

International Travel & Tourism - 1st Semester 1990

Passenger traffic

With a total of 94,000 arrivals and 98,000 departures during the second quarter, the volume of traffic handled at the airport during the first semester of 1990 nearly reached 390,000. This is around 12% above the figure of 348,500 obtained for the corresponding period of 1989. It will be remembered that a similar growth rate (11.6%) in passenger traffic was observed between the corresponding semester of 1988 and 1989.

Total passenger arrivals during the semester amounted to 187,200, while departures numbered 202,500.

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals during the period is estimated to be 126,700, thus showing an increase of slightly more than 8% over the corresponding semester of 1989, when it was 116,860. France, Reunion Island and the Republic of South Africa continued to be the main tourist generating countries for Mauritius, together accounting for 60% of total tourist arrivals.

Of the 54,400 tourist arrivals coming from our traditional European Markets, France's share was nearly 50% (25,900). The other main European tourist markets for Mauritius were the Federal Republic of Germany (9,200), the United Kingdom (7,300), Italy (7,100) and Switzerland (4,900).

The Republic of South Africa, our most important medium haul market maintained her share of 15% with the number of tourist arrivals rising to 18,800.

Tourist arrivals from Reunion Island rose to 31,200 (an increase of about 8%) during the period although her share in total tourist arrivals remained around 25%. The Malagasy Republic, the only other short-haul market for Mauritius, accounted for 3,200 tourists.

Assuming this trend persists, it is estimated that tourist arrivals for the year 1990 will be of the order of 282,000.

Tourist nights

Assuming an overall average length of stay of 11.4 nights, the total number of tourist nights during the period is estimated to be about 1,450,000. For large hotels the average length of stay per tourist has remained at last year's level of 7 nights.

Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rates for all hotels for the period under review remained more or less the same as that of the corresponding period a year ago, i.e. around 60%. The bed occupancy rates dropped marginally from 53% to just below 52%.

This was mainly the result of an increase from June 1989 to June 1990 in the number of hotels and consequently of hotel rooms and beds from 3,500 to nearly 4,300 and from 7,200 to 8,800 respectively, whose effect was mitigated by a few well established hotels becoming unavailable during the second quarter of 1990 due to renovation works and to special reservation.

The room occupancy rate for large hotels rose from 70% during the 2nd quarter of 1989 to 74% during the same period of 1990. However since the drop in room occupancy rates during the 1st quarter of 1990 as compared to the corresponding period a year ago was more consequent than the rise during the 2nd quarter of 1990, the room occupancy rate has remained at last year's level, i.e. around 76%. The bed occupancy rate similarly remained at last year's level (about 70%).

Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts are estimated at about 1,605 million rupees for the period under review, thus showing an increase of 16% over the corresponding period of 1989 when they amounted to 1,381 million rupees. This indicates an increase of nearly 7% in average tourist expenditure to about Rs 12,670 as compared to Rs 11,870 a year ago.

On this trend tourist receipts for 1990 may well reach around 3,300 million rupees.

Employment

The number of people employed directly in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons has been revised to 8,900, which represents an increase of nearly 24% over 7,200 in March 1989.

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Table 1 - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1985 - 1990

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	262,790	3.03 ^{2/}	2,796
1989: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>7,045</u>	<u>62,610</u>	<u>0.720</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</u>	<u>629.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>7,196</u>	<u>116,860</u>	<u>1.344</u>	<u>1,380.7</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,621</u>	<u>7,406</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>0.796</u>	<u>655.0</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,374</u>	<u>76,740</u>	<u>0.890^{2/}</u>	<u>760.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,374</u>	<u>145,930</u>	<u>1,686^{2/}</u>	<u>1,415.0</u>
1990: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>7,908</u>	<u>67,470^{2/}</u>	<u>0.773^{1/}</u>	<u>870.0^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>59,200^{1/}</u>	<u>0.678^{1/}</u>	<u>735.0^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>126,670^{1/}</u>	<u>1.450^{1/}</u>	<u>1,605.0^{1/}</u>

1/ Provisional

2/ Revised estimates

Table II - Passenger traffic, by month, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	N U M B E R					
	1 9 8 8		1 9 8 9		1 9 9 0	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	32,590	36,460	37,450	43,490	38,640	43,540
February	22,460	26,940	23,270	27,310	26,880	31,400
March	24,140	23,110	26,630	27,750	27,400 ^{1/}	29,900 ^{1/}
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>79,190</u>	<u>86,510</u>	<u>87,350</u>	<u>98,550</u>	<u>92,920^{1/}</u>	<u>104,840^{1/}</u>
April	24,360	26,690	27,930	27,600	34,700 ^{1/}	32,100 ^{1/}
May	26,560	26,980	28,020	30,900	32,500 ^{1/}	36,400 ^{1/}
June	21,190	20,850	22,940	25,210	27,100 ^{1/}	29,200 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>72,110</u>	<u>74,520</u>	<u>78,890</u>	<u>83,710</u>	<u>94,300^{1/}</u>	<u>97,700^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>151,300</u>	<u>161,030</u>	<u>166,240</u>	<u>182,260</u>	<u>187,220^{1/}</u>	<u>202,540^{1/}</u>
July	29,650	27,520	33,100	27,830		
August	37,830	34,960	39,970	39,430		
September	26,700	30,280	30,250	35,350		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>94,180</u>	<u>92,760</u>	<u>103,320</u>	<u>102,610</u>		
October	31,930	28,100	35,140	31,630		
November	30,010	31,300	32,080	34,920		
December	36,520	28,140	42,300	33,630		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>98,460</u>	<u>87,540</u>	<u>109,520</u>	<u>100,180</u>		
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>192,640</u>	<u>180,300</u>	<u>212,840</u>	<u>202,790</u>		
Whole Year	343,940	341,330	379,080	385,050		

^{1/} Provisional

Table III - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1988 - 1990

Country of residence	N U M B E R										
	1988	1989	1 9 8 9				1 9 9 0				1st Semester ^{1/}
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr. ^{2/}	2nd Qr. ^{1/}		
France	50,240	53,660	13,680	10,380	24,060	12,260	17,340	14,600	11,300	25,900	
Germany Fed. R.	15,130	18,210	4,430	4,110	8,540	4,340	5,330	4,700	4,500	9,200	
Italy	14,960	14,470	3,990	2,670	6,660	3,820	3,990	4,200	2,900	7,100	
Switzerland	9,080	10,690	2,650	1,730	4,380	2,190	4,120	3,000	1,900	4,900	
United Kingdom	13,780	16,550	3,270	3,460	6,730	4,510	5,310	3,500	3,800	7,300	
Malagassy Rep.	6,770	6,530	1,400	1,600	3,000	1,690	1,840	1,500	1,700	3,200	
Reunion Island	56,930	65,550	17,600	11,180	28,780	20,680	16,090	19,000	12,200	31,200	
Seychelles	1,950	3,260	270	640	910	950	1,400	300	700	1,000	
Kenya	1,260	1,100	300	170	470	330	300	400	200	600	
South Africa Rep of	35,860	36,860	8,180	9,290	17,470	9,460	9,930	8,700	10,100	18,800	
Zambia	2,590	1,810	410	390	800	450	560	500	400	900	
Zimbabwe	2,900	2,870	420	980	1,400	700	770	500	1,000	1,500	
Australia	2,310	2,510	470	610	1,080	610	820	500	700	1,200	
India	4,220	4,790	480	2,090	2,570	980	1,240	500	2,300	2,800	
U.S.A	1,470	1,890	350	510	860	450	580	350	600	950	
Singapore	1,340	1,990	310	530	840	440	710	350	600	950	
Japan	2,190	2,900	690	680	1,370	730	800	700	800	1,500	
Other Countries	16,320	17,150	33,710	3,230	6,940	4,600	5,610	4,170	3,500	7,670	
All Countries	239,300	262,790	62,610	54,250	116,860	69,190	76,740	67,470	59,200	126,670	

^{1/} Provisional^{2/} Revised estimates

Table IV - Tourist arrivals by month, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	N U M B E R		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	23,070	26,200	27,950
February	16,330	16,900	19,520
March	18,010	19,510	20,000 ^{1/}
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>57,410</u>	<u>62,610</u>	<u>67,470^{2/}</u>
April	17,320	19,430	22,000 ^{1/}
May	19,770	20,190	21,000 ^{1/}
June	13,430	14,630	16,200 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>50,520</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>59,200^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>107,930</u>	<u>116,860</u>	<u>126,670^{1/}</u>
July	19,230	21,110	
August	25,020	27,310	
September	18,350	20,770	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>69,190</u>	
October	23,250	25,360	
November	20,970	22,470	
December	24,550	28,910	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>68,770</u>	<u>76,740</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>131,370</u>	<u>145,930</u>	
Whole year	239,300	262,790	

1/ Provisional

2/ Revised estimates

Table V - Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	74.3	74.0	68.6
February	69.0	66.5	61.9
March	64.7	63.4	57.4
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>69.4</u>	<u>68.0</u>	<u>62.6</u>
April	66.3	54.1	58.6 ^{1/}
May	63.5	58.5	61.0 ^{1/}
June	54.4	46.9	49.5 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>61.5</u>	<u>53.2</u>	<u>56.5^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>65.6</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>59.5^{1/}</u>
July	60.1	55.5	
August	69.0	64.1	
September	65.2	66.6	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>64.8</u>	<u>62.1</u>	
October	74.0	70.0	
November	71.6	72.1	
December	60.1	61.9	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>68.4</u>	<u>67.9</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>66.6</u>	<u>65.1</u>	
Whole Year	66.1	64.0	

^{1/} Provisional

Table VI - Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	65.4	66.5	62.2
February	59.5	58.4	53.0
March	55.4	55.7	49.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>60.1</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>54.8</u>
April	58.2	47.8	51.1 ^{1/}
May	53.8	51.2	53.7 ^{1/}
June	46.5	39.6	41.3 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>52.9</u>	<u>46.2</u>	<u>48.8^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>56.7</u>	<u>53.0</u>	<u>51.8^{1/}</u>
July	52.5	49.2	
August	63.5	57.4	
September	58.5	59.1	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>58.4</u>	<u>55.3</u>	
October	66.3	62.0	
November	63.0	62.1	
December	53.7	55.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>60.8</u>	<u>59.7</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>59.6</u>	<u>57.5</u>	
Whole Year	58.2	55.3	

^{1/} Provisional

Table VII - Monthly room occupancy for large hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	91.4	88.5	82.1
February	90.6	84.4	80.5
March	84.6	76.6	73.6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>88.8</u>	<u>83.2</u>	<u>78.7</u>
April	80.5	73.0	74.7
May	79.4	74.6	77.6
June	66.0	61.3	68.8
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>75.4</u>	<u>69.7</u>	<u>73.9</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>82.2</u>	<u>76.6</u>	<u>76.4</u>
July	72.7	67.4	
August	85.6	73.0	
September	84.9	81.0	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>81.0</u>	<u>73.7</u>	
October	92.3	88.3	
November	92.6	89.6	
December	74.7	75.3	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>86.3</u>	<u>84.4</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>83.7</u>	<u>79.1</u>	
Whole Year	82.9	77.8	

Table VIII - Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	82.6	80.3	75.1
February	79.4	75.1	73.7
March	73.7	68.6	63.6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>78.6</u>	<u>74.6</u>	<u>69.7</u>
April	71.9	63.8	66.6
May	68.4	66.3	68.9
June	57.3	53.1	59.6
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>66.0</u>	<u>61.2</u>	<u>65.3</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>72.3</u>	<u>67.9</u>	<u>67.6</u>
July	64.9	59.9	
August	79.0	66.3	
September	75.9	73.4	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>73.3</u>	<u>66.5</u>	
October	84.0	79.8	
November	83.1	80.0	
December	68.7	68.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>76.1</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>75.9</u>	<u>71.3</u>	
Whole Year	74.1	69.8	

Table IX - Employment ^{1/} in the Tourist Industry, 1986 - 1990

Industrial Group	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March ^{2/}
Restaurants	692	672	674	725	855	867	949	1,019	935
Hotels	2,933	3,079	3,453	3,670	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600	5,581
Travel and Tourism	1,237	1,329	1,428	1,732	1,893	1,991	1,877	2,065	2,386
TOTAL	4,862	5,080	5,555	6,127	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684	8,902

^{1/} large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)

^{2/} revised estimates