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Passenger traffic

The volume of passenger traffic handled at the airport during the third quarter of 1992 was nearly 230,000. Total passenger traffic during the first nine months thus amounted to about 681,000, that is, an increase of 10% over the corresponding period of 1991 when it was 617,360. Arrivals for the first nine months numbered 338,500 and departures, 342,500.

Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals during the third quarter is estimated at about 82,000, compared to 78,340 for the same period last year.

The number of tourists who visited the country during the first nine months of 1992 was of the order of 238,000, an increase of 11% over the figure of 213,750 for the same period last year. Reunion Island, France 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 this period.

Tourists from the traditional European markets numbered 98,000, with France accounting for 45%, the United Kingdom and Germany 18% each, and the remaining 19% coming from Italy, Switzerland and Belgium.

Reunion Island, with a total of 66,500 tourists, that is an increase of about 10% over corresponding nine months of 1991, continued to be the most important short-haul market for Mauritius, with a share of 28% of total tourist arrivals.

The Republic of South Africa maintained its position as the most important medium-haul market for Mauritius with 32,000 tourists. This represents 14% of all tourist arrivals during the first nine months of 1992 and an increase of 4% over the corresponding period of last year.

Tourists from India, the Malagasy Republic and Japan numbered 7,800, 4,100 and 3,000 respectively.

In the light of information already available and foreseeable trends, it is estimated that total tourist arrivals for the year 1992 may well reach 330,000.

Tourist nights

Assuming an overall average length of stay of about 12 nights per tourist, the total number of tourist nights for the first nine months of 1992 is estimated to be about 2.8 million. The figure for the corresponding period of last year was 2.6 million.

Occupancy rates

There were 84 registered hotels by the end of the third quarter of 1992, with a total room capacity of 5,266 and bed capacity of 10,895, compared to 80 registered hotels comprising 4,777 rooms and 9,925 beds the year before.

The overall room occupancy rate for all hotels during the first nine months of 1992 was 51%, that is, the same level as last year. The occupancy rate similarly stayed at its level of the year before, that is, 49%.

Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts are estimated at around 3,225 million rupees for the first nine months of 1992, compared to 2,797 million rupees for the corresponding period of 1991, showing an increase of 15%. On this trend, tourist receipts for the current year are expected to reach 4.4 thousand million rupees.

Employment

The number of persons employed in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons as at the end of September 1992 was 14,576. This represents an increase of about 11% over the corresponding figure of 13,088 for September 1991.

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Table 1 - Selected tourism statistics, 1987 - 1992

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces			
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
1991	80	5,064	10,482	300,670	3.70	3,940
1991: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>4,661</u>	<u>9,710</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>0.849</u>	<u>999.0</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>65,040</u>	<u>0.798</u>	<u>889.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>135,410</u>	<u>1.647</u>	<u>1,888.0</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>4,777</u>	<u>9,925</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>0.970</u>	<u>909.0</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>10,482</u>	<u>86,920</u>	<u>1.083</u>	<u>1,143.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>10,482</u>	<u>165,260</u>	<u>2.053</u>	<u>2,052.0</u>
1992: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>5,146</u>	<u>10,646</u>	<u>79,380^{2/}</u>	<u>0.958^{2/}</u>	<u>1,258.0^{2/}</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>85^{1/}</u>	<u>5,290^{1/}</u>	<u>10,921^{1/}</u>	<u>76,100^{1/}</u>	<u>0.913^{1/}</u>	<u>936.0^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>85^{1/}</u>	<u>5,290^{1/}</u>	<u>10,921^{1/}</u>	<u>155,480^{1/}</u>	<u>1.871^{1/}</u>	<u>2,194.0^{1/}</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>84^{1/}</u>	<u>5,266^{1/}</u>	<u>10,895^{1/}</u>	<u>82,200^{1/}</u>	<u>1.003^{1/}</u>	<u>1,031.0^{1/}</u>

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} revised

Table 2 - Passenger traffic by month, 1990 - 1992

Month	Number					
	1990		1991		1992	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	38,640	43,540	39,540	45,200	45,490	52,660
February	26,880	31,400	25,220	29,030	31,660	35,010
March	27,150	29,170	32,070	29,890	31,370	32,180
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>92,670</u>	<u>104,110</u>	<u>96,830</u>	<u>104,120</u>	<u>108,520^{2/}</u>	<u>119,850^{2/}</u>
April	34,770	31,840	31,340	33,590	42,000 ^{1/}	39,500 ^{1/}
May	32,210	36,140	32,780	33,490	33,400 ^{1/}	38,000 ^{1/}
June	27,020	28,920	28,730	31,060	33,600 ^{1/}	30,700 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>96,900</u>	<u>92,850</u>	<u>98,140</u>	<u>109,000^{1/}</u>	<u>108,200^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>186,670</u>	<u>201,010</u>	<u>189,630</u>	<u>202,260</u>	<u>217,520^{1/}</u>	<u>228,050^{1/}</u>
July	34,890	29,850	36,070	29,680	38,200 ^{1/}	31,000 ^{1/}
August	44,980	44,840	46,660	50,260	47,800 ^{1/}	48,200 ^{1/}
September	34,140	38,620	30,730	32,020	35,000 ^{1/}	35,400 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>114,010</u>	<u>113,310</u>	<u>113,460</u>	<u>111,960</u>	<u>121,000^{1/}</u>	<u>114,600^{1/}</u>
October	37,000	33,570	37,080	34,750		
November	34,520	37,520	37,450	39,280		
December	46,000	36,820	49,010	37,370		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>117,520</u>	<u>107,910</u>	<u>123,540</u>	<u>111,400</u>		
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>231,530</u>	<u>221,220</u>	<u>237,000</u>	<u>223,360</u>		
Whole Year	418,200	422,230	426,680	425,620		

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} revised

Table 3 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1990 - 1992

Country of residence	Number											
	1991						1992					
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr. 2/	2nd Qr. 1/	1st semester 1/	3rd Qr. 1/			
France	53,170	58,370	11,310	13,190	19,940	18,390	12,200	30,590	13,890			
Germany	19,680	24,140	5,240	5,370	7,890	6,810	5,700	12,510	5,750			
Italy	14,180	13,240	2,590	3,770	4,450	4,120	2,000	6,720	3,950			
Switzerland	10,740	8,930	1,420	2,130	3,200	1,930	1,500	3,430	2,200			
United Kingdom	21,920	20,660	5,470	2,320	5,020	4,830	7,500	12,330	5,590			
Belgium	1,920	2,010	300	670	660	320	450	770	060			
Malaysia Republic	6,550	6,010	1,250	1,290	2,310	1,530	1,300	2,830	1,310			
Reunion Island	73,310	77,840	15,640	23,900	17,710	21,150	20,250	41,400	25,070			
Seychelles	3,500	3,420	340	1,630	1,460	620	550	1,170	1,070			
Kenya	1,440	1,240	260	270	400	280	350	630	250			
South African Rep.	41,860	43,020	9,580	10,740	11,030	9,800	11,500	21,300	11,340			
Tanzania	1,490	890	320	190	130	130	250	380	160			
Zimbabwe	3,670	3,580	1,050	1,010	820	480	1,050	1,530	1,070			
Australia	3,060	2,960	500	650	1,100	1,000	650	1,650	740			
India	8,190	8,490	3,540	2,050	1,730	1,070	4,600	5,670	2,440			
U.S.A.	2,220	1,720	600	380	400	340	750	1,090	410			
Singapore	2,110	2,010	550	500	600	380	600	960	490			
Japan	3,220	3,750	790	1,070	1,070	950	950	1,900	1,070			
Other countries	19,320	18,390	4,040	4,810	5,600	5,250	3,350	8,600	5,040			
All countries	291,550	300,670	70,370	78,340	86,920	79,380	76,100	155,480	82,200			

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Table 4 - Tourist arrivals by month, 1990 - 1992

M o n t h	N u m b e r		
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January	27,950	28,620	33,760
February	19,520	18,110	23,220 ^{2/}
March	19,630	23,640	22,400 ^{2/}
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>67,100</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>79,380^{2/}</u>
April	25,570	22,540	31,000 ^{1/}
May	23,210	23,790	23,300 ^{1/}
June	17,990	18,710	21,800 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>66,770</u>	<u>65,040</u>	<u>76,100^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>133,870</u>	<u>135,410</u>	<u>155,480^{1/}</u>
July	22,180	23,400	24,400 ^{1/}
August	31,420	33,410	34,000 ^{1/}
September	23,190	21,530	23,800 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>76,790</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>82,200^{1/}</u>
October	26,940	27,600	
November	24,300	26,600	
December	29,650	32,720	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>80,890</u>	<u>86,920</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>157,680</u>	<u>165,260</u>	
Whole Year	291,550	300,670	

1/ provisional

2/ revised

Table 5 - Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1990 - 1992

Month	Percentage		
	1990	1991	1992
January	68.6	55.0	56.4
February	61.9	48.9	51.0
March	57.4	48.1	48.9
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>62.6</u>	<u>50.7</u>	<u>52.0</u>
April	58.6	51.0	55.0 ^{1/}
May	61.0	51.3	52.0 ^{1/}
June	49.5	41.5	42.0 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>50.0 ^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>59.5</u> =====	<u>49.4</u> =====	<u>51.0 ^{1/}</u> =====
July	58.4	45.0	43.0 ^{1/}
August	64.4	60.4	51.2 ^{1/}
September	65.3	54.2	55.7 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62.9</u>	<u>53.1</u>	<u>58.0 ^{1/}</u>
October	68.3	60.6	
November	68.8	63.3	
December	58.4	56.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>65.0</u>	<u>59.9</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>64.0</u> =====	<u>56.9</u> =====	
Whole Year	61.8	53.1	

^{1/} provisional

Table 6 -- Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1990 -- 1992

Month	Percentage		
	1990	1991	1992
January	62.2	50.3	50.8
February	53.0	43.0	44.7
March	49.0	41.1	41.8
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>54.8</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>46.0</u>
April	51.1	46.2	49.0 <u>1/</u>
May	53.7	45.0	45.5 <u>1/</u>
June	41.3	36.2	36.5 <u>1/</u>
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>48.8</u>	<u>42.6</u>	<u>43.7 <u>1/</u></u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>51.8</u>	<u>43.8</u>	<u>44.2 <u>1/</u></u>
July	50.9	40.2	39.0 <u>1/</u>
August	59.6	56.4	47.0 <u>1/</u>
September	58.0	48.0	49.9 <u>1/</u>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>56.3</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>45.2 <u>1/</u></u>
October	59.7	54.3	
November	59.6	52.3	
December	51.9	50.3	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>57.0</u>	<u>52.3</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>56.7</u>	<u>50.6</u>	
Whole Year	54.3	47.1	

1/ provisional

Table 7 - Monthly room occupancy rate for large hotels, 1990 - 1992

Month	Percentage		
	1990	1991	1992
January	82.1	66.8	66.3
February	80.5	61.4	63.1
March	73.6	60.9	58.3
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>78.7</u>	<u>63.1</u>	<u>62.7</u>
April	74.7	66.8	68.9 <u>1/</u>
May	77.6	66.6	64.2 <u>1/</u>
June	68.8	52.4	52.5 <u>1/</u>
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>73.9</u>	<u>62.2</u>	<u>61.9 1/</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>76.4</u>	<u>62.6</u>	<u>62.3 1/</u>
July	73.9	58.7	53.0 <u>1/</u>
August	74.8	72.8	57.4 <u>1/</u>
September	74.5	63.9	68.8 <u>1/</u>
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>74.4</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.7 1/</u>
October	83.2	74.6	
November	84.6	78.0	
December	78.1	69.1	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79.2</u>	<u>73.8</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>77.0</u>	<u>69.6</u>	
Whole Year	76.7	66.1	

1/ provisional

Table 8 - Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1990 - 1992

Month	Percentage		
	1990	1991	1992
January	75.1	61.6	61.0
February	73.7	54.8	57.0
March	63.6	53.8	52.5
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>69.7</u>	<u>56.8</u>	<u>56.0</u>
April	66.6	61.8	63.0 ^{1/}
May	60.9	59.8	57.0 ^{1/}
June	59.6	47.1	46.5 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>65.3</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>55.5^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>67.6</u>	<u>56.6</u>	<u>55.8^{1/}</u>
July	64.8	54.1	48.3 ^{1/}
August	67.2	67.5	53.1 ^{1/}
September	67.4	59.1	64.2 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>66.6</u>	<u>60.2</u>	<u>55.2^{1/}</u>
October	75.3	69.0	
November	75.1	65.0	
December	64.0	64.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>71.3</u>	<u>65.9</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>69.2</u>	<u>63.2</u>	
Whole Year	68.4	60.0	

^{1/} provisional

Table 9 - Employment^{1/} in the tourist industry, 1988 - 1992

	1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September ^{2/}
Restaurants	855	867	949	1,019	935	900	919	763	772	820
Hotels	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600	5,581	5,995	6,422	6,860	7,592	7,800
Travel and Tourism	1,393	1,991	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,775	2,759	2,765	2,887	2,950
Total	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,670	10,100	10,303	11,251	11,570

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

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