic vistas.

**Boulders Beach** – Famous for its adorable colony of African penguins. The beach's picturesque setting, with granite boulders and clear waters, makes it a serene spot to relax and observe the penguins in their natural habitat.



**Days 20 - 21: Depart Cape Town****Meals: B**

This morning is free at leisure before being transferred to the airport for your return flight home, arriving the same or the 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 Cape Town, 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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#### **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/>

#### **Réunion**

Australian passport holders do not require a visa to visit Réunion for tourism or business stays of up to 90 days. Your passport must be valid for at least three months after your intended departure date.

#### **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 return date and have at least two blank pages.

#### **South Africa**

For stays of up to 90 days, Australian passport holders do not need a visa to enter South Africa. Your passport must be valid for at least 30 days after your departure and contain at least two blank pages.

### 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 South Africa:** The local cuisine is a celebration of cultural diversity, blending indigenous, European, Asian, and African influences. Signature dishes include the braai, a communal barbecue feast, and bobotie, a spiced meat dish with Cape Malay roots. Biltong and droëwors provide delicious snacking options, while regional favourites like bunny chow and pap and wors highlight the country's culinary variety. Seafood is abundant along the coasts, and South Africa's wine regions, such as Stellenbosch, pair local cuisine with world-class vintages. Restaurants range from fine dining establishments in cities like Cape Town to casual continental cafés, offering something for every palate.

**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 dhol 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.

## ACCOMMODATION PRE AND POST CRUISE:

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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 Australia 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.

## 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.

## 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. In South Africa, roads have generally improved in recent years, but traffic congestion, particularly in urban areas, can extend driving times. Similarly, in Mauritius, roads are well-maintained, but traffic in urban and tourist hotspots can be an issue, especially during peak hours. It may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing to freshen up before dinner, so flexibility is advised. Timings for transfers and tours are approximate and subject to weather and traffic conditions.

**Public Transport:** In South Africa, public transport is not well-developed. Municipal bus services are limited to cities and operate on a restricted schedule, often stopping early in the evening and offering even less frequent service on weekends and public holidays. Public transport in South Africa is not generally recommended for tourists. Mauritius offers public buses that are affordable but less frequent, with routes that may not cover all tourist areas conveniently. While functional, they may not meet the expectations of those accustomed to highly efficient systems.

**Taxis:** In South Africa, metered taxis are available mainly in cities but are relatively expensive and must be pre-booked as they cannot be hailed on the street. Minibus taxis are cheaper but are often overcrowded and have a higher accident rate, making them less suitable for tourists. In Mauritius, taxis are widely available in cities and near tourist areas, though fares are often not metered. It is advisable to agree on a fare before starting your journey. Taxis in both destinations can offer safe and convenient transport options when used wisely.

## 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 South Africa and Mauritius, particularly in their warm and sunny climates, it's advisable to pack light, comfortable clothing made from cotton or other breathable materials in light colours to stay cool. Long-sleeved shirts and trousers are useful for protection against the sun and insects. A lightweight waterproof jacket is a good idea for unexpected rain, especially in Mauritius during its summer months.

A sturdy pair of trainers or hiking shoes is essential for exploring South Africa's diverse terrains and Mauritius' lush landscapes. For sun protection, pack a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Coastal areas in Mauritius are warm year-round, so swimwear and light beachwear are must-haves, but remember to dress modestly when visiting religious or cultural sites.

Bring a camera to capture the stunning landscapes and cultural experiences, along with chargers and spare memory cards. A lightweight flashlight can be handy for navigating in low-light conditions. Packing a small medical kit with first aid essentials and personal medications is recommended.

**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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South Africa's summer runs from November to March, with cooler months from May to August. Coastal regions, like Durban on the east coast, enjoy mild winters and hot, humid summers, while the west coast experiences cooler, drier conditions moderated by the cold Benguela current. Inland regions, elevated on a plateau, maintain uniform temperatures, with highs occasionally exceeding 32°C in summer.

Mauritius enjoys a tropical climate year-round. Summers, from November to April, are hot and humid with occasional tropical rains, while winters, from May to October, bring cooler, drier weather. Coastal areas are warmer than the central plateau, which is slightly cooler and wetter.

Both destinations offer diverse weather, ensuring pleasant conditions for exploration and relaxation.

## GROUP SIZE:

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Most of our groups pre & post cruise consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by 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. For groups with fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with local guides only.

## TIPPING / GRATUITIES

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### Pre & Post cruise:

Although tipping is not mandatory in Mauritius and South Africa, 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 guides and drivers.

#### 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

#### South Africa:

Recommended total tipping for tour 750 ZAR 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.

Taxis: We recommend using the Uber app as this is a safe and cheap way to travel in Cape Town. If you'd prefer a taxi, please ask the hotel or restaurant staff to call a taxi for you. It is not recommended to hail a taxi along the roadside.

Porterage: ZAR20 per piece of luggage.

### 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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