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## TOURISM - 1986

### Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals in 1986 reached the record figure of 165,000 representing an increase of about 11% over the total of 148,860 for 1985. This rate of increase is much higher than that noted between 1984 and 1985 which was about 6.6%.

In general the number of tourist arrivals from most tourist generating countries for Mauritius has been on the increase. The longhaul markets showed significant increases in tourist arrivals: thus Switzerland, United Kingdom, Italy, France and the Federal Republic of Germany showed increases of 29%, 22%, 21%, 13% and 4.5% respectively. Furthermore the newly tapped markets of United States of America (U.S.A.) and Singapore, are growing fast.

Réunion Island continues to be the most important short-haul market for Mauritius with about 25% of all tourist arrivals. In fact the number of tourist arrivals from that country rose to 41,070 in 1986 as compared to 35,630 in 1985, thus showing an increase of about 15%. The number of tourist arrivals from the Republic of South Africa, the second most important short-haul market with a share of 16%, decreased by about 3% from 27,410 in 1985 to 26,710 in 1986.

### Tourist nights

The number of tourist nights rose by about 8% from 1.74 million in 1985 to 1.88 million in 1986. The average length of stay works out to be more or less the same as that of 1985 i.e. 11.4 nights.

### Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rate for large hotels has increased from 68% in 1985 to 71% in 1986. The corresponding increase in bed occupancy rate was from 57% to 61%. It must be pointed out here that the number of rooms has increased from 1,344 in 1985 to 1,530 in 1986, while the number of bed places increased from 2,682 to 3,086. Hence the percentage figures underestimate the actual increase, the extent of the underestimate being larger for the bed occupancy rate.

### Tourist receipts

It is estimated that tourist receipts at market prices amounted to 1,175 million rupees for the year 1986 as compared to 845 million rupees in 1985. The average amount spent by a tourist was 7,121 rupees against 5,676 in 1985 representing an increase of about 25%.

Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1982 - 1986

Y e a r	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	1.74	845
1986	165,000*	1.88*	1,175*
1985 : 1st Qr.	36,650	0.439	222.1
2nd Qr.	31,330	0.375	187.9
1st Semester	<u>67,980</u>	<u>0.814</u>	<u>410.0</u>
3rd Qr.	38,760	0.444	197.9
4th Qr.	42,120	0.482	236.6
2nd Semester	<u>80,880</u>	<u>0.926</u>	<u>434.5</u>
1986 : 1st Qr.	41,850	0.464+	315.0
2nd Qr.	33,630	0.376*	251.6
1st Semester	<u>75,480</u>	<u>0.840*</u>	<u>566.6</u>
3rd Qr.	42,930*	0.501*	267.2+
4th Qr.	46,590*	0.540+	341.2*
2nd Semester	<u>89,520*</u>	<u>1.041*</u>	<u>608.4*</u>

\* Provisional

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

Country of Residence	Number												Whole year
	1984	1985			1986			4th Qr.*	3rd Qr.*	2nd Qr.	1st Qr.	4th Qr.	
		1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.						
France	25,460	27,470	6,880	5,570	6,440	8,580	7,880	5,840	7,730	9,560	31,010		
Germany	7,890	8,920	2,850	1,860	1,510	2,700	3,110	1,760	1,690	2,760	9,320		
Italy	6,170	6,830	2,400	1,030	1,340	2,060	2,520	1,730	1,430	2,600	8,280		
Switzerland	5,440	6,480	1,670	1,040	1,150	2,620	2,590	1,280	1,130	3,340	8,340		
United Kingdom	5,760	7,110	1,420	1,340	1,780	2,570	1,710	1,710	2,120	3,140	8,680		
Malagassy Republic	7,780	6,710	1,460	1,380	2,120	1,750	1,520	1,320	2,190	1,610	6,640		
Reunion	32,300	35,630	8,390	7,570	11,710	7,960	10,430	8,490	13,120	9,030	41,070		
Seychelles	340	770	90	130	370	180	100	130	430	130	790		
Kenya	700	780	180	170	170	260	160	230	220	320	930		
South Africa, Rep.of	31,560	27,410	7,100	5,890	6,380	8,040	6,470	5,840	6,570	7,830	26,710		
Zambia	680	400	60	200	110	30	70	30	60	20	180		
Zimbabwe	1,800	1,900	400	510	570	420	300	810	620	550	2,280		
Australia	1,580	2,460	280	580	800	800	520	520	800	790	2,630		
India	2,540	2,980	600	980	800	600	640	510	790	460	2,400		
USA	1,130	1,460	330	390	260	480	580	370	370	650	1,970		
Singapore	90	980	60	150	330	440	270	340	440	940	1,990		
Other countries	8,450	10,570	2,480	2,540	2,920	2,630	2,980	2,720	3,220	2,860	11,780		
All Countries	139,670	148,860	36,650	31,330	38,760	42,120	41,850	33,630	42,930	46,590	165,000		

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Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1984 - 1986

Month	NUMBER		
	1984	1985	1986
January	14,180	14,250	16,450
February	10,850	10,620	11,520
March	11,130	11,780	13,880
1st Quarter	<u>36,160</u>	<u>36,650</u>	<u>41,850</u>
April	11,080	11,480	11,830
May	11,080	11,470	13,090
June	7,590	8,380	8,710
2nd Quarter	<u>29,750</u>	<u>31,330</u>	<u>33,630</u>
1st Semester	<u><u>65,910</u></u>	<u><u>67,980</u></u>	<u><u>75,480</u></u>
July	10,430	9,840	12,540
August	13,650	17,410	18,090
September	10,980	11,510	12,300*
3rd Quarter	<u>35,060</u>	<u>38,760</u>	<u>42,930*</u>
October	11,360	11,720	13,000*
November	12,420	13,870	15,500*
December	14,920	16,530	18,090*
4th Quarter	<u>38,700</u>	<u>42,120</u>	<u>46,590*</u>
2nd Semester	<u><u>73,760</u></u>	<u><u>80,880</u></u>	<u><u>89,520*</u></u>
Whole Year	139,670	148,860	165,000*

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Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1984 - 1986

Month	PERCENTAGE		
	1984	1985	1986
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	72.0
May	69.2	61.1	63.5
June	51.9	46.0	47.6
2nd Quarter	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.0</u>	<u>61.2</u>
1st Semester	<u><u>72.3</u></u>	<u><u>68.6</u></u>	<u><u>70.6</u></u>
July	56.1	51.8	61.8
August	65.7	64.7	69.4
September	65.9	61.9	66.8
3rd Quarter	<u>62.4</u>	<u>59.4</u>	<u>66.1</u>
October	73.9	69.5	68.4
November	81.5	83.2	87.1
December	72.3	73.4	75.0*
4th Quarter	<u>75.8</u>	<u>75.2</u>	<u>76.7*</u>
2nd Semester	<u><u>69.2</u></u>	<u><u>67.4</u></u>	<u><u>71.6*</u></u>
Whole Year	70.7	68.0	71.1*

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Table V - Monthly bed occupancy rate in large hotels, 1984 - 1986

Month	PERCENTAGE		
	1984	1985	1986
January	69.9	68.7	75.0
February	68.5	68.5	70.7
March	64.4	61.9	62.7
1st Quarter	<u>67.6</u>	<u>66.3</u>	<u>69.4</u>
April	64.6	59.2	62.0
May	57.3	50.1	55.1
June	41.8	36.3	38.9
2nd Quarter	<u>54.7</u>	<u>48.5</u>	<u>52.3</u>
1st Semester	<u>61.2</u>	<u>57.3</u>	<u>60.9</u>
July	47.4	42.7	53.5
August	56.6	55.9	62.8
September	55.9	51.3	56.8
3rd Quarter	<u>53.2</u>	<u>49.9</u>	<u>57.8</u>
October	62.1	58.3	58.2
November	67.9	68.9	73.4
December	62.8	65.9	68.0*
4th Quarter	<u>64.3</u>	<u>64.3</u>	<u>66.5*</u>
2nd Semester	<u>58.8</u>	<u>57.2</u>	<u>62.3*</u>
Whole Year	60.0	57.2	61.6*

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