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MAURITIUS LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN ITS AFRICAN CONNECTIONS BY EASING VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR 48 AFRICAN COUNTRIES



In a move to consolidate the country's strong foothold in the African continent, Mauritius proceeds to open its borders for trade and travel. Nationals from those countries are now visa exempt or can obtain visa on arrival on Mauritian soil.

Mauritius has therefore relaxed visa requirements for 48 African countries in order to promote closer bonds with Africa.

This new policy will facilitate movement of the business community between Mauritius and its African counterparts as part of the overall strategy to tap into the growing African market. It will now be cheaper and visa-friendly for many Africans endeavoring to undertake business activities via Mauritius.

COMESA countries, of which Mauritius is a member, are also looking to streamline their foreign policies. A road-map to introduce visa-free travel amongst each member states is being considered. This comes under COMESA's initiative to further bring down trade barriers alongside the waiving of tariffs and quotas.

In Seychelles (being a member of COMESA) no visa is required at all.

Travel to Mauritius

Nationals from the following are exempt from visa requirements:

Angola
Botswana
Burundi
Cape Verde
Congo (Brazzaville)
Democratic Republic of Congo
Egypt
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Kenya
Lesotho
Malawi
Mozambique

Namibia	
Rwanda	
Seychelles	
Sierra Leone	
South Africa	
Swaziland	
Tanzania	
Tchad	
Tunisia	
Uganda	
Zimbabwe	
Zambia	

Nationals from the following are granted visas:

60 days on arrival	60 days on arrival
Algeria	Mauritania
Benin	Morocco
Burkina Faso	Niger
Central African Rep.	San Tome and Princip
Djibouti	Senegal
Equatorial Guinea	Togo
Eritrea	
Ethiopia	2 weeks on arrival
Guinea	Cameroon
Guinea-Bissau	Comoros
Ivory Coast	Madagascar
Liberia	Nigeria

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