

Statement by the Reunion Island Tourism Board after volcano eruption

Piton de la Fournaise volcano eruption creates rare opportunities for tourists

LA REUNION, FRANCE, August 1, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Piton de la Fournaise erupted on Reunion Island today, Saturday, 01 August, 2015 at 9.50 am local time.

Piton de la Fournaise is known worldwide for its high activity. The volcano erupted for the third time this year. Piton de la Fournaise is one of the most studied volcanoes in the world, monitored closely by the international scientific community.

The La Reunion Tourism Board is assuring visitors and residents the eruption is not posing any danger to the population. It's rather a rare opportunity for tourists and locals to enjoy a spectacular scenery.

The National Gendarmerie and the National Forestry Office (ONF) has implemented security measures on site.

It is possible to observe the volcano safely by following instructions issued by the Prefecture and the gendarmerie. It is safe to monitor the volcano from established view points
Some view points are within the Reunion National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The eruption is visible from the parking area Pas de Bellecombe, but the closest point of view is at the Piton Partage.

Allow about two km walk from Pas de Bellecombe, 30 to 45 minutes to access the perspective.

ABOUT LA REUNION ISLAND



Reunion Tourism Board



Reunion Island is a French overseas department. It is a small island in the southern Indian Ocean, just off the east coast of Madagascar and only 45 minutes from Mauritius by air. Reunion is a popular tourist spot for visitors around the world.

One can fly directly to La Reunion from Paris, Marseille, Bangkok, Mauritius, the Seychelles, Rodrigues, the Comores, Madagascar or Johannesburg.

La Reunion is not just a typical island destination, offering more than just rest and relaxation – Reunions inhabitants hail from ten different countries and the native Creole culture is blossoming on the island. It is an outdoor and adventure mecca, boasts a plethora of land-living and marine wildlife, and the creative and artisanal offerings are out of this world.

From lunar landscapes to clear blue lagoons and lush tropical forests, French-Indian Ocean Island Réunion is the ultimate travel and tourism destination.

La Reunion is part of the Vanilla Island Group.

More information on Reunion Islands can be found at: www.reunion.fr

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