

International Travel and Tourism - 1st Semester 1995

1. Passenger Traffic

(i) Total

Total passenger traffic during the period January to June 1995 increased by 1.6% to 503,800 over the corresponding period of 1994. Total arrivals numbered 244,600 as opposed to 259,200 departures, showing an excess of 14,600 outgoing passengers.

Total arrivals included 4,000 "excursionists" or "same-day visitors", i.e those arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 1,600 (40%) came from Reunion Island and 650 (16%) from France.

(ii) Mauritian Residents

During the period under review, international movement of Mauritian residents was made up of 44,900 arrivals and 47,300 departures, representing in each case 18% of total arrivals and total departures respectively. The major destinations were :-Reunion Island (30%), United Kingdom (15%), France (13%), India (9%), Republic of South Africa (8%) and Singapore (7%).

2. Tourist Arrivals

The total number of tourist arrivals registered during the first semester of 1995 amounted to 190,400, which represents an increase of 3.3% over the corresponding period of 1994.

Most of the tourists (91%) came on holidays while 4% came for business and 2% were in transit. The remaining 3% visited Mauritius for other purposes such as participating in sports events.

4. Hotel Statistics

The number of registered hotels at the end of June 1995 was 92, with a total room capacity of 5,920 and bed capacity of 12,250.

The monthly room occupancy rates for the first semester averaged 63% for all hotels confounded and 70% for large hotels only. The corresponding average bed occupancy rates were 56% and 63% respectively.

5. Gross Tourism Receipts

Gross earnings from tourism for the period under review is estimated at Rs 3,100 million, which is 6.8% higher than the figure of Rs. 2,900 million registered for the same period in 1994. The average expenditure per tourist amounted to Rs 16,300.

6. Employment

At the end of March 1995, direct employment in tourist establishments employing 10 persons or more stood at 13,900, which is more or less of the same level as for the corresponding period of last year. Of this, 67% (or 9,300) were engaged in hotels.

7. Forecast

Based on the trend during the first six months of the year, it is estimated that total tourist arrivals for the year 1995 will be around 420,000, i.e an increase of nearly 5% over last year.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying in the country for more than 24 hours but less than a year and is not involved in any gainful occupation.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is a non-resident who leaves the airport and stays in the country for more than 24 hours for flight connection purposes.

3. Excursionist

An excursionist is a non-resident who stays in the country for less than 24 hours, other than those who do not leave the airport.

4. Visitor Nights

Visitor nights are the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists during the period under review.

5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

Table 1:- Passenger Traffic by month 1993 - 1995

Month	Number					
	1993		1994		1995	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	52,160	60,230	52,652	60,384	52,976	63,363
February	34,520	39,370	34,478	38,941	33,869	34,812
March	33,180	33,970	40,099	37,363	42,045	43,615
1st Quarter	119,860	133,570	127,229	136,688	128,890	141,790
April	44,740	44,930	40,446	44,779	41,549	42,055
May	38,660	37,490	39,840	42,809	41,144	42,209
June	33,420	35,190	33,226	30,724	32,986	33,131
2nd Quarter	116,820	117,610	113,512	118,312	115,679	117,395
1st Semester	236,680	251,180	240,741	255,000	244,569	259,185
July	44,620	35,670	44,863	37,654		
August	54,600	60,050	54,205	59,733		
September	38,600	38,540	38,611	39,332		
3rd Quarter	137,820	134,260	137,679	136,719		
October	44,490	40,520	48,980	45,904		
November	48,170	48,210	44,666	46,528		
December	56,580	46,230	56,499	44,181		
4th Quarter	149,240	134,960	150,145	136,613		
2nd Semester	287,060	269,220	287,824	273,332		
Whole Year	523,740	520,400	528,565	528,332		

**Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian Residents by country of disembarkation,
1st. Semester 1995**

Country of disembarkation	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	1st. Semester
EUROPE	7,912	7,689	15,601
Belgium	98	86	184
France	2,982	2,979	5,961
Germany	477	289	766
Italy	544	229	773
Switzerland	333	408	741
United Kingdom	3,449	3,642	7,091
Other European	29	56	85
AFRICA	10,919	9,645	20,564
Kenya	253	203	456
Malagasy Republic	587	457	1,044
Reunion	7,458	6,875	14,333
Seychelles	104	385	489
S. Africa, Rep. of	2,264	1,546	3,810
Zimbabwe	182	153	335
Other African	71	26	97
ASIA	5,321	4,157	9,478
Hong Kong	508	574	1,082
India	2,808	1,476	4,284
Malaysia	70	114	184
Singapore	1,789	1,545	3,334
Other Asian	146	448	594
OCEANIA	996	434	1,430
Australia	996	434	1,430
AMERICA	84	39	123
U.S.A	24	14	38
Canada	60	25	85
NOT STATED	129	2	131
All Countries	25,361	21,966	47,327

Table 3:- Selected tourism statistics, 1991 - 1995

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Visitor nights (000)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)		
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces					
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	5,341	11,058	374,630	4,610	5,362		
1994	90	5,888	12,155	400,526	5,263	6,052 *		
1994 :	1st Qr.	85	5,341	11,058	100,763	1,324	1,642	
	2nd Qr.	85	5,401	11,192	83,572	1,098	1,260	
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,401</u>	<u>11,192</u>	<u>184,335</u>	<u>2,422</u>	<u>2,902</u>	
	3rd Qr.	86	5,527	11,433	101,135	1,329	1,350 *	
	4th Qr.	90	5,888	12,155	115,056	1,512	1,800 *	
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>5,888</u>	<u>12,155</u>	<u>216,191</u>	<u>2,841</u>	<u>3,150 *</u>	
	1995	1st Qr.	90	5,888	12,155	102,153	1,342 *	1,700 *
	2nd Qr.	92	5,922	12,255	88,212	1,156 *	1,400 *	
<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>5,922</u>	<u>12,255</u>	<u>190,365</u>	<u>2,498 *</u>	<u>3,100 *</u>		

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Table 4 : - Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st. Semester 1995

Purpose of visit	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	1st. Semester
Holiday	94,940	78,465	173,405
Business	3,395	3,617	7,012
Transit	2,946	548	3,494
Conference	215	792	1,007
Sports	119	235	354
Other & Not Stated	538	4,555	5,093
Total	102,153	88,212	190,365

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1993 - 1995

Month	Number		
	1993	1994	1995
January	38,910	41,757	42,528
February	25,920	27,268	26,587
March	24,170	31,738	33,038
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>89,000</u>	<u>100,763</u>	<u>102,153</u>
April	32,580	30,350	34,428
May	28,250	30,685	30,607
June	20,880	22,537	23,177
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>81,710</u>	<u>83,572</u>	<u>88,212</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>170,710</i>	<i>184,335</i>	<i>190,365</i>
July	30,320	32,211	
August	38,450	40,319	
September	26,750	28,605	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>95,520</u>	<u>101,135</u>	
October	33,040	39,139	
November	35,400	35,037	
December	39,960	40,880	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>108,400</u>	<u>115,056</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>203,920</i>	<i>216,191</i>	
Whole Year	374,630	400,526	

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1st Semester 1994/1995

Country of Residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			1st Semester		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
	EUROPE	57,121	59,372	3.9	46,916	51,480	9.7	104,037	110,852
Austria	1,660	1,351	-18.6	881	791	-10.2	2,541	2,142	-15.7
Belgium	709	1,058	49.2	721	1,178	63.4	1,430	2,236	56.4
France	28,171	29,304	4.0	19,978	23,216	16.2	48,149	52,520	9.1
Germany	11,001	10,871	-1.2	9,200	9,512	3.4	20,201	20,383	0.9
Italy	4,210	4,935	17.2	3,809	3,671	-3.6	8,019	8,606	7.3
Netherlands	223	250	12.1	159	377	137.1	382	627	64.1
Spain	487	596	22.4	472	716	51.7	959	1,312	36.8
Sweden	592	535	-9.6	196	259	32.1	788	794	0.8
Switzerland	2,972	2,913	-2.0	2,134	2,570	20.4	5,106	5,483	7.4
United Kingdom	5,889	5,860	-0.5	8,458	7,511	-11.2	14,347	13,371	-6.8
Other European	1,207	1,699	40.8	908	1,679	84.9	2,115	3,378	59.7
AFRICA	37,143	35,807	-3.6	27,622	27,677	0.2	64,765	63,484	-2.0
Comoros	264	326	23.5	306	357	16.7	570	683	19.8
Kenya	240	208	-13.3	331	305	-7.9	571	513	-10.2
Malagasy Rep.	1,468	1,221	-16.8	1,743	1,442	-17.3	3,211	2,663	-17.1
Reunion	22,805	23,059	1.1	12,586	12,971	3.1	35,391	36,030	1.8
Seychelles	659	667	1.2	1,223	1,538	25.8	1,882	2,205	17.2
S. Africa, Rep. of	10,439	8,972	-14.1	9,514	9,312	-2.1	19,953	18,284	-8.4
Zambia	76	112	47.4	47	96	104.3	123	208	69.1
Zimbabwe	607	620	2.1	1,079	1,037	-3.9	1,686	1,657	-1.7
Other African	585	622	6.3	793	619	-21.9	1,378	1,241	-9.9

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1st Semester 1994/1995 (Ctd.)

Country of Residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			1st Semester		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
ASIA									
Hong Kong	4,961	5,094	2.7	6,642	6,560	-1.2	11,603	11,654	0.4
India	1,626	1,831	12.6	3,602	3,659	1.6	5,228	5,490	5.0
Japan	789	930	17.9	674	643	-4.6	1,463	1,573	7.5
Malaysia	346	224	-35.3	288	283	-1.7	634	507	-20.0
Peo. Rep. of China	375	501	33.6	342	421	23.1	717	922	28.6
Singapore	855	684	-20.0	783	745	-4.9	1,638	1,429	-12.8
Other Asian	522	552	5.7	706	566	-19.8	1,228	1,118	-9.0
OCEANIA									
Australia	719	971	35.0	1,085	1,465	35.0	1,804	2,436	35.0
Other Oceanian	650	897	38.0	1,019	1,377	35.1	1,669	2,274	36.2
	69	74	7.2	66	88	33.3	135	162	20.0
AMERICA									
USA	637	820	28.7	804	859	6.8	1,441	1,679	16.5
Canada	382	482	26.2	497	526	5.8	879	1,008	14.7
Other American	218	248	13.8	252	274	8.7	470	522	11.1
	37	90	143.2	55	59	7.3	92	149	62.0
OTHER & N-STATED									
	182	89	-51.1	503	171	-66.0	685	260	-62.0
All Countries	100,763	102,153	1.4	83,572	88,212	5.6	184,335	190,365	3.3

Table 7:- Monthly room occupancy rates for all hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	64.5	75.4	69.2
February	58.5	66.6	62.5
March	56.8	65.3	64.1
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>69.1</u>	<u>65.3</u>
April	60.1	63.8	60.5
May	51.4	63.0	64.7
June	43.0	53.7	55.3
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>51.6</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>60.2</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>64.8</i>	<i>62.8</i>
July	49.5	56.8	
August	62.9	66.4	
September	62.8	67.6	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>57.9</u>	<u>63.6</u>	
October	69.5	70.4	
November	75.5	78.7	
December	64.9	63.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>69.9</u>	<u>70.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>67.4</i>	
Whole Year	60.0	66.1	

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Table 9:-Monthly room occupancy rates for large hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	70.8	81.5	75.6
February	70.2	76.5	72.3
March	65.9	73.1	70.6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>68.9</u>	<u>77.1</u>	<u>72.8</u>
April	71.0	73.7	71.1
May	59.6	71.3	72.9
June	51.7	60.8	57.5
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>60.9</u>	<u>68.3</u>	<u>67.2</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>72.6</i>	<i>70.0</i>
July	55.9	64.4	
August	67.4	69.6	
September	72.3	76.2	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>70.0</u>	
October	76.9	79.8	
November	86.2	90.1	
December	72.4	70.3	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>80.0</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>72.0</i>	<i>75.1</i>	
Whole Year	68.5	73.9	

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Table 10 :- Monthly bed occupancy rates for large hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Bed occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	66.3	73.6	70.9
February	64.3	70.1	66.7
March	58.4	68.6	65.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>63.0</u>	<u>70.8</u>	<u>67.5</u>
April	63.9	69.6	64.9
May	54.4	65.5	64.7
June	47.0	55.7	47.8
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>55.2</u>	<u>63.3</u>	<u>59.1</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>67.0</i>	<i>63.3</i>
July	51.0	60.9	
August	61.1	66.0	
September	66.5	70.7	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>59.4</u>	<u>65.9</u>	
October	65.7	78.0	
November	77.1	80.6	
December	67.5	66.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>69.9</u>	<u>74.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>70.4</i>	
Whole Year	62.0	68.8	

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Table 11:- Employment in the tourist industry as at March, 1991 - 1995

Establishments \ Year	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Restaurants	919	772	850	1,157	1,000
Hotels	6,422	7,592	8,271	9,082	9,340
Travel and Tourism	2,759	2,887	3,310	3,419	3,515
Total	10,100	11,251	12,431	13,658	13,855

Note: The above figures refer to large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)