




# LE PORT

<b>Country:</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	
<b>Province:</b>	<b>RÉUNION</b>	
<b>Municipality:</b>	<b>LE PORT</b>	
<b>Area:</b>	<b>16.6 km<sup>2</sup> (6.42 sq mi)</b>	
<b>Elevation:</b>	<b>0-110 m (360 ft)</b>	

<b>Official Languages:</b>	FRENCH	
<b>National Languages:</b>	FRENCH CRÉOLE	
<b>Demonym:</b>	????	
<b>Nickname:</b>	THE GREEN CITY ??	
<b>Population:</b>	38 313	
<b>Population Density:</b>	2,322 / km <sup>2</sup> (6,010 / sq mi)	
<b>Time Zone:</b>	UTC +4 (GMT +4)	



**TROPICAL TRADE WIND**



**25°C (77°F)**  
Summer Average

**20°C (68°F)**  
Winter Average

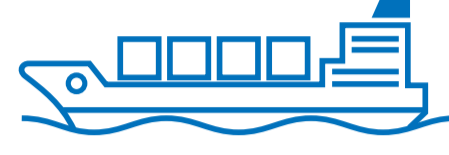


**NOV - APR**  
Summer Rainfall

**1 250 mm (49.2 in)**  
Annual Average



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**PORT DE LA POINTE DES GALETS**  
The Port of Réunion



**ROLAND GARROS**  
7 km From Downtown Saint-Denis (Réunion Capital)



**250 000** Tourists Per Year

**Le Port** is the principal port on Réunion Island in the southern Indian Ocean, south-west of Mauritius. Réunion is a lushly vegetated isle and climatically ideal for the growing and processing of sugarcane, the principal industry. The island was discovered by Portuguese navigators in the early 1600s and was uninhabited until the mid 19th century. In 1664 it was given to the French East India Company, which embarked on a systematic colonization of the island. Réunion is an overseas department of France and is governed by a prefect appointed by the French government.

Réunion, with its active volcano and botanic diversity, is often likened to Hawaii. A Créole-tinged French culture adds sophistication to Le Port. You can sit in one of its cafes and enjoy the Paris-goes-tropical ambiance with a hint of exotic ethnic flavours. The artificial harbour at Le Port was constructed between 1878 and 1886 and is now France's third naval base, and Réunion's principal cargo port - while the new marina, Port de Plaisance, is a more recent addition. Yacht charter companies offer a wide range of sailing craft to enjoy the most beautiful destinations around the island and further reaches of the Indian Ocean. For a small island of 207 km in circumference, Reunion has a broad variety of landscapes, accessible via well-maintained roads and trails. The city is a Mecca for sailing, surfing, diving and watersports enthusiasts.

Inland, the ancient volcano, Piton de la Fournaise is over one million years old and surrounded by layers of black lava. It is still active and an eruption in March 1986 increased the island land surface by just under 2,5 acres. Le Port's handicraft market is a good place to bargain for Malagasy wooden wares, spices, baskets and embroidery, whilst the main shopping area is nearby. Another favourite venue of Le Port is the Jardin de Etat which is originally created by the French East India Company in 1764 and is now the location of the Natural History Museum where the former extinct creatures of the island including the giant tortoise, crested bourbon bird and more. Thanks to Le Port's multi-cultural population and the French love of food, dining in Le Port offers a fantastic culinary experience with a wide range of seafood, curry's, vegetable dishes and imported French wines.



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