

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

Year 2003

## 1. Passenger Traffic

### 1.1 Total Passenger Traffic

Passenger traffic for the year 2003 totalled 1,789,180, made up of 904,990 arrivals and 884,190 departures. Compared to the preceding year, these figures represent increases of 1.6% in arrivals and 0.2% in departures. Movements by sea accounted for nearly 3% of both arrivals and departures. Table 1 shows monthly details of passenger traffic.

### 1.2 Excursionists

Total arrivals by air included 10,246 "excursionists", i.e. visitors arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 2,943 (28.7%) came from Reunion Island while 1,960 (19.1%) came from France. Total arrivals by sea included 9,965 "cruise excursionists" (5,651 passengers and 4,314 crews) aboard 16 cruise ships which visited our port in 2003.

### 1.3 Mauritian Residents

The number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad edged 0.2% lower from 161,534 in 2002 to 161,187 in 2003, and accounted for 18.2% of total departures. The following trends were recorded in the number of Mauritians visiting the major destinations: Malagasy Republic (+62.0%), United Kingdom (+16.3%), Australia (+11.6%), India (+7.4%), France (+0.9%), Republic of South Africa (-3.1%), Reunion Island (-8.8%) and Singapore (-39.7%). Table 2 shows a more detailed distribution of countries visited.

### 1.4 Tourist Arrivals

Tourist arrivals for the year 2003 attained 702,018, that is 3.0% higher than the figure of 681,648 in 2002. Further details are given in Tables 3 to 6.

Around 91% of the tourists came mainly for holidays while 4.4% were on business/conference trips and another 3.3% were in transit (Table 4).

Arrivals from Europe, which accounted for 66.3% of total tourist arrivals, expanded by 3.1% to 465,379 in the year 2003 against 451,504 in 2002. Arrivals from France, our leading market, representing 28.5% of total tourist arrivals and 43.0% of the European market, regressed by 1.3% to reach 200,229. Among the other major markets, growth was recorded in arrivals from United Kingdom (+13.1%), Italy (+3.9%) and Germany (+0.4%). Trends among the other European countries were as follows: Spain (+16.9%), Sweden (+4.5%), Switzerland (+3.2%), Austria (+1.3%), Belgium (-3.9%) and Netherlands (-4.8%).

In 2003, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 24.8% of total tourist arrivals, registered a growth of 1.0% to attain 174,430. Arrivals from Reunion Island, the major generating country of the region, were down by 0.7%, while those from the Republic of South Africa were up by 7.2%. Changes in arrivals from other African countries were as follows: Comoros (+52.1%), Malagasy Republic (+17.3%), Kenya (+0.2%), Zimbabwe (-26.4%) and Seychelles (-26.7%).

Tourist arrivals from the Asian market grew by 7.9% during the reference period and constituted 6.3% of total tourist arrivals. Arrivals from India, our major source on this continent, rose by 21.4% to reach 25,367. Among the other Asian countries, the following trends were registered: United Arab Emirates (+114.7%), People's Republic of China (-12.0%), Malaysia (-18.4%), Japan (-19.7%), Singapore (-32.5%) and Hong Kong (-43.7%).

Arrivals from Oceania increased by 8.0% due mainly to a rise of 8.5% in arrivals from Australia.

Arrivals from the continent of America grew by 9.3%, being the result of growths from USA (+9.5%), Canada (+0.2%) and other American countries (+19.8%).

## **2. Tourist Nights**

Total tourist nights spent in the country in 2003 is estimated at 7.0 million, up by 2.7% over the preceding year (Table 6).

### **3. Hotel Statistics**

At the end of December 2003, there was a total of 97 registered hotels in operation. Owing to renovation, three hotels were not operational. The total room capacity for these registered hotels in operation was 9,647 with 19,727 bed places (Table 7). The room occupancy rate for all hotels for the year 2003 averaged 63% while the bed occupancy rate was 55% (Table 8).

“Large” hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 38 (39% of all registered hotels). These "Large" hotels had a room capacity of 7,223 with 14,756 bedplaces, representing 74.8% of both total room capacity and total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate for these hotels for 2003 was of the order of 66%, while bed occupancy rate averaged 58% (Table 8).

### **4. Gross Tourism Receipts**

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the year 2003 amounted to Rs 19,397 million, which were 5.8% more than the figure of Rs 18,328 million in 2002.

### **5. Employment**

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings, direct employment in travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more, stood at 22,261 at the end of March 2003, that is 5.4% higher than last year. Of this number, 74.1% or 16,497 were engaged in hotels (Table 9).

## **6. Forecast Year 2004**

On the basis of most recent information obtained from major stakeholders of the tourist industry and on past trends, the forecast of tourist arrivals for 2004 is maintained at 740,000 (+5.4%).

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## Explanatory Notes

### 1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying for more than 24 hours but less than a year, who is not involved in any gainful occupation in the country during his/her stay.

### 2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

**Type I** : Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the harbour.

**Type II** : Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country for more than 24 hours but only for flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

### 3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who stay in the country for less than 24 hours. They also include passengers as well as crews of *cruise ships*.

### 4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" means the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists, as defined above, during the period under review.

### 5. Large Hotels

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

### 6. CIS

CIS denotes the Commonwealth of Independent States, which consists of the states of the former Soviet Union.

Table 1 :- Passenger Traffic by month, 2001 - 2003

| Month               | 2001           |                | 2002           |                | 2003           |                |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                     | Arrivals       | Departures     | Arrivals       | Departures     | Arrivals       | Departures     |
| January             | 83,006         | 96,568         | 82,203         | 98,297         | 82,764         | 101,301        |
| February            | 62,662         | 63,034         | 63,657         | 63,562         | 66,756         | 62,720         |
| March               | 73,365         | 74,278         | 89,745         | 86,466         | 84,501         | 87,275         |
| <i>1st Quarter</i>  | <u>219,033</u> | <u>233,880</u> | <u>235,605</u> | <u>248,325</u> | <u>234,021</u> | <u>251,296</u> |
| April               | 70,185         | 68,642         | 63,961         | 69,431         | 70,795         | 65,828         |
| May                 | 65,600         | 69,705         | 67,030         | 69,414         | 68,044         | 71,992         |
| June                | 54,696         | 51,854         | 54,781         | 51,274         | 57,261         | 55,374         |
| <i>2nd Quarter</i>  | <u>190,481</u> | <u>190,201</u> | <u>185,772</u> | <u>190,119</u> | <u>196,100</u> | <u>193,194</u> |
| <i>1st Semester</i> | <b>409,514</b> | <b>424,081</b> | <b>421,377</b> | <b>438,444</b> | <b>430,121</b> | <b>444,490</b> |
| July                | 77,552         | 63,875         | 75,786         | 62,403         | 77,754         | 62,785         |
| August              | 72,980         | 83,574         | 73,431         | 84,849         | 76,492         | 88,513         |
| September           | 63,876         | 66,230         | 65,381         | 65,607         | 66,150         | 65,894         |
| <i>3rd Quarter</i>  | <u>214,408</u> | <u>213,679</u> | <u>214,598</u> | <u>212,859</u> | <u>220,396</u> | <u>217,192</u> |
| <i>Jan. to Sep.</i> | <b>623,922</b> | <b>637,760</b> | <b>635,975</b> | <b>651,303</b> | <b>650,517</b> | <b>661,682</b> |
| October             | 73,660         | 70,007         | 81,830         | 77,979         | 80,491         | 75,517         |
| November            | 72,147         | 70,362         | 78,362         | 75,840         | 77,614         | 70,212         |
| December            | 88,453         | 72,167         | 94,939         | 77,399         | 96,368         | 76,779         |
| <i>4th Quarter</i>  | <u>234,260</u> | <u>212,536</u> | <u>255,131</u> | <u>231,218</u> | <u>254,473</u> | <u>222,508</u> |
| <i>2nd Semester</i> | <b>448,668</b> | <b>426,215</b> | <b>469,729</b> | <b>444,077</b> | <b>474,869</b> | <b>439,700</b> |
| <b>Whole Year</b>   | <b>858,182</b> | <b>850,296</b> | <b>891,106</b> | <b>882,521</b> | <b>904,990</b> | <b>884,190</b> |

**Table 2 :- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation,  
2002 - 2003**

| Country of disembarkation  | 2002           | 2003           | % Change     |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>EUROPE</b>              | <b>55,085</b>  | <b>60,342</b>  | <b>9.5</b>   |
| Belgium                    | 561            | 1,103          | 96.6         |
| France                     | 25,168         | 25,396         | 0.9          |
| Germany                    | 2,134          | 3,263          | 52.9         |
| Italy                      | 3,076          | 3,088          | 0.4          |
| Switzerland                | 2,294          | 2,133          | -7.0         |
| United Kingdom             | 21,523         | 25,035         | 16.3         |
| Other European             | 329            | 324            | -1.5         |
| <b>AFRICA</b>              | <b>60,509</b>  | <b>57,705</b>  | <b>-4.6</b>  |
| Kenya                      | 1,149          | 1,228          | 6.9          |
| Malagasy Republic          | 2,928          | 4,743          | 62.0         |
| Reunion                    | 37,245         | 33,980         | -8.8         |
| Seychelles                 | 3,689          | 3,200          | -13.3        |
| S. Africa, Rep. of         | 14,460         | 14,010         | -3.1         |
| Zimbabwe                   | 924            | 506            | -45.2        |
| Other African              | 114            | 38             | -66.7        |
| <b>ASIA</b>                | <b>40,379</b>  | <b>37,088</b>  | <b>-8.2</b>  |
| Hong Kong SAR <sup>1</sup> | 7,304          | 3,898          | -46.6        |
| India                      | 13,768         | 14,792         | 7.4          |
| Malaysia                   | 1,634          | 1,422          | -13.0        |
| Singapore                  | 11,720         | 7,062          | -39.7        |
| Saudi Arabia               | 1,473          | 960            | -34.8        |
| Other Asian <sup>2</sup>   | 4,480          | 8,954          | 99.9         |
| <b>OCEANIA</b>             | <b>4,705</b>   | <b>5,251</b>   | <b>11.6</b>  |
| Australia                  | 4,705          | 5,250          | 11.6         |
| Other Oceanian             | 0              | 1              | -            |
| <b>AMERICA</b>             | <b>89</b>      | <b>65</b>      | <b>-27.0</b> |
| U.S.A                      | 16             | 17             | 6.3          |
| Canada                     | 73             | 47             | -35.6        |
| Other American             | 0              | 1              | -            |
| <b>NOT STATED</b>          | <b>767</b>     | <b>736</b>     | <b>-4.0</b>  |
| <b>All Countries</b>       | <b>161,534</b> | <b>161,187</b> | <b>-0.2</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

<sup>2</sup> Including United Arab Emirates

**Table 3 :- Tourist arrivals by month, 2001 - 2003**

| Month               | Number         |                |                   |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                     | 2001           | 2002           | 2003 <sup>1</sup> |
| January             | 65,122         | 63,551         | 64,762            |
| February            | 49,464         | 50,554         | 53,647            |
| March               | 55,944         | 67,554         | 63,129            |
| <i>1st Quarter</i>  | <u>170,530</u> | <u>181,659</u> | <u>181,538</u>    |
| April               | 54,794         | 48,187         | 57,217            |
| May                 | 51,969         | 53,813         | 54,710            |
| June                | 38,496         | 39,048         | 41,841            |
| <i>2nd Quarter</i>  | <u>145,259</u> | <u>141,048</u> | <u>153,768</u>    |
| <i>1st Semester</i> | <b>315,789</b> | <b>322,707</b> | <b>335,306</b>    |
| July                | 57,274         | 56,709         | 58,403            |
| August              | 52,923         | 53,395         | 56,844            |
| September           | 48,953         | 49,774         | 50,293            |
| <i>3rd Quarter</i>  | <u>159,150</u> | <u>159,878</u> | <u>165,540</u>    |
| <i>Jan. to Sep.</i> | <b>474,939</b> | <b>482,585</b> | <b>500,846</b>    |
| October             | 59,325         | 65,291         | 64,917            |
| November            | 57,326         | 61,326         | 61,984            |
| December            | 68,728         | 72,446         | 74,271            |
| <i>4th Quarter</i>  | <u>185,379</u> | <u>199,063</u> | <u>201,172</u>    |
| <i>2nd Semester</i> | <b>344,529</b> | <b>358,941</b> | <b>366,712</b>    |
| <b>Whole Year</b>   | <b>660,318</b> | <b>681,648</b> | <b>702,018</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4 :- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2002 - 2003**

| Purpose of visit   | 2002           | 2003 <sup>1</sup> | % Change   |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Holiday            | 620,124        | 636,325           | 2.6        |
| Business           | 23,730         | 24,844            | 4.7        |
| Transit            | 24,090         | 23,406            | -2.8       |
| Conference         | 4,828          | 6,311             | 30.7       |
| Sports             | 1,043          | 2,342             | 124.5      |
| Other & Not Stated | 7,833          | 8,790             | 12.2       |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>681,648</b> | <b>702,018</b>    | <b>3.0</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional



Table 5 :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2002 - 2003

| Country of residence | Year 2002      | 2003 <sup>1</sup> |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | % Change 2003/2002 |            |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
|                      |                | Jan               | Feb           | Mar           | Apr           | May           | Jun           | Jul           | Aug           | Sep           | Oct           | Nov           | Dec           |                    | Year       |
| <b>EUROPE</b>        | <b>451,504</b> | <b>38,932</b>     | <b>40,739</b> | <b>43,086</b> | <b>40,500</b> | <b>33,724</b> | <b>27,064</b> | <b>34,988</b> | <b>34,123</b> | <b>33,885</b> | <b>43,921</b> | <b>48,496</b> | <b>45,921</b> | <b>465,379</b>     | <b>3.1</b> |
| Austria              | 8,782          | 875               | 995           | 742           | 690           | 1,029         | 340           | 592           | 374           | 548           | 745           | 1,073         | 890           | 8,893              | 1.3        |
| Belgium              | 10,579         | 604               | 622           | 891           | 1,008         | 738           | 874           | 930           | 655           | 822           | 1,055         | 934           | 1,037         | 10,170             | -3.9       |
| France               | 202,869        | 19,136            | 17,962        | 19,642        | 16,327        | 14,092        | 9,971         | 14,626        | 13,928        | 10,023        | 18,556        | 24,250        | 21,716        | 200,229            | -1.3       |
| Germany              | 53,762         | 4,475             | 4,769         | 5,790         | 5,385         | 4,147         | 3,322         | 2,860         | 3,926         | 4,019         | 5,056         | 5,920         | 4,301         | 53,970             | 0.4        |
| Italy                | 38,263         | 4,158             | 4,242         | 3,731         | 3,999         | 1,569         | 1,830         | 2,254         | 3,844         | 3,081         | 3,403         | 2,692         | 4,971         | 39,774             | 3.9        |
| Netherlands          | 4,625          | 243               | 398           | 381           | 356           | 304           | 314           | 703           | 193           | 450           | 408           | 332           | 321           | 4,403              | -4.8       |
| Spain                | 7,770          | 350               | 507           | 746           | 921           | 778           | 926           | 881           | 1,062         | 980           | 808           | 686           | 436           | 9,081              | 16.9       |
| Sweden               | 4,647          | 578               | 747           | 466           | 346           | 169           | 219           | 206           | 132           | 143           | 709           | 601           | 541           | 4,857              | 4.5        |
| Switzerland          | 17,371         | 1,366             | 1,427         | 1,498         | 1,951         | 1,150         | 800           | 1,267         | 687           | 1,538         | 2,032         | 2,183         | 2,030         | 17,929             | 3.2        |
| United Kingdom       | 80,667         | 4,521             | 6,190         | 6,990         | 7,724         | 8,070         | 6,954         | 8,952         | 7,873         | 10,427        | 8,969         | 7,471         | 7,069         | 91,210             | 13.1       |
| CIS <sup>2</sup>     | 3,129          | 677               | 327           | 269           | 369           | 525           | 164           | 150           | 131           | 178           | 299           | 267           | 598           | 3,954              | 26.4       |
| Other European       | 19,040         | 1,949             | 2,553         | 1,940         | 1,424         | 1,153         | 1,350         | 1,567         | 1,318         | 1,676         | 1,881         | 2,087         | 2,011         | 20,909             | 9.8        |
| <b>AFRICA</b>        | <b>172,641</b> | <b>21,522</b>     | <b>7,772</b>  | <b>15,511</b> | <b>12,330</b> | <b>14,655</b> | <b>9,302</b>  | <b>18,212</b> | <b>17,598</b> | <b>11,050</b> | <b>15,047</b> | <b>9,038</b>  | <b>22,393</b> | <b>174,430</b>     | <b>1.0</b> |
| Comoros              | 945            | 72                | 68            | 92            | 107           | 137           | 95            | 105           | 265           | 146           | 142           | 86            | 122           | 1,437              | 52.1       |
| Kenya                | 1,507          | 92                | 81            | 137           | 210           | 101           | 113           | 122           | 150           | 90            | 104           | 81            | 229           | 1,510              | 0.2        |
| Malagasy Rep.        | 9,417          | 952               | 869           | 835           | 971           | 831           | 632           | 859           | 1,408         | 751           | 920           | 914           | 1,102         | 11,044             | 17.3       |
| Reunion              | 96,375         | 15,955            | 2,731         | 8,579         | 4,982         | 8,974         | 3,534         | 11,958        | 10,152        | 3,548         | 9,454         | 4,051         | 11,761        | 95,679             | -0.7       |
| Seychelles           | 13,468         | 890               | 897           | 1,122         | 1,111         | 989           | 740           | 587           | 1,023         | 561           | 611           | 626           | 712           | 9,869              | -26.7      |
| S/ Africa Rep. of    | 42,685         | 2,753             | 2,646         | 4,054         | 3,997         | 2,981         | 3,497         | 3,991         | 3,569         | 5,325         | 3,178         | 2,611         | 7,154         | 45,756             | 7.2        |
| Zimbabwe             | 3,185          | 105               | 108           | 169           | 259           | 144           | 71            | 121           | 447           | 169           | 189           | 233           | 328           | 2,343              | -26.4      |
| Other African        | 5,059          | 703               | 372           | 523           | 693           | 498           | 620           | 469           | 584           | 460           | 449           | 436           | 985           | 6,792              | 34.3       |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States (Ex Soviet Union Countries)

Table 5 (contd.) :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2002 - 2003

| Country of residence        | Year 2002      | 2003 <sup>1</sup> |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | % Change 2003/2002 |             |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                             |                | Jan               | Feb           | Mar           | Apr           | May           | Jun           | Jul           | Aug           | Sep           | Oct           | Nov           | Dec           |                    | Year        |
| <b>ASIA</b>                 | <b>40,796</b>  | <b>2,675</b>      | <b>4,004</b>  | <b>3,273</b>  | <b>2,980</b>  | <b>5,045</b>  | <b>3,996</b>  | <b>3,457</b>  | <b>3,650</b>  | <b>3,478</b>  | <b>4,404</b>  | <b>3,190</b>  | <b>3,861</b>  | <b>44,013</b>      | <b>7.9</b>  |
| Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>  | 1,201          | 99                | 67            | 70            | 30            | 22            | 18            | 33            | 59            | 69            | 77            | 45            | 87            | 676                | -43.7       |
| India                       | 20,898         | 1,019             | 1,744         | 1,612         | 2,082         | 4,361         | 3,066         | 2,196         | 1,751         | 1,746         | 2,574         | 1,340         | 1,876         | 25,367             | 21.4        |
| Japan                       | 1,958          | 138               | 221           | 173           | 78            | 49            | 50            | 30            | 138           | 123           | 160           | 193           | 219           | 1,572              | -19.7       |
| Malaysia                    | 1,944          | 166               | 228           | 114           | 47            | 29            | 33            | 48            | 192           | 145           | 134           | 187           | 263           | 1,586              | -18.4       |
| P. Rep. of China            | 4,248          | 422               | 453           | 379           | 142           | 57            | 47            | 71            | 232           | 511           | 574           | 514           | 336           | 3,738              | -12.0       |
| Singapore                   | 3,114          | 175               | 290           | 269           | 50            | 32            | 40            | 50            | 141           | 161           | 210           | 275           | 409           | 2,102              | -32.5       |
| United Arab Emirates        | 1,192          | 80                | 201           | 132           | 193           | 212           | 325           | 399           | 369           | 125           | 163           | 212           | 148           | 2,559              | 114.7       |
| Other Asian                 | 6,241          | 576               | 800           | 524           | 358           | 283           | 417           | 630           | 768           | 598           | 512           | 424           | 523           | 6,413              | 2.8         |
| <b>OCEANIA</b>              | <b>9,030</b>   | <b>767</b>        | <b>537</b>    | <b>612</b>    | <b>853</b>    | <b>755</b>    | <b>821</b>    | <b>780</b>    | <b>817</b>    | <b>1,310</b>  | <b>835</b>    | <b>662</b>    | <b>1,005</b>  | <b>9,754</b>       | <b>8.0</b>  |
| Australia                   | 8,387          | 653               | 497           | 559           | 809           | 728           | 783           | 685           | 769           | 1,226         | 788           | 628           | 978           | 9,103              | 8.5         |
| Other Oceanian              | 643            | 114               | 40            | 53            | 44            | 27            | 38            | 95            | 48            | 84            | 47            | 34            | 27            | 651                | 1.2         |
| <b>AMERICA</b>              | <b>7,472</b>   | <b>849</b>        | <b>574</b>    | <b>625</b>    | <b>535</b>    | <b>498</b>    | <b>629</b>    | <b>933</b>    | <b>638</b>    | <b>542</b>    | <b>693</b>    | <b>586</b>    | <b>1,062</b>  | <b>8,164</b>       | <b>9.3</b>  |
| USA                         | 4,116          | 504               | 304           | 363           | 298           | 237           | 279           | 595           | 386           | 341           | 367           | 278           | 553           | 4,505              | 9.5         |
| Canada                      | 1,842          | 120               | 120           | 165           | 115           | 113           | 173           | 230           | 125           | 82            | 159           | 147           | 296           | 1,845              | 0.2         |
| Other American              | 1,514          | 225               | 150           | 97            | 122           | 148           | 177           | 108           | 127           | 119           | 167           | 161           | 213           | 1,814              | 19.8        |
| <b>OTHER &amp; N-STATED</b> | <b>205</b>     | <b>17</b>         | <b>21</b>     | <b>22</b>     | <b>19</b>     | <b>33</b>     | <b>29</b>     | <b>33</b>     | <b>18</b>     | <b>28</b>     | <b>17</b>     | <b>12</b>     | <b>29</b>     | <b>278</b>         | <b>35.6</b> |
| <b>All Countries</b>        | <b>681,648</b> | <b>64,762</b>     | <b>53,647</b> | <b>63,129</b> | <b>57,217</b> | <b>54,710</b> | <b>41,841</b> | <b>58,403</b> | <b>56,844</b> | <b>50,293</b> | <b>64,917</b> | <b>61,984</b> | <b>74,271</b> | <b>702,018</b>     | <b>3.0</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6 :- Selected Tourism Statistics, 2000 - 2003

| Year                     |                     | Tourist arrivals<br>(Number) | Tourist nights (000) | Tourism receipts <sup>1</sup><br>(Rs million) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---|
|                          | 2000                | 656,453                      | 6,413                | 14,234  |
|                          | 2001                | 660,318                      | 6,528                | 18,166  |
|                          | 2002                | 681,648                      | 6,769                | 18,328  |
|                          | 2003                | 702,018                      | 6,952                | 19,397  |
| <b>2001</b>              | 1st Qr.             | 170,530                      | 1,682                | 4,584   |
|                          | 2nd Qr.             | 145,259                      | 1,442                | 3,825   |
|                          | <b>1st Semester</b> | <b>315,789</b>               | <b>3,124</b>         | <b>8,409</b>                                  |
|                          | 3rd Qr.             | 159,150                      | 1,572                | 4,460   |
|                          | 4th Qr.             | 185,379                      | 1,832                | 5,297   |
|                          | <b>2nd Semester</b> | <b>344,529</b>               | <b>3,404</b>         | <b>9,757</b>                                  |
| <b>2002</b>              | 1st Qr.             | 181,659                      | 1,795                | 5,005   |
|                          | 2nd Qr.             | 141,048                      | 1,404                | 4,283   |
|                          | <b>1st Semester</b> | <b>322,707</b>               | <b>3,199</b>         | <b>9,288</b>                                  |
|                          | 3rd Qr.             | 159,878                      | 1,584                | 4,041   |
|                          | 4th Qr.             | 199,063                      | 1,986                | 4,999   |
|                          | <b>2nd Semester</b> | <b>358,941</b>               | <b>3,570</b>         | <b>9,040</b>                                  |
| <b>2003</b> <sup>2</sup> | 1st Qr.             | 181,538                      | 1,785                | 4,705   |
|                          | 2nd Qr.             | 153,768                      | 1,527                | 4,251   |
|                          | <b>1st Semester</b> | <b>335,306</b>               | <b>3,312</b>         | <b>8,956</b>                                  |
|                          | 3rd Qr.             | 165,540                      | 1,640                | 4,297   |
|                          | 4th Qr.             | 201,172                      | 2,000                | 6,144   |
|                          | <b>2nd Semester</b> | <b>366,712</b>               | <b>3,640</b>         | <b>10,441</b>                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 7 :- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2000 - 2003

| Year                     | Number as at end of period |                 |           |        |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
|                          | Hotels                     | Rooms           | Bedplaces |        |
| 2000                     | 95                         | 8,657           | 17,776    |        |
| 2001                     | 95                         | 9,024           | 18,350    |        |
| 2002                     | 95                         | 9,623           | 19,597    |        |
| 2003                     | 97                         | 9,647           | 19,727    |        |
| <b>2001</b>              | 1st Qr.                    | 95              | 8,667     | 17,796 |
|                          | 2nd Qr.                    | 95              | 8,715     | 17,972 |
|                          | 3rd Qr.                    | 95              | 8,640     | 17,718 |
|                          | 4th Qr.                    | 95              | 9,024     | 18,350 |
| <b>2002</b>              | 1st Qr.                    | 94              | 8,770     | 17,846 |
|                          | 2nd Qr.                    | 89              | 8,136     | 16,588 |
|                          | 3rd Qr.                    | 92              | 8,317     | 16,875 |
|                          | 4th Qr.                    | 95              | 9,623     | 19,597 |
| <b>2003</b> <sup>1</sup> | 1st Qr.                    | 96              | 9,638     | 19,671 |
|                          | 2nd Qr.                    | 94              | 9,574     | 19,515 |
|                          | 3rd Qr.                    | 96              | 9,425     | 19,249 |
|                          | 4th Qr.                    | 97 <sup>2</sup> | 9,647     | 19,727 |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Excluding three hotels not operational because of renovation works.

**Table 8 :- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2001 - 2003**

| Month               | All Hotels |           |           |           |                   |           | "Large" Hotels |           |           |           |                   |           |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                     | 2001       |           | 2002      |           | 2003 <sup>1</sup> |           | 2001           |           | 2002      |           | 2003 <sup>1</sup> |           |
|                     | Room       | Bed       | Room      | Bed       | Room              | Bed       | Room           | Bed       | Room      | Bed       | Room              | Bed       |
| January             | 74         | 65        | 71        | 63        | 68                | 59        | 78             | 69        | 76        | 68        | 69                | 61        |
| February            | 67         | 59        | 69        | 62        | 66                | 58        | 70             | 63        | 74        | 66        | 69                | 61        |
| March               | 68         | 60        | 75        | 66        | 63                | 56        | 72             | 64        | 81        | 72        | 66                | 58        |
| <i>1st Quarter</i>  | <u>71</u>  | <u>62</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>64</u> | <u>66</u>         | <u>58</u> | <u>75</u>      | <u>66</u> | <u>77</u> | <u>69</u> | <u>68</u>         | <u>60</u> |
| April               | 66         | 57        | 62        | 56        | 63                | 55        | 70             | 62        | 68        | 61        | 67                | 59        |
| May                 | 64         | 56        | 67        | 59        | 62                | 55        | 68             | 61        | 73        | 65        | 64                | 56        |
| June                | 50         | 43        | 50        | 45        | 49                | 43        | 51             | 46        | 53        | 47        | 50                | 44        |
| <i>2nd Quarter</i>  | <u>60</u>  | <u>53</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>54</u> | <u>58</u>         | <u>51</u> | <u>64</u>      | <u>57</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>58</u> | <u>60</u>         | <u>53</u> |
| <i>1st Semester</i> | <b>66</b>  | <b>58</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>62</b>         | <b>54</b> | <b>70</b>      | <b>62</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>64</b>         | <b>57</b> |
| July                | 55         | 48        | 59        | 52        | 53                | 47        | 57             | 51        | 62        | 56        | 54                | 48        |
| August              | 62         | 55        | 63        | 56        | 61                | 54        | 65             | 58        | 69        | 62        | 64                | 56        |
| September           | 68         | 60        | 69        | 62        | 63                | 55        | 74             | 66        | 76        | 68        | 67                | 59        |
| <i>3rd Quarter</i>  | <u>63</u>  | <u>55</u> | <u>64</u> | <u>56</u> | <u>59</u>         | <u>52</u> | <u>66</u>      | <u>59</u> | <u>69</u> | <u>62</u> | <u>62</u>         | <u>54</u> |
| <i>Jan. to Sep.</i> | <b>64</b>  | <b>56</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>58</b> | <b>61</b>         | <b>54</b> | <b>68</b>      | <b>60</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>63</b>         | <b>56</b> |
| October             | 70         | 62        | 76        | 68        | 68                | 60        | 76             | 67        | 82        | 73        | 72                | 64        |
| November            | 73         | 64        | 76        | 67        | 70                | 61        | 78             | 70        | 81        | 71        | 74                | 65        |
| December            | 69         | 61        | 70        | 62        | 68                | 60        | 72             | 64        | 72        | 64        | 70                | 62        |
| <i>4th Quarter</i>  | <u>70</u>  | <u>62</u> | <u>74</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>69</u>         | <u>61</u> | <u>75</u>      | <u>67</u> | <u>78</u> | <u>69</u> | <u>72</u>         | <u>64</u> |
| <i>2nd Semester</i> | <b>66</b>  | <b>58</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>64</b>         | <b>56</b> | <b>70</b>      | <b>63</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>67</b>         | <b>59</b> |
| <b>Whole Year</b>   | <b>66</b>  | <b>58</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>63</b>         | <b>55</b> | <b>70</b>      | <b>62</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>66</b>         | <b>58</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 9 :- Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 1999 - 2003**

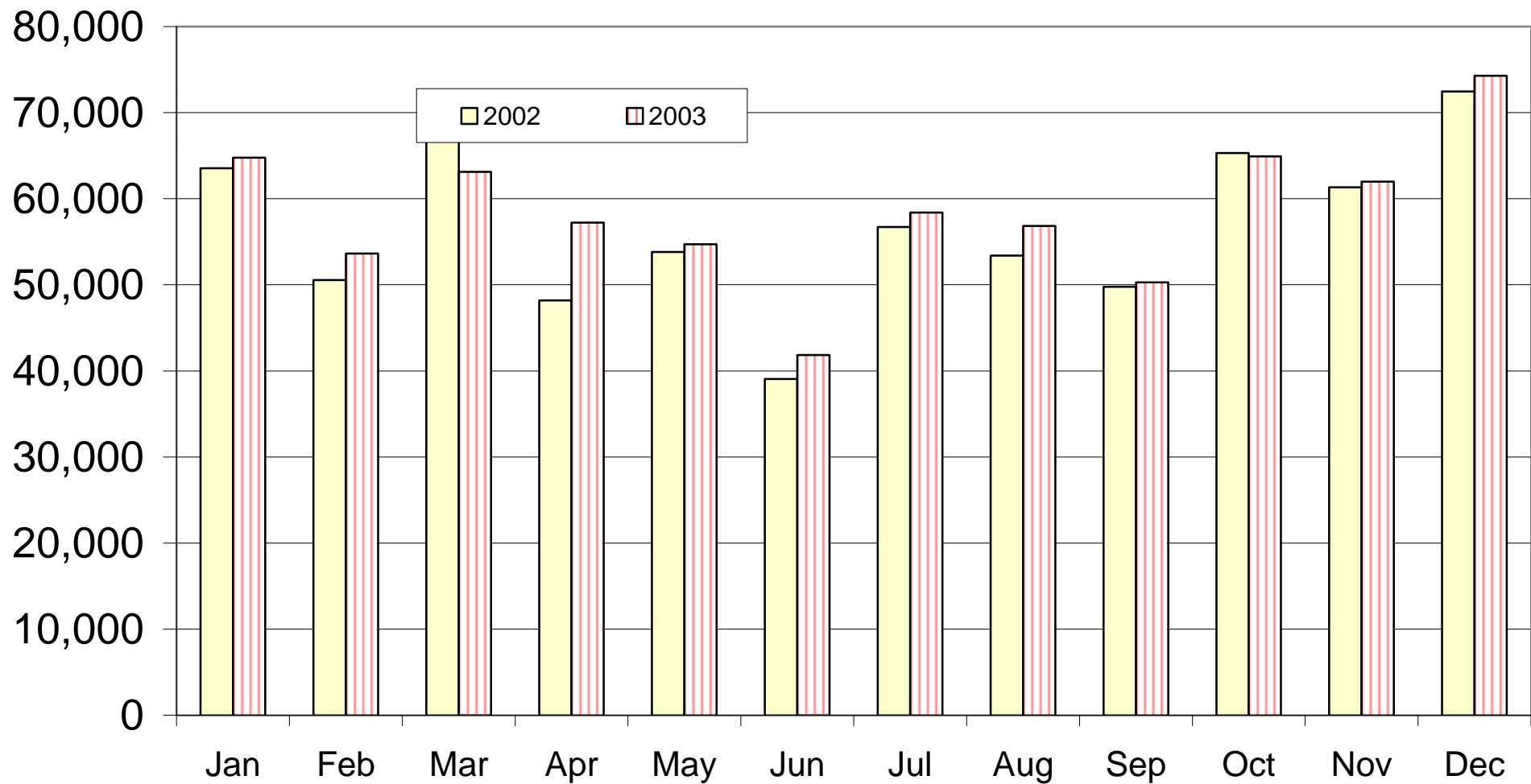
| <b>Year</b>           | <b>1999<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>2000<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>2001</b>   | <b>2002</b>   | <b>2003<sup>2</sup></b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Establishments</b> |                         |                         |               |               |                         |
| Restaurants           | 1,168                   | 1,256                   | 1,269         | 1,252         | 1,719                   |
| Hotels                | 11,835                  | 13,239                  | 15,023        | 15,890        | 16,497                  |
| Travel and Tourism    | 3,232                   | 3,316                   | 3,652         | 3,974         | 4,045                   |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>16,235</b>           | <b>17,811</b>           | <b>19,944</b> | <b>21,116</b> | <b>22,261</b>           |

<sup>1</sup> Revised in the light of new classification based on International Standard Industrial Classification Rev. 3

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)

**Chart 1 - Monthly Distribution of Tourist Arrivals,  
2002 and 2003**



### Chart 2 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets, 2002 and 2003

