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Passenger Traffic

During the year 1995, Mauritius registered a total of 549,500 passenger arrivals against 548,600 departures, i.e an excess of 900 arrivals over departures. These figures, compared to last year, show an increase of 4% in arrivals as well as in departures. Movements by sea represented 1.3% of both total arrivals and departures.

Mauritian Residents

International movements of Mauritian residents represented 19% of total arrivals and 20% of total departures, the respective figures being 105,700 and 107,100. These figures, compared to 1994, showed decreases of 1.1% in arrivals and 1.9 % in departures.

As usual, the main country visited by Mauritian residents was Reunion Island, accounting for 31% of total departures. Other major countries visited were, in order of importance, France (15%), United Kingdom (13%), India (9%), Singapore (8%) and the Republic of South Africa (7%).

Tourist Arrivals

Tourist arrivals in 1995 totalled 422,500, that is an increase of 5.5% over 1994. In addition, about 9,000 excursionists or "same day" visitors, i.e those arriving and leaving on the same day, visited the country during that year.

About 93% of the tourist arrivals were attributed to holiday and 4% to business purposes.

France, with a share of 28% remained our main tourism generating country. The number of tourist arrivals from this country registered an increase of 10% over last year. The other major markets were: Reunion Island (19%), the Republic of South Africa (10%), Germany (10%), United Kingdom (7%), Italy (4%), Switzerland (3%) and India (3%). The positive performances of the following emerging markets, as a direct consequence of the introduction of new flights to these countries by the national carrier, Air Mauritius, are worth noting. Compared to last year, arrivals from Netherlands rose by 58%, from Belgium by 35%, from Switzerland by 21% and from Australia by 34%.

The European market, with a total figure of 244,100 tourist arrivals, contributed nearly 58% of all tourist arrivals. The main sources were France, Germany, United Kingdom, Italy and Switzerland.

Tourist arrivals from Africa rose by 4% to reach 143,600. Arrivals from Reunion Island, our major short haul market, accounted for 55% of these arrivals, followed by the Republic of South Africa (30%), Seychelles (5%) and Malagasy Republic (5%).

The Asian market, which accounted for 24,400 or 6% of tourist arrivals was largely dominated by tourists from India who represented 46% of arrivals from this continent. The other major Asian markets were: Japan (13%), Singapore (11%), People's Republic of China (8%) and Hong Kong (7%).

Tourists Nights

Total tourist nights spent in 1995 is estimated at 5.8 million, representing an increase of 4% over last year. The average length of stay of a tourist who visited Mauritius in 1995 is estimated to be around 13.5 nights compared to 13.1 nights in 1994.

Hotel Statistics

Five new hotels came into operation during the year 1995, thus bringing the total number of establishments to 95. Subsequently, the number of rooms available increased from 5,890 to 5,980 and the number of bed-places from 12,190 to 12,360.

The average room occupancy rates during 1995 were estimated at 66% for all hotels and 73% for large hotels, almost the same as last year. Corresponding figures for bed occupancy rates were 59% and 67% respectively.

Gross Tourist Receipts

Gross tourist receipts for the year 1995 is estimated at 7,000 million rupees, i.e an increase of 9% over 1994. The average expenditure per tourist works out to around Rs. 16,600 as compared to Rs 16, 000 in 1994.

Employment

In March 1995, 13,860 persons were employed directly in tourism establishments engaging 10 persons or more. Out of this number, 9,340 (67%) were working in hotels, 1,000 (7%) in restaurants and the remaining 3,520 (26%) in travel and tourism establishments.

Forecast

It is estimated that the total number of tourist arrivals for the year 1996 will be around 440,000, with a total gross receipts of 7,500 million rupees.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying in the country for more than 24 hours but less than a year and is not involved in any gainful occupation.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is a non-resident who leaves the airport and stays in the country for more than 24 hours for flight connection purposes.

3. Excursionist

An excursionist is a non-resident who stays in the country for less than 24 hours, other than those who do not leave the airport.

4. Visitor Nights

Visitor nights are the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists during the period under review.

5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

Table 1:- Passenger Traffic by month 1993 - 1995

Month	Number					
	1993		1994		1995	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	52,160	60,230	52,652	60,384	52,976	63,363
February	34,520	39,370	34,478	38,941	33,869	34,812
March	33,180	33,970	40,099	37,363	42,045	43,615
1st Quarter	<u>119,860</u>	<u>133,570</u>	<u>127,229</u>	<u>136,688</u>	<u>128,890</u>	<u>141,790</u>
April	44,740	44,930	40,446	44,779	41,549	42,055
May	38,660	37,490	39,840	42,809	41,144	42,209
June	33,420	35,190	33,226	30,724	32,986	33,131
2nd Quarter	<u>116,820</u>	<u>117,610</u>	<u>113,512</u>	<u>118,312</u>	<u>115,679</u>	<u>117,395</u>
1st Semester	<u>236,680</u>	<u>251,180</u>	<u>240,741</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>244,569</u>	<u>259,185</u>
July	44,620	35,670	44,863	37,654	47,760	38,320
August	54,600	60,050	54,205	59,733	56,022	61,741
September	38,600	38,540	38,611	39,332	39,065	41,035
3rd Quarter	<u>137,820</u>	<u>134,260</u>	<u>137,679</u>	<u>136,719</u>	<u>142,847</u>	<u>141,096</u>
October	44,490	40,520	48,980	45,904	50,470	45,733
November	48,170	48,210	44,666	46,528	49,691	53,748
December	56,580	46,230	56,499	44,181	61,871	48,844
4th Quarter	<u>149,240</u>	<u>134,960</u>	<u>150,145</u>	<u>136,613</u>	<u>162,032</u>	<u>148,325</u>
2nd Semester	<u>287,060</u>	<u>269,220</u>	<u>287,824</u>	<u>273,332</u>	<u>304,879</u>	<u>289,421</u>
Whole Year	523,740	520,400	528,565	528,332	549,448	548,606

Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian Residents by country of disembarkation, 1995

Country of disembarkation	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year
EUROPE	7,912	7,689	13,194	6,983	35,778
Belgium	98	86	265	135	584
France	2,982	2,979	6,778	3,026	15,765
Germany	477	289	526	343	1,635
Italy	544	229	688	317	1,778
Switzerland	333	408	525	235	1,501
United Kingdom	3,449	3,642	4,306	2,832	14,229
Other European	29	56	106	95	286
AFRICA	10,919	9,645	13,051	12,640	46,255
Kenya	253	203	214	289	959
Malagasy Republic	587	457	629	528	2,201
Reunion	7,458	6,875	9,243	9,386	32,962
Seychelles	104	385	655	337	1,481
S. Africa, Rep. of	2,264	1,546	1,900	1,832	7,542
Zimbabwe	182	153	360	217	912
Other African	71	26	50	51	198
ASIA	5,321	4,157	4,829	7,496	21,803
Hong Kong	508	574	703	650	2,435
India	2,808	1,476	1,818	3,854	9,956
Malaysia	70	114	169	113	466
Singapore	1,789	1,545	2,059	2,747	8,140
Other Asian	146	448	80	132	806
OCEANIA	996	434	467	921	2,818
Australia	996	434	466	921	2,817
Other Oceanian			1		1
AMERICA	84	39	151	45	319
U.S.A	24	14	41	12	91
Canada	60	25	106	32	223
Other American			4	1	5
NOT STATED	129	2	17	25	173
All Countries	25,361	21,966	31,709	28,110	107,146

Table 3:- Selected tourism statistics, 1991 - 1995

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Visitor nights ^{1/} (000)	Tourist receipts ^{1/} (Rs Mn)	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces				
1991	80	5,064	10,482	300,670	3,700	3,940	
1992	84	5,271	10,917	335,400	4,110	4,655	
1993	85	5,341	11,058	374,630	4,610	5,362	
1994	90	5,888	12,187	400,526	5,560	6,415	
1995	95	5,977	12,359	422,463	5,800	7,000	
1994 :	1st Qr.	85	5,341	11,058	100,763	1,400	1,642
	2nd Qr.	85	5,401	11,192	83,572	1,160	1,364
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,401</u>	<u>11,192</u>	<u>184,335</u>	<u>2,560</u>	<u>3,006</u>
	3rd Qr.	86	5,527	11,433	101,135	1,400	1,485
	4th Qr.	90	5,888	12,187	115,056	1,600	1,924
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>5,888</u>	<u>12,187</u>	<u>216,191</u>	<u>2,841</u>	<u>3,409</u>
1995	1st Qr.	90	5,888	12,187	102,153	1,402	1,700
	2nd Qr.	92	5,922	12,255	88,212	1,211	1,450
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>5,922</u>	<u>12,255</u>	<u>190,365</u>	<u>2,613</u>	<u>3,150</u>
	3rd Qr.	94	5,977	12,359	105,746	1,452	1,750
	4th Qr.	95	5,977	12,359	126,352	1,735	2,100
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>5,977</u>	<u>12,359</u>	<u>232,098</u>	<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,850</u>

^{1/} Figures for 1994 have been revised and those for 1995 are provisional

Table 4 : - Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1995

Purpose of visit	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year 1995
Holiday	94,940	81,017	98,674	118,868	393,499
Business	3,395	3,845	3,888	3,971	15,099
Transit	2,946	1,741	1,937	1,977	8,601
Conference	215	792	379	651	2,037
Sports	119	235	480	240	1,074
Other & Not Stated	538	582	388	645	2,153
Total	102,153	88,212	105,746	126,352	422,463

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1993 - 1995

Month	Number		
	1993	1994	1995
January	38,910	41,757	42,528
February	25,920	27,268	26,587
March	24,170	31,738	33,038
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>89,000</u>	<u>100,763</u>	<u>102,153</u>
April	32,580	30,350	34,428
May	28,250	30,685	30,607
June	20,880	22,537	23,177
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>81,710</u>	<u>83,572</u>	<u>88,212</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>170,710</i>	<i>184,335</i>	<i>190,365</i>
July	30,320	32,211	33,833
August	38,450	40,319	42,985
September	26,750	28,605	28,928
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>95,520</u>	<u>101,135</u>	<u>105,746</u>
October	33,040	39,139	40,620
November	35,400	35,037	39,437
December	39,960	40,880	46,295
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>108,400</u>	<u>115,056</u>	<u>126,352</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>203,920</i>	<i>216,191</i>	<i>232,098</i>
Whole Year	374,630	400,526	422,463

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1994 - 1995

Country of Residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Whole Year		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
EUROPE	57,121	59,372	3.9	46,916	51,480	9.7	53,517	54,225	1.3	71,925	78,992	9.8	229,479	244,069	6.4
Austria	1,660	1,351	-18.6	881	791	-10.2	812	851	4.8	1,210	1,848	52.7	4,563	4,841	6.1
Belgium	709	1,058	49.2	721	1,178	63.4	1,440	1,614	12.1	1,422	1,952	37.3	4,292	5,802	35.2
France	28,171	29,304	4.0	19,978	23,216	16.2	22,801	24,845	9.0	35,318	39,336	11.4	106,268	116,701	9.8
Germany	11,001	10,871	-1.2	9,200	9,512	3.4	9,674	8,977	-7.2	11,949	12,277	2.7	41,824	41,637	-0.4
Italy	4,210	4,935	17.2	3,809	3,671	-3.6	4,974	4,379	-12.0	5,156	4,399	-14.7	18,149	17,384	-4.2
Netherlands	223	250	12.1	159	377	137.1	280	469	67.5	293	417	42.3	955	1,513	58.4
Spain	487	596	22.4	472	716	51.7	981	848	-13.6	657	859	30.7	2,597	3,019	16.2
Sweden	592	535	-9.6	196	259	32.1	191	216	13.1	626	699	11.7	1,605	1,709	6.5
Switzerland	2,972	2,913	-2.0	2,134	2,570	20.4	2,104	2,447	16.3	4,243	5,885	38.7	11,453	13,815	20.6
United Kingdom	5,889	5,860	-0.5	8,458	7,511	-11.2	9,157	8,264	-9.8	9,791	9,689	-1.0	33,295	31,324	-5.9
Other European	1,207	1,699	40.8	908	1,679	84.9	1,103	1,315	19.2	1,260	1,631	29.4	4,478	6,324	41.2
AFRICA	37,143	35,807	-3.6	27,622	27,677	0.2	38,950	42,438	9.0	34,783	37,664	8.3	138,498	143,586	3.7
Comoros	264	326	23.5	306	357	16.7	258	331	28.3	320	334	4.4	1,148	1,348	17.4
Kenya	240	208	-13.3	331	305	-7.9	292	324	11.0	415	321	-22.7	1,278	1,158	-9.4
Malagasy Rep.	1,468	1,221	-16.8	1,743	1,442	-17.3	1,720	2,014	17.1	1,918	2,208	15.1	6,849	6,885	0.5
Reunion	22,805	23,059	1.1	12,586	12,971	3.1	23,819	24,868	4.4	17,825	17,533	-1.6	77,035	78,431	1.8
Seychelles	659	667	1.2	1,223	1,538	25.8	1,648	2,249	36.5	2,120	2,662	25.6	5,650	7,116	25.9
S. Africa, Rep. of	10,439	8,972	-14.1	9,514	9,312	-2.1	9,364	11,238	20.0	10,445	13,131	25.7	39,762	42,653	7.3
Zambia	76	112	47.4	47	96	104.3	92	122	32.6	122	113	-7.4	337	443	31.5
Zimbabwe	607	620	2.1	1,079	1,037	-3.9	860	670	-22.1	993	638	-35.8	3,539	2,965	-16.2
Other African	585	622	6.3	793	619	-21.9	897	622	-30.7	625	724	15.8	2,900	2,587	-10.8

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1994 - 1995 (Ctd.)

Country of Residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Whole Year		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
ASIA	4,961	5,094	2.7	6,642	6,560	-1.2	6,449	6,563	1.8	5,643	6,169	9.3	23,695	24,386	2.9
Hong Kong	448	372	-17.0	247	243	-1.6	375	398	6.1	266	632	137.6	1,336	1,645	23.1
India	1,626	1,831	12.6	3,602	3,659	1.6	2,839	3,131	10.3	2,382	2,604	9.3	10,449	11,225	7.4
Japan	789	930	17.9	674	643	-4.6	859	793	-7.7	899	810	-9.9	3,221	3,176	-1.4
Malaysia	346	224	-35.3	288	283	-1.7	442	256	-42.1	237	280	18.1	1,313	1,043	-20.6
Peo. Rep. of China	375	501	33.6	342	421	23.1	403	496	23.1	456	500	9.6	1,576	1,918	21.7
Singapore	855	684	-20.0	783	745	-4.9	772	522	-32.4	837	650	-22.3	3,247	2,601	-19.9
Other Asian	522	552	5.7	706	566	-19.8	759	967	27.4	566	693	22.4	2,553	2,778	8.8
OCEANIA	719	971	35.0	1,085	1,465	35.0	1,202	1,337	11.2	1,442	2,130	47.7	4,448	5,903	32.7
Australia	650	897	38.0	1,019	1,377	35.1	1,144	1,272	11.2	1,347	2,012	49.4	4,160	5,558	33.6
Other Oceanian	69	74	7.2	66	88	33.3	58	65	12.1	95	118	24.2	288	345	19.8
AMERICA	637	820	28.7	804	859	6.8	849	1,002	18.0	1,079	936	-13.3	3,369	3,617	7.4
USA	382	482	26.2	497	526	5.8	513	567	10.5	614	518	-15.6	2,006	2,093	4.3
Canada	218	248	13.8	252	274	8.7	259	320	23.6	376	315	-16.2	1,105	1,157	4.7
Other American	37	90	143.2	55	59	7.3	77	115	49.4	89	103	15.7	258	367	42.2
OTHER & NOT STATED	182	89	-51.1	503	171	-66.0	168	181	7.7	184	461	150.5	1,037	902	-13.0
All Countries	100,763	102,153	1.4	83,572	88,212	5.6	101,135	105,746	4.6	115,056	126,352	9.8	400,526	422,463	5.5

Table 7:- Monthly room occupancy rates for all hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995
January	65	75	72
February	59	67	62
March	57	65	64
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>66</u>
April	60	64	61
May	51	63	64
June	43	54	59
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>64</i>
July	50	57	53
August	63	66	69
September	63	68	63
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>62</u>
October	70	70	74*
November	76	79	73*
December	65	64	71*
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>73</u> *
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>67</i> *
Whole Year	60	66	66*

* Provisional

Table 9:-Monthly room occupancy rates for large hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995
January	71	82	78
February	70	77	72
March	66	73	71
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>74</u>
April	71	74	72
May	60	71	72
June	52	61	58
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>71</i>
July	56	64	61
August	67	70	75
September	72	76	73
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>
October	77	80	87*
November	86	90	83*
December	72	70	77*
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>83*</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>76*</i>
Whole Year	69	74	73*

* Provisional

Table 10 :- Monthly bed occupancy rates for large hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Bed occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995
January	66	74	72
February	64	70	67
March	58	69	65
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>68</u>
April	64	70	66
May	54	66	64
June	47	56	51
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>61</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>64</i>
July	51	61	57
August	61	66	71
September	67	71	67
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>65</u>
October	66	78	80*
November	77	81	80*
December	68	66	69*
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>77*</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>71*</i>
Whole Year	62	69	67*

* Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in the tourist industry as at March, 1991 - 1995

Establishments \ Year	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Restaurants	919	772	850	1,157	1,000
Hotels	6,422	7,592	8,271	9,082	9,340
Travel and Tourism	2,759	2,887	3,310	3,419	3,515
Total	10,100	11,251	12,431	13,658	13,855

Note: The above figures refer to large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)