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Passenger traffic

In 1989, the volume of passenger traffic handled at the airport amounted to 767,000 as compared to around 680,600 in 1988. This growth of about 13% was much less than that observed a year ago when it was about 16% - the total arrivals and departures in 1987 was about 588,000.

The total number of passenger arrivals in 1989 showed an increase of about 11%, from 343,940 in 1988 to about 380,900. The corresponding increase in passenger departures was 15%, from 336,700 in 1988 to 386,000.

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals for the year 1989 is estimated to be 265,300. Compared to 1988, that meant an increase of 11%, which is much less than that observed between 1987 and 1988 when it was 15%.

France, Reunion Island and the Republic of South Africa continue to be the main tourist generating countries for Mauritius. Together they accounted for nearly 60% of total tourist arrivals.

Tourist arrivals from France, the major European tourist generating country for Mauritius, increased by about 9% to reach 54,760 for the year 1989. Of the 114,270 tourists coming from the major traditional European markets for Mauritius, France accounted for nearly half while her share in total tourist arrivals remains around 21%. West Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland and Italy showed increases of about 18%, 17%, 12% and 3% respectively over the previous year.

Reunion Island, the most important short-haul market, with a share of 25% of total tourist arrivals, increased by nearly 15% to reach 65,300 for the period under review. The Malagasy Republic, the only other short-haul market for Mauritius, accounted for about 6,700 tourists during the year 1989.

The Republic of South Africa remains the most important medium-haul market, with a share of 15% of total tourist arrivals in 1989, which is the same as that of last year. The number of tourist arrivals from South Africa rose from 35,860 in 1988 to reach 38,670 in 1989, thus showing an increase of about 8%.

Tourist nights

Assuming that the average length of stay is 11.5 nights, the total number of tourist nights for the period under review is estimated to be 3.05 million nights. For large hotels, the average length of stay has remained at last year's level of around 7 nights per tourist.

Occupancy rates

The occupancy rates for all hotels showed a slight decrease in 1989 when compared to 1988. The room and bed occupancy rates fell from 66.1 and 58.2 to 64.0 and 55.3 respectively.

In the case of large hotels, the room and bed occupancy rates fell from 82.9 and 74.1 to 77.8 and 69.8 respectively. This decrease in room and bed occupancy rates is explained by the increase in number of rooms and beds available. In fact the number of licensed hotels for the year 1989 was 67 with a capacity of 3,605 rooms and 7,374 beds. In 1988 there were 64 licensed hotels with 3,399 rooms and 7,005 beds.

Tourist receipts

It is estimated that gross tourist receipts increased by 19% from 2,374 million rupees to around 2,830 million rupees in 1989. The average expenditure per tourist was Rs 10,700 as compared to Rs 9,920 in 1988, thus representing an increase of nearly 8%.

Employment

The employment figures for September 1989 given in the previous issue have been revised.

In September 1989, there were 7,684 persons employed directly in tourism establishments employing 10 or more persons as compared to 6,974 in September 1988, thus representing an increase of 10%. This increase is much less than that observed for the same period between 1988 and 1987 when it was about 14%.

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Table 1 - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1985 - 1989

Y E A R	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces			
1985	55	2,630	5,387	148,860	1.74	845
1986	56	2,888	5,955	165,310	1.88	1,190
1987	60	3,108	6,418	207,570	2.37	1,786
1988	64	3,399	7,005	239,300	2.91	2,374
1989	67	3,605	7,374	265,310 ^{2/}	3.05 ^{1/}	2,836
1988: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>3,162</u>	<u>6,514</u>	<u>57,410</u>	<u>0.699</u>	<u>625.8</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>6,563</u>	<u>50,520</u>	<u>0.615</u>	<u>546.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>6,563</u>	<u>107,930</u>	<u>1.314</u>	<u>1,171.8</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>3,227</u>	<u>6,648</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>0.762</u>	<u>568.8</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>3,399</u>	<u>7,009</u>	<u>68,770</u>	<u>0.837</u>	<u>633.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>3,399</u>	<u>7,009</u>	<u>131,370</u>	<u>1.599</u>	<u>1,201.8</u>
1989: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>7,045</u>	<u>62,640</u>	<u>0.720^{2/}</u>	<u>751.7</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>7,196</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>0.624^{2/}</u>	<u>629.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>7,196</u>	<u>116,890</u>	<u>1.344^{2/}</u>	<u>1,380.7</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,621</u>	<u>7,406</u>	<u>70,420^{2/}</u>	<u>0.810^{2/}</u>	<u>655.0^{2/}</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,374</u>	<u>78,000^{1/}</u>	<u>0.897^{1/}</u>	<u>800.0^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,374</u>	<u>148,420^{1/}</u>	<u>1.707^{1/}</u>	<u>1,455.0^{1/}</u>

1/ Provisional

2/ Revised estimates

Table II - Passenger traffic by month, 1987 - 1989

M O N T H	N U M B E R					
	1 9 8 7		1 9 8 8		1 9 8 9	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	25,320	29,950	32,590	36,460	37,450	43,490
February	18,470	21,850	22,460	26,940	23,270	27,310
March	18,740	19,450	24,140	23,110	26,630	27,750
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>62,530</u>	<u>71,250</u>	<u>79,190</u>	<u>86,510</u>	<u>87,350</u>	<u>98,550</u>
April	24,330	24,620	24,360	26,690	27,930	27,600
May	20,090	21,690	26,560	26,980	28,020	30,900
June	21,040	21,560	21,190	20,850	22,940	25,210
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>65,460</u>	<u>67,870</u>	<u>72,110</u>	<u>74,520</u>	<u>78,890</u>	<u>83,710</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>127,990</u>	<u>139,120</u>	<u>151,300</u>	<u>161,030</u>	<u>166,240</u>	<u>102,260</u>
July	23,570	22,050	29,650	27,520	33,100	27,830
August	31,320	29,050	37,830	34,960	39,970	39,430
September	26,020	29,830	26,700	30,280	31,800 ^{1/}	35,700 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>80,910</u>	<u>80,930</u>	<u>94,180</u>	<u>92,760</u>	<u>104,870^{2/}</u>	<u>102,960^{2/}</u>
October	26,120	25,000	31,930	23,470	35,400 ^{1/}	31,600 ^{1/}
November	25,780	26,640	30,010	31,300	32,100 ^{1/}	35,300 ^{1/}
December	32,360	23,280	36,520	28,140	42,300 ^{1/}	34,000 ^{1/}
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>84,260</u>	<u>74,920</u>	<u>98,460</u>	<u>82,910</u>	<u>109,800^{1/}</u>	<u>100,900^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>165,170</u>	<u>155,850</u>	<u>192,640</u>	<u>175,670</u>	<u>214,670^{1/}</u>	<u>203,860^{1/}</u>
Whole Year	293,160	294,970	343,940	336,700	380,910 ^{1/}	386,120 ^{1/}

^{1/} Provisional

^{2/} Revised estimates

Table III - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1988-1989

Country of residence	N U M B E R									
	1988	1989	1 9 8 8				1 9 8 9			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr. ^{1/}
France	50,240	54,760	12,840	9,840	10,740	16,820	13,680	10,380	11,700	19,000
Germany, Fed. Rep.	15,130	17,840	3,850	3,270	3,400	4,610	4,430	4,110	4,000	5,300
Italy	14,960	15,360	3,810	2,910	4,250	3,990	3,990	2,670	4,200	4,500
Switzerland	9,080	10,180	2,320	1,580	1,870	3,310	2,650	1,730	2,100	3,700
United Kingdom	13,780	16,130	2,990	2,750	3,510	4,530	3,270	3,460	4,200	5,200
Malagassy	6,770	6,700	1,890	1,800	1,400	1,680	1,400	1,600	1,800	1,900
Reunion Island	56,930	65,280	14,380	10,180	18,870	13,500	17,600	11,180	21,200	15,300
Seychelles	1,950	2,310	230	430	560	730	270	640	600	800
Kenya	1,260	1,570	180	250	400	430	300	170	600	500
South Africa	35,860	38,670	7,950	9,250	8,710	9,950	8,180	9,290	9,900	11,300
Zambia	2,590	2,600	330	640	830	790	410	390	900	900
Zimbabwe	2,900	3,400	300	900	870	830	420	980	1,000	1,000
Australia	2,310	2,280	750	600	440	500	470	610	600	600
India	4,220	5,070	660	1,350	1,190	1,020	480	2,090	1,300	1,200
U.S.A.	1,470	1,660	360	420	330	360	350	510	400	400
Singapore	1,340	1,740	250	310	440	340	310	530	500	400
Other Countries	18,510	19,760	4,320	4,040	4,790	5,380	4,430	3,910	5,420	6,000
All Countries	239,300	265,310	57,410	50,520	62,600	68,770	62,640	54,250	70,420	78,000

1/ Provisional

2/ Revised estimates

Table IV - Tourist arrivals by month, 1987 - 1989

M O N T H	N U M B E R		
	1987	1988	1989
January	18,930	23,070	26,230
February	13,950	16,330	16,900
March	13,470	18,010	19,510
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>46,350</u>	<u>57,410</u>	<u>62,630</u>
April	18,180	17,320	19,430
May	14,730	19,770	20,190
June	14,270	13,430	14,630
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>47,180</u>	<u>50,520</u>	<u>54,250</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>93,530</u>	<u>107,930</u>	<u>116,890</u>
July	15,730	19,230	21,110
August	20,990	25,020	27,310
September	18,330	18,350	22,000 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>55,050</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>70,420^{2/}</u>
October	18,920	23,250	26,000 ^{1/}
November	18,380	20,970	22,500 ^{1/}
December	21,690	24,550	29,500 ^{1/}
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>58,990</u>	<u>68,770</u>	<u>78,000^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>114,040</u>	<u>131,370</u>	<u>148,420^{1/}</u>
Whole year	207,570	239,300	265,310 ^{1/}

1/ Provisional

2/ Revised estimates

Table V - Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1987 - 1989

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 7	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9
January	68.2	74.3	74.0
February	64.6	69.0	66.5
March	56.0	64.7	63.4
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>62.8</u>	<u>69.4</u>	<u>68.0</u>
April	64.3	66.3	54.1
May	56.4	63.5	58.5
June	49.4	54.4	46.9
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>56.6</u>	<u>61.5</u>	<u>53.2</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>59.7</u>	<u>65.6</u>	<u>60.3</u>
July	55.7	60.1	55.5
August	64.5	69.0	64.1
September	68.3	65.2	66.6
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62.8</u>	<u>64.8</u>	<u>62.1</u>
October	68.8	74.0	70.0
November	71.7	71.6	72.1
December	62.4	60.1	61.9
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>67.5</u>	<u>68.4</u>	<u>67.9</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>65.2</u>	<u>66.6</u>	<u>65.1</u>
Whole Year	62.5	66.1	64.0

Table VI - Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1987 - 1989

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 7	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9
January	60.8	65.4	66.5
February	56.3	59.5	58.4
March	47.9	55.4	55.7
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>54.9</u>	<u>60.1</u>	<u>60.3</u>
April	57.2	58.2	47.8
May	47.7	53.8	51.2
June	41.8	46.5	39.6
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>48.8</u>	<u>52.9</u>	<u>46.2</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>51.8</u>	<u>56.7</u>	<u>53.0</u>
July	49.5	52.5	49.2
August	59.6	63.5	57.4
September	59.6	58.5	59.1
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>56.3</u>	<u>58.4</u>	<u>55.3</u>
October	60.3	66.3	62.0
November	61.3	63.0	62.1
December	55.4	53.7	55.0
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>58.9</u>	<u>60.8</u>	<u>59.7</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>57.6</u>	<u>59.6</u>	<u>57.5</u>
Whole Year	54.8	58.2	55.3

Table VII - Monthly room occupancy for large hotels, 1987-1989

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 7	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9
January	85.7	91.4	88.5
February	84.8	90.6	84.4
March	72.1	84.6	76.9
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>80.6</u>	<u>88.8</u>	<u>83.2</u>
April	83.2	80.5	73.0
May	75.1	79.4	74.6
June	63.1	66.0	61.3
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>73.8</u>	<u>75.4</u>	<u>69.7</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>77.2</u>	<u>82.2</u>	<u>76.6</u>
July	74.8	72.7	67.4
August	81.3	85.6	73.0
September	82.9	84.9	81.0
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>79.7</u>	<u>81.0</u>	<u>73.7</u>
October	89.8	92.3	88.3
November	91.0	92.6	89.6
December	80.8	74.7	75.3
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>87.1</u>	<u>86.3</u>	<u>84.4</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>83.4</u>	<u>83.7</u>	<u>79.1</u>
Whole Year	80.7	82.9	77.8

Table VIII- Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1987-1989

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 7	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9
January	78.7	82.6	80.3
February	75.7	79.4	75.1
March	62.6	73.7	68.6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>72.0</u>	<u>78.6</u>	<u>74.6</u>
April	74.5	71.9	63.8
May	64.2	68.4	66.3
June	54.7	57.3	53.1
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>64.5</u>	<u>66.0</u>	<u>61.2</u>
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>68.2</u> =====	<u>72.3</u> =====	<u>67.9</u> =====
July	67.1	64.9	59.9
August	75.4	79.0	66.3
September	74.4	75.9	73.4
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>72.3</u>	<u>73.3</u>	<u>66.5</u>
October	79.8	84.0	79.8
November	79.0	83.1	80.0
December	72.3	68.7	68.5
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>77.0</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>76.1</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>74.7</u> =====	<u>75.9</u> =====	<u>71.3</u> =====
Whole Year	71.6	74.1	69.8

Table IX - Employment^{2/} in the Tourist Industry, 1985 - 1989

Industrial Group	1985		1986		1987		1988		1989	
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September 1/
Restaurants	576	610	692	672	674	725	855	867	949	1,019
Hotels	2,918	2,910	2,933	3,079	3,453	3,670	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600
Travel and Tourism	1,156	1,207	1,237	1,329	1,428	1,732	1,893	1,991	1,877	2,065
TOTAL	4,650	4,727	4,862	5,080	5,555	6,127	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684

1/ Revised estimates

2/ Large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)