

Tourism - 1st Quarter 1985

Tourist arrivals

During the first quarter of 1985, tourist arrivals remained at about the same level as that of the corresponding quarter of the previous year, namely, 36,650 and 36,160 respectively.

France continues to be the most important long-haul market with 19% of total tourist arrivals while Reunion and the Republic of South Africa still remain the main short-haul markets with about 24% and 21% of total tourist arrivals respectively. The corresponding figures for the first quarter of 1984 were 18.9, 23.5 and 21.7 %.

The number of tourists visiting the country in 1983 and 1984 were 123,820 and 139,670.

Tourist earnings

It is estimated that tourist earnings amounted to about 216 million rupees during the first quarter of 1985 as compared to 176.7 million rupees for the same period of 1984.

Gross tourist earnings for 1983 and 1984 were 503 and 630 million rupees.

Occupancy rate

The room occupancy rate for large hotels has remained more or less the same: 78.4 % for the period under review as compared to 79.4 % for the same period of 1984. This rate was on average 62.3 % in 1983 and 70.6 % in 1984.

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Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1981 - 1985

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist earnings (Rs Mn)
1981	121,620	1.36	421.
1982	118,360	1.39	450
1983	123,820	1.41	503
1984	139,670	1.52*	630
1984: 1st Qr.	36,160	0.393*	176.7
2nd Qr.	29,750	0.323*	145.4
3rd Qr.	35,060	0.382*	134.6
4th Qr.	38,700	0.422*	173.3
1985: 1st Qr.	36,650	...	216.0

* provisional

... Not available

Table II - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1983 - 1985

Country of residence	NUMBER										
	1983		1984		1984				1985*		
	Year	Year	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
France	22,050	25,460	6,840	4,260	6,400	7,960	6,970				
Germany, Fed. Rep.	6,960	7,890	2,010	1,740	1,490	2,650	2,110				
Italy	5,520	6,170	2,340	950	1,240	1,640	2,430				
Switzerland	2,570	5,440	1,630	940	920	1,950	1,810				
United Kingdom	5,860	5,760	1,470	1,040	1,270	1,980	1,460				
Malagasy Republic	8,110	7,780	1,660	1,840	2,120	2,160	1,650				
Réunion Island	30,180	32,300	8,510	7,360	9,790	6,640	8,700				
Seychelles	560	340	80	50	90	120	80				
Kenya	690	700	150	200	80	270	120				
South Africa, Rep. of	27,210	31,560	7,850	7,310	7,520	8,880	7,820				
Zambia	720	630	180	170	140	190	120				
Zimbabwe	1,730	1,800	390	560	480	370	330				
Australia	1,680	1,580	210	300	610	460	270				
India	1,710	2,540	340	630	650	920	340				
U.S.A.	1,020	1,130	330	230	230	340	290				
Other countries	7,250	8,540	2,170	2,170	2,030	2,170	2,150				
All countries	123,820	139,670	36,160	29,750	35,060	38,700	36,650				

* Provisional

Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1983 - 85

M O N T H	N U M B E R		
	1 9 8 3	1 9 8 4	1 9 8 5
January	13,130	14,180	14,250
February	9,190	10,850	11,000
March	9,780	11,130	11,400*
1st Quarter	<u>32,100</u>	<u>36,160</u>	<u>36,650</u>
April	8,570	11,080	
May	9,550	11,080	
June	6,370	7,590	
2nd Quarter	<u>24,490</u>	<u>29,750</u>	
July	9,790	10,430	
August	12,970	13,650	
September	10,070	10,980	
3rd Quarter	<u>32,830</u>	<u>35,060</u>	
October	10,020	11,360	
November	10,450	12,420	
December	13,930	14,920	
4th Quarter	<u>34,400</u>	<u>38,700</u>	
Whole Year	<u><u>123,820</u></u>	<u><u>139,670</u></u>	

* provisional

Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1983 - 85

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E S		
	1 9 8 3	1 9 8 4	1 9 8 5
January	67.9	79.3	79.4
February	69.5	80.9	80.6
March	66.3	78.0	75.6
1st Quarter	<u>67.8</u>	<u>79.4</u>	<u>78.4</u>
April	57.5	74.0	
May	50.4	69.2	
June	44.9	51.3	
2nd Quarter	<u>51.0</u>	<u>65.1</u>	
July	49.8	56.1	
August	57.7	65.7	
September	60.9	65.9	
3rd Quarter	<u>56.1</u>	<u>62.4</u>	
October	66.8	73.5	
November	82.3	81.5	
December	73.2	72.3	
4th Quarter	<u>74.0</u>	<u>75.8</u>	
Whole Year	<u><u>62.3</u></u>	<u><u>70.6</u></u>	