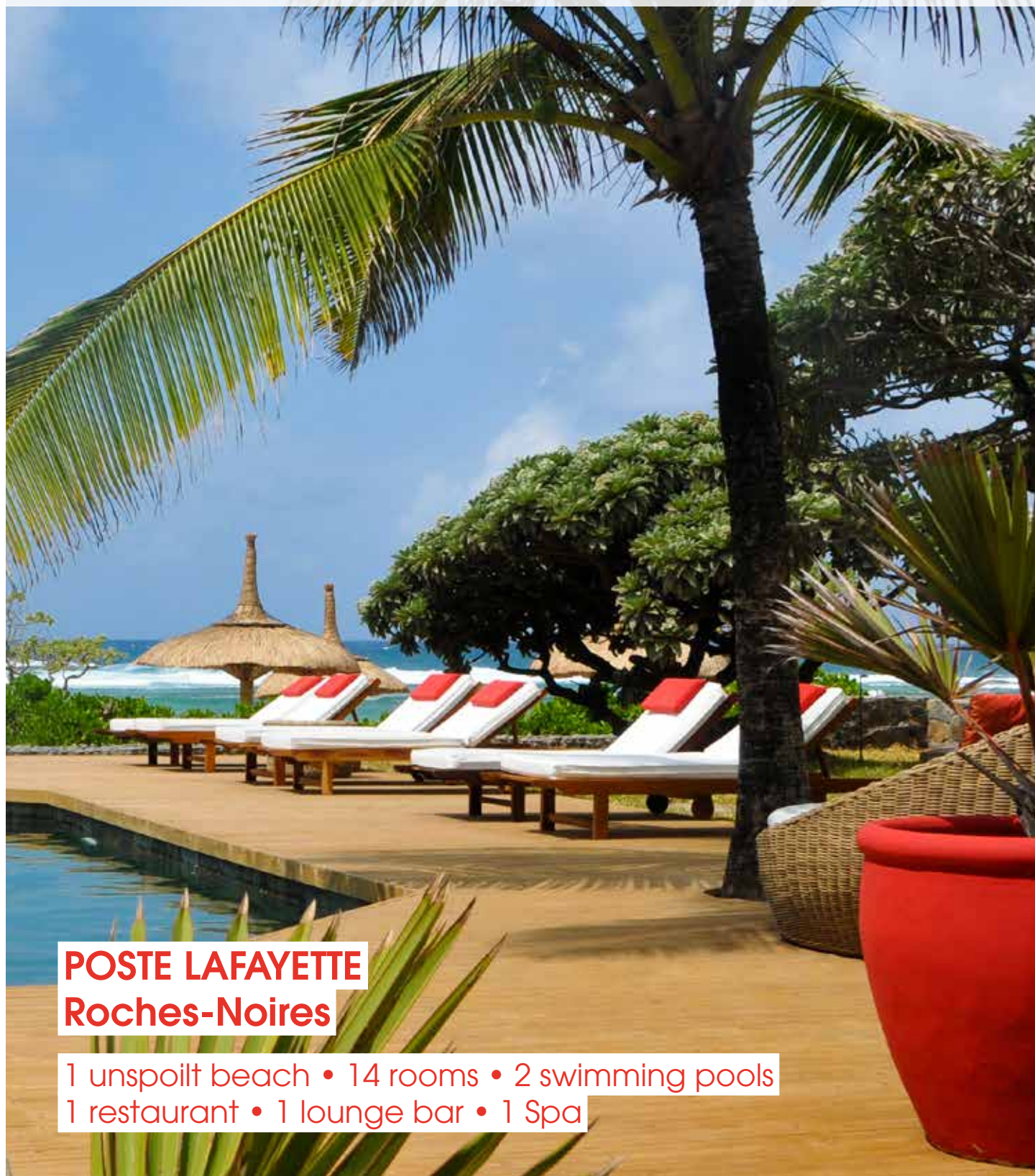


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LA MAISON D'ÉTÉ

HOTEL & RESTAURANT • WILD COAST • MAURITIUS



POSTE LAFAYETTE Roches-Noires

1 unspoilt beach • 14 rooms • 2 swimming pools
1 restaurant • 1 lounge bar • 1 Spa

World's end now has a name “*La Maison d'Été*” (Summer's Home)



This discreet address along the wild coast, North-East of Mauritius, is a well kept secret, only spread by word-of-mouth among insiders.

There are dreams made some days...

A house set on an unspoilt beach basking in the shade cast by casuarinas. The shoals' foam running aground upon the coral reefs... the Ocean tracing the only horizon

Then appears a day when dreams come true... After a long journey, through seas and oceans, I found the *Maison d'Été*. Mere chance or destiny? There it was, that house I always dreamt of, my "campement" over the lagoon, as we say in Mauritius.

Since one year, the *Maison d'Été* is my mooring, my home port where day after day, I forge everlasting links with this island to none alike. Its generous nature, its villages with names so poetic, the smiles Mauritians throw Carry me away all the time.

Their legendary friendliness, their Art of living, the different cultures' mélange which reflects in their graceful way of life, take me along to the four corners of paradise, just as I figured it out since my earliest childhood. Let's live our dreams and dream our life...

Bliss lived out at *La Maison d'Été* !

Brigitte Baranès

Without adornments, without artifice, this Mauritian family house, with its 14 rooms, each with a breathtaking view, next to a verandah, set in a green jewel case, facing a lagoon kept thriving by the waves breaking in rhythm on the coral reef.

No later than the moment one steps in the garden, with no other frontier than the eyelashes, the gaze obediently dives in the turquoise water. As hours pass, one lets go and, the mind wandering, you find yourself playing at Robinson Crusoe, dreaming naturally of Man Friday or of tomorrows full of promises.

In praise of simplicity, is it not true luxury ?



Set on an unspoilt beach



"La Vigie's" terrace

The location

On the North-East coast of Mauritius, in Poste Lafayette, a region reputed for its calm, its lush vegetation, coves with preserved beaches, lined up with volcanic stones. A 35-minute drive away from the capital city, Port-Louis as well as from seaside resort Grand-Baie. 30 minutes away from l'île aux Cerfs and the Pamplemousses Botanical Garden, 15 minutes away from the better known beaches and four golf facilities, including that of Belle-Mare, La Maison d'Été is at five minutes from the best kitesurf sites and only one hour away from the airport.

It's a 14-room family establishment which combines the charm and privacy of accommodations in a family home with the services found in a hotel.

As if at home



"Océan" Room



"Mer" Room



The House

The site spreads over more than 4,000 m², with two buildings: a Mauritian family villa with five **"Océan"** rooms, independent from one another and yet linkable if required; a smaller 8-**"Mer"** room complex, with terraces.

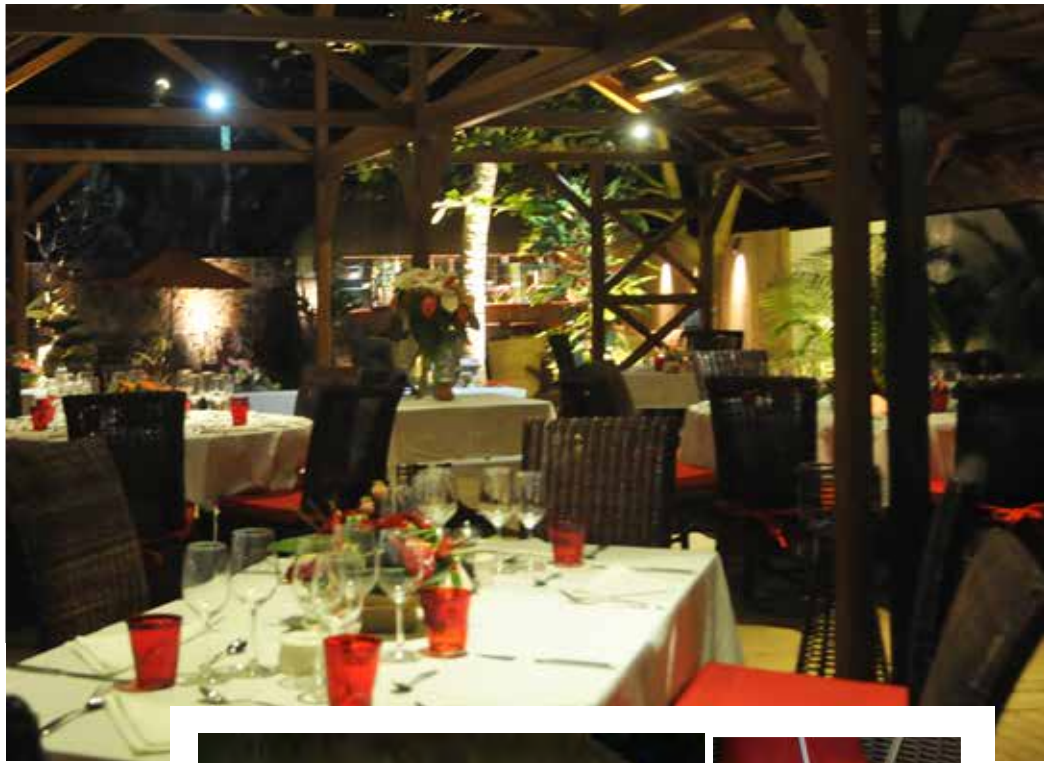
Blessed with an astounding view upon the ocean, **"La Vigie"**, a built on piles room, fitting for honeymooners, is surrounded by its terrace and equipped with a lovely bathroom with a tub.

But also 1 lounge bar, 1 restaurant, 2 swimming pools, 2 sand caught terraces, the Spa and 1 unspoilt beach...

All the rooms have a view on the sea !



"La Vigie" room



Put up near the garden, towards *La Maison d'Été's* entrance, the restaurant can accommodate 65 guests. The interior restaurant can cater for 25 guests.

From the best world vineyards, the wines on our list have been carefully chosen, in harmony with the various tastes on offer.

The lounge bar offers a stunning cocktail list and a variety of Mauritian tapas for the Happy Hours.

Enjoy the billiards room after dinner, while sipping an aged rum or an old armagnac.

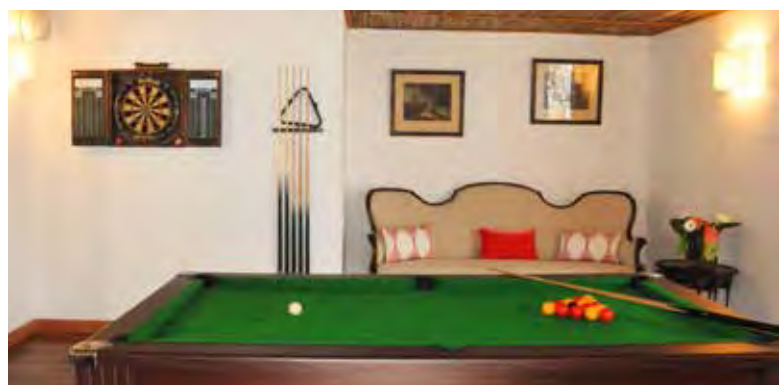
The Restaurant

This is the must-go place for gourmets on the coast !

Planned for an in-depth perspective, set under a Traveller's Palm roof, with wicker and precious wood furniture, the atmosphere is spontaneously warm and friendly. Mauritian chef **Ravin Dhauro**, 37, has been at the stoves for many years. His dishes are inspired by Mauritian cuisine and made up of fresh sea food as well as produces of the land:

- Tuna carpaccio with lime peel and candied ginger,
- Vanilla flavoured sea bream tartare with pink pepper,
- Octopus salad with passion fruit dressing served with palm tree hearts...

and over the weekend, the traditional "Mauritian Sunday" lunch, served as a buffet.





Tailor-made activities

We suggest excursions and à la carte activities which, irrespective of your fantasies, will blow your mind.

YOU'LL FLY, you'll take off at Anse-la-Raie, under Hans' expert eye, or in Palmar with Maud and Julien...

YOU'LL PADDLE in a canoe or a kayak (available at the hotel)...

YOU'LL BOARD an authentic pirogue, exploring Ile d'Ambre's mangrove, with Wesley steering. Carried by the rhythms of seggae (a fusion of sega and reggae), it will be an unforgettable immersion across Mauritian nature. Walk on Ile d'Ambre and go beaching on one of the paradise-like beaches of Ilot Bernache where you'll also enjoy a typical creole lunch : a barbecue, followed by flambé bananas, seasons' fruits, drinks at will (punch, beer, wine, water, fizzies).

YOU'LL SAIL on the lagoon up to Ile Plate, on board Lagoon 440, magnificent catamaran, which can be hired for a private 18-person group. Your feet in the sand, you'll relish your breakfast, make the best of the islet privacy like a modern day Robinson Crusoe, between farniente and pleasures of the sea... you'll discover the Grand-Baie fishermen grilled fish breakfast. A memorable outing between land and ocean... Departure at 8.30 am. and return at 5.30 pm.

IT'S BIG GAME... BIG FISH on Aquila, a 53-feet Cabin Cruiser, with two 370 HP Yanmar engines. For you to discover the excitement of big game fishing, in very comfortable conditions.

SWIM WITH DOLPHINS with the Dolswim team.

YOU'LL DIVE AMIDST spotted eagle rays, moray eels, clown fishes and species of multiple colours by the side of Hugues Vitry's reputed team, also with Dave and the Belle-Mare diving centre.



Catamaran



Wellness



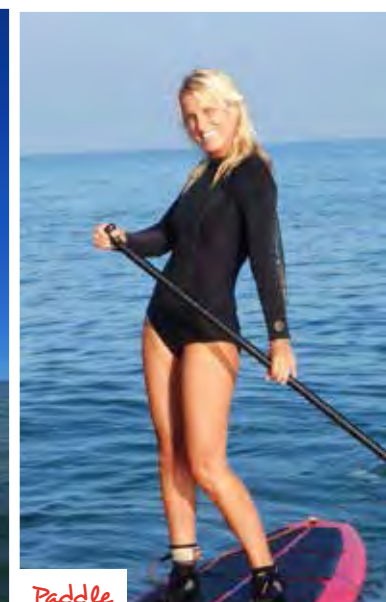
Snorkeling and scuba diving



Big game fishing on the Aquila



Kitesurf



Paddle

Land... steering ashore



Pamplemousses botanical garden



Labourdonnais mansion



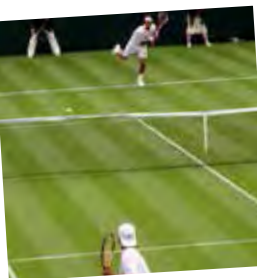
Grand-Bassin at the heart of the island



Trekking



Golf



Tennis



Casela's animal park

YOU'LL SWING on the three golf courses close to La Maison d'Été : the Legend and the Links in Belle-Mare. Preferential tariffs and lessons on request with Alexandre. But also the prestigious Anahita course, near Trou d'Eau Douce.

YOU'LL FIGHTS IN A TENNIS MATCH against a Mauritian champion at «Tennis Club du Nord-Labourdonnais.»

YOU'LL WANDER across charming side roads on the mountain bikes at your disposal at La Maison d'Été.

YOU'LL DISCOVER THE HISTORY of the Labourdonnais mansion. Guided visit by one of the family members, across the museum and the 40-hectare orchard.

YOU'LL STROLL IN OLD PORT-LOUIS, through its market and its Chinatown, accompanied by a guide, making the best of the lady's passion for her country's history.

YOU'LL VISIT THE PAMPLEMOUSSES GARDEN, created by Pierre Poivre, with a humorous botanist.

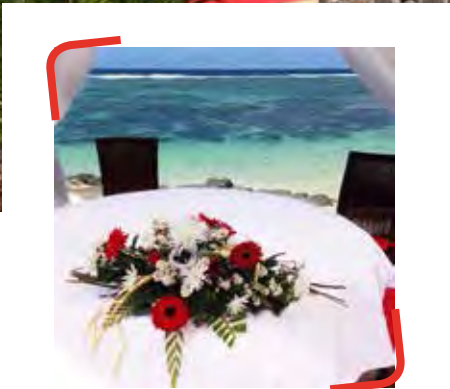
YOU'LL INDULGE yourself with a zip-line ride at the Domaine de Chazal, with a visit to the Casela reserve and its many animals.

THE TEA ROUTE will be in three stages.

YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S special rapport to sugar at the Musée du Sucre.

YOU'LL TAKE ALONG OFFERINGS to the Hindu Temple in Ganga Talao, or Grand-Bassin, a Shiva pilgrimage site.

Turn « La Maison d'Été » into your place



A unique venue
exclusively yours:
privatise the Maison d'Été

In the shade of coconut leaves, facing Poste Lafayette's lagoon the Maison d'Été can be entirely yours for a day, a weekend, an evening.

For a walk-in-the-sand wedding, a birthday between land and sea treat your guests to an extraordinary setting backed up by services from a boutique-hotel with unmatched charm. Following your fantasies or your needs, after consultation with the management, La Maison d'Été has in store for you the most adequate for the magic you dreamt of Decoration of the rooms, flowers, DJ, photographer, video, etc.

Privatised, that exclusive address will transform itself into your privacy's jewelcase the time you throw your party.



Privatisation: 2000€ per day, breakfast included for the residents. Lunch, cocktails, dinner : subject to quotation.
Capacity: 150 guests in dinner format
300 guests for cocktails ; 14 rooms.

