

International Travel and Tourism - 1993

Passenger Traffic

The volume of passenger traffic in the Island of Mauritius rose from 947,000 in 1992 to 1,044,100 in 1993, representing an increase of about 10%. Both passenger arrivals and departures increased by the same amount (i.e 10%) during this period.

Tourist Arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals in 1993 was to 374,600 as compared to 335,400 in 1992, i.e an increase of 11.7%.

For the first time, since the development of tourism in Mauritius, Reunion Island has ceded its rank as the first tourist-generating country in favour of France. In fact, the number of tourists from France during the year 1993 was slightly higher than those coming from Reunion Island, 85,100 against 85,000.

Nearly 50% of the tourists came from Europe, with France contributing 23% of the total, Germany 10%, United Kingdom 8% , Italy 4% and Switzerland 3%. Germany registered the highest growth of 29% between 1992 and 1993 while the number of tourists from U.K rose by 22% and those from France by 15%.

The Republic of South Africa maintained its position as the most important medium-haul market with 42,300 tourists (11% of total tourist arrivals), growing by 6% relative to 1992.

Reunion Island, with a share of 23% of the total market, remains by far our major short-haul generating country. The number of tourists from this island rose by nearly 5% over the previous year. As far as the other short-haul markets were concerned, the number of tourist arrivals from Seychelles rose by 15% and from Malagasy Republic by 7%.

Tourist Nights

It is estimated that 4.6 million tourists nights were spent in Mauritius during the year 1993, showing an increase of 12% over last year and an average length of stay of 12.3 nights per tourist.

Occupancy Rates

One new hotel came into operation during 1993 thus bringing the total number of hotels to 85. The room capacity increased by 70 over the previous year to 5,341. The bed capacity consequently rose to 11,058, i.e an additional number of 141 bedplaces.

The room occupancy rate for all hotels improved from 53% in 1992 to 60% in 1993. The major hotels registered an occupancy rate of 68% against 64% during the previous year.

Monthly bed occupancy rates similarly rose from 47% to 53% for all hotels and from 58% to 62% for major ones.

Tourist Receipts

Gross tourist receipts in 1993 is estimated at 5.3 billion rupees as compared to 4.7 billion rupees in 1992, representing an increase of 14% and an average expenditure per tourist of Rs 14,100.

Employment

In March 1993, there were 11,700 persons employed directly in tourism establishments engaging 10 persons or more. Out of this number, 8,600 were working in hotels and restaurants.

Forecast

Based on the recent growth rate, it is estimated that the number of tourist arrivals for the first quarter of 1994 will be around 100,000 and by the end of 1994, Mauritius would have registered not less than 410,000 tourist arrivals.

Gross receipts from tourism for 1994 will be of the order of 5.7 billion rupees.

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Table 1:- Selected tourism statistics, 1989 - 1993

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals	Tourist nights	Tourist receipts	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	(Number)	(000)	(Rs Mn)	
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	
1993	85	5341	11,058	374,630	4,570 **	5,300 **	
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	1,080	1,379
	2nd Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	81,710	990	1,164 *
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>170,710</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>2,543 *</u>
	3rd Qr.	85	5,300	10,980	95,520	1,170 **	1,195 *
	4th Qr.	85	5,341	11,058	108,400	1,330 **	1,562 **
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,341</u>	<u>11,058</u>	<u>203,920</u>	<u>2,500 **</u>	<u>2,757 **</u>

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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
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>96,830</u>	<u>104,120</u>	<u>108,520</u>	<u>119,850</u>	<u>119,860</u>	<u>133,570</u>
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
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>92,850</u>	<u>98,140</u>	<u>109,250</u>	<u>109,280</u>	<u>116,820</u>	<u>117,610</u>
1st Semester	189,680	202,260	217,770	229,130	236,680	251,180
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	38,600 *	38,540 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>113,460</u>	<u>111,960</u>	<u>121,410</u>	<u>119,900</u>	<u>137,820 *</u>	<u>134,260 *</u>
October	37,080	34,750	40,400	40,190	44,490	40,520
November	37,450	39,280	42,670	41,840	48,170	48,210
December	49,010	37,370	53,670	40,950	56,580	46,230
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>123,540</u>	<u>111,400</u>	<u>136,740</u>	<u>122,980</u>	<u>149,240</u>	<u>134,960</u>
2nd Semester	237,000	223,360	258,150	242,880	287,060	269,220
Whole Year	426,680	425,620	475,920	472,010	523,740	520,400

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Table 3 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1992 - 1993

Country of Residence	1992	1993	1992				1993			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.*	4th Qr.
			France	74,330	85,120	18,390	15,380	15,530	25,030	22,390
Germany	29,800	38,500	6,810	7,130	5,710	10,150	10,200	7,580	9,380	11,340
Italy	14,990	15,290	4,120	2,860	4,020	3,990	4,000	3,300	4,440	3,550
Switzerland	10,150	11,010	1,930	2,090	2,320	3,810	2,440	2,200	2,320	4,050
United Kingdom	24,510	29,950	4,830	5,730	6,560	7,390	6,040	6,750	7,940	9,220
Belgium	2,510	3,530	320	540	700	950	500	960	890	1,180
Spain	1,650	2,090	370	300	670	310	260	410	910	510
Malagasy Rep.	7,260	7,740	1,530	1,480	2,040	2,210	1,800	1,960	1,590	2,390
Reunion Island	81,260	84,960	21,150	17,510	23,840	18,760	22,100	18,980	24,870	19,010
Seychelles	4,710	5,420	620	1,100	1,390	1,600	560	1,180	1,380	2,300
Kenya	1,720	1,070	280	640	400	400	200	350	200	320
South Africa	39,790	42,350	9,800	9,770	9,160	11,060	9,230	9,120	11,930	12,070
Rep. of Zambia	310	340	130	80	60	40	30	70	120	120
Zimbabwe	2,990	3,460	480	940	720	850	410	1,120	840	1,090
Australia	5,100	4,520	1,000	1,330	1,470	1,300	930	1,000	1,410	1,180
India	8,200	10,740	1,070	2,960	2,270	1,900	1,820	3,670	2,700	2,550
U.S.A	1,830	1,790	340	500	520	470	420	390	430	550
Singapore	1,680	2,770	380	460	360	480	400	640	820	910
Japan	3,520	2,540	950	920	840	810	610	630	630	670
Hong Kong	1,740	1,330	470	360	540	370	210	370	450	300
Other countries	17,350	20,110	4,410	4,280	3,790	4,870	4,450	4,070	4,710	6,880
All Countries	335,400	374,630	79,380	76,360	82,910	96,750	89,000	81,710	95,520	108,400

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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	30320*
August	33,410	33,270	38450*
September	21,530	23,370	26750*
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>82,910</u>	<u>95520*</u>
October	27,600	29,820	33,040
November	26,600	30,760	35,400
December	32,720	36,170	39,960
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>86,920</u>	<u>96,750</u>	<u>108,400</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>165,260</i>	<i>179,660</i>	<i>203,920</i>
Whole Year	300,670	335,400	374,630

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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	49.5 *
August	60.4	51.0	62.9 *
September	54.2	53.1	62.8 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>53.1</u>	<u>48.9</u>	<u>57.9 *</u>
October	60.6	58.0	69.5 **
November	63.3	64.6	75.5 **
December	56.0	57.2	64.9 **
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>59.9</u>	<u>59.9</u>	<u>69.9 **</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>54.3</i>	<i>64.3 **</i>
Whole Year	53.1	52.9	60.0 **

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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	44.9 *
August	56.4	48.1	56.6 *
September	48.0	48.1	56.7 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>52.3 *</u>
October	54.3	53.0	59.3 **
November	52.3	55.9	59.6 **
December	50.3	51.5	59.1 **
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>53.4</u>	<u>59.3 **</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>50.6</i>	<i>49.1</i>	<i>56.1 **</i>
Whole Year	47.1	47.3	53.2 **

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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>64.9 *</i>
July	58.7	52.1	55.9 *
August	72.8	57.6	67.4 *
September	63.9	67.9	72.3 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.1</u>	<u>65.1 *</u>
October	74.6	68.0	76.9 **
November	78.0	76.4	86.2 **
December	69.1	66.8	72.4 **
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>73.8</u>	<u>70.4</u>	<u>78.4 **</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>69.6</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>72.0 **</i>
Whole Year	66.1	63.6	68.5 **

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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>59.1</i>
July	54.1	48.3	51.0 *
August	67.5	53.1	61.1 *
September	59.1	63.5	66.5 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>60.2</u>	<u>54.9</u>	<u>59.4</u> *
October	69.0	64.0	65.7 **
November	65.0	68.6	77.1 **
December	64.0	61.4	67.5 **
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>65.9</u>	<u>64.7</u>	<u>69.9</u> **
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>63.2</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>64.9</i> **
Whole Year	60.0	58.4	62.0 **

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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	709
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
Total	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,670	10,100	10,388	11,251	11,570	11,660

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.