

Tourism : January - June 1986

Tourist arrivals

During the first six months of 1986, the number of tourist arrivals amounted to 75,770 as compared to 67,980 for the corresponding period of the previous year. The rate of increase this year (11.5%) was more substantial than a year ago when it was 3.1%. On the present trend, it is estimated that the number of tourist arrivals during calendar year 1986 may reach 165,000.

The number of tourist arrivals from the tourist generating countries for Mauritius has been in general on the increase : thus Switzerland, United Kingdom, France and the Federal Republic of Germany showed increases of 50%, 28%, 11% and 6% respectively. However the number of tourist arrivals from the Republic of South Africa continues to decline and during the first six months the drop was of the order of about 8%. France continues to be the most important long-haul market with almost 18% of total arrivals. The short-haul markets are still dominated by Reunion Island with a 25% share of total arrivals followed by the Republic of South Africa with 16%. More details are found in Table II.

Tourist nights

The number of tourist nights for the period under review was 907,000 representing an increase of 11.4% over the figure of 814,000 registered for the same period in 1985. The average number of nights spent in Mauritius was about 12.0 which is about the same as for the first half of 1985.

Occupancy Rates

The room occupancy rate for large hotels increased marginally from 69% in the 1st Semester of 1985 to 71% in the same period of 1986. The corresponding increase in bed occupancy was from 57% to 61%. It is also to be noted that the number of rooms increased from 1,290 as at 30th June 1985 to 1,417 at the end of the second quarter of this year whilst the number of bed places increased from 2,585 to 2,839.

Tourist Earnings

It is estimated that tourist earnings amounted to 570 million rupees for the period under review as compared to 410 million for the corresponding period of 1985. The average amount spent by a tourist was 7,520 rupees against 6,030 rupees in 1985 representing an increase of about 25%.

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Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1982-1986

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist earnings (Rs Mn)
1982	118,360	1.39	450
1983	123,820	1.41	503
1984	139,670	1.54	630
1985	148,860	1.74 ^{1/}	845 ⁺
1985: 1st Qr.	36,650	0.439	222.1
2nd Qr.	31,330	0.375	187.9
1st Semester	<u>67,980</u>	<u>0.814</u>	<u>410.0</u>
3rd Qr.	38,760	0.444	197.9
4th Qr.	42,120	0.482	236.6
2nd Semester	80,880	0.926	434.5
1986: 1st Qr.	41,850	0.501*	315.0 ^{1/}
2nd Qr.	33,920*	0.406*	255.0*
1st Semester	<u>75,770*</u>	<u>0.907*</u>	<u>570.0*</u>

* Provisional

+ Rounded figure

^{1/} Revised

Table II - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1984 - 1986

Country of Residence	Number											
	1984		1985				1986				1st semester*	
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	2nd semester	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.*				
France	24,460	5,770	12,450	6,440	8,580	15,020	7,880	5,890	13,770			
Germany	7,890	1,860	4,710	1,510	2,700	4,210	3,110	1,680	4,990			
Italy	6,170	1,030	3,430	1,340	2,060	3,400	2,520	1,640	4,160			
Switzerland	5,440	1,040	2,710	1,150	2,620	3,770	2,590	1,480	4,070			
United Kingdom	5,760	1,340	2,760	1,780	2,570	4,350	1,710	1,820	3,530			
Malagassy Republic	7,780	1,380	2,840	2,120	1,750	3,870	1,520	1,230	2,750			
Reunion	32,300	7,570	15,960	11,710	7,960	19,670	10,430	8,210	18,640			
Seychelles	340	130	220	370	180	550	100	120	220			
Kenya	700	170	350	170	260	430	160	280	440			
South Africa, Rep. of	31,560	5,890	12,990	6,380	8,040	14,420	6,470	5,510	11,980			
Zambia	680	200	260	110	30	140	70	40	110			
Zimbabwe	1,800	510	910	570	420	990	300	820	1,120			
Australia	1,580	580	860	800	800	1,600	570	620	1,140			
India	2,540	980	1,580	800	600	1,400	640	480	1,120			
USA	1,130	390	720	260	480	740	580	560	1,140			
Singapore	90	150	210	330	440	770	270	560	830			
Other countries	8,450	2,540	5,020	2,920	2,630	5,550	2,980	2,780	5,760			
All Countries	139,670	31,330	67,980	38,760	42,120	80,880	41,850	33,920	75,770			

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Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1984 - 1986

Month	NUMBER		
	1984	1985	1986
January	14,180	14,250	16,450
February	10,850	10,620	11,520
March	11,130	11,780	13,880
1st Quarter	<u>36,160</u>	<u>36,650</u>	<u>41,850</u>
April	11,080	11,480	11,830
May	11,080	11,470	13,090
June	7,590	8,380	9,000*
2nd Quarter	<u>29,750</u>	<u>31,330</u>	<u>33,920*</u>
1st Semester	<u>65,910</u>	<u>67,980</u>	<u>75,770*</u>
July	10,430	9,840	
August	13,650	17,410	
September	10,980	11,510	
3rd Quarter	<u>35,060</u>	<u>38,760</u>	
October	11,360	11,720	
November	12,420	13,870	
December	14,920	16,530	
4th Quarter	<u>38,700</u>	<u>42,120</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>73,760</u>	<u>80,880</u>	
Whole Year	139,670	148,860	

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Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1984-1986

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 4	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6
January	79.3	79.4	84.2
February	80.9	80.6	82.0
March	78.0	75.6	73.0
1st Quarter	<u>79.4</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>79.6</u>
April	74.0	69.8	72.0
May	69.2	61.1	63.5
June	51.3	46.0	47.6*
2nd Quarter	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.0</u>	<u>61.4*</u>
1st Semester	<u>72.3</u>	<u>68.6</u>	<u>70.6*</u>
July	56.1	51.8	
August	65.7	64.7	
September	65.9	61.9	
3rd Quarter	<u>62.4</u>	<u>59.4</u>	
October	73.5	69.5	
November	81.5	83.2	
December	72.3	73.4	
4th Quarter	<u>75.8</u>	<u>75.2</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>69.2</u>	<u>67.4</u>	
Whole Year	70.6	68.0	

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