

Disposition of Remains Report

May 30, 2018

Part I.

Mauritius

Part II. U.S. Embassy Information

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Country Specific Information: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Mauritius.html>

Register with the U.S. Embassy in Port Louis via the Smart Traveller Enrollment Program: <https://step.state.gov/STEP/Pages/Common/Subscribe.aspx>

Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services available to visitors.

Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam are the dominant religions. Some religious services are held in English. There are many temples, mosques, and churches on the island. Christian denominations represented include Anglican, Roman Catholic, Seventh-day Adventist, Church of Scotland, Southern Baptist, Evangelical, Assembly of God, and the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Part IV. Funeral Directors, Morticians and Related Services Available in Mauritius

DISCLAIMER: The U.S. Embassy Port Louis, Mauritius assumes no responsibility or liability for the professional ability or reputation of, or the quality of services provided by, the following persons or firms. Names are listed alphabetically, and the order in which they appear has no other significance. Professional credentials and areas of expertise are provided directly by the funeral directors, morticians and other service providers. All prices are estimates and are subject to change. All prices below have been converted into U.S. dollars at an exchange rate of 35 Mauritian Rupees to \$1 USD.

Elie and Sons Funeral Directors

Main office 24 hour service

191 Royal Road

Beau Bassin

Tel: (230) 465-4900 Fax: (230) 467-2910

Mobile: (230) 5498-7298

Email: infos@elieandsons.com

Emergency service contacts:

(230) 465-4900; (230) 454-8397; (230) 454-4898

Email: eric@elieandsons.com; wesley@elieandsons.com; charlotte@elieandsons.com; Jessica@elieandsons.com

Webpage: www.elieandsons.com

Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/funeralscheme>

Moura Undertaker

9 Raoul Duval Street

Rose Hill, Mauritius

Tel: (230) 464-3465; (230) 728-7444; (230) 497-1444;

Fax: (230) 464-3465

Email: admin@mouraundertakers.com

Webpage: <http://www.mouraundertakers.com/>

Moura Funeral Enterprises

72 Royal Road

Coromandel

Tel: (230) 467-0444

Email: varsha@mourafuneralent.com

Emergency service contacts: (230) 5492-7944

Webpage: www.mourafuneralent.com

Valere Undertaker Funeral Services

Head Office

Sydine Road, New-Grove

Tel: +230 627 6354; +230 627 5510

Hotline: +230 5 497 9700 – +230 5 790 1824

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Website: www.valereundertaker.com

In charge of Repatriation: JULIEN +230 5 748 3472

Email: rapatriement@valereundertaker.com

\$ 1.00 = MRs. 35.00 All prices below have been converted to U.S. dollars and are subject to change.

Service Cost:

Local burial (Common Grave only for five years) including inland transportation

- In a MDF cheap wood coffin: Not less than \$1,200
- In a teak solid wood casket: Not less \$2,500
- In a meranti solid wood casket: Not less than \$1,500

Cremation and disposal of ashes:

Costs are between \$1,200 and \$2,500 if remains are cremated in the open air. Ashes can be repatriated in a tin box after approval from Ministry of Health. Cost includes full service, except airfreight.

Embalment and preparation for shipment including airfreight:

- In a teak solid wood coffin for repatriation with full service: Between \$4,200 and \$5,000
- In a meranti solid wood coffin for repatriation with full service: Between \$3,500 and \$4,000
- In a MDF cheap wood coffin for repatriation with full service: Between \$3,000 and \$3,300.

Costs usually include the procedures for obtaining the certificate from the Ministry of Health, the death certificate, the doctor's embalment certificate and sealed lead-lined casket certificate.

Part V. Profile of services available in the host country regarding preparation and shipment of remains.

Information from the Mauritius Civil Status Division:

<http://csd.pmo.govmu.org/English/registration/Pages/death.aspx>

a. Disposition of Remains (general): Refrigerated morgues are available in public hospitals and are free of charge and mortuary professionals are of a good standard. Embalming is available. Autopsy is mandatory when a non-Mauritian dies. When remains are embalmed, the maximum period before burial is 30 days if an arterial embalming is practiced. If not embalmed, remains must be interred within 30 hours after death but not before 24 hours after death, unless authorized otherwise by the director of the Department of Health. Exhumation of remains when death is not from a contagious disease is permitted with approval from the Ministry of Health. To repatriate exhumed remains, remains should be sealed in a lead-lined or tin-lined box. Exhumation of remains when death is from a contagious disease is prohibited by Mauritian law.

b. Disposal of Remains:

Embalming: Compulsory for a delayed burial or for repatriation. Embalming is done by a police physician only for autopsy and the fee is approximately \$700. Approval from next of kin is required to carry out embalment by the government-employed pathologist.

Cremation: Cremation is permitted. A certificate of the cause of death from a doctor must be obtained; a medical certificate signed by the medical practitioner and a cremation permit application done by the next of kin. Two witnesses are needed. The fee is approximately \$ 150 for the use of the crematorium.

Caskets and containers: Caskets are available in MDF cheap wood, teak solid wood and meranti solid wood of variable sizes. For repatriation, the Mauritian law requires the casket to be lead-lined and the remains embalmed. The coffin must be hermetically sealed and equipped with a safety air valve if necessary. The coffin should be delivered to the airport at least three hours before departure time. For repatriation of ashes, the container must be placed in a plastic envelope.

Exportation of human remains:

Documents required:

- Passport or identity card;
- Certificate from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life;
- Embalment certificate;
- Authorization of the Embassy;
- Certificate of lead-line casket;
- Cause of death certificate by a doctor; and
- Burial permit for local registration purposes only.

Exportation of human cremains/ashes:

The container must be placed in a sealed plastic envelope.

Documents required:

- Passport or identity card;
- Certificate from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life;
- Authorization of the Embassy;
- Cause of death certificate by a doctor; and
- Burial permit for local registration purposes only.

c. Special Circumstances:

Death by infectious disease:

The casket must be hermitically sealed.

d. Shipping:

Costs: Charges are based on the exchange rate \$1.00 = MRs. 35.00. All prices below have been converted to U.S. dollars and are subject to change.

Airfreight charges for caskets for repatriation up to 150kg:

Mauritius – New York: Approximately \$1,600

Mauritius – Los Angeles: Approximately \$1,900

Flights out to the U.S. via Europe or eastern Asia are available on a daily basis.

e. Local authorities responsible for licensing funeral directors and morticians:
Ministry of Labor, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training and the Ministry of
Health and Quality of Life. Local authorities responsible for making finding regarding
the cause of death and for issuing death local certificates:
Ministry of Health and Quality of Life

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