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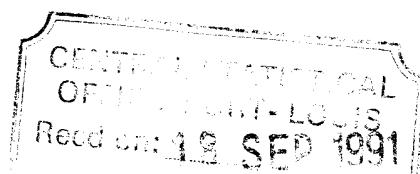
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Passenger traffic

With passenger arrivals and departures amounting to around 92,500 and 98,500 respectively during the second quarter, the total volume of passenger traffic handled at the airport during the first semester of 1991 increased only slightly (less than 1%) over its level during the corresponding period of 1990.

In fact total passenger traffic was around 392,000 compared to the figure of 387,680 obtained for the first semester of 1990.

Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals during the semester is estimated at around 135,000. As mentioned in the previous issue, the effects of the Gulf war seems to have carried over, resulting in only a negligible (0.7%) increase in tourist arrivals, compared to 14.5% during the corresponding period of 1990.

Reunion Island, France and the Republic of South Africa continued to be the main tourist generating countries for Mauritius, together accounting for over 60% of all tourist arrivals.

The traditional European markets supplied 52,400 tourists, of which France accounted for 45%, Germany 19%, the United Kingdom 17%, the rest, 18%, being from Italy, Switzerland and Belgium.

Reunion Island, with tourist arrivals numbering 36,700 (i.e. an increase of 8% over corresponding period last year), continued to be the most important short-haul market for Mauritius, with a share of about 27% of total tourist arrivals. Tourist arrivals from the Malagasy Republic, India and Japan were of the order of 2,460, 4,370 and 1,170 respectively.

The Republic of South Africa, the most important medium haul market for Mauritius supplied 22,000 tourists, that is, about 13% more than during the corresponding period of last year. Tourists from the Republic of South Africa accounted for 16% of all tourist arrivals.

On the basis of information available for the first semester, it is expected that tourist arrivals for the year 1991 would be around 305,000.

Tourist nights

Assuming an average length of stay per tourist to be 12 nights, the total number of tourist nights for the period under review is estimated to be about 1,620,000. For large hotels, the average length of stay has remained more or less the same, i.e. about 7 nights per tourist.

Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rate for all hotels dropped from 60% during the first semester of 1990 to about 52% during the same period in 1991. Correspondingly, the bed occupancy rates also dropped from 52% to 44%.

It must be pointed out that of the total of 4,700 rooms licensed, about 300 were not available for renting to tourists due to repairs and renovations.

Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts are estimated at about 1,710 million rupees for the period under review, staying at about the same level as during the corresponding period of last year.

On present trends tourist receipts for 1991 is estimated at around Rs 3,700 million.

Employment

The number of people employed directly in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons as at March 1991 has been revised to 10,100, which represents an increase of nearly 13% over the corresponding figure of 8,900 for March 1990.

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Table 1 - Selected tourism statistics, 1986 - 1991

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces			
1986	56	2,888	5,955	165,310	1.88	1,190
1987	60	3,108	6,418	207,570	2.37	1,786
1988	64	3,399	7,005	239,300	3.00	2,381
1989	67	3,605	7,374	262,790	3.20	2,796
1990	75	4,603	9,572	291,550	3.56	3,500
1990: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>7,908</u>	<u>67,100</u>	<u>0.805</u>	<u>928.0</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>66,770</u>	<u>0.801</u>	<u>786.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>72</u> ==	<u>4,291</u> =====	<u>8,801</u> =====	<u>133,870</u> =====	<u>1.606</u> =====	<u>1,714.0</u> =====
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,384</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>76,790</u>	<u>0.922</u>	<u>860.0</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>4,603</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>80,890</u>	<u>1.032</u>	<u>926.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>75</u> ==	<u>4,603</u> =====	<u>9,572</u> =====	<u>157,680</u> =====	<u>1.954</u> =====	<u>1,786.0</u> =====
1991: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>4,661</u>	<u>9,710</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>0.844^{2/}</u>	<u>900.0^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>77^{1/}</u>	<u>4,700^{1/}</u>	<u>9,800^{1/}</u>	<u>64,500^{1/}</u>	<u>0.774^{1/}</u>	<u>810.0^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>77^{1/}</u> ==	<u>4,700^{1/}</u> =====	<u>9,800^{1/}</u> =====	<u>134,870^{1/}</u> =====	<u>1.618^{1/}</u> =====	<u>1,710.0^{1/}</u> =====

1/ Provisional

2/ Revised estimates

Table 2 - Passenger traffic by month, 1989 - 1990

Month	N u m b e r					
	1989		1990		1991	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	37,450	43,490	38,640	43,540	39,540	45,200
February	23,270	27,310	26,880	31,400	25,220	29,030
March	26,630	27,750	27,150	29,170	32,070	29,890
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>87,350</u>	<u>98,550</u>	<u>92,670</u>	<u>104,110</u>	<u>96,830</u>	<u>104,120</u>
April	27,930	27,600	34,770	31,840	31,800 ^{1/}	33,500 ^{1/}
May	28,020	30,900	32,210	36,140	32,000 ^{1/}	33,200 ^{1/}
June	22,940	25,210	27,020	28,920	28,700 ^{1/}	31,700 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>78,890</u>	<u>83,710</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>96,000</u>	<u>92,500^{1/}</u>	<u>98,400^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>166,240</u>	<u>182,260</u>	<u>186,670</u>	<u>201,010</u>	<u>189,330^{1/}</u>	<u>202,520^{1/}</u>
July	33,100	27,830	34,890	29,850		
August	39,970	39,430	44,980	44,840		
September	30,250	35,350	34,140	38,620		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>103,320</u>	<u>102,610</u>	<u>114,010</u>	<u>113,310</u>		
October	35,140	31,630	37,000	33,570		
November	32,080	34,920	34,520	37,520		
December	42,300	33,530	46,000	36,820		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>109,520</u>	<u>100,180</u>	<u>117,520</u>	<u>107,910</u>		
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>212,840</u>	<u>202,790</u>	<u>231,530</u>	<u>221,220</u>		
Whole Year	379,080	385,050	418,200	422,230		

^{1/} Provisional

Table 3 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1989 - 1991

Country of residence	Number									
	1989		1990		1990				1991	
	1989	1990	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr. ^{1/}	1st Semester ^{1/}
France	53,660	53,170	14,750	10,050	24,800	11,160	17,210	13,930	9,700	23,630
Germany	18,210	19,680	4,160	4,690	8,850	4,500	6,330	5,640	4,500	10,140
Italy	14,470	14,180	3,670	2,740	6,410	3,980	3,790	2,430	2,300	4,730
Switzerland	10,690	10,740	2,730	1,930	4,660	2,140	3,940	2,180	1,900	4,080
United Kingdom	16,550	21,920	4,210	5,960	10,170	6,090	5,660	4,050	5,000	9,050
Belgium	1,630	1,920	360	430	790	490	640	380	400	780
Malagasy Republic	6,530	6,550	1,510	1,480	2,990	1,720	1,840	1,160	1,300	2,460
Reunion Island	65,550	73,310	17,490	16,410	33,900	23,490	15,920	20,590	16,100	36,690
Seychelles	3,260	3,500	640	650	1,290	1,040	1,170	340	500	840
Kenya	1,100	1,440	290	340	630	360	450	310	300	610
South Africa, Rep. of	36,860	41,860	8,280	11,110	19,390	10,110	12,360	11,070	10,900	21,970
Zambia	1,810	1,490	350	390	740	410	340	250	350	600
Zimbabwe	2,870	3,670	540	1,010	1,550	990	1,130	700	850	1,550
Australia	2,510	3,060	680	740	1,420	750	890	710	700	1,410
India	4,790	8,190	970	3,060	4,030	2,400	1,760	1,170	3,200	4,370
U.S.A.	1,890	2,220	560	640	1,200	550	470	340	450	790
Singapore	1,990	2,110	340	570	910	670	530	360	500	860
Japan	2,900	3,220	830	350	1,180	840	1,200	820	350	1,170
Other countries	15,520	19,320	4,740	4,220	8,960	5,100	5,260	3,940	5,200	9,140
All countries	262,790	291,550	67,100	66,770	133,870	76,790	80,890	70,370	64,500	134,870

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Table 4 - Tourist arrivals by month, 1989 - 1991

Month	Number		
	1989	1990	1991
January	26,200	27,950	28,620
February	16,900	19,520	18,110
March	19,510	19,630	23,640
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>62,610</u>	<u>67,100</u>	<u>70,370</u>
April	19,430	25,570	22,800 ^{1/}
May	20,190	23,210	22,900 ^{1/}
June	14,630	17,990	18,800 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>66,770</u>	<u>64,500^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>116,860</u> =====	<u>133,870</u> =====	<u>134,870^{1/}</u> =====
July	21,110	22,180	
August	27,310	31,420	
September	20,770	23,190	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>76,790</u>	
October	25,360	26,940	
November	22,470	24,300	
December	28,910	29,650	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>76,740</u>	<u>80,890</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>145,930</u> =====	<u>157,680</u> =====	
Whole Year	262,790	291,550	

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Table 5 - Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1989 - 1991

Month	Percentage		
	1989	1990	1991 ^{1/}
January	74.0	68.6	55.0
February	66.5	61.9	48.9
March	63.4	57.4	48.1
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>68.0</u>	<u>62.6</u>	<u>50.7</u>
April	54.1	58.6	57.6
May	58.5	61.0	55.9
June	46.9	49.5	44.1
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>53.2</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>52.6</u>
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>60.3</u> =====	<u>59.5</u> =====	<u>51.7</u> =====
July	55.5	58.4	
August	64.1	64.4	
September	66.6	65.3	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62.1</u>	<u>62.9</u>	
October	70.0	68.3	
November	72.1	68.8	
December	61.9	58.4	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>67.9</u>	<u>65.0</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>65.1</u> =====	<u>64.0</u> =====	
Whole Year	64.0	61.8	

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Table 6 - Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1989 - 1991

Month	Percentage		
	1989	1990	1991 ^{1/}
January	66.5	62.2	50.3
February	58.4	53.0	43.0
March	55.7	49.0	41.1
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>54.8</u>	<u>44.9</u>
April	47.8	51.1	46.4
May	51.2	53.7	45.1
June	39.6	41.3	35.6
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>46.2</u>	<u>48.8</u>	<u>42.4</u>
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>53.0</u> =====	<u>51.8</u> =====	<u>43.6</u> =====
July	49.2	50.9	
August	57.4	59.6	
September	59.1	58.0	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>55.3</u>	<u>56.3</u>	
October	52.0	59.7	
November	62.1	59.6	
December	55.0	51.9	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>59.7</u>	<u>57.0</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>57.5</u> =====	<u>56.7</u> =====	
Whole Year	55.3	54.3	

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Table 7 - Monthly room occupancy rate for large hotels, 1989 - 1991

Month	Percentage		
	1989	1990	1991 ^{1/}
January	88.5	82.1	66.8
February	84.4	80.5	61.4
March	76.6	73.6	60.9
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>83.2</u>	<u>78.7</u>	<u>63.1</u>
April	73.0	74.7	68.7
May	74.6	77.6	65.8
June	61.3	68.8	52.7
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>69.7</u>	<u>73.9</u>	<u>62.7</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>76.6</u>	<u>76.4</u>	<u>62.9</u>
July	67.4	73.9	
August	73.0	74.8	
September	81.0	74.5	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>73.7</u>	<u>74.4</u>	
October	88.3	83.2	
November	89.6	84.6	
December	75.3	70.1	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>84.4</u>	<u>79.2</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>79.1</u>	<u>77.0</u>	
Whole Year	77.8	76.7	

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Table 8 - Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1989 - 1991

M o n t h	P e r c e n t a g e		
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January	80.3	75.1	61.6
February	75.1	73.7	54.8
March	68.6	63.6	53.8
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>74.6</u>	<u>69.7</u>	<u>56.8</u>
April	63.8	66.6	61.6
May	66.3	68.9	59.8
June	53.1	59.6	47.2
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>61.2</u>	<u>65.3</u>	<u>56.2</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>67.9</u>	<u>67.6</u>	<u>56.5</u>
July	59.9	64.8	
August	66.3	67.2	
September	73.4	67.4	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>66.5</u>	<u>66.6</u>	
October	79.8	75.3	
November	80.0	75.1	
December	68.5	64.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>76.1</u>	<u>71.3</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>71.3</u>	<u>69.2</u>	
Whole Year	69.8	68.4	

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Table 9 - Employment^{1/} in the tourist industry, 1987 - 1991

Industrial Group	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March
Restaurants	674	725	855	867	949	1,019	935	900	919
Hotels	3,453	3,670	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600	5,581	5,995	6,422
Travel and Tourism	1,428	1,732	1,893	1,991	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,775	2,759
Total	5,555	6,127	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,670	10,100

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