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Date: 03rd February 2025

From: Welfare Events Organiser/ Public Officers' Welfare Council

To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

Tour to Reunion Island

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a group tour to Reunion Island for Public Officers and their families from **Saturday, 19th April to Tuesday, 22nd April 2025**.

2. The flight details are as follows:

3 Nights' Stay at Lindsey Hotel Saint Pierre	Departure from Mauritius (SSR International Airport) Air Mauritius			Departure from Reunion Island (Roland Garros Airport) Air Mauritius		
	Date	Flight No.	Time (Hours)	Date	Flight No.	Time (Hours)
	Saturday 19 th April 2025	MK 218	1000	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	MK 239	1725

3. The special package comprises the following:

- (i) Air tickets;
- (ii) 3 nights' hotel accommodation;
- (iii) Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner and
- (iv) 4 days' excursions and shopping to the most attractive places.

(Programme at **Annex A**)

4. **Forty – Three (43)** seats have been secured for the group and the cost **per person** is as follows: -

Room Category	Amount (MUR)
Single Room	34,500
Double Room	31,700
Triple Room	31,700

Note:

- (i) The cost of Child and Infant is as follows:

Age Category	Amount (MUR)
05 – 11 years	21,250
02 – 04 years	12,700
0-23 months	1,200

- (ii) A person aged between 5 to 11 years is considered as a child;
(iii) A person aged 12 years and above is considered as an adult;
(iv) A person aged 60 years and above (senior citizen) benefits a discount of MUR 500 on the package.
(v) A maximum of three persons can be accommodated in one room.
- 2 adults + 1 child or 1 infant sharing parents' bed
 - 3 adults

5. Interested Public Officers are required to fill in the enclosed form at **Annex B** and **Annex C** and submit same together with the exact amount to the POWC on the scheduled payment date. The following documents should be submitted while effecting payment:

- (i) A photocopy of a recent certified pay slip or of the top part of the pay slip, indicating the name, pay site code and National Identity Card number or any written document/evidence attesting that the applicant is a serving public officer,
(ii) photocopy of National Identity Card for each adult,
(iii) photocopy of Birth Certificate for any participant under the age of 18 years,
(iv) relevant authorising documents from the nearest police station for children below the age of 18 (minor) who will not be accompanied by their parents on the tour.
(v) All participants should possess a passport valid for at least six months from the return date of the Tour (Valid till 23rd October 2025). No entry visa is required for Mauritian passport holders to enter Reunion Island.

6. Payments will be received on a **“first come, first served basis”** from **0900hrs to 1400hrs** at the seat of the Public Officers' Welfare Council, Level 12, SICOM Building 2, Corner Chevreau and Reverend Jean Lebrun Streets, Port Louis, as from issue of the Circular and until all seats are fully booked.

Applicants are encouraged to effect payment preferably by card or cheque to the order of “Public Officers' Welfare Council”.

7. It is compulsory for each participant to avail themselves for **travel insurance** prior to traveling to Reunion Island.

8. Applicants, willing to use their passage benefits, will have to make their own arrangements with the Human Resource Section of their respective Ministries/Departments.

9. Please note that, in Reunion Island, all money transactions are made in **EURO (EUR)**.

10. Cancellation will be accepted only in exceptional cases (e.g., illness, death of close relative or any other valid reason) supported by documentary evidence. In case of cancellation an administrative fee of MUR 200 per participant together with **other cancellation charges claimed by stakeholders will be applicable.**

11. Participants are required to comply with all instructions given by group leaders/ guides during the tour and will have to bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanying members of their family during the tour.
12. Participants who are under medical supervision or on special drugs should submit relevant details to the Council.
13. The POWC reserves the right to cancel the tour in case of any unforeseen circumstances. Participants will be refunded accordingly.
14. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular letter could be brought to the attention of all public officers serving in your Ministry/ Department.
15. This Circular letter has been posted on the POWC's Facebook page and the website of the POWC: <https://powc.govmu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx> .


M. D. BOYJOONAUTH (Mrs)
Welfare Events Organiser



Programme of the Stay – 4 Days, 3 Nights

Day 1 – Saturday, 19th April 2025

- Arrival at 10:50 AM at Roland Garros Airport
- Departure towards Saint-André for a city tour
- Lunch at a restaurant
- Visit to Saint Denis for shopping
- Proceed to Saint-Benoît and Saint-Anne to visit the church classified as a historical monument, built in 1857
- Proceed to Sainte-Rose – Southeastern Coast

The Piton Sainte-Rose church in Sainte-Rose, built in 1927, miraculously survived the out-of-enclosure eruption of April 8, 1977, and has since been renamed Notre Dame des Laves. The staircase leading to the church entrance was carved into the lava that surrounded the building.

Before passing through Saint-Philippe, there will be an opportunity to see the Grand Coulee lava flow from Piton de la Fournaise.

- Visit the town of Saint-Joseph
- Check-in at the hotel in the city center,
- Dinner and overnight stay in Saint-Pierre

Day 2 – Sunday, 20th April 2025

- Early breakfast at hotel
- Departure for Cirque de Cilaos

Located about 1,700 meters above sea level. Cilaos is a spa town in the center of Réunion, a French department in the Indian Ocean. Known for its hot springs and vineyards, it is set within the Cirque de Cilaos, a rugged and forested caldera. Overlooking the town is Piton des Neiges, a steep, inactive volcano that is the highest peak on the island. Waterfalls cascade down the steep slopes of the Fleurs Jaunes canyon. The Embroidery House showcases traditional embroidery.

- After lunch in town, we take a short walk in the Bras Sec Forest before returning to Saint-Pierre around 4:30 PM
- Free time in the afternoon, followed by dinner and an overnight stay at the hotel

Day 3- Monday, 21st April 2025

- Early breakfast,
- Proceed for the Volcano Route
- Visit the town of Le Tampon, then head toward La Plaine des Cafres in the highlands

La Plaine des Cafres is a plateau located between the Piton des Neiges and Piton de la Fournaise massifs. Its residents are called Cafriplinois. The plateau gets its name from the Cafres, escaped slaves who once took refuge there.

We take a walk and enjoy the view at Pas de Bellecombe, where we can observe the volcano's crater. After lunch in the highlands, we visit the famous hydraulic clock.

- Return to Saint-Pierre around 4:30 PM
- Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel

Day 4 – Tuesday, 22nd April 2025

- Early breakfast
- Departure for Salazie,

Located in the center of the island, northeast of Piton des Neiges, in the natural Cirque de Salazie. The entire municipal area is situated in the Hauts, which explains Salazie's motto.

- Pass through the highlands of the Plaine before descending towards La Plaine des Palmistes. From Bras-Panon, we take the road to Salazie for a visit and lunch
- Return to Roland Garros for departure flight



Tour to Reunion Island
Saturday 19th April to Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Application Form

Name of Applicant: * Mr/Mrs/Miss.....

(* Delete as appropriate and SURNAME in block letters)

Designation:

Ministry/Department:.....

Residential Address:.....

Phone Number: (Mob)..... (Res)..... (Off).....

Emergency Contact Person: Phone Number:

Name of Participants:

Name	Relationship	DOB	Age	Veg	Non-Veg	Amount (MUR)
Self						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
TOTAL						

NOTE:

- (i) A photocopy of a recent payslip/ top part of the payslip of the public officer (applicant) should be submitted when applying for the Tour.
- (ii) All adults going on the tour should submit photocopies of National Identity Card and Birth Certificate for any participant below the age of eighteen. Relevant authorizing documents from the nearest police station for any minor who will not be accompanied by his/her parents should also be submitted.
- (iii) All the above-mentioned documents should be produced in original format while check-ins at Airports.
- (iv) Participants who are under medical supervision or on special drugs should submit relevant details to the POWC when applying for the Tour.
- (v) The costs of any additional service/items, including beverages, not included in this package will have to be met by the participant. No baby food is provided on board aircraft.
- (vi) Participants will be required to comply with all instructions given by the group leader during the tour.
- (vii) Participants will bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanied members of their family during the tour

I and my family members confirm that we are participating in the Tour to Reunion Island at our own risk. I understand by signing this participation form that my family and I cannot enter any representation, or statement, or legal action against the Public Officers' Welfare Council.

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Date

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Signature of Applicant

For office use only

Amount Paid _____

Receipt No. _____



PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

Promoting the welfare of Public Officers and their families
Operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Public Service and
Administrative Reforms

Annex C

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT FORM 2025

Activity: TOUR TO REUNION ISLAND

19th to 22nd April 2025

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FILL AS APPROPRIATE

I and my family members namely:

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confirm that we are participating in the group tour to Reunion Island as mentioned above at our own risk.

I hereby release and hold harmless with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, the named persons or entities, herein referred to as releases:

PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

I understand, by signing this form, that I and my family cannot enter any representation, or statement, or legal action against the PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL.

I have read this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. I fully understand its terms.

Signature of Applicant

Name of applicant

Date

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