

## Tourism - Third Quarter 1987

### Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals for the third quarter of 1987 is estimated to be about 53,200 representing an increase of about 25% over the total of 42,730 for the corresponding period of 1986 (Table I). This rate of increase is much more important than that noted between the third quarter of 1986 over that of 1985 (10%). For the first nine months of the year 1987, already about 146,000 tourists have visited the country. On this trend it is estimated that the number of tourist arrivals may well reach the 200,000 mark.

The number of tourist arrivals from most of the tourist generating countries for Mauritius has, in general, been on the increase: thus Italy, Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom and France showed increases of about 35% between the third quarter 1987 and that of 1986. The number of tourist arrivals from the Republic of South Africa showed a moderate increase of about 6% from 6,970 in the third quarter of 1986 to 7,400 for the same period of 1987. The short-haul markets are still dominated by Reunion Island with a 30% share of total tourist arrivals followed by the Republic of South Africa with about 14%

### Tourist nights

Assuming that the average length of stay per tourist has remained the same as that of 1986 for the period under review, the total number of tourist nights is estimated to be about 606,500.

### Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rate for large hotels increased from 66% in the third quarter of 1986 to about 80% in same period of 1987. The increase in bed occupancy for the corresponding period was from 58% to 72%. However, it must be noted that the number of rooms increased from 1,470 as at the end of September 1986 to 1,602 as at the end of third quarter 1987 while the number of bed places increased from 2,966 to 3,230 during the same period.

### Tourist receipts

It is estimated that tourist receipts amounted to about 390 million rupees for the period under review as compared to 267 million rupees for the corresponding period of 1986. The average amount spent by a tourist was 7,331 rupees against 6,253 rupees in 1986 representing an increase of about 17%. For the first nine months of the year total receipts from tourists amounted to about 1,130 million rupees. If this trend persists, it is estimated that tourist receipts may reach 1,600 million rupees in 1987.

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Table 1 - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1982 - 1987

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	1.74	845
1986	165,310	1.88	1,187
1986: 1st Qr.	41,850	0.476	315.0
2nd Qr.	33,630	0.382	251.6
1st Semester	<u>75,480</u>	<u>0.858</u>	<u>566.6</u>
3rd Qr.	42,730	0.486	267.2
4th Qr.	47,100	0.536	353.3
2nd Semester	<u>89,830</u>	<u>1.022</u>	<u>620.5</u>
1987: 1st Qr.	46,350	0.527*	400.0*
2nd Qr.	46,480*	0.529*	340.0*
1st Semester	<u>92,830*</u>	<u>1.056*</u>	<u>740.0*</u>
3rd Qr.	53,200*	0.606*	390.0*

\* Provisional

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

Country of Residence	N U M B E R											
	1985		1986						1987			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.*	1st Semester*	3rd Qr.*	
France	27,470	32,370	7,880	5,840	13,720	7,940	10,710	10,580	6,910	19,490	10,530	
Germany Fed. Rep.	8,920	9,120	3,110	1,760	4,870	1,510	2,740	2,810	3,070	5,880	2,030	
Italy	6,830	9,110	2,520	1,730	4,250	1,980	2,880	3,300	1,050	5,150	2,670	
Switzerland	6,430	7,390	2,590	1,280	3,870	940	2,580	1,990	1,720	3,710	1,260	
United Kingdom	7,110	8,500	1,710	1,710	3,420	2,210	2,870	2,390	2,460	4,850	2,960	
Malagasy Republic	6,710	6,180	1,520	1,320	2,840	1,860	1,480	1,470	1,560	3,030	2,330	
Réunion Island	35,630	40,810	10,430	8,490	18,920	12,720	9,170	11,560	13,160	24,720	15,750	
Seychelles	770	790	100	130	230	210	350	200	230	430	260	
Kenya	780	770	160	230	390	220	160	220	270	490	270	
South Africa, Rep. of	27,410	26,680	6,470	5,840	12,310	6,970	7,400	6,430	6,200	12,630	7,400	
Zambia	400	290	70	30	100	60	130	170	110	280	80	
Zimbabwe	1,900	2,740	300	810	1,110	830	800	360	980	1,340	1,030	
Australia	2,460	2,480	520	520	1,040	550	890	510	760	1,270	700	
India	2,980	2,270	640	510	1,150	660	460	410	700	1,110	820	
U.S.A.	1,460	1,780	580	370	950	430	400	250	430	680	530	
Singapore	980	1,360	270	340	610	390	360	240	470	710	520	
Other Countries	10,570	12,670	2,980	2,720	5,700	3,250	3,720	3,460	3,600	7,060	4,060	
All Countries	148,860	165,310	41,850	33,630	75,480	42,730	47,100	46,350	46,480	92,830	53,200	

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Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1985 - 1987

Month	NUMBER		
	1985	1986	1987
January	14,250	16,450	18,930
February	10,620	11,520	13,950
March	11,780	13,880	13,470
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>36,650</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>46,350</u>
April	11,480	11,830	18,180
May	11,470	13,090	15,300*
June	8,380	8,710	13,000*
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>31,330</u>	<u>33,630</u>	<u>46,480*</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>67,980</u>	<u>75,480</u>	<u>92,830*</u>
July	9,840	12,540	15,000*
August	17,410	18,090	21,600*
September	11,510	12,100	16,600*
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>38,760</u>	<u>42,730</u>	<u>53,200*</u>
October	11,720	12,630	
November	13,870	16,340	
December	16,530	18,130	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>42,120</u>	<u>47,100</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<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	PERCENTAGE		
	1985	1986	1987
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	74.8
August	64.7	69.4	81.3
September	61.9	66.8	82.9
3rd Quarter	<u>59.4</u>	<u>66.1</u>	<u>79.7</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

M o n t h	P E R C E N T A G E		
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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	67.1
August	55.9	62.8	75.4
September	51.3	56.8	74.4
3rd Quarter	<u>49.9</u>	<u>57.8</u>	<u>72.3</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	