
UTRB 2018: Get ready for a 5-star trail

The only ultra-trail in Mauritius is just around the corner. The four-track Ultra Trail Raidlight Beachcomber will rally thousands of participants in a few weeks' time for its 5th edition.

As in the previous editions, this year's UTRB promises to be spectacular, with the tracks going through mountains, forests, cliffs and beaches. All the elements will unite for a magical competition. In addition to the technicality and scenic beauty of this ultra-trail, and the participation of internationally renowned trailers, the UTRB proposes a genuine journey of discovery to the participants since 2014. This 5-star trail owes its popularity to its warm welcome, guidance and support from the organization team, the tracks and the diversity of its refueling stations.

Before, during and after the races, the squad of Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels will provide lavish aid stations prepared by great chefs! Assorted fresh fruits, sandwiches, pancakes, sweet potato, warm soup, cereal bars and other delicacies can be expected.

Chef Moorogun Coopen, the Executive Chef of Canonnier Beachcomber, who has worked on the UTRB for the past three years, explains that approximately 20 chefs will be posted across the different stations. "It is a labour-intensive event. We set up the different refueling stations on the eve of the competition, based on the menu we have prepared in advance. We pay very close attention to the energetic component, that is, lipid and carbohydrate needs as well as other essential nutrients for a successful trail. It is a team work where chefs from Trou aux Biches Beachcomber, Victoria Beachcomber, Mauricia Beachcomber and Canonnier Beachcomber come together each year to ensure that the competition is a success," says Chef Coopen.

UTRB 2018 is scheduled on July 28. The competition will start with the 'Trail des 7 Couleurs' by Raidlight & Beachcomber, a captivating 100-km track to be run in solo or in pair. Will then follow the 'Trail de la Perruche' by Air France (47 kilometers) and the 'Trail du Nautil' by Transcontinents (25 kilometers). The competition will end on July 29 with the 10-kilometer 'Trail du Souffleur'.

Don't miss out, the deadline to register for UTRB 2018 is July 7.

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 9 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

The Group recently expanded its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 9 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- *Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ)*: professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the “Amour et Espoir” NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the “Duke of Edinburgh International Award” programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

Social responsibility – Local Hands

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Silver accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.