

Tourism - 1st Quarter 1986

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals for the first quarter of 1986 was 41,170, representing an increase of about 12% over the total of 36,650 for the same period of 1985. Table II shows that in general the number of tourist arrivals from the tourist generating countries for Mauritius has been on the increase: thus France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland and Reunion, (over the 1st quarter 1985) showed an increase of 13%, 47%, 60% and 17% respectively. However the number of tourist arrivals from the Republic of South Africa is on the decrease dropping from 7,100 to 5,870.

Tourists nights

The number of tourist nights increased by about 3% from 439,000 in the 1st quarter of 1985 to 453,000 in the corresponding period of 1986. The average number of nights spent by a tourist in Mauritius was 11.0 night for the period.

Occupancy rate

The room occupancy rate for large hotels increased marginally from 78% in the 1st quarter of 1985 to 80% in the same period of 1986. The corresponding increase in bed occupancy was from 66% to 69%. It is to be noted that the number of rooms increased from 1,272 to 1,526 for the periods concerned while the corresponding increase in bed places was from 2,548 to 3,078.

Tourist receipts

It is estimated that receipt from tourism amounted to 260 million rupees for the period concerned compared to 222 million rupees for the same period in 1985. The average amount spent by a tourist was 6,315 rupees. Thus total receipt for the period under review increased by 17% whilst average expenditure increased by about 4%.

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Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1982 - 1986

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist earnings (Rs Mn)
1982	118,360	1.39	450
1983	123,820	1.41	503
1984	139,670	1.54	630
1985	148,860	1.61*	845+
1985 : 1st Qr.	36,650	0.439	222.1
2nd Qr.	31,330	0.375	187.9
3rd Qr.	38,760	0.382 *	197.9
4th Qr.	42,120	0.415 *	236.6
1986 : 1st Qr.	41,170	0.453*	260.0*

* provisional

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Table II - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1984 - 1986

Country of residence	N U M B E R							
	1984		1985					1986
	Year	Year	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	
France	25,460	27,470	6,880	5,570	6,440	8,580	7,790	
Germany	7,890	8,920	2,580	1,860	1,510	2,700	3,800	
Italy	6,170	6,830	2,400	1,030	1,340	2,060	2,440	
Switzerland	5,440	6,480	1,670	1,040	1,150	2,620	2,680	
United Kingdom	5,760	7,110	1,420	1,340	1,780	2,570	1,530	
Malagassy Republic	7,780	6,710	1,460	1,380	2,120	1,750	1,490	
Réunion	32,300	35,630	8,390	7,570	11,710	7,960	9,850	
Seychelles	340	770	90	130	370	180	160	
Kenya	700	780	180	170	170	260	220	
South Africa	31,560	27,410	7,100	5,890	6,380	8,040	5,870	
Zambia	680	400	60	200	110	30	30	
Zimbabwe	1,800	1,900	400	510	570	420	280	
Australia	1,580	2,460	280	580	800	800	460	
India	2,540	2,980	600	980	800	600	670	
U.S.A.	1,130	1,460	330	390	260	480	350	
Singapore	90	980	60	150	330	440	350	
Other countries	8,450	10,570	2,480	2,540	2,920	2,630	2,700	
All countries	139,670	148,860	36,650	31,330	38,760	42,120	41,170	

Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1984 - 1986

M O N T H	N U M B E R		
	1 9 8 4	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6
January	14,180	14,250	16,450
February	10,850	10,620	11,520
March	11,130	11,780	13,200*
1st Quarter	<u>36,160</u>	<u>36,650</u>	<u>41,170*</u>
April	11,080	11,480	
May	11,080	11,470	
June	7,590	8,380	
2nd Quarter	<u>29,750</u>	<u>31,330</u>	
July	10,430	9,840	
August	13,650	17,410	
September	10,980	11,510	
3rd Quarter	<u>35,060</u>	<u>38,760</u>	
October	11,360	11,720	
November	12,420	13,870	
December	14,920	16,530	
4th Quarter	<u>38,700</u>	<u>42,120</u>	
Whole Year	<u>139,670</u>	<u>148,860</u>	

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Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1984 - 86

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 4	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6
January	79.3	79.4	84.2
February	80.9	80.6	82.0
March	78.0	75.6	73.0
1st Quarter	<u>79.4</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>79.6</u>
April	74.0	69.8	
May	69.2	61.1	
June	51.3	46.0	
2nd Quarter	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.0</u>	
1st Semester	<u>72.3</u>	<u>68.6</u>	
July	56.1	51.8	
August	65.7	64.7	
September	65.9	61.9	
3rd Quarter	<u>62.4</u>	<u>59.4</u>	
October	73.5	69.5	
November	81.5	83.2	
December	72.3	73.4	
4th Quarter	<u>75.8</u>	<u>75.2</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>69.2</u>	<u>67.4</u>	
Whole Year	<u>70.6</u>	<u>68.0</u>	

Table V - Monthly bed occupancy rate in large hotels, 1984 - 86

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 4	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6
January	57.2	68.7	74.7
February	56.1	68.5	69.4
March	54.2	61.9	62.3
1st Quarter	<u>55.8</u>	<u>66.3</u>	<u>68.8</u>
April	48.8	59.2	
May	40.1	50.1	
June	35.0	36.3	
2nd Quarter	<u>41.4</u>	<u>48.5</u>	
1st Semester	<u>48.6</u>	<u>57.3</u>	
July	40.5	42.7	
August	47.5	55.9	
September	49.9	51.3	
3rd Quarter	<u>45.9</u>	<u>49.9</u>	
October	57.0	58.3	
November	66.3	68.9	
December	63.7	65.9	
4th Quarter	<u>62.3</u>	<u>64.3</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>54.1</u>	<u>57.2</u>	
Whole Year	<u><u>51.4</u></u>	<u><u>57.2</u></u>	