

International Travel and Tourism :- January to September 1995

1. Passenger Traffic

(i) Total

Total international arrivals registered during the third quarter of 1995 was 140,200 compared to 138,400 departures, i.e an excess of 1,800 arrivals over departures.

Arrivals by sea numbered 2,600 or 1.9% of total arrivals while 2,400 departures (1.7%) were registered at the harbour.

Arrivals for this quarter included 2,700 "excursionists" or "same day visitors", i.e those arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 1,000 came from Reunion Island and 500 from France.

Total arrivals for the period January to September 1995 stood at 384,800, representing an increase of 1.7% over the figure of 378,400 for the corresponding period of 1994. Total departures for the same period were 397,600 compared to 391,700 for last year, i.e an increase of 1.5%.

(ii) Mauritian residents

International movements of Mauritian residents during the third quarter of 1995 were made up of 31,700 departures and 30,600 arrivals, representing an excess of 1,100 departures over arrivals. Thus total outgoing movements for the first nine months of the year numbered 79,000 compared to 75,500 incoming. The major destinations for outgoing Mauritian passengers were :- Reunion Island (23,600), France (12,700), United Kingdom (11,400), India (6,100) and Republic of South Africa (5,700).

2. Tourist Arrivals

Total tourist arrivals registered during the third quarter stood at 105,700, a figure which is 4.6% higher than that of the corresponding period of last year.

Holiday tourists accounted for 98,700 (93%) of tourist arrivals while 3,900 (4%) arrivals were for business purposes. The remaining 3% visited Mauritius for other purposes such as attending conference or participating in sports events.

For the period January to September 1995, total tourist arrivals numbered 296,100, representing an increase of 3.7% over the corresponding period of last year. The European market shows a growth of 4.8% during those nine months, with a favourable increase of 9% from France, our leading generating market. Encouraging growth has also been registered among the emerging European sources: Netherlands (66%), Belgium (34%) and Spain (11%). However, tourist arrivals from United Kingdom fell by 8%.

Tourist arrivals from Africa increased by 2.1% for the period January to September 1995. Reunion Island, the leading market of that region, posted an increase of 3%. It is interesting to note that Mauritius is gradually recovering its share of the South African market. Thus, after declines registered during the past months in the number of tourist arrivals from the Republic of South Africa, an increase of 21% was noted during the month of September, thus yielding a growth of about 1% for the first nine months.

In the Asian market, arrivals from India went up by 7% but adverse changes registered in the minor markets like Malaysia (-29%), Singapore (-19%) and Hong kong (-5%), levelled this increase to only 1% for the period.

Tourist arrivals from Australia increased by 26% during the period January to September 1995.

3. Visitor Nights

Total visitor nights spent during the first nine months is estimated at 3,886,000 which is 3.6% higher than the corresponding figure of 1994.

4. Hotel Statistics

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

The monthly average room occupancy rates for the first nine months was 63% for all hotels and 70% for large hotels only. The corresponding average bed occupancy rates were 58% and 67% respectively.

5. Gross Tourism Receipts

Gross earnings from tourism for the first nine months of the year is estimated at Rs. 4,600 million, which is 8% higher than the figure of Rs.4,250 million registered for the same period in 1994. The average expenditure per tourist amounted to Rs. 15,500.

6. Employment

At the end of March 1995, 13,900 persons were engaged in tourist establishments employing 10 persons or more. Of this number, 67% (or 9,300) were working in hotels.

7. Forecast

Based on the current trend, it is estimated that total tourist arrivals for the year 1995 will be around 416,000 with a corresponding gross tourism receipts of about Rs 6,500 million.

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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
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>119,860</u>	<u>133,570</u>	<u>127,229</u>	<u>136,688</u>	<u>128,890</u>	<u>141,790</u>
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
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>116,820</u>	<u>117,610</u>	<u>113,512</u>	<u>118,312</u>	<u>115,679</u>	<u>117,395</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>236,680</i>	<i>251,180</i>	<i>240,741</i>	<i>255,000</i>	<i>244,569</i>	<i>259,185</i>
July	44,620	35,670	44,863	37,654	46,708	60,768
August	54,600	60,050	54,205	59,733	55,049	37,268
September	38,600	38,540	38,611	39,332	38,433	40,403
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>137,820</u>	<u>134,260</u>	<u>137,679</u>	<u>136,719</u>	<u>140,190</u>	<u>138,439</u>
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		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>149,240</u>	<u>134,960</u>	<u>150,145</u>	<u>136,613</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>287,060</i>	<i>269,220</i>	<i>287,824</i>	<i>273,332</i>		
Whole Year	523,740	520,400	528,565	528,332		

**Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian Residents by country of disembarkation,
January to September, 1995**

Country of disembarkation	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd Quarter	January - September
EUROPE	7,912	7,689	13,194	28,795
Belgium	98	86	265	449
France	2,982	2,979	6,778	12,739
Germany	477	289	526	1,292
Italy	544	229	688	1,461
Switzerland	333	408	525	1,266
United Kingdom	3,449	3,642	4,306	11,397
Other European	29	56	106	191
AFRICA	10,919	9,645	13,051	33,615
Kenya	253	203	214	670
Malagasy Republic	587	457	629	1,673
Reunion	7,458	6,875	9,243	23,576
Seychelles	104	385	655	1,144
S. Africa, Rep. of	2,264	1,546	1,900	5,710
Zimbabwe	182	153	360	695
Other African	71	26	50	147
ASIA	5,321	4,157	4,829	14,307
Hong Kong	508	574	703	1,785
India	2,808	1,476	1,818	6,102
Malaysia	70	114	169	353
Singapore	1,789	1,545	2,059	5,393
Other Asian	146	448	80	674
OCEANIA	996	434	467	1,897
Australia	996	434	466	1,896
Other Oceanian			1	1
AMERICA	84	39	151	274
U.S.A	24	14	41	79
Canada	60	25	106	191
Other American			4	4
NOT STATED	129	2	17	148
All Countries	25,361	21,966	31,709	79,036

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 *
	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>
	3rd Qr.	92*	5,922*	12,255*	105,746	1,388 *	1,500 *

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**Table 4 : - Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit,
January to September, 1995**

Purpose of visit	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd Quarter	January - September
Holiday	94,940	81,017	98,674	274,631
Business	3,395	3,845	3,888	11,128
Transit	2,946	1,741	1,937	6,624
Conference	215	792	379	1,386
Sports	119	235	480	834
Other & Not Stated	538	582	388	1,508
Total	102,153	88,212	105,746	296,111

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	33,833
August	38,450	40,319	42,985
September	26,750	28,605	28,928
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>95,520</u>	<u>101,135</u>	<u>105,746</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, January to September 1994/1995

Country of Residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			January to September		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
	EUROPE	57,121	59,372	3.9	46,916	51,480	9.7	53,517	54,225	1.3	157,554	165,077
Austria	1,660	1,351	-18.6	881	791	-10.2	812	851	4.8	3,353	2,993	-10.7
Belgium	709	1,058	49.2	721	1,178	63.4	1,440	1,614	12.1	2,870	3,850	34.1
France	28,171	29,304	4.0	19,978	23,216	16.2	22,801	24,845	9.0	70,950	77,365	9.0
Germany	11,001	10,871	-1.2	9,200	9,512	3.4	9,674	8,977	-7.2	29,875	29,360	-1.7
Italy	4,210	4,935	17.2	3,809	3,671	-3.6	4,974	4,379	-12.0	12,993	12,985	-0.1
Netherlands	223	250	12.1	159	377	137.1	280	469	67.5	662	1,096	65.6
Spain	487	596	22.4	472	716	51.7	981	848	-13.6	1,940	2,160	11.3
Sweden	592	535	-9.6	196	259	32.1	191	216	13.1	979	1,010	3.2
Switzerland	2,972	2,913	-2.0	2,134	2,570	20.4	2,104	2,447	16.3	7,210	7,930	10.0
United Kingdom	5,889	5,860	-0.5	8,458	7,511	-11.2	9,157	8,264	-9.8	23,504	21,635	-8.0
Other European	1,207	1,699	40.8	908	1,679	84.9	1,103	1,315	19.2	3,218	4,693	45.8
AFRICA	37,143	35,807	-3.6	27,622	27,677	0.2	38,950	42,438	9.0	103,715	105,922	2.1
Comoros	264	326	23.5	306	357	16.7	258	331	28.3	828	1,014	22.5
Kenya	240	208	-13.3	331	305	-7.9	292	324	11.0	863	837	-3.0
Malagasy Rep.	1,468	1,221	-16.8	1,743	1,442	-17.3	1,720	2,014	17.1	4,931	4,677	-5.2
Reunion	22,805	23,059	1.1	12,586	12,971	3.1	23,819	24,868	4.4	59,210	60,898	2.9
Seychelles	659	667	1.2	1,223	1,538	25.8	1,648	2,249	36.5	3,530	4,454	26.2
S. Africa, Rep. of	10,439	8,972	-14.1	9,514	9,312	-2.1	9,364	11,238	20.0	29,317	29,522	0.7
Zambia	76	112	47.4	47	96	104.3	92	122	32.6	215	330	53.5
Zimbabwe	607	620	2.1	1,079	1,037	-3.9	860	670	-22.1	2,546	2,327	-8.6
Other African	585	622	6.3	793	619	-21.9	897	622	-30.7	2,275	1,863	-18.1

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January to September 1994/1995 (Ctd.)

Country of Residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			January to September		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
ASIA	4,961	5,094	2.7	6,642	6,560	-1.2	6,449	6,563	1.8	18,052	18,217	0.9
Hong Kong	448	372	-17.0	247	243	-1.6	375	398	6.1	1,070	1,013	-5.3
India	1,626	1,831	12.6	3,602	3,659	1.6	2,839	3,131	10.3	8,067	8,621	6.9
Japan	789	930	17.9	674	643	-4.6	859	793	-7.7	2,322	2,366	1.9
Malaysia	346	224	-35.3	288	283	-1.7	442	256	-42.1	1,076	763	-29.1
Peo. Rep. of China	375	501	33.6	342	421	23.1	403	496	23.1	1,120	1,418	26.6
Singapore	855	684	-20.0	783	745	-4.9	772	522	-32.4	2,410	1,951	-19.0
Other Asian	522	552	5.7	706	566	-19.8	759	967	27.4	1,987	2,085	4.9
OCEANIA	719	971	35.0	1,085	1,465	35.0	1,202	1,337	11.2	3,006	3,773	25.5
Australia	650	897	38.0	1,019	1,377	35.1	1,144	1,272	11.2	2,813	3,546	26.1
Other Oceanian	69	74	7.2	66	88	33.3	58	65	12.1	193	227	17.6
AMERICA	637	820	28.7	804	859	6.8	849	1,002	18.0	2,290	2,681	17.1
USA	382	482	26.2	497	526	5.8	513	567	10.5	1,392	1,575	13.1
Canada	218	248	13.8	252	274	8.7	259	320	23.6	729	842	15.5
Other American	37	90	143.2	55	59	7.3	77	115	49.4	169	264	56.2
OTHER & N.STATED	182	89	-51.1	503	171	-66.0	168	181	7.7	853	441	-48.3
All Countries	100,763	102,153	1.4	83,572	88,212	5.6	101,135	105,746	4.6	285,470	296,111	3.7

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	58.0
August	62.9	66.4	68.0
September	62.8	67.6	67.0
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>57.9</u>	<u>63.6</u>	<u>64.0</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 8:- Monthly bed occupancy rates for all hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	59.6	67.6	63.8
February	52.6	57.1	57.5
March	49.4	60.2	57.3
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>62.6</u>	<u>59.5</u>
April	53.8	58.6	54.7
May	47.6	56.5	56.4
June	38.6	47.7	45.8
	<u>46.8</u>	<u>54.4</u>	<u>52.3</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>50.5</i>	<i>58.6</i>	<i>55.9</i>
July	44.9	51.9	53.0
August	56.6	60.8	63.0
September	56.7	61.3	57.0
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>58.1</u>	<u>58.0</u>
October	59.3	65.6	
November	66.4	68.7	
December	59.1	59.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>59.3</u>	<u>64.5</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>56.1</i>	<i>61.1</i>	
Whole Year	53.2	59.9	

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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	66.0
August	67.4	69.6	70.0
September	72.3	76.2	74.0
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>70.0</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	63.0
August	61.1	66.0	66.0
September	66.5	70.7	69.0
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>59.4</u>	<u>65.9</u>	<u>66.0</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)