

## International Travel and Tourism - 3rd Quarter 1991

### Passenger traffic

The volume of passenger traffic handled at the airport during the third quarter of 1991 is estimated to be about 226,000 compared to 227,320 for the same period last year.

Total passenger traffic during the first nine months thus works out at around 618,000, almost the same level as during the corresponding period of 1990, 615,000.

### Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals during the third quarter is estimated at about 79,000, representing 3% increase over the figure for the same period last year. The number of tourists visiting the country during the first nine months of 1991 was 214,400 compared to the figure of 210,660 for the same period last year, showing an increase of nearly 2%.

On the whole the situation seems to be recovering after the effects of the Gulf War which affected the number of tourists visiting the country this year.

On the basis of information already available it is estimated that tourist arrivals for the year 1991 may well reach the figure of 305,000 forecast earlier.

France, Reunion Island and the Republic of South Africa continued to be the main tourist generating countries with a total share of about 60% of all tourists visiting the country during the first nine months of 1991.

During this period, the traditional European markets supplied 85,720 tourists, of which France accounted for 44%, the United Kingdom 19%, Germany 18%, the remaining 19% being from Italy, Switzerland and Belgium.

Reunion Island, with a total of 60,530 tourists (that is an increase of about 5% over corresponding nine months last year), continued to be the most important short-haul market for Mauritius with a share of about 28% of total tourist arrivals. Tourist arrivals from India, the Malagassy Republic and Japan numbered 7,300, 4,200 and 2,700 respectively.

The number of tourists from South Africa, traditionally the most important medium-haul market for Mauritius, amounted to 31,210, that is, about 15% of all tourist arrivals during the first nine months of 1991. This represents an increase of 6% compared to the same period last year.

### Tourist nights

Assuming an average length of stay per tourist to be 12 nights, the total number of tourist nights for the third quarter of 1991 is estimated at about 948,000. The total number of tourist nights for the first nine months of 1991 thus works out to be about 2.6 million, that is 4% above the corresponding figure for last year. For large hotels, the average length of stay has remained more or less the same, that is about 7 nights per tourist.

### Occupancy rates

By the end of the third quarter of 1991, there were 80 registered hotels with a total room capacity of 4,777 and bed capacity of 9,925 compared to 72 registered hotels comprising 4,384 rooms and 9,132 beds the year before.

The room occupancy rate for all hotels dropped to 51% during the first nine months of 1991 from 61% during the corresponding period of 1990. Correspondingly, a bed occupancy rate of 45% was observed, compared to 53% in 1990.

### Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts are estimated at nearly 2,700 million rupees for the first nine months of 1991, compared to 2,593 million rupees for the same period of 1990.

If the present trends are maintained tourist receipts for 1991 may be expected to be of the order of 3,800 million rupees.

### Employment

The number of people employed directly in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons as at September 1991 is estimated at around 10,550, which represents an increase of about 9% over the corresponding figure of 9,670 for September 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	3,630
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>879.0</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>1,037.0</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>1,916.0</u>
1991: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>4,661</u>	<u>9,710</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>0.844<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>999.0<sup>2/</sup></u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>65,040</u>	<u>0.781<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>810.0<sup>1/</sup></u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>135,410</u>	<u>1.625<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>1,809.0<sup>2/</sup></u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>80<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>4,777<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>9,925<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>79,000<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>0.948<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>865.0<sup>1/</sup></u>

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Table 2 - Passenger traffic by month, 1989 - 1991

Month	Number					
	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	31,340	33,590
May	28,020	30,900	32,210	36,140	32,780	33,490
June	22,940	25,210	27,020	28,920	28,730	31,060
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>78,890</u>	<u>83,710</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>96,900</u>	<u>92,850</u>	<u>98,140</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>166,240</u>	<u>182,260</u>	<u>186,670</u>	<u>201,010</u>	<u>189,680</u>	<u>202,260</u>
July	33,100	27,830	34,890	29,850	36,070	29,680
August	39,970	39,430	44,980	44,840	46,200 <sup>1/</sup>	49,500 <sup>1/</sup>
September	30,250	35,350	34,140	38,620	32,200 <sup>1/</sup>	32,500 <sup>1/</sup>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>103,320</u>	<u>102,610</u>	<u>114,010</u>	<u>113,310</u>	<u>114,470<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>111,680<sup>1/</sup></u>
October	35,140	31,630	37,000	33,570		
November	32,080	34,920	34,520	37,520		
December	42,300	33,630	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		

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

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

Country of residence	1989	1990	Number									
			1990					1991				
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	1st Qr.
France	53,660	53,170	14,750	10,050	24,800	11,160	17,210	13,930	11,310	25,240	12,160	
Germany	18,210	19,680	4,160	4,690	8,850	4,500	6,330	5,640	5,240	10,880	4,920	
Italy	14,470	14,180	3,670	2,740	6,410	3,980	3,790	2,430	2,590	5,020	4,350	
Switzerland	10,690	10,740	2,730	1,930	4,660	2,140	3,940	2,180	1,420	3,600	2,250	
United Kingdom	16,550	21,920	4,210	5,960	10,170	6,090	5,660	4,050	5,470	9,520	6,600	
Belgium	1,630	1,920	360	430	790	490	640	380	300	680	500	
Malagasy Republic	6,530	6,550	1,510	1,480	2,990	1,720	1,840	1,160	1,250	2,410	1,600	
Reunion Island	65,550	73,310	17,490	16,410	33,900	23,490	15,920	20,590	15,640	36,230	24,300	
Seychelles	3,260	3,500	640	650	1,290	1,040	1,170	340	590	930	1,200	
Kenya	1,100	1,440	290	340	630	360	450	310	260	570	350	
South Africa, Rep. of	36,860	41,860	8,280	11,110	19,390	10,110	12,560	11,070	9,580	20,650	10,560	
Zambia	1,810	1,490	350	390	740	410	340	250	320	570	450	
Zimbabwe	2,870	3,670	540	1,010	1,550	990	1,130	700	1,050	1,750	1,100	
Australia	2,510	3,060	680	740	1,420	750	890	710	500	1,210	800	
India	4,790	8,190	970	3,060	4,030	2,400	1,760	1,170	3,540	4,710	2,600	
U.S.A	1,890	2,220	560	640	1,200	550	470	340	600	940	650	
Singapore	1,990	2,110	340	570	910	670	530	360	550	910	730	
Japan	2,900	3,220	830	350	1,180	840	1,200	820	790	1,610	1,100	
Other countries	15,520	19,320	4,740	4,220	8,960	5,100	5,260	3,940	4,040	7,980	2,580	
All countries	262,790	291,550	67,100	66,770	133,870	76,790	80,890	70,370	65,040	135,410	79,600	

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	22,540
May	20,190	23,210	23,790
June	14,630	17,990	18,710
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>66,770</u>	<u>65,040</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>116,860</u>	<u>133,870</u>	<u>135,410</u>
July	21,110	22,180	23,400
August	27,310	31,420	32,800 <sup>1/</sup>
September	20,770	23,190	22,800 <sup>1/</sup>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>76,790</u>	<u>79,000<sup>1/</sup></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	

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

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

Month	Percentage		
	1989	1990	1991
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	51.0 <sup>1/</sup>
May	58.5	61.0	51.3 <sup>1/</sup>
June	46.9	49.5	41.5 <sup>1/</sup>
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>53.2</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>48.1<sup>1/</sup></u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>59.5</u>	<u>49.4<sup>1/</sup></u>
July	55.5	58.4	45.9 <sup>2/</sup>
August	64.1	64.4	61.5 <sup>2/</sup>
September	66.6	65.3	52.7 <sup>2/</sup>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62.1</u>	<u>62.9</u>	<u>53.2<sup>2/</sup></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
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	46.2 <sup>1/</sup>
May	51.2	53.7	45.0 <sup>1/</sup>
June	39.6	41.3	36.2 <sup>1/</sup>
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>46.2</u>	<u>48.8</u>	<u>42.6<sup>1/</sup></u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>53.0</u>	<u>51.8</u>	<u>43.8<sup>1/</sup></u>
July	49.2	50.9	41.0 <sup>2/</sup>
August	57.4	59.6	58.3 <sup>2/</sup>
September	59.1	58.0	47.3 <sup>2/</sup>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>55.3</u>	<u>56.3</u>	<u>48.7<sup>2/</sup></u>
October	62.0	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
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	66.8 <sup>1/</sup>
May	74.6	77.6	66.6 <sup>1/</sup>
June	61.3	68.8	52.4 <sup>1/</sup>
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>69.7</u>	<u>73.9</u>	<u>62.2<sup>1/</sup></u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>76.6</u>	<u>76.4</u>	<u>62.6<sup>1/</sup></u>
July	67.4	73.9	58.7 <sup>2/</sup>
August	73.0	74.8	72.8 <sup>2/</sup>
September	81.0	74.5	63.9 <sup>2/</sup>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>73.7</u>	<u>74.4</u>	<u>65.1<sup>2/</sup></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		
	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0	1 9 9 1
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	61.8 <sup>1/</sup>
May	66.3	68.9	59.8 <sup>1/</sup>
June	53.1	59.6	47.1 <sup>1/</sup>
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>61.2</u>	<u>65.3</u>	<u>56.5<sup>1/</sup></u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>67.9</u>	<u>67.6</u>	<u>56.6<sup>1/</sup></u>
July	59.9	64.8	54.1 <sup>2/</sup>
August	66.3	67.2	67.5 <sup>2/</sup>
September	73.4	67.4	59.1 <sup>2/</sup>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>66.5</u>	<u>66.6</u>	<u>60.2<sup>2/</sup></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 <sup>1/</sup> in the tourist industry, 1987 - 1991

Industrial Group	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September <sup>2/</sup>
Restaurants	674	725	855	867	949	1,019	935	900	919	900
Hotels	3,453	3,670	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600	5,581	5,995	6,422	6,850
Travel and Tourism	1,428	1,732	1,893	1,991	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,775	2,759	2,800
Total	5,555	6,127	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,670	10,100	10,550

<sup>1/</sup> large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)

<sup>2/</sup> provisional