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International Travel and Tourism - 1990

Passenger traffic

The volume of traffic handled at the airport during the year 1990 is estimated to be about 837,600 as compared to 764,130 in 1989. This indicates an increase of the order of 10% over the period. It will be remembered that the corresponding increase in 1989 was 11.5%.

Passenger arrivals (417,680) and departures (419,890) both increased by about 10% compared to 1989.

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals in 1990 is estimated at nearly 292,000. This is an increase of nearly 11% over 1989, when it was 262,790.

Tourists from the short-haul market, Reunion Island which accounts for around a quarter of all tourists to Mauritius, numbered some 74,000 in 1990, that is an increase of about 13% over 1989. The Malagasy Republic contributed an additional 6,400 from the short-haul market.

The number of tourists from European countries increased by nearly 6% over 1989. Of the 120,000 tourists from the European market, France topped the list with a share of 18% of all tourist arrivals. The United Kingdom came next with 22,000 tourist arrivals (8%), followed by Germany, Italy and Switzerland with respectively 19,000, 14,500 and 11,000 tourist arrivals.

The Republic of South Africa maintained its position as an important tourist market for Mauritius, accounting for 14% of total tourist arrivals in 1990.

It is worth pointing out the steady increase in the number of tourists from India and Singapore these last years. In fact, from 4,800 and 2,000 last year, the number of tourists from India and Singapore this year reached 8,200 and 2,400 respectively.

Tourist nights

Assuming an average length of stay per tourist to be 12 nights, the total number of tourist nights for 1990 is estimated at 3.5 million - which is nearly 10% above that of 1989 with 3.2 million tourist nights.

In large hotels, the average length of stay remains around 7 nights per tourist.

Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rates for all hotels showed a marginal drop in 1990 to 62%. The change in bed occupancy was also insignificant although the number of rooms and bedplaces increased substantially. In fact, by the end of 1990, there were 75 licensed hotels with 4,603 rooms and 9,572 bedplaces.

The drop in occupancy rate would have been consequential had it not been for the fact that some well-established hotels were closed for certain periods for renovation purposes.

Tourist receipts

It is estimated that gross tourist receipts amounted to 3,500 million rupees for the year 1990. Compared to 2,800 million rupees for the corresponding period a year ago, this represents an increase of 25% and indicates an increase in average expenditure per tourist of the order of nearly 13%. The average expenditure per tourist was about 12,000 rupees as compared to 10,640 for 1989.

Employment

In September 1990 there were 9,670 persons employed directly in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons. This represents an increase of over 25% compared to that of September 1989 when it was 7,684.

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Table 1 - Selected tourism statistics, 1986 - 1990

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces			
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	3.00	2,381
1989	67	3,605	7,374	262,790	3.20	2,796
1990	75	4,603	9,572	291,600 ^{1/}	3.50 ^{1/}	3,500 ^{1/}
1989: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>7,045</u>	<u>62,610</u>	<u>0.760</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>0.660</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>1.420</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>0.844</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>0.936</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>1.780</u>	<u>1,415.0</u>
1990: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>7,908</u>	<u>67,100</u>	<u>0.805</u>	<u>928.0</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>66,770</u>	<u>0.780</u>	<u>786.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>133,870</u>	<u>1.585</u>	<u>1,714.0</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,384</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>76,790</u>	<u>0.922</u>	<u>860.0</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>4,603</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>80,940^{1/}</u>	<u>0.993^{1/}</u>	<u>926.0^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>4,603</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>157,730^{1/}</u>	<u>1.915^{1/}</u>	<u>1,786.0^{1/}</u>

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Table II - Passenger traffic by month, 1988 - 1990

Month	Number					
	1988		1989		1990	
	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	27,150	29,170
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>79,190</u>	<u>86,510</u>	<u>87,350</u>	<u>98,550</u>	<u>92,670</u>	<u>104,110</u>
April	24,360	26,690	27,930	27,600	34,770	31,840
May	26,560	26,980	28,020	30,900	32,210	36,140
June	21,190	20,850	22,940	25,210	27,020	28,920
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>72,110</u>	<u>74,520</u>	<u>78,890</u>	<u>83,710</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>96,900</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>151,300</u>	<u>161,030</u>	<u>166,240</u>	<u>182,260</u>	<u>186,670</u>	<u>201,010</u>
July	29,650	27,520	33,100	27,830	34,890	29,850
August	37,830	34,960	39,970	39,430	44,980	44,840
September	26,700	30,280	30,250	35,350	34,140	38,620
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>94,180</u>	<u>92,760</u>	<u>103,320</u>	<u>102,610</u>	<u>114,010</u>	<u>113,310</u>
October	31,930	28,100	35,140	31,630	37,000	33,570
November	30,010	31,300	32,080	34,920	34,000 ^{1/}	37,000 ^{1/}
December	36,520	28,140	42,300	33,630	46,000 ^{1/}	35,000 ^{1/}
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>98,460</u>	<u>87,540</u>	<u>109,520</u>	<u>100,180</u>	<u>117,000^{1/}</u>	<u>105,570^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>192,640</u>	<u>180,300</u>	<u>212,840</u>	<u>202,790</u>	<u>231,010^{1/}</u>	<u>218,880^{1/}</u>
Whole Year	343,940	341,330	379,080	385,050	417,680 ^{1/}	419,890 ^{1/}

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Table III - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1989 - 1990

Country of residence	Number												
	1989		1990				1990						
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
France	53,660	13,680	10,380	12,260	17,340	14,750	10,050	11,160	17,100				
Germany Fed. Rep.	18,210	4,430	4,110	4,340	5,330	4,160	4,690	4,500	5,700				
Italy	14,470	3,990	2,670	3,820	3,990	3,670	2,740	3,980	4,200				
Switzerland	10,690	2,650	1,730	2,190	4,120	2,730	1,930	2,140	4,200				
United Kingdom	16,550	3,270	3,460	4,510	5,310	4,210	5,960	6,090	5,800				
Malagasy Rep.	6,530	1,400	1,600	1,690	1,840	1,510	1,480	1,720	1,700				
Reunion Island	65,550	17,600	11,180	20,680	16,090	17,490	16,410	23,490	16,700				
Seychelles	3,260	270	640	950	1,400	640	650	1,040	1,500				
Kenya	1,100	300	170	330	300	290	340	360	400				
South Africa, Rep. of	36,860	8,180	9,290	9,460	9,930	8,280	11,110	10,110	10,900				
Zambia	1,810	410	390	450	560	350	390	410	500				
Zimbabwe	2,870	420	980	700	770	540	1,010	990	900				
Australia	2,510	470	610	610	820	680	740	750	900				
India	4,790	480	2,090	980	1,240	970	3,060	2,400	1,800				
U.S.A.	1,890	350	510	450	580	560	640	550	600				
Singapore	1,990	310	530	440	710	340	570	670	800				
Japan	2,900	690	680	730	800	830	350	840	1,000				
Other Countries	17,150	3,710	3,230	4,600	5,610	5,100	4,650	5,590	6,240				
All Countries	262,790	62,610	54,250	69,190	76,740	67,100	66,770	76,790	80,940				

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Table IV - Tourist arrivals by month, 1988 - 1990

Month	Number		
	1988	1989	1990
January	23,070	26,200	27,950
February	16,330	16,900	19,520
March	18,010	19,510	19,630
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>57,410</u>	<u>62,610</u>	<u>67,100</u>
April	17,320	19,430	25,570
May	19,770	20,190	23,210
June	13,430	14,630	17,990
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>50,520</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>66,770</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>107,930</u>	<u>116,860</u>	<u>133,870</u>
July	19,230	21,110	22,180
August	25,020	27,310	31,420
September	18,350	20,770	23,190
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>76,790</u>
October	23,250	25,360	26,940
November	20,970	22,470	24,000 ^{1/}
December	24,550	28,910	30,000 ^{1/}
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>68,770</u>	<u>76,740</u>	<u>80,940^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>131,370</u>	<u>145,930</u>	<u>157,730^{1/}</u>
Whole Year	239,300	262,790	291,600 ^{1/}

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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
May	63.5	58.5	61.0
June	54.4	46.9	49.5
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>61.5</u>	<u>53.2</u>	<u>56.5</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>65.6</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>59.5</u>
July	60.1	55.5	58.4
August	69.0	64.1	64.4
September	65.2	66.6	65.3
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>64.8</u>	<u>62.1</u>	<u>62.9</u>
October	74.0	70.0	68.3
November	71.6	72.1	68.8
December	60.1	61.9	58.4
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>68.4</u>	<u>67.9</u>	<u>65.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>66.6</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>64.0</u>
Whole Year	66.1	64.0	61.8

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

Month	Percentage		
	1988	1989	1990
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
May	53.8	51.2	53.7
June	46.5	39.6	41.3
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>52.9</u>	<u>46.2</u>	<u>48.8</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>56.7</u>	<u>53.0</u>	<u>51.8</u>
July	52.5	49.2	50.9
August	63.5	57.4	59.6
September	58.5	59.1	58.0
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>58.4</u>	<u>55.3</u>	<u>56.3</u>
October	66.3	62.0	59.7
November	63.0	62.1	59.6
December	53.7	55.0	51.9
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>60.8</u>	<u>59.7</u>	<u>57.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>59.6</u>	<u>57.5</u>	<u>56.7</u>
Whole Year	58.2	55.3	54.3

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

Month	Percentage		
	1988	1989	1990
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	73.9
August	85.6	73.0	74.8
September	84.9	81.0	74.5
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>81.0</u>	<u>73.7</u>	<u>74.4</u>
October	92.3	88.3	83.2
November	92.6	89.6	84.6
December	74.7	75.3	70.1
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>86.3</u>	<u>84.4</u>	<u>79.2</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>83.7</u>	<u>79.1</u>	<u>77.0</u>
Whole Year	82.9	77.8	76.7

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

Month	Percentage		
	1988	1989	1990
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	64.8
August	79.0	66.3	67.2
September	75.9	73.4	67.4
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>73.3</u>	<u>66.5</u>	<u>66.6</u>
October	84.0	79.8	75.3
November	83.1	80.0	75.1
December	68.7	68.5	64.0
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>76.1</u>	<u>71.3</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>75.9</u>	<u>71.3</u>	<u>69.2</u>
Whole Year	74.1	69.8	68.4

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	September
Restaurants	692	672	674	725	855	867	949	1,019	935	900
Hotels	2,933	3,079	3,453	3,670	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600	5,581	5,995
Travel and Tourism	1,237	1,329	1,428	1,732	1,893	1,991	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,775
Total	4,862	5,080	5,555	6,127	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,670

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