

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals for the first six months of 1987 was 82,200 representing an increase of about 9% over the total of 75,480 for the same period of 1986.

In general, the number of tourist arrivals to Mauritius from the long-haul markets has been on the increase: thus United Kingdom, Italy, France, Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland showed increases of about 22%, 14%, 10%, 6% and 5% respectively.

Furthermore Reunion Island and the Republic of South Africa still dominate the short-haul markets registering increases of 7% and 6% respectively.

On the basis of the present trend, it is expected that the number of tourist arrivals for the calendar year 1987 will probably exceed 180,000.

Tourist nights

Assuming that the average length of stay per tourist has remained the same as that of 1986 for the period concerned, the total number of tourist nights estimated for the 1st semester of 1987 amounted to about 915,000.

Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rate for large hotels increased from about 71% in the 1st semester of 1986 to about 77% in the same period of 1987. The corresponding increase in bed occupancy was from 61% to 68%. It is to be noted that for large hotels the number of rooms increased from 1,526 to 1,601 for the periods concerned while the corresponding increase in bed places was from 3,075 to 3,223.

Tourist receipts

It is estimated that receipt from tourism amounted to 740.0 million rupees for the period concerned compared to 566.6 million rupees for the same period of 1986. The average amount spent by a tourist was therefore about 9,000 rupees as compared with 7,500 rupees for the corresponding period in the previous year, that is an increase of about 20%. If this trend persists, it is expected that tourist receipts will be around 1,600 million rupees.

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Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1982 - 1987

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	165,310	1.88*	1,187
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.	42,730	0.501*	267.2
4th Qr.	47,100	0.540*	353.3
2nd Semester	<u>89,830</u>	<u>1.041*</u>	<u>620.5</u>
1987: 1st Qr.	44,300*	0.491*	400.0*
2nd Qr.	37,900*	0.424*	340.0*
1st Semester	82,200*	0.915*	740.0*

* Provisional

Table III - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1985 - 1987

Country of Residence	N U M B E R											
	1985	1986	1986			1987			1987*			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Semester	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Semester
France	27,470	32,370	7,880	5,840	13,720	7,940	10,710	8,400	6,760	15,160		
Germany Fed. Rep.	8,920	9,120	3,110	1,760	4,870	1,510	2,740	3,400	1,750	5,150		
Italy	6,830	9,110	2,520	1,730	4,250	1,980	2,880	2,730	2,130	4,860		
Switzerland	6,480	7,390	2,590	1,280	3,870	940	2,580	2,800	1,280	4,080		
United Kingdom	7,110	8,500	1,710	1,710	3,420	2,210	2,870	1,830	2,350	4,180		
Malagasy Republic	6,710	6,180	1,520	1,320	2,840	1,860	1,480	1,610	1,400	3,010		
Réunion Island	35,630	40,810	10,430	8,490	18,920	12,720	9,170	11,040	9,170	20,210		
Seychelles	770	790	100	130	230	210	350	110	200	310		
K...	780	770	160	230	390	220	160	170	310	480		
South Africa, Rep. of	27,410	26,680	6,470	5,840	12,310	6,970	7,400	6,500	6,520	13,020		
Zambia	400	290	70	30	100	60	130	90	160	250		
Zimbabwe	1,900	2,740	300	810	1,110	830	800	320	580	900		
Australia	2,460	2,480	520	520	1,040	550	890	550	520	1,070		
India	2,980	2,270	640	510	1,150	660	460	680	480	1,160		
U. S. A.	1,460	1,780	580	370	950	430	400	620	450	1,070		
Singapore	980	1,360	270	340	610	390	360	290	320	610		
Other Countries	10,570	12,670	2,980	2,720	5,700	3,250	3,720	3,160	3,520	6,680		
All Countries	148,860	165,310	41,850	33,630	75,480	42,730	47,100	44,300	37,900	82,200		

* provisional

Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1985 - 1987

Month	NUMBER		
	1985	1986	1987
January	14,250	16,450	17,500*
February	10,620	11,520	13,200*
March	11,780	13,880	13,600*
1st Quarter	<u>36,650</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>44,300*</u>
April	11,480	11,830	14,000*
May	11,470	13,090	14,200*
June	8,380	8,710	9,700*
2nd Quarter	<u>31,330</u>	<u>33,630</u>	<u>37,900*</u>
1st Semester	<u>67,980</u>	<u>75,480</u>	<u>82,200*</u>
July	9,840	12,540	
August	17,410	18,090	
September	11,510	12,100	
3rd Quarter	<u>38,760</u>	<u>42,730</u>	
October	11,720	12,630	
November	13,870	16,340	
December	16,530	18,130	
4th Quarter	42,120	47,100	
2nd Semester	<u>80,880</u>	<u>89,830</u>	
Whole Year	148,860	165,310	

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Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1985 - 1987

Month	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6	1 9 8 7
January	79.4	84.2	85.7
February	80.6	82.0	84.8
March	75.6	73.0	72.1
1st Quarter	<u>78.4</u>	<u>79.6</u>	<u>80.6</u>
April	69.8	72.0	83.2
May	61.1	63.5	75.1
June	46.0	47.6	63.1
2nd Quarter	<u>59.0</u>	<u>61.2</u>	<u>73.8</u>
1st Semester	<u>68.6</u>	<u>70.6</u>	<u>77.2</u>
July	51.8	61.8	
August	64.7	69.4	
September	61.9	66.8	
3rd Quarter	<u>59.4</u>	<u>66.1</u>	
October	69.5	68.4	
November	83.2	87.1	
December	73.4	72.8	
4th Quarter	<u>75.2</u>	<u>76.3</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>67.4</u>	<u>71.4</u>	
Whole Year	68.0	71.0	

Table V - Monthly bed occupancy rate in large hotels, 1985 - 1987

Month	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6	1 9 8 7
January	68.7	75.0	78.7
February	68.5	70.7	75.7
March	61.9	62.7	62.6
1st Quarter	<u>66.3</u>	<u>69.4</u>	<u>72.0</u>
April	59.2	62.0	74.5
May	50.1	55.1	64.2
June	36.3	38.9	54.7
2nd Quarter	<u>48.5</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>64.5</u>
1st Semester	<u><u>57.3</u></u>	<u><u>60.9</u></u>	<u><u>68.2</u></u>
July	42.7	53.5	
August	55.9	62.8	
September	51.3	56.8	
3rd Quarter	<u>49.9</u>	<u>57.8</u>	
October	58.3	58.2	
November	68.9	73.4	
December	65.9	66.1	
4th Quarter	<u>64.3</u>	<u>65.8</u>	
2nd Semester	<u><u>57.2</u></u>	<u><u>61.9</u></u>	
Whole Year	57.2	61.4	