

65 km

25 km

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The Beachcomber Trail, a 5-star sporting challenge, is back!

Trail running enthusiasts from Mauritius and beyond are invited to participate in the Beachcomber Trail on 28 July 2024. This exclusive sporting experience will offer three diverse routes, 5-star service and the continued support of its loyal ambassador, the Mauritian athlete, Marie Perrier. Registration on the ROAG platform opened on 1 March 2024 and spots are limited.

The three Beachcomber Trail routes have been marked by true enthusiasts. A thousand participants will race along the most remote tracks in the wild South of Mauritius, between mountains and forests, cliffs and shores towards the same finish line: the Shandrani Beachcomber Resort & Spa beach.

Three different routes across the South of Mauritius

The 2024 event will kick off in Case Noyale at 4.30am with the marquee Trail du Sud Sauvage. This 65-kilometre race registered with the ITRA (International Trail Running Association) is limited to 100 participants. It offers a technical challenge with 2,200 metres of elevation gain right from the start! The course will take runners up to the highest point on the island, Piton de la Petite Rivière Noire, before descending towards the Black River Gorges National Park, where the rolling trails will provide a little breather. The rest of the race promises to be tough with the Parakeet climb and the Paille-en-Queue trails leading to Alexandra Falls, followed by another ascent to the top of Piton Savane. The final stretch will take participants through the charming village of Souillac, up the steep coastal cliffs and finally to the finish line on the Shandrani Beachcomber beach.

Meanwhile, at 7.30am, the 200 runners of the Trail du Nautile will begin their race. This 25-kilometre race starting from the Union factory is also ITRA-registered and offers a challenging experience for participants of all levels. They will have the opportunity to explore the rustic side of the island through coconut tree-lined sugarcane fields and along the famous southern cliffs. With a total vertical gain of 300 metres and technical tracks, this race will push participants to give their all before reaching the finish line at the Shandrani Beachcomber beach.

The third race, the 10-kilometre Trail du Souffleur, is ideal for those who use sports as a fun way to discover Mauritius! With rolling terrain and slight gradients, this race will allow 700 participants to soak in the coastal beauty at their own pace. Starting from Savinia at 9.30am, they will head straight towards the clifftops. The first part of the race follows the winding coastline, with superb panoramic views of the wild South. Runners will then continue their way in the protective shade of filao trees on the white sandy beach in a final effort to reach the finish line at Shandrani Beachcomber, where they can celebrate their success!

About Marie Perrier, ambassador of the Beachcomber Trail 2024

Marie Perrier is one of the most gifted Mauritian athletes of her generation. She holds five national records (5,000 metres, 10,000 metres, 10-kilometre road race, half marathon and marathon) and regularly represents her country in regional and international competitions, including the World Championships and the Indian Ocean Island Games.

She was the ambassador of the race in 2023 and has agreed to repeat the experience for another edition. "I have taken part in this stunning event in the past, which left me with some excellent memories. I am also very attached to my island and I am proud to be able to support a 5-star trail running event," she says. Having qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics, she will not be able to race this year, but remains involved with the event throughout the year. Several videos of her will be released in the run-up to the Beachcomber Trail 2024, with advice and tips for preparation!



About the Beachcomber Trail

For the past 8 editions, this amazing adventure has welcomed athletes of all levels to participate in one of its three internationally renowned races. What sets the Beachcomber Trail apart is its high-level races amidst natural beauty, coupled with 5-star hotel service for the comfort and enjoyment of participants. Attention to detail, a warm welcome, Beachcomber accommodation and catering by the Group's hotel chefs make this event a highlight of the sporting calendar!

"The Beachcomber Trail has become a major event in Mauritius since 2014. It is eagerly awaited by both seasoned and amateur athletes. This year's limited entries will allow us to provide an even more exclusive experience, mirroring the exceptional service offered by our hotels. We hope that participants will be captivated by the beauty of the off-road landscape of Mauritius and this unique trail running experience," says Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels' Chief Brand & Communication Officer, Karine Curé.

