



## NEWS RELEASE

### **AIR MAURITIUS PRESENTS ITS NEW DESTINATION, BANGALORE, TO THE TRAVEL TRADE COMMUNITY**



*Air Mauritius representative in Bangalore, Mr. K. Guru Prasad addressing the invitees.*

**Air Mauritius, with the collaboration of the Karnataka Tourism Office, made an official presentation of its new destination, Bangalore, at Indra, Domaine Les Pailles on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008.** The purpose of the presentation session was to promote Bangalore, the gateway of India, to local travel agencies and to other segments of the travel trade community. Bangalore will be our fourth destination in India after Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai. Present on the occasion were also eleven Indian tour operators and travel agents currently on an educational tour in Mauritius, who had the opportunity to interact with their local counterparts.

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The first flight in the context of the weekly service offered by Air Mauritius to Bangalore will take place on 28th April 2008 and will operate under the existing code share agreement with Air India on the routing Mauritius – Bangalore – Chennai - Mauritius with the following timings (all times local) :

**MK 746/747**

<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>departure</b>	<b>19:35 - Monday</b>
<b>Bangalore</b>	<b>arrival</b>	<b>02:55 - Tuesday</b>
<b>Bangalore</b>	<b>departure</b>	<b>03:55</b>
<b>Chennai</b>	<b>arrival</b>	<b>04:45</b>
<b>Chennai</b>	<b>departure</b>	<b>06:15</b>
<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>arrival</b>	<b>10:30 - Tuesday</b>

*\*Timings are subject to slots clearances at respective airports*

Mr. Rajesh Busgheet, Regional Manager India, made a presentation on Karnataka, which is known as the "One State, many Worlds". Mr. K. Guru Prasad, representative of Air Mauritius in Bangalore, briefly exposed the various reasons for visiting this cosmopolitan city. Presentations were followed by video clips which depicting Bangalore, unveiling empires, and unlocking priceless treasures of the capital city of Karnataka.

Bangalore is also a sought-after destination when it comes to 'medical tourism' as tourists throughout the world (mostly from Europe and the United States) travel to Bangalore for various medical treatments at affordable prices. The destination also presents all the necessary conditions to enable tourists to rejuvenate themselves through traditional medicine practices in Karnataka's Spa and Resorts.

Bangalore is India's fastest growing, hi-tech and cosmopolitan city and is commonly known as India's Silicon Valley. Bangalore plays host not only to several international IT companies, reputed educational and research institutions but is also the hub of India's emerging biotech industry. This vibrant and modern metropolis



has a lot to offer as one of the hottest destinations. Air Mauritius new service to Bangalore will certainly be a boost to closer cooperation between our two countries in the IT sector and presents new opportunities for tourism, trade and cultural exchange with the Indian Ocean Region and Southern Africa.

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

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*Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of five A340-300, two A340-300E, two A319-100, one A330-200 and two ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty six destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean.*

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