

AAPRAVASI GHAT

World Heritage Site

Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site is located in Port Louis, the Capital city of Mauritius. The Aapravasi Ghat was inscribed on 16 July 2006 on the World Heritage List of the Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Aapravasi Ghat is among the oldest surviving immigration depots associated with indenture. This architectural ensemble stands for the 'Great Experiment' initiated by the

British Government after the abolition of slavery in the British Empire in 1834 to demonstrate the superiority of 'free' over slave labour in its plantation colonies.

Aapravasi Ghat depicts the story of more than 462,000 indentured labourers coming mainly from India (97.5%) but also from China, the Comoros, Madagascar, Mozambique and South East Asia. They were recruited to work on Mauritius's sugar plantations for a period of five years.

The success of the Mauritian experiment led to the migration of more than 2.2 million indentured labourers around the world, including the Caribbean, South America, the South Pacific and Southeast Asia which represent not only the development of the modern system of contractual labour but also the memories, traditions and values that these men, women and children carried with them.

Two-thirds of these indentured labourers remained permanently in Mauritius. The other one third returned to their homeland or migrated to other lands. Approximately 70% of modern Mauritians are descendants of these indentured labourers.

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Visit

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World Heritage Site

The visit of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site includes the visit of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre followed by the visit of the World Heritage Site. The duration of the visit is 1 hour.



Activities

• Guided visits

Guided visits of Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre (45 mins) and Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage site (20 mins).

Group bookings are necessary for this activity.

• Guided visits of the Buffer Zone

Guided visits of the buffer zone of Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage property are available on booking on 217 77 70.

• Pedagogical activities for children

- Story Telling 3 - 6 yrs old
- Construction Techniques 6 - 14 yrs old
- Pottery Making 6 - 14 yrs old
- In the footsteps of an immigrant at Aapravasi Ghat 6 - 14 yrs old

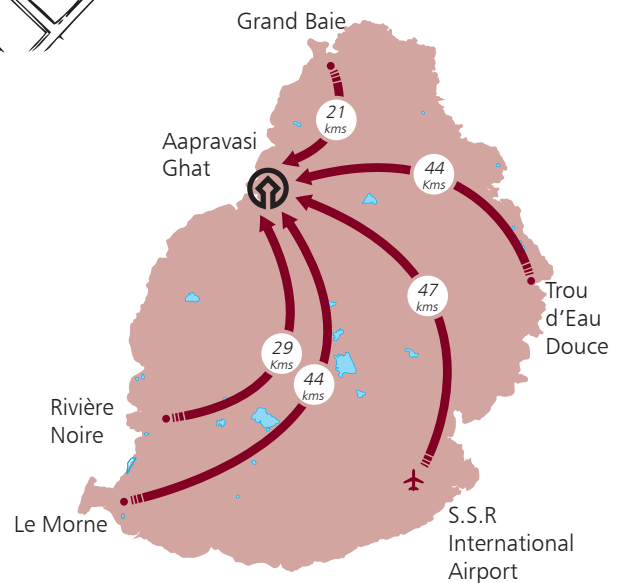
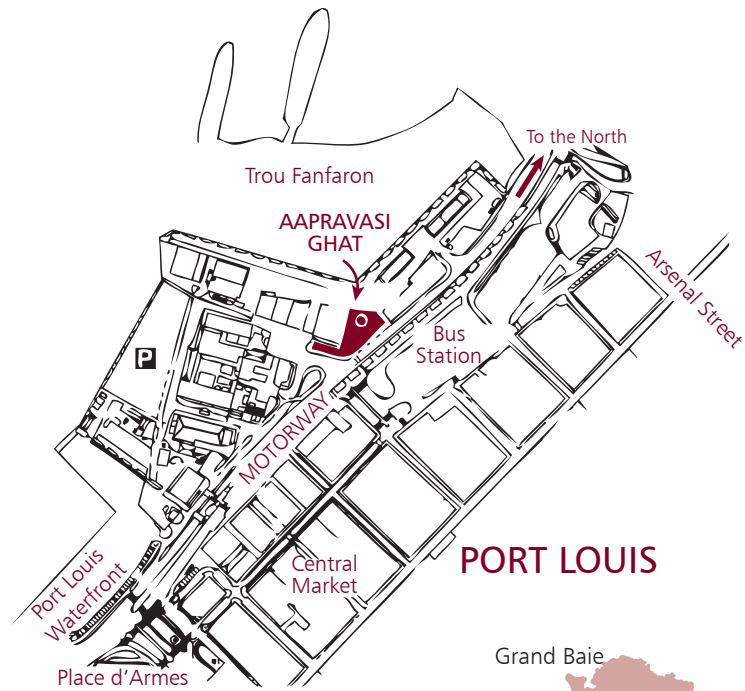
Advance booking is necessary for these activities

• A Souvenir Shop

The shop is situated at the entrance to the Centre. A selection of locally made craft products are on sale.

Access

The World Heritage Site and the Interpretation Centre are fully accessible to wheelchair including all galleries, shop and main area. There are accessible toilets with good facilities.



Location Plan

Places of interest

- The Caudan Waterfront
- Central Market
- Place d'Armes
- Blue penny Museum
- Jumma Mosque
- The Postal Museum

Parking for visitors

Parking facilities are not available at Aapravasi Ghat. Visitors can park their vehicles at the Granary or at Le Caudan Waterfront.

Contact us

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Opening Hours

Monday- Friday: 9.00 – 16.00 hrs
Saturday: 9.00 – 12.00 hrs
Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays