

UTRB 2018: Shandrani Beachcomber, the race village

The 5th edition of Ultra Trail Raidlight Beachcomber (UTRB) will start on 28 July 2018. With only a few days left before this long-awaited sporting event takes off, Shandrani Beachcomber is preparing to welcome back sports and nature enthusiasts. The hotel will be the race village for the entire event.

UTRB is more than just a race. It is a discovery trek that takes in the splendour of the country and its mountains, beaches, fields, forests and grassland. Fringed by the Blue Bay Marine Park and the nature reserve of Ile aux Aigrettes, Shandrani Beachcomber is the perfect venue for this fine sporting event.

The hotel will make every effort to provide trail runners and their families with a true 5-star experience: a warm welcome, aid stations serving delicious food and beverages prepared by motivated kitchen brigades and constant attention to detail.

The Shandrani Beachcomber Artisans are looking forward to this event with great enthusiasm. "We are expecting an increased number of participants compared with previous editions, with nearly 1,500 trail runners this year. Our teams will be there to ensure the smooth running of the event in terms of service, assistance during the competition and entertainment at the race village," says Shandrani Beachcomber's Guest Relations Manager, Raphaël Nicolas.

Moreover, there will be lots of surprises awaiting trail runners for this edition, which promises to be just as spectacular as the previous ones. "There will be a great beach BBQ prepared by chef Gérard Payendee and his brigade on the evening of Saturday 28 July. All participants and their families are invited to join in. An entertainer, Laurent Nativel, will be travelling from Reunion Island to fill the evening and the entire weekend at the race village with an amazing atmosphere," adds Raphaël.

"Beyond the joy of sharing their passion, UTRB introduces participants to a different side of Mauritius and also enables them to combine a beautiful sport with the 5-star services provided by our teams," says Beachcomber's Leisure & Events Manager, Arianne Devienne-Bellepeau.

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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.