

INTERNATIONAL RENTALS — Mauritius

# Spend it in island splendour

If you want to be treated like a celebrity, Le Touessrok in Mauritius is the ideal location, writes Michelle Swart

**A** FOUR-hour flight from South Africa will get you to the tropical island of Mauritius, known for its superb beaches, holiday resorts and more recently, good property investments.

Those looking for a more lavish and elite holiday destination will find every whim catered for at one of Le Touessrok's private villas, situated 50 minutes from the airport and the island's capital, Port Louis. While not for sale, a stay in one of the £12 000 a night (in high season), 450m<sup>2</sup> villas is definitely an investment in your downtime.

Sprawled over an archipelago of islands connected by bridges or accessed by boat's Trou d'Eau Douce Bay, the multi-award-winning Le Touessrok has been described as "a slice of palm-fringed paradise dedicated to fine food and indulgence — with butlers and instant gratification everywhere".

The three secluded beachfront villa residences are ultra-private, finished in cool, contemporary interpretations of Mauritian style. The villas accommodate six adults or four adults and four children and offer their own distinctive finishes, swimming pools and wooden entrances.

Each villa has two master



"king" bedrooms, with a double "queen" bedroom also featuring an en-suite bathroom and terrace. In-room entertainment includes multilingual satellite TV, four movie channels, DVD/CD player, digital movies, discs and PC games. The airy master bathrooms, with sculptured bathtubs, lead out to private walled gardens with outdoor showers and daybeds. There are twin vanity basins and dressing facilities.

Light and spacious living areas have high, vaulted wood ceilings. The dining room is elegant for formal occasions, while a more in-

timate meal can be enjoyed from the outside thatch pavilion overlooking the infinity pool.

The best part is that guests are guaranteed an individual approach and personal attention as each villa has a 24-hour butler, chef and a team of staff to ensure that everything is run exactly according to guests' wishes. Anything from a home treatment by Givenchy Spa to a romantic dinner at Safran, a complimentary round of golf or a shopping trip can be arranged. Says villa manager Michael Wildmoser: "The villas are not run like a hotel as they are

prepared to the personal preferences of guests with complete flexibility when it comes to arrangements around meal times etc. Each has its own personal manager who arranges special services including a baby sitter, and is on call 24 hours a day. However, villa guests have full access to all of the hotel amenities."

This means that villa guests can relax enjoy meals at any one of the resort's six restaurants, lounge beside one of the three huge swimming pools, be pampered at the acclaimed Givenchy Spa, work out in the fully-equipped gym, or make the most of leisure time playing tennis, horse-riding or game fishing. Le aux Cerfs, one of the resort's two islands a short boat trip away, offers all water sports from sailing, waterskiing and windsurfing to scuba diving, game fishing and parasailing. Golf enthusiasts will take pleasure in the famously fiendish 18-hole championship golf course designed by Bernhard Langer. The flavours of local fish, seafood, salads, pizza or simple Mauritian dishes can be enjoyed at the Paul & Virginie restaurant.

Children are catered for at the T-Club, featuring a log-built hideaway surrounded by trees in a vast

"secret" Sherwood-forest like location on the island, offering private galleons, arts and crafts facilities, a shady children's pool and a network of rooms with games, computers and DVDs.

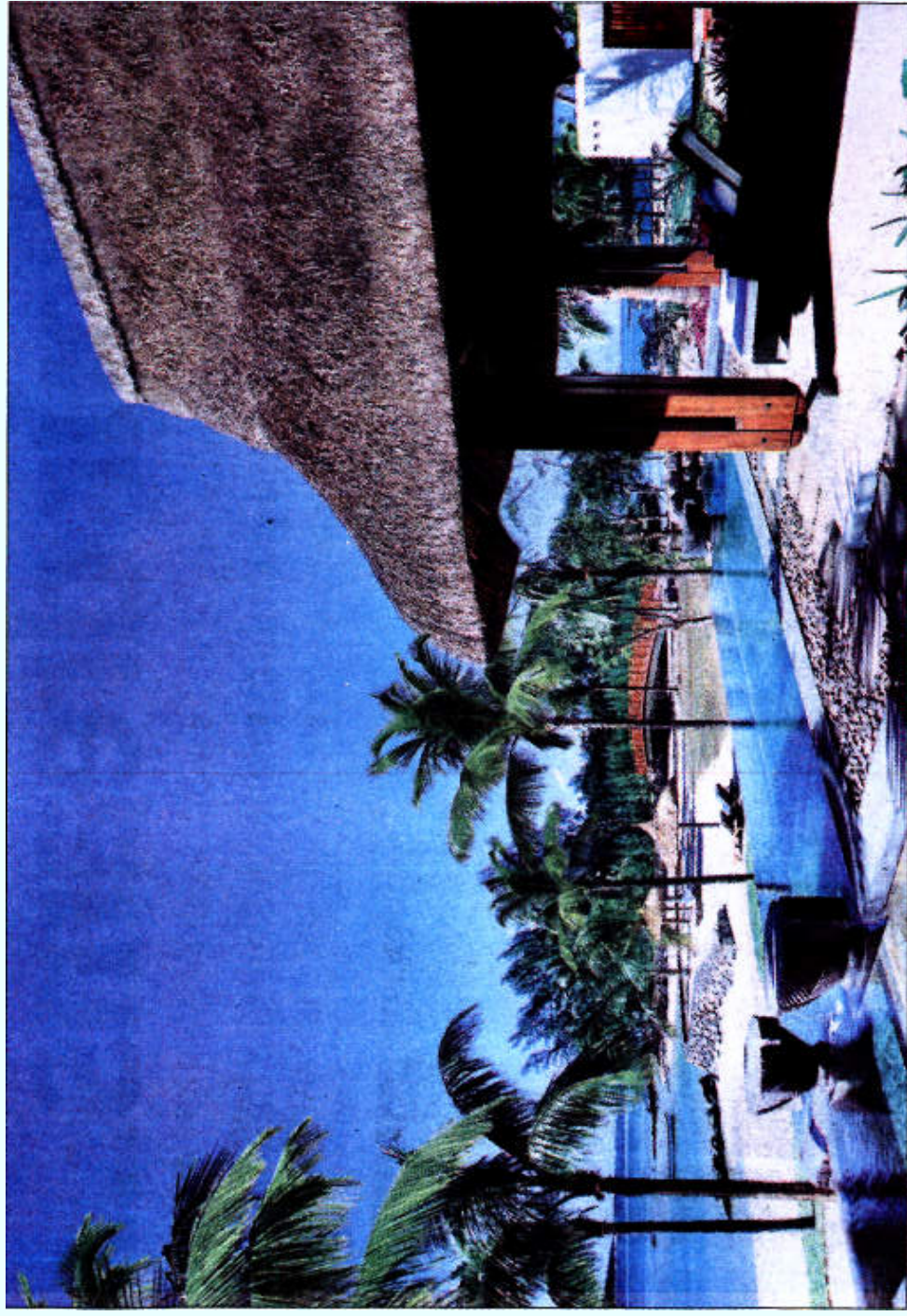
While you may have escaped the whirl of everyday life, if you really do have to touch base with your office, there's Wi-Fi internet plus a three-phone two-line communication system, and computers on request.

Wildmoser says that the villas enjoy occupancy of between 40% and 45%, and are mostly taken up by wealthy urbanites looking to get away from their stressful lifestyles. "And if there is something that a guest wants that we don't have, we create it for them. The villa staff is trained to be proactive and anticipate the guest's every whim." He says on average, villa guests stay for one or two weeks, and when the villas are

occupied, no staff take the day off to ensure outstanding personal service levels at all times. "Providing guests with an exceptional service is what we strive for, and there is no room for error."



There are staff on hand to clean your sunglasses for you, or to provide you with a cooling spray of rosewater mist. The villa experience is truly a decadent one, which is perhaps why Le Touessrok has



long been the favoured destination of European and British royalty, Arab princes, assorted nobles and Hollywood A-listers.

In 2008, after 30 years of operation, Le Touessrok was the first hotel in Mauritius to receive ISO 9001:2008 certification, a tribute to its continuous quest for perfection for the interest of guests.

Aside from being a member of "Leading Hotels of the World", Le Touessrok was also voted "The Best of the Best Hotels in the World" by Conde Nast Traveller and was ranked in Tatler magazine's "Best Foodie Hotels" of the world, for its "imaginative, exciting and sophisticated food in a resort hotel".

For those who uncompromisingly demand the finer things in life, Le Touessrok is the perfect playground.

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