

SHANTI MAURICE

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INTRODUCING SHANTI MAURICE – A NIRA RESORT, MAURITIUS



Shanti Maurice is a boutique resort with award-winning spa, located around a pristine horseshoe coral sand cove on the largely untouched south coast of Mauritius, near the small town of St Felix.

Shanti Maurice is the first hotel in the Indian Ocean to join Design Hotels™. Shanti Maurice joins its two sister properties, Nira Alpina and Nira Montana in the handpicked selection of boutique, design-driven luxury hotels from across the globe, that make up the Design Hotels™ portfolio.

Celebrating their 10th anniversary this year, Shanti Maurice is set between the turquoise of the Indian Ocean and the vivid greens of the sugarcane fields, providing access to the sights, sounds and flavours of the unique mix of Indian, African, French and Chinese influences that form the Mauritian culture. Sourcing the majority of the restaurants' ingredients from the island's farmers and fishermen, the team at Shanti Maurice takes care to work with the local community, both to respect its environs and minimise the impact of the resort on it.

The pride of local staff at the resort is evident throughout the Shanti Maurice experience, manifesting itself in genuinely warm and caring service. The resort's philosophy is built on a desire for guests to use Shanti Maurice as a base from which to experience the very best that the 'real' Mauritius has to offer. Shanti Maurice's genuine wish is that travellers arrive as guests, leave as friends and return as family.

The resort comprises 61 spacious suites and villas, spread across a 36-acre landscape of fragrant tropical gardens. All 17 villas – including the Presidential villa – are located on the beachfront overlooking the Indian Ocean, have a private pool, outdoor rain shower and dining pavilion. Design is a contemporary yet timeless blend of Mauritian and African culture and style. The resort welcomes couples and families, and offers a Kids



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Club and Kids Activities Programme, with recreational pursuits such as non-motorised water sports, tennis, and arts & crafts including shell painting, clay-modelling and 'treasure hunts'.

The resort makes an ideal setting for a wedding or honeymoon. Couples can exchange vows in Shanti Maurice's wedding pavilion overlooking the Indian Ocean, or under the resort's ancient Badamier tree, with a backdrop of lush mountains. Wedding receptions in the village's 18th century chapel, can also be arranged, complete with a Mauritian choir.

Unashamedly indulgent, the Nira Spa at Shanti Maurice comprises 75,000 square feet of unsurpassed, restorative, soothing, invigorating and rejuvenating perfection. Ever mindful of the presence of Mother Nature, every element of wellness is harnessed here from personal mental health to enhanced spirituality; from positive dietary changes to re-energizing exercise, all orchestrated to help you lead a more holistic lifestyle. The peaceful haven presents a unique world of relaxation, serenity and wellness through four distinct deluxe spa stations: The Holistic Bio Experience, The Indian Experience, The Oriental Experience and The Fitness & Wellness Experience.

Shanti Maurice offers extensive dining options, with an emphasis on locally sourced fresh fare. Head Chef Willibald Reinbacher sources the majority of ingredients from the island's farmers and fishermen, as well as utilising herbs and vegetables grown on the estate to offer dishes, which are sustainable and seasonal. The resort's signature restaurant, Stars, is defined by the addition of Aquacasia, the latest food concept to join Shanti Maurice. Bringing together the tastes and flavours from across the Indian Ocean, Aquacasia celebrates each island's love of food and mastery of spice. The brainchild of MPS Puri, Aquacasia features recipes from street sellers and local homes across the Indian Ocean, researched and interpreted by Chef Willi.

The resort's rustic beach-side Fish Shack celebrates the bounty of the surrounding seas, complemented by cocktails using rum from the local distillery and a selection of beers from the village brewery. Shanti Maurice's exotic gardens also provide picture-perfect picnic places to enjoy fresh, home-grown produce in cultivated yet wonderfully wild surroundings.

Guests are encouraged to explore the south of Mauritius, rather than being separated from it. The resort's concierge is at hand to arrange a huge diversity of local experiences from swimming with dolphins at Tamarind Bay to a tour of the Bois Cheri Tea Factory – which has been making tea for over 100 years – or a leisurely lunch at Le Saint Aubin, a plantation house built in 1819 which has been converted into a restaurant



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serving classic Mauritian cuisine. For the actively inclined, the south of Mauritius offers a wealth of outdoor pursuits, such as windsurfing, zip-lining and hiking.

ACCOMMODATION AND DESIGN



Mauritian architect Jean-Marc Eynaud based the design of Shanti Maurice on a tropical model in order to reflect the resort's natural surroundings. The interiors follow a similar theme, utilising a balanced palette of natural materials including local hardwoods, lava stone, granite, marble and slate.

Shanti Maurice comprises 61 spacious suites and villas including one Junior Suite adapted for disabled persons, spread across a 36-acre landscape of fragrant tropical gardens. All 17 villas – including the Presidential villa – are located on the beachfront overlooking the Indian Ocean, and offer private pools, outdoor rain showers and dining pavilions or 'Salas'. Interior spaces are fluid and spacious, with large windows allowing the sunshine to bathe interiors with light. From the Luxury Villa with Pool, covering 208 sq. metres, to the Two Bedroom Suite Villa with Pool, with additional living spaces bringing the total interior space to 500 sq. metres, accommodation at Shanti Maurice is among the most generous in Mauritius.

The resort's 81 sq. metre Junior Suites are housed in villa buildings with four suites per villa. Ground floor suites have direct access to the beach, as well as an outdoor rain shower, while the suites on the first floor have large balconies overlooking the Indian Ocean. Complementing the spacious bedrooms and bathrooms, each Junior Suite has a separate dressing room with an open closet and dressing table.

The Shanti Villa – half-hidden amongst lush greenery – comprises two bedrooms with bathrooms, open courtyards and a wrap-around balcony with exotically landscaped private gardens. A separate dining and living area offers ample space, decorated with chaise lounges, hand-woven rugs, African chests and full length, raw silk drapes. To top off the experience, a butler's quarter with adjacent kitchen allows guests the option of seeking the services of the resort's dedicated butlers during their stay.

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Shanti Maurice's signature restaurant, Stars, exemplifies an understated elegance, with coolly-polished palisander wood flooring and a balan ceiling, adding warmth. Wooden French doors lead onto a mezzanine deck, offering views over the Indian Ocean. The Red Ginger Lounge, adjacent to the lobby, is characterised by a warm palate of reds, oranges and gold. Overlooking a central courtyard, the Lounge provides a convivial focal point for guests to meet throughout the day or to gather in the evening and relax over cocktails.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE



Executive Chef Willibald Reinbacher believes that ingredients should be fresh and local, and that the best way to understand a destination and its culture is through its cuisine. This philosophy is reflected throughout Shanti Maurice, from the resort's extensive herb garden and relationships with local farmers and fishermen, to the island's boutique distillery offering its oldest and finest casks for the resort's rum.

Aquacasia, available at Stars

The most recent food concept to join Shanti Maurice's range of culinary offerings is Aquacasia and celebrates the bounty of the Indian Ocean and the culinary diversity the various islands have to offer. Exploring the unique flavours from across the Indian Ocean, Aquacasia showcases an unforgettable mix of authentic and artisanal offerings, capturing the heart and soul of each island's love of food, entwined with a mastery of spice.

Derived from the Latin words for "water" and "spice", Aquacasia acts as a tribute to the unique provenance of food developed by local island cultures, where aromatic dishes are prepared using only the freshest of locally sourced ingredients. Inspired by resourceful street traders along with authentic family recipes passed

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down through countless generations, Aquacasia brings together genuine dishes from the isles of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Reunion, Indonesia and Western Australia.

Fish Shack

The resort's rustic beachside Fish Shack celebrates the bounty of the surrounding seas, serving the freshly grilled and barbequed ingredients. Rum cocktails feature rum from the local distillery while the beer selection comes from the village brewery. In keeping with the rustic cuisine, Fish Shack also regularly features Sega dancers from the local village.

Red Ginger Lounge

The Red Ginger lounge bar is the perfect place to rendezvous for a pre-dinner aperitif or late-night cocktail. By day, the bar offers views across the infinity pool and beyond to the Indian Ocean; at night, discrete lighting picks out the sculptures and foliage in the exotic poolside gardens. Experienced bar tenders are on hand to conjure up a full range of cocktails from the most traditional highballs and white ladies to rum punches and exotic juices.

Rum Shed

Built in the style of the traditional rum shops, which are found all across the island, Shanti Maurice's Rum Shed offers a truly authentic Mauritian experience. Echoing these shops, the "shabby-chic" Rum Shed, which opened in January 2014, captures the essence of a bygone era, with tavern-like windows and doors as well as delightfully old-school décor. Its walls are lined with wood planks from old fishing boats and tables and chairs are made out of bicycle rims, while 50-gallon oil drums act as hanging light fixtures. The bar offers the largest collection of rums in Mauritius, with over 180 types from 36 countries, as well as an impressive selection of rum-based cocktails.

La Kaze Mama

Shanti Maurice invites gastronomes to experience the art of Mauritian home cooking with its latest food initiative: La Kaze Mama. Combining two of the hotel's most popular dining experiences; Grandma's Kitchen and the Herb Garden BBQ, enabling guests to taste truly authentic Mauritian home-cooking in a memorable outdoor setting.

Picnics

The 36 acres of exotic garden at Shanti Maurice provide endless picnic-perfect spots. Staff are delighted to provide guests with gourmet hampers to enjoy with a chilled bottle of wine, and for those wishing to experience the wider environs, a picnic hamper can be taken to one of the areas of staggering natural beauty that surround the resort.

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FAMILIES



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Accommodation

The one and two bedroom villas are ideal for families and come complete with temperature-controlled private pools, Jacuzzi, an outdoor rain shower in an enclosed courtyard and a private garden with Salas (pavilions) for dining or relaxation. Each villa comprises of more than 200 sq. metres of carefully planned internal space. The interiors are decorated in natural tones accented with Tiffany blue and teak, and each feature works from the resorts' extensive indigenous art collection, creating a sophisticated and relaxed environment.

Les Petits Dodo Kids Club

The specially designed Kids Club comes complete with its own toddler's pool, games room (including snooker and table football), children's DVD films, computers, play stations and Wii games. A weekly activity program, crammed with fun-filled pursuits include:

- Learn the Traditional Segha Dance
- Yoga for fun
- Pastry time..make your own cake!
- Aqua fun games as Aqua Zumba, Basket polo, Aqua fitness..
- 'Pot Pourri Souvenir' with Mauritius Spices
- Dj Evening
- Garden cinema with Pop-Corn
- Learn Traditional games
- Henna design
- Tennis for fun
- Go green 'Art & Craft workshop'
- Mini Pizza making
- Crab hunting
- Guided Pedal boat

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- Sand sculpture
- Painting Extravaganza
- Face painting
- Night life Discovery
- Star spotting at Peacock lawn
- Fun race on the beach
- Treasure hunt
- Herb garden tour
- Gardening fun

The Kids Club is open between 8:30am and 9:00pm daily and is available to children between the ages of 3 and 12 years old (children under 3 years must be accompanied by a parent or carer).

Yoga for Kids

The Yoga for Kids program combines simple yoga movements and postures with breathing exercises to create a fun and relaxing program that relaxes and triggers children's imaginations and awareness of the surrounding beauty.

Teenager Activities

Shanti Maurice offers a combination of fun and enriching active pursuits for older children aged 13 to 16 years. The Kids Activities Programme offers:

- Tennis
- Aqua Gym
- Basic Yoga
- Chip & putt
- Estate bike tour
- Beach volley
- Bocce ball
- Carom & Domino contest (Traditional game)
- Paddle board initiation
- Henna design
- Beach soccer
- Table tennis competition
- Line fishing at 'Samy' Lake
- Under the stars cinema
- Learn the traditional sega instrument "Ravanne, Maravanne & Triangle.."
- Beach stretching with our Gym instructor
- Non-motorised water sports (Pedalo, Kayak & snorkeling)
- Badminton
- Wii- game
- Cooking class

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Mealtimes

A special children's menu features both local Mauritian dishes for the adventurous as well perennial favourites such as 'Spoodles' (Spaghetti Bolognese), 'Chix Fix' (chicken nuggets) and 'Burgosaurus' (mini chicken or vegetable burgers). Children's meals are served at the resort's Pebbles Restaurant, however can also be taken at the Kids Club.

Babysitting

In addition to the comprehensive children programme, qualified babysitters can be provided for infants, toddlers and young adults at any time at an additional fee.

Island Activities

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NIRA SPA



The Nira Spa concept offers: *'A Journey Around the World Through Wellbeing'*. Product ranges, signature treatments and packages are themed around the three major wellbeing philosophies of 'Oriental', 'Indian' and 'Natural-Bio'. The spa features three themed 'full immersion' stations dedicated to these philosophies.

Each of the holistic zones presents an authentic culture, environment and style of wellbeing through the room design, music, aromas and treatments – including a signature treatment per station. Light refreshments are available, with special wellness and detox menus also on offer in the hotel restaurant.

Throughout, the resort remains true to its natural, organic philosophy, while offering a more cultural experience. Guests can enjoy a truly personalized experience, with therapist consultations and bespoke treatment programmes. Half, full and multi-day packages with dining options enable guests to sample treatments from each of the different zones and fully immerse themselves in the journey.

Oriental Zone

In the Oriental zone, treatments are inspired by Chinese, Japanese, Thai and Balinese therapies. Three oriental style cabins overlook a Zen garden with typical Japanese plants such as Dwarf and Broom Bamboo, while in the relaxation area, tea is served performing the authentic 'gongfu' Chinese ceremony.

A fourth room is exclusively dedicated to Thai massage, while other treatments include Shiatsu, Balinese fourhanded massage hot stone therapy, reflexology and Reiki. The Oriental signature treatment, **'Tibetan Sound Massage'** features Tibetan singing bowls combined with a body butter and aromatherapy oil blend massage, to purify and rebalance the system and revitalise mind, body and soul.

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Indian Zone

In five dedicated Ayurveda treatment rooms, Shanti Maurice offers a wide range of Indian treatments including Abhyanga and Abhydhara, each performed by two therapists, as well as Pizchili, Shirodhara and Choornaswedana. The new signature treatment for this zone is **'Shanti-dhara,'** a full body Ayurveda massage which focuses on balancing the Chakras through the pouring of warm oil over them. After their treatment, guests can relax in a hammock in the Indian garden to enjoy tea based on the three Dosha.

Natural-Bio: Health, Beauty and Longevity

Using natural products from Mauritius and Europe, alongside eco-certified products from the [\[comfort zone\]](#) brand, the Natural-Bio zone features six treatment and one scrub room. On offer is a range of body scrubs and wraps using natural products such as coffee, brown sugar, coconut, papaya and banana leaves. The signature treatment **'Aromasoul Elements Massage,'** is a complete sensorial journey through four distinct worlds; the exotic orient, the Mediterranean, vibrant India and the ancient cultures of desert tribes.

Within the Natural-Bio station, guests can sample a selection of fruit and vegetable based 'Longevity Drinks'. Enjoy a 'No More Stress Tonic' made from celery cucumber and ginger, or a 'Vital Defence Shot' with beetroot, carrots and orange.

Fitness and Yoga

Shanti Maurice also gives great focus to supporting mindfulness and a healthy lifestyle. Fitness and wellbeing sessions include stress management, breathing techniques, aqua gym, aqua spinning and Watsu. Traditional Yoga, meditation and Pilates (floor mat and studio) continue to be offered, as well as more unusual alternatives such as Paddle Yoga and a Bike Yoga tour.

New product range

The Spa at Shanti Maurice is delighted to be partnering with the [\[comfort zone\]](#) brand, and full ranges of their body and face products are sold alongside authentic Ayurveda oils and manicure and pedicure products from LCN.

Other Leisure Facilities

In addition to the treatment rooms, guests also have complimentary use of the pools, sauna, steam rooms, gym and all-weather tennis courts located beside the Nira Spa.

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WEDDING AND HONEYMOONS



Viewed as an extension of the Shanti Maurice family and in celebration of their 10th anniversary, couples that wed on the resort's shores this year will be welcomed back for their 10 year anniversary – on the house. Couples that say “I do” throughout 2016 at Shanti Maurice will enjoy a 10-night complementary stay (bed and breakfast) back at the point where they spoke their vows.

Those looking to wed at Shanti Maurice are able to choose from numerous potential venues, from a wedding pavilion at the end of the jetty jutting out into the Indian Ocean, to the ancient Badamier tree beside the resort, with a backdrop of lush mountains. True to Shanti Maurice's connection with the environs outside of the resort, memorable wedding ceremonies can also be arranged in the village's 18th century chapel, complete with a Mauritian choir.

Whether celebrating a wedding or a honeymoon, the staff at Shanti Maurice are on hand to ensure a seamless experience; from organising post-ceremony champagne cocktails on the beach, to an ocean-side wedding dinner, or butler-drawn aromatherapy bubble bath to greet them on their wedding night.

The beachfront location of Shanti Maurice's villas provides honeymooners with their own self-contained, secluded space. Designed to reflect the Indian, French and African fusion of Mauritian culture, each villa features a 54 sq. metre private swimming pool with Jacuzzi, private gardens and Salas for outdoor dining. Spacious bathrooms complete with walk-in showers and spa baths look onto lush walled courtyards with outdoor rain showers. Teak lounge beds overlooking the Indian Ocean complete a picture of effortless, relaxed luxury.

For a truly indulgent experience, the Presidential Suite offers two bedrooms with open courtyards and a wrap-around balcony set amongst exotic private gardens with a temperature-controlled private swimming pool, a built-in Jacuzzi and Salas for dining. Separate interior dining and living areas are exquisitely furnished with handcrafted Mauritian chests, chaise lounges, hand-woven rugs and full length, raw silk drapes.



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Couples can be pampered at the extensive 75,000 sq. feet Nira Spa, one of the most extensive in the Indian Ocean. The Nira Spa is built around an enchanting tea pavilion, surrounded by lily ponds and indigenous flower gardens. The 25 treatment rooms include an extensive spa suite specifically designed specifically for couples.

The concierge at Shanti Maurice can organise a huge range of off-property experiences for couples who wish to explore Mauritius, from scuba diving on the reef, to helicopter tours, parasailing and dolphin watching, as well as guided walks and private picnics amongst the lush nature and dramatic landscapes that surround the resort.



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NIRA HOTELS AND RESORTS BRAND PHILOSOPHY



In March 2009, MPS Puri formed Nira Hotels and Resorts, with the belief in mind that today's discerning traveller looks for more than just a resort, instead they seek authentic, unique and truly exceptional experiences. Since 2009, the brand has seen the launch of four properties, each conjuring a modern idiom of luxury, born from the pursuit of excellence and a belief that perfection is only the foundation that we build on.

For Nira Hotels & Resorts, pleasure is not a state of being; it is the primordial purpose of the soul. They believe that exquisite travel and dining experiences are no longer dependent on superficial glamour and regimented operating procedures, and that there is a place for eclectic design and the delivery of an inimitable experience.

Nira Hotels and Resorts favour a natural approach to hospitality, based on understanding, warm-heartedness and the occasional need for a place of sanctuary. Where abundant stimulation and relentless distraction has become intrinsic to many lives, the true luxury we offer is time and space. This more sensitive attitude to running hotels, resorts and restaurants stems from our spiritual and compassionate roots, born out of Asia.

Few people can lay claim to a more in-depth knowledge of the luxury hotel industry. Over the course of a career that has spanned nearly four decades, MPS Puri has held leadership positions with some of the world's most iconic brands. In addition to his role as Opening General Manager of *The Setai, Miami*, Puri has acted as *Head of the Americas* for *GHM Hotels*, *Global F&B Consultant* to *Orient Express* and *Opening Chief Operating Officer* for *The Fullerton, Singapore*.

A critic of bland, formulaic, hotel design and rigid formality, Nira underlines Puri's passion for genuine, heartfelt service and independence of spirit. Service is at the very heart of the Nira experience and the true

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driving force of the brand. Delivering it is, in MPS Puri's opinion, a privilege, and it should be accompanied by attentiveness, enthusiasm and sincerity.

The celebrated launch of Shanti Maurice in June 2010, on the largely untouched South coast of Mauritius, marked the opening of Nira's first property, soon followed by the Nira Alpina (December 2011) the Nira Caledonia (January 2012) and, most recently Nira Montana (December 2015).

The cutting-edge **Nira Alpina**, a member of Design Hotels, is situated at the upper end of the spectacular Engadin valley with panoramic views over the endless expanse of turquoise lakes that lie along the plateau. Elegant swathes of glass bring the outside world into almost every part of the building's interior, while the best skiing in the St Moritz region is easily accessible via a private walkway into the cable car building. Every room features a vast sun-drenched balcony or terrace and floor to ceiling windows overlooking Lake Silvaplana.

Tucked away on Gloucester Place amongst the cobbled streets and striking neo-classical architecture of New Town, Edinburgh, **Nira Caledonia** combines the luxury of a top five star hotel with the intimacy and peace of a cosy townhouse. Once the home of John Wilson, a friend of Wordsworth and hugely famous literary figure in early 19th Century Edinburgh, the 28-bedroom hotel features stunning original cornicing and plasterwork. Lavish suites are all entirely unique, many boasting vast original sash windows, private garden terraces and in-room Jacuzzis.

Nira Montana is the latest opening from luxury hotel group and is situated in the picturesque town of La Thuile, at the foot of Mont Blanc just steps from the ski slopes and hiking trails of the Italian Alps. Built in the style of the valley's traditional houses, the attractive, three-storey hotel with 55-rooms is constructed of wood and stone, uses energy saving systems is a member of Design Hotels. Nira Montana is the only five star hotel in La Thuile.

Lead in rates start from € 374 for a double Junior Suite Ocean View in Low Season

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