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Chaka Travel was recently recognised for its contribution to the growth of golf travel to Mauritius at a prestigious awards ceremony held in London. Chaka Travel received an award from the luxurious 5-star Heritage Golf and Spa Resort in Mauritius for the **Best Golf Tour Operator**. The award, which Chaka Travel won for the fourth consecutive year, highlights the high standard of Ireland's leading Mauritius holiday specialists. Having pioneered the development of golfing holidays to this Indian Ocean paradise the company is now being recognised for the excellence of its service. Managing Director Mark Marais put this down to the very high quality of its staff and service which results from having first-hand knowledge of the holidays they sell. All the staff have been to Mauritius and not to mention the longest serving sales consultant, Sophie who originates from Mauritius.

The Heritage Golf and Spa Resort is a leading 5-star golf destination which every year recognises the contribution made by tour operators in the industry. This is the fourth year in a row that specialist tour operator Chaka Travel has won an award in the Golf category.

In addition to golf Chaka Travel arrange beach holidays, weddings and honeymoons to Mauritius and beyond, including the glitz of Dubai, exotic Thailand and Malaysia, as well as safaris and more in Africa.

Originally from Zimbabwe, Mark Marais has an affinity for Africa and foreign cultures, which prompted him to start his own travel business in 1994. Whilst enjoying seeing the company grow Mark is keen to maintain the high level of friendliness and personal service that has made so many clients become 'friends'. His only regret is that his golf game doesn't do justice to the world-class courses he has been lucky enough to play!

To find out more about Chaka Travel see [www.chakatravel.com](http://www.chakatravel.com)

**CHAKA TRAVEL WIN  
'BEST GOLF TOUR OPERATOR'  
FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**



Pictured at the awards ceremony in London are left to right:  
Francois Eynaud, Managing Director of Veranda Resorts  
Audrey Herval - Sales Manager, Veranda Resorts  
Lindley Thomen - General Manager Heritage Resort  
Mark Marais - Managing Director, Chaka Travel