



**Clockwise from top left** Azure ocean surrounds Lémuria Resort of Praslin. Seclusion and beauty at Lémuria Resort of Praslin. Le Prince Maurice. Belle Mare Plage pool



## SUSIE FREEMAN gives the lowdown on two stunning Indian Ocean islands

WITH HER UNPARALLELED KNOWLEDGE OF THE REGION'S LUXURY HOTELS, SUSIE TALKS ABOUT THREE OF HER FAVOURITE RESORTS

WHEN IT COMES TO MAURITIUS AND THE SEYCHELLES, Susie's knowledge is second to none. As she freely admits, she spent many happy years holidaying on these idyllic islands before deciding to use her experiences to create a bespoke travel company with an eye for detail.

When she talks about Belle Mare Plage The Resort, Le Prince Maurice on Mauritius and Lémuria Resort of Praslin in Seychelles, it's obvious how intimately she knows all three Hotels Constance properties. "Belle Mare Plage is situated on one of the most beautiful beaches of any hotel in Mauritius. An exciting development this year is the opening of the three-bedroom Presidential Villa, located with privacy in mind well away from the main resort. Add to this one of the world's few Shiseido spas, and you'll see just what an exclusive resort it is." Susie is just as expansive about Le Prince Maurice, located in a secluded part of the north west of the island. "It's one of only 17

hotels in the world to be given Palace status by Relais & Châteaux. The food is as good as you'd expect and one of my favourite dinner spots is the romantic floating Barchois restaurant, accessed by a candlelit gangplank through the mangroves. Le Prince Maurice also has its own award-winning Institut Guerlain spa, a haven of tranquillity, and every room here is a suite."

On the Seychelles, an even more dramatic and Eden-like island than Mauritius, Susie is a great fan of Lémuria Resort of Praslin. "The area is renowned for its stunning beaches and this hotel is situated on one of the best, Anse Georgette. Praslin itself is home to an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lémuria was the first five-star resort in the Seychelles and it set the benchmark for quality, service and style. Look out for the stunning villas, especially the three-bedroom Presidential Villa. If you're travelling as a group, you'll get a three-tiered pool and private beach!"



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