

## FRANCE-REUNION

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**Capital:** Saint Denis **Time:** GMT + 4

**Background:** The Portuguese discovered the uninhabited island in 1513. From the 17th to the 19th centuries, French immigration supplemented by influxes of Africans, Chinese, Malays, and Malabar Indians gave the island its ethnic mix. The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 cost the island its importance as a stopover on the East Indies trade route.

**Location:** Southern Africa, island in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar

**Map References:** World

**Area:** total: 2,512 sq km land: 2,502 sq km water: 10 sq km

**Climate:** tropical, but temperature moderates with elevation; cool and dry from May to November, hot and rainy from November to April

**Terrain:** mostly rugged and mountainous; fertile lowlands along coast

**Natural Resources:** fish, arable land, hydropower

**Population:** 720,934 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Reunionese (singular and plural) adjective: Reunionese

**Ethnic Groups:** French, African, Malagasy, Chinese, Pakistani, Indian

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 86%, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist (1995)

**Economy:** The economy has traditionally been based on agriculture. Sugarcane has been the primary crop for more than a century, and in some years it accounts for 85% of exports. The government has been pushing the development of a tourist industry to relieve high unemployment, which amounts to more than 40% of the labor force. The gap in Reunion between the well-off and the poor is extraordinary and accounts for the persistent social tensions. The white and Indian communities are substantially better off than other segments of the population, often approaching European standards, whereas minority groups suffer the poverty and unemployment typical of the poorer nations of the African continent. The outbreak of severe rioting in February 1991 illustrates the seriousness of socioeconomic tensions. The economic well-being of Reunion depends heavily on continued financial assistance from France.

**Industries:** sugar, rum, cigarettes, handicraft items, flower oil extraction

**Currency:** 1 French franc (F) = 100 centimes

**Railways:** 0 km

**Highways:** total: 2,784 km paved: 2,187 km unpaved: 597 km (1987 est.)

**Ports and Harbors:** Le Port, Pointe des Galets

**Airports:** 2 (1999 est.) **Airports - with paved runways:** total: 2,243 to 3,047 m: 1 914 to 1,523 m: 1 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** Passport and Visa requirements for Reunion are subject to constant change and travelers are advised to contact the Consulate or the Consular section of the French Embassy for up-to-date information before finalizing travel arrangements.

**Duty Free:** The island of Reunion is and Overseas Department of France, and therefore duty-free allowances are the same as those for France. See France section.

**Health:** A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travelers over one year of age arriving from infected areas. A cholera vaccination certificate may be required from travelers arriving from infected areas. There is a risk of typhoid, but not of polio. All water should be regarded as being potentially contaminated.

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