# MAURITIUS: PELAGIC DAY TRIPS




***Barau's Petrel*** *is typically seen on most of our Mauritius pelagic trips.*

## Overview

Pelagic birdwatching in Mauritius provides the opportunity for birders to head out into the Indian Ocean and experience a wide variety of tropical seabirds. The departure point depends on whether the pelagic departs from the north or west of the island. Off Mauritius, these excursions often reveal a range of regular seasonal species such as **Brown** and **Lesser Noddies**, **Sooty Tern**, **Wedge-tailed** and **Tropical Shearwaters**, **Red-tailed** and **White-tailed Tropicbirds**, **Masked Booby**, and **Barau's Petrel**.




*Dainty tropicbirds, such as this **White-tailed Tropicbird**, may be seen off Mauritius.*

Rarer vagrant species include **Wilson's** and **White-faced Storm Petrels**, **Flesh-footed Shearwater**, **Pomarine** and **Parasitic Jaegers**, **Red-footed** and **Brown Boobies**, **Bridled**, **Blue-billed White**, and **Lesser Crested Terns**, and **Brown Skua**. Both **Greater** and **Lesser Frigatebirds** have been seen in Mauritius, especially after cyclonic systems pass through. *Bulweria* and *Pseudobulweria* petrels have also been recorded off Mauritius. **Jouanin's Petrel**, **Bulwer's Petrel**, and **Mascarene Petrel** are possible but very unlikely.

To the north of the island, there is a population of *Pterodroma* petrels that breed on Round Island. This population is notable as one of the few known cases of three-way hybridization in seabirds, involving **Herald**, **Trindade**, and **Kermadec Petrels**. Unfortunately, this makes the birds unidentifiable for listing purposes, however, it is still fascinating to observe them at sea.

We may also encounter cetacean species in these warm waters including the likes of **Pantropical Spotted**, **Spinner**, **Common Bottlenose**, and **Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins**, **Sperm Whale**, and **Short-finned Pilot Whale**.

Trips are conducted by boat with experienced guides who help locate feeding flocks and identify species at sea. Early morning departures are common, though late afternoon trips can also be productive. The pelagic trip will head out to sea for a half-day trip of around five hours.




***Wedge-tailed Shearwaters*** *are usually encountered on our Mauritian pelagic trips.*

## Trip Details:

**Duration:** 1 day (roughly 5 hours at sea)
**Start:** Mauritius
**End:** Mauritius
**Price:** On request
**Single supplement:** n/a

**Price includes:**

Guiding fees
Boat Fees

**Price excludes:**

Breakfast and dinner
Transport to/from pelagic launch site
Incidentals and gifts
Gratuities (please see our tipping guidelines blog)
All flights
Personal insurance
Drinks
Accommodation