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## International Travel and Tourism - 3rd Quarter 1993

### Passenger Traffic

During the third quarter of 1993, 140,170 passengers landed at the S.S.R. International Airport and 135,920 departed, i.e a total flux of 276,090 passengers. This figure shows an increase of 14% over the passenger traffic of the corresponding period of 1992.

The number of arrivals for the first nine months of the year is estimated at 376,850 and the number of departures at 387,100 both representing an increase of 11% over the corresponding period of 1992.

### Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals during the third quarter is estimated at about 96,770 thus bringing the number of tourists who have visited the country during the first nine months of 1993 to 267,480 i.e an increase of 12% over the corresponding period of last year. The main markets which have contributed to this increase are:- Germany (+36%), Belgium (+54%), India (+30%), United kingdom (+20%) and France (+16%). The number of tourists from Reunion Island has registered an increase of 9% and that from the Republic of South Africa an increase of about 5%.

On the other hand, the number of Japanese travelling to the Republic of Mauritius went down by some 37% during the period January to September 1993 compared to the first nine months of 1992. Other declining markets were :- Hong Kong (-19%), Australia (-19%) and the U.S.A. (-9%).

### Tourist nights

It is estimated that 1,173,000 tourist nights have been spent in the country during the third quarter of 1993. The total number of nights from January to September is thus estimated to be of the order of 3,243,000, an increase of about 11% over the corresponding period of 1992.

### Occupancy rates

With the opening of a new hotel in August last, the number of licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius as at the end of the third quarter stood at 85. The number of hotel rooms available has increased from 5,271 at the end of June 1993 to 5,300 at the end of the third quarter. Similarly the number of bedplaces increased from 10,917 to 10,980.

The average room occupancy rate for all hotels for the first nine months of 1993 was 56.7%, compared to 50.3% for the corresponding period of 1992. The bed occupancy rate for that period increased from 44.9% to 51.3%.

### Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts for the third quarter is estimated at Rs 1,300 million. Receipts for the period January to September 1993 thus works out to Rs. 3,793 million, representing an increase of about 13% over the first nine months of 1992. The average expenditure per tourist for that period thus rose from Rs. 14,000 to Rs. 14,200

### Forecasts for 1993

Based on the trend shown during the first nine months and assuming an overall increase of 12%, it is estimated that the total number of tourists visiting Mauritius during 1993 would be around 375,000 and the total receipts from tourism will amount to 5,500 million rupees.

### Employment

11,660 persons were employed in March 1993 in tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more. Nearly 70% of this number were working in hotels.

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Table 1:- Selected tourism statistics, 1988 - 1993

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals	Tourist nights	Tourist receipts	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	(Number)	(000)	(Rs Mn)	
1988	64	3,399	7,005	239,300	3,000	2,381	
1989	67	3,605	7,374	262,790	3,200	2,796	
1990	75	4,603	9,572	291,550	3,560	3,630	
1991	80	5,064	10,482	300,670	3,700	3,940	
1992	84	5,271	10,917	335,400	4,110	4,655	
1992:	1st Qr.	82	5,146	10,646	79,380	973	1,258
	2nd Qr.	85	5,290	10,921	76,360	936	997
	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,290</u>	<u>10,921</u>	<u>155,740</u>	<u>1,909</u>	<u>2,255</u>
	3rd Qr.	84	5,266	10,895	82,910	1,016	1,092
	4th Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	96,750	1,185	1,308
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>179,660</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>2,400</u>
1993*:	1st Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	89,000	1,079	1,379
	2nd Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	81,710 *	991 *	1,114 *
	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>170,710 *</u>	<u>2,070 *</u>	<u>2,493 *</u>
	3rd Qr.	85	5,300	10,980	96,770 **	1,173 **	1,300 **

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Table 2:- Passenger Traffic by month 1991 - 1993

Month	Number					
	1991		1992		1993	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	39,540	45,200	45,490	52,660	52,160	60,230
February	25,220	29,030	31,660	35,010	34,520	39,370
March	32,070	29,890	31,370	32,180	33,180	33,970
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>96,830</b>	<b>104,120</b>	<b>108,520</b>	<b>119,850</b>	<b>119,860</b>	<b>133,570</b>
April	31,340	33,590	41,390	40,280	44,740	44,930
May	32,780	33,490	33,800	38,530	38,660	37,490
June	28,730	31,060	34,060	30,470	33,420 *	35,190 *
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>92,850</b>	<b>98,140</b>	<b>109,250</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>116,820 *</b>	<b>117,610 *</b>
<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>189,680</b>	<b>202,260</b>	<b>217,770</b>	<b>229,130</b>	<b>236,680 *</b>	<b>251,180 *</b>
July	36,070	29,680	39,290	31,920	44,620	35,670
August	46,660	50,260	47,970	54,300	54,600	60,050
September	30,730	32,020	34,150	33,680	40,950 **	40,200 **
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>113,460</b>	<b>111,960</b>	<b>121,410</b>	<b>119,900</b>	<b>140,170 **</b>	<b>135,920 **</b>
October	37,080	34,750	40,400	40,190		
November	37,450	39,280	42,670	41,840		
December	49,010	37,370	53,670	40,950		
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>123,540</b>	<b>111,400</b>	<b>136,740</b>	<b>122,980</b>		
<b>2nd Semester</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>223,360</b>	<b>258,150</b>	<b>242,880</b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>426,680</b>	<b>425,620</b>	<b>475,920</b>	<b>472,010</b>		

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Table 3 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1991 - 1993

Country of Residence	1991		1992		1992				1993					
					1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	2nd Semester	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester*	3rd Qr.**
France	58,370	74,330	18,390	15,380	33,770	15,530	25,030	40,560	22,390	16,960	39,350	17,880		
Germany	24,140	29,800	6,810	7,130	13,940	5,710	10,150	15,860	10,200	7,580	17,780	9,000		
Italy	13,240	14,990	4,120	2,860	6,980	4,020	3,990	8,010	4,000	3,300	7,300	3,680		
Switzerland	8,930	10,150	1,930	2,090	4,020	2,320	3,810	6,130	2,440	2,200	4,640	2,200		
United Kingdom	20,660	24,510	4,830	5,730	10,560	6,560	7,390	13,950	6,040	6,750	12,790	7,820		
Belgium	2,010	2,510	320	540	860	700	950	1,650	500	960	1,460	950		
Spain	1,630	1,650	370	300	670	670	310	980	260	410	670	880		
Malagasy Rep.	6,010	7,260	1,530	1,480	3,010	2,040	2,210	4,250	1,800	1,960	3,760	1,530		
Reunion Island	77,840	81,260	21,150	17,510	38,660	23,840	18,760	42,600	22,100	18,980	41,080	27,350		
Seychelles	3,420	4,710	620	1,100	1,720	1,390	1,600	2,990	560	1,180	1,740	1,220		
Kenya	1,240	1,720	280	640	920	400	400	800	200	350	550	210		
South Africa Rep.	43,020	39,790	9,800	9,770	19,570	9,160	11,060	20,220	9,230	9,120	18,350	11,970		
Zambia	890	310	130	80	210	60	40	100	30	70	100	150		
Zimbabwe	3,580	2,990	480	940	1,420	720	850	1,570	410	1,120	1,530	730		
Australia	2,960	5,100	1,000	1,330	2,330	1,470	1,300	2,770	930	1,000	1,930	1,140		
India	8,490	8,200	1,070	2,960	4,030	2,270	1,900	4,170	1,820	3,670	5,490	2,740		
U.S.A	1,720	1,830	340	500	840	520	470	990	420	390	810	430		
Singapore	2,010	1,680	380	460	840	360	480	840	400	640	1,040	850		
Japan	3,750	3,520	950	920	1,870	840	810	1,650	610	630	1,240	480		
Hong Kong	1,960	1,740	470	360	830	540	370	910	210	370	580	530		
Other countries	14,800	17,350	4,410	4,280	8,690	3,790	4,870	8,660	4,450	4,070	8,520	5,030		
All Countries	300,670	335,400	79,380	76,360	155,740	82,910	96,750	179,660	89,000	81,710	170,710	96,770		

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Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1991 - 1993

Month	Number		
	1991	1992	1993
January	28,620	33,760	38,910
February	18,110	23,220	25,920
March	23,640	22,400	24,170
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>79,380</u>	<u>89,000</u>
April	22,540	30,630	32,580
May	23,790	23,800	28,250
June	18,710	21,930	20,880*
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>65,040</u>	<u>76,360</u>	<u>81,710*</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>135,410</i>	<i>155,740</i>	<i>170,710*</i>
July	23,400	26,270	30,320**
August	33,410	33,270	38,450**
September	21,530	23,370	28,000**
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>82,910</u>	<u>96,770**</u>
October	27,600	29,820	
November	26,600	30,760	
December	32,720	36,170	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>86,920</u>	<u>96,750</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>165,260</i>	<i>179,660</i>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>300,670</b>	<b>335,400</b>	

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Table 5:- Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993
January	55.0	56.4	64.5
February	48.9	51.0	58.5
March	48.1	48.9	56.8
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>50.7</u>	<u>52.0</u>	<u>60.0</u>
April	51.0	55.0	60.1
May	51.3	52.0	51.4
June	41.5	42.0	43.0
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>51.6</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>55.9</i>
July	45.0	42.9	49.7 *
August	60.4	51.0	63.2 *
September	54.2	53.1	62.8 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>53.1</u>	<u>48.9</u>	<u>58.3 *</u>
October	60.6	58.0	
November	63.3	64.6	
December	56.0	57.2	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>59.9</u>	<u>59.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>54.3</i>	
Whole Year	53.1	52.9	

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Table 6:-Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993
January	50.3	50.8	59.6
February	43.0	44.7	52.6
March	41.1	41.8	49.4
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>46.0</u>	<u>54.0</u>
April	46.2	49.0	53.8
May	45.0	45.5	47.6
June	36.2	36.5	38.6
	<u>42.6</u>	<u>43.7</u>	<u>46.8</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>43.8</i>	<i>44.9</i>	<i>50.5</i>
July	40.2	38.9	45.8 *
August	56.4	48.1	56.9 *
September	48.0	48.1	56.7 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>52.9 *</u>
October	54.3	53.0	
November	52.3	55.9	
December	50.3	51.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>53.4</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>50.6</i>	<i>49.1</i>	
Whole Year	47.1	47.3	

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Table 7:-Monthly room occupancy rate for large hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993
January	66.8	66.3	70.8
February	61.4	63.1	70.2
March	60.9	58.3	65.9
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>63.1</u>	<u>62.7</u>	<u>68.9</u>
April	66.8	68.9	71.0
May	66.6	64.2	59.6
June	52.4	52.5	51.7
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>62.2</u>	<u>61.9</u>	<u>60.9</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>62.6</i>	<i>62.3</i>	<i>64.0</i>
July	58.7	52.1	57.2 *
August	72.8	57.6	67.5 *
September	63.9	67.9	72.3 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.1</u>	<u>65.7 *</u>
October	74.6	68.0	
November	78.0	76.4	
December	69.1	66.8	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>73.8</u>	<u>70.4</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>69.6</i>	<i>64.9</i>	
Whole Year	66.1	63.6	

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Table 8:-Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993
January	61.6	61.0	66.3
February	54.8	57.0	64.3
March	53.8	52.5	58.4
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>56.8</u>	<u>56.0</u>	<u>63.0</u>
April	61.8	63.0	63.9
May	59.8	57.0	54.4
June	47.1	46.5	47.0
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>55.5</u>	<u>55.2</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>55.8</i>	<i>58.2</i>
July	54.1	48.3	53.2 *
August	67.5	53.1	61.2 *
September	59.1	63.5	66.5 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>60.2</u>	<u>54.9</u>	<u>60.3 *</u>
October	69.0	64.0	
November	65.0	68.6	
December	64.0	61.4	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>65.9</u>	<u>64.7</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>63.2</i>	<i>59.9</i>	
Whole Year	60.0	58.4	

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**Table 9:- Employment in the tourist industry. 1989 - 1993**

Establishments	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March
	Restaurants	949	1,019	935	900	919	763	772	820
Hotels	4,379	4,600	5,581	5,995	6,422	6,860	7,592	7,800	7,884
Travel and Tourism	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,775	2,759	2,765	2,887	2,950	3,067
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>7,684</b>	<b>8,902</b>	<b>9,670</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>10,388</b>	<b>11,251</b>	<b>11,570</b>	<b>11,660</b>

Note: The above figures do not include foreign workers and refer to

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

(2) Island of Mauritius only.