

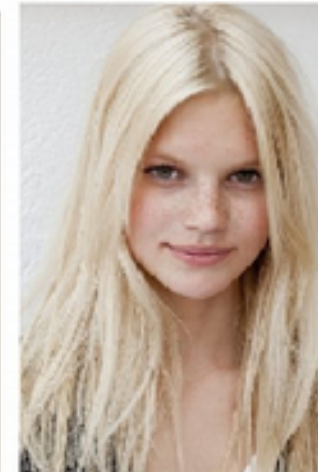
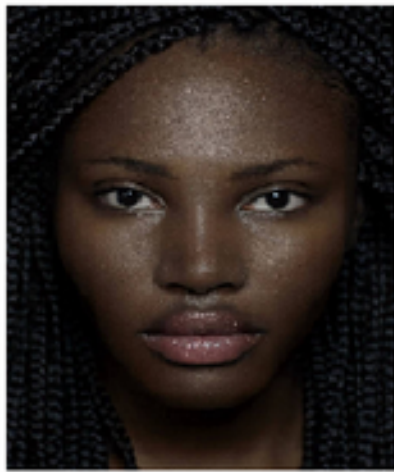
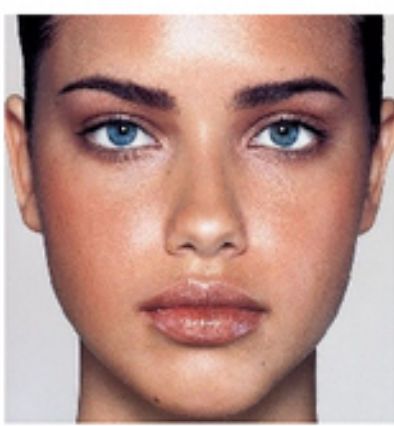
Reunion Island: a world of diversity



Ethnic Groups from Reunion:

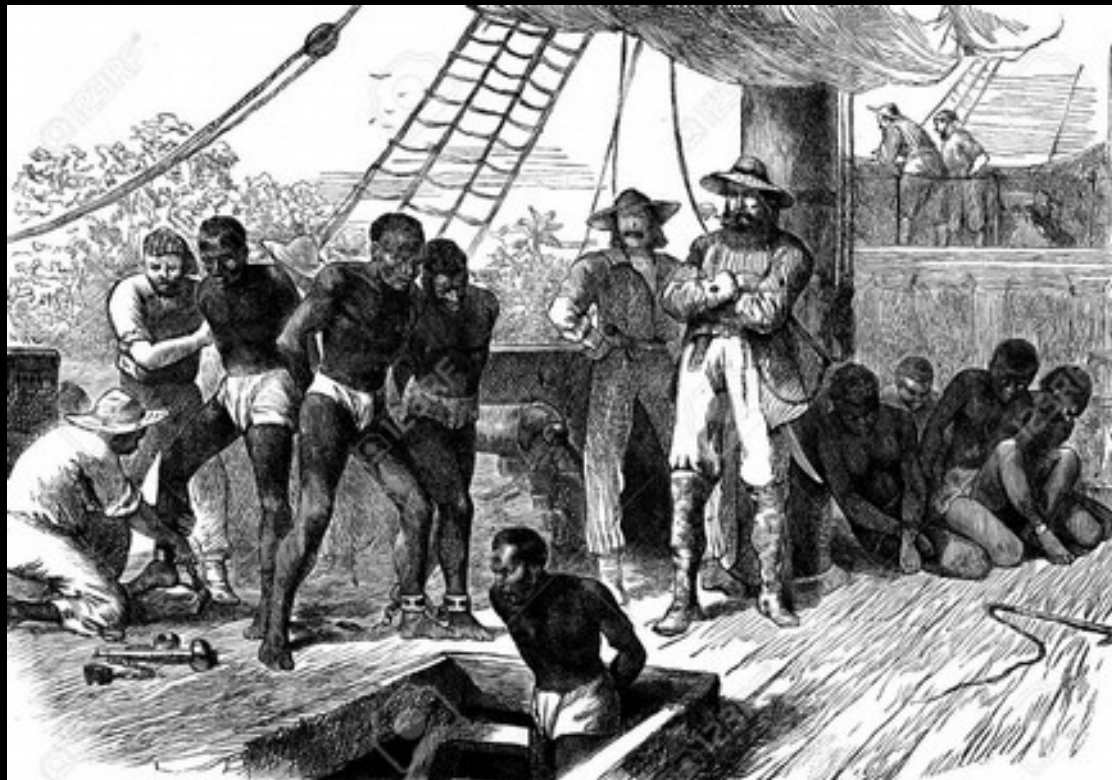
- The Creole population of Reunion is composed of:
 - Cafres (*African origin*)
 - Malbars (*Tamil origin*)
 - Chinese (*Chinese origin*)
 - Zarabs (*North Indian origin*)
 - Malgasy, Comorans, Mahorais (*from Madagascar and neighbouring islands*)
- The population is therefore a mix of ethnic groups and cultural backgrounds.





A short History of the Island:

- The population of Reunion grew with colonization and the appearance of slavery in the middle of the 17th century



- French colonists settled on the island (formerly called Bourbon Island) with slaves from Africa and Madagascar.



- After the abolition of 1848 Indians and Tamils joined them as indentured servants.

During the 19th century, Muslim Indians and Chinese immigrated to the island and in 1960 people from Mayotte and Comoros settled there.



Religions:

- Catholicism: the most present religion
 - Hinduism
 - Islam
 - Malagasy religions
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- Some Reunionese belong to two religions, they go to Church and to the Temple.



Hinduism

Cavadee outside the Temple



Walking on fire



Islam

Muslims pray in Mosques



Catholicism

Christians pray in churches

