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International Travel and Tourism, 1996

1. Passenger Traffic

(i) Total

Total passenger traffic for the year 1996 amounted to 1,252,150, made up of 630,240 arrivals and 621,910 departures. Compared to last year these figures represent increases of 15% in arrivals and 13% in departures. Movements by sea accounted for 1.5% of both arrivals and departures. Table 1 shows monthly details of passenger traffic.

Total arrivals included 9,980 "excursionists", i.e. persons arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 3,700 (37%) came from Reunion Island and 1,620 (16%) from France.

(ii) Mauritian residents

The number of Mauritians travelling abroad has increased by 12% from 107,100 in 1995 to 120,400 in 1996. The major countries visited were : Reunion Island (30%), France (15%), United Kingdom (12%), India (9%), Republic of South Africa (8%) and Singapore (7%).

2. Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals for the year 1996 reached 486,867 against 422,463 in 1995. This represents an important increase of 15.2%. This favourable performance was mainly due to the recovery of the South African and U.K markets. Besides, the introduction of new or additional flights to some European countries has contributed to an increase in the number of tourist arrivals from emerging markets like Austria and Belgium.

Most (93%) of the tourists came on holiday while 4% came for business and 2% were in transit.

Europe, as a region, has maintained its 58% share of tourist arrivals. Total arrivals from this market in 1996 grew by 16% compared to 1995. Increases in number of tourist arrivals were registered in all source markets of this continent. France, our leading market

representing 27% of total tourist arrivals and 46% of the European market, posted a 12% increase. Arrivals from United Kingdom which fell by 6% in 1995, have this year increased by 13%. The Italian market grew by 26%, the Swiss market by 14% while arrivals from Germany went up by 9%. Arrivals from Europe were boosted by countries which have emerged as promising markets as a result of promotional campaigns as well as the availability of new or additional flights. The following performances were registered : Sweden (+78%), Austria (+75%), Netherlands (+43%), Belgium (+40%) and Spain (+12%).

Tourist arrivals from Africa grew by 14% in 1996. Among the major sources of this region, arrivals from the Republic of South Africa reached 50,360, i.e. an increase of 18%, the highest growth rate registered from this country during the last decade. Arrivals from Reunion Island, our major short haul market, grew by 5% to reach 82,270 while those from the other neighbouring countries, Malagasy Republic and Seychelles, reached 11,400 and 9,330 representing increases of 66% and 31% respectively.

The Asian market again supplied about 6% of our total tourist arrivals in 1996. An overall increase of 18% in tourist arrivals was observed. India remains the major source with an increase of 17%. The growth registered from the other countries were : Malaysia (+43%), Hong Kong (+26%) and Singapore (+21%).

The Oceanian market maintained an upward trend with a growth of 38%. Arrivals from Australia reached 7,800, representing an increase of 40%, as a consequence of the introduction of a direct flight to Melbourne in November 1995.

The total tourist arrivals from America was 4,300, i.e., an increase of 18% over 1995. The two major markets, i.e. USA and Canada showed increases of 13% and 29% respectively.

Tables 3 to 6 show further details of tourist statistics.

3. Tourist nights

The number of tourist nights spent in 1996 is estimated to be around 5,100,000, that is an increase of 15 % over last year. The average length of stay per tourist is thus around 10 nights.

4. Hotel Statistics

The number of hotels licensed at the end of 1996 was 90 compared to 95 in 1995. During the year 1996, nine hotels with a total room capacity of 168 ceased operation. This was overshadowed by the addition of 663 rooms to our room capacity with the opening of 4 new hotels. Besides, another 196 additional rooms were made available in the already existing hotels. Thus, at the end of 1996, the number of rooms in licensed hotels totalled 6,670 (+11%), with 13,830 bedplaces (+12%). The room occupancy rate in 1996 is estimated to be around 74% for large hotels and 68% for all hotels.

Tables 7 to 10 give further details of hotel statistics.

5. Gross Tourist Receipts

Gross tourism receipts for the year under review is estimated at 9,050 million rupees. This represents an increase of 21% over the figure of 7,472 million rupees obtained in 1995. The average receipt per tourist was Rs. 18,600 in 1996 compared to Rs. 17,700 in 1995 .

6. Employment

At the end of March 1996, direct employment in tourist establishments, with 10 or more employees, stood at 14,400 as compared to 13,900 for the corresponding period of last year. Of this number, 67% or 9,700 were engaged in hotels. Table 11 shows the distribution of employment in tourism sector.

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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 during his/her stay.

2. Transit

Transit passengers are those who stop over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

Type I : Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the port.

Type II: Passengers who leave the airport or port and stay in the country for more than 24 hours for only flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

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. Tourist Nights

Tourist 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 1994 - 1996

Month	1994		1995		1996	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	52,652	60,384	52,976	63,363	53,912	63,611
February	34,478	38,941	33,869	34,812	38,913	41,492
March	40,099	37,363	42,045	43,615	51,665	47,443
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>127,229</u>	<u>136,688</u>	<u>128,890</u>	<u>141,790</u>	<u>144,490</u>	<u>152,546</u>
April	40,446	44,779	41,549	42,055	49,825	54,720
May	39,840	42,809	41,144	42,209	46,396	45,726
June	33,226	30,724	32,986	33,131	39,253	39,899
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>113,512</u>	<u>118,312</u>	<u>115,679</u>	<u>117,395</u>	<u>135,474</u>	<u>140,345</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>240,741</i>	<i>255,000</i>	<i>244,569</i>	<i>259,185</i>	<i>279,964</i>	<i>292,891</i>
July	44,863	37,654	47,760	38,320	48,602	39,817
August	54,205	59,733	56,022	61,741	65,588	71,365
September	38,611	39,332	39,065	41,035	48,790	49,907
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>137,679</u>	<u>136,719</u>	<u>142,847</u>	<u>141,096</u>	<u>162,980</u>	<u>161,089</u>
October	48,980	45,904	50,470	45,733	57,262	51,312
November	44,666	46,528	49,691	53,748	58,536	59,987
December	56,499	44,181	61,871	48,844	71,498	56,633
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>150,145</u>	<u>136,613</u>	<u>162,032</u>	<u>148,325</u>	<u>187,296</u>	<u>167,932</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>287,824</i>	<i>273,332</i>	<i>304,879</i>	<i>289,421</i>	<i>350,276</i>	<i>329,021</i>
Whole Year	528,565	528,332	549,448	548,606	630,240	621,912

Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian Residents by country of disembarkation, 1996

Country of disembarkation	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd. Quarter	4th. Quarter	Year
ALL COUNTRIES	25,932	26,634	34,981	32,868	120,415
EUROPE	8,134	8,649	14,526	8,232	39,541
Belgium	109	67	293	169	638
France	3,351	3,717	7,444	3,728	18,240
Germany	362	342	580	273	1,557
Italy	437	221	878	478	2,014
Switzerland	362	349	612	358	1,681
United Kingdom	3,453	3,794	4,564	3,086	14,897
Other European	60	159	155	140	514
AFRICA	11,597	11,682	13,977	14,503	51,759
Kenya	328	399	306	406	1,439
Malagasy Republic	594	556	608	667	2,425
Reunion	7,603	8,264	9,972	10,288	36,127
Seychelles	297	232	289	157	975
S. Africa, Rep. of	2,497	1,898	2,483	2,737	9,615
Zimbabwe	208	255	242	224	929
Other African	70	78	77	24	249
ASIA	5,147	5,611	5,607	8,686	25,051
Hong Kong	540	734	911	854	3,039
India	2,611	1,865	2,319	4,346	11,141
Malaysia	135	61	235	381	812
Singapore	1,780	1,776	2,098	3,009	8,663
Other Asian	81	1,175	44	96	1,396
OCEANIA	990	624	776	1,410	3,800
Australia	989	624	776	1,410	3,799
Other Oceanian	1				1
AMERICA	59	38	71	28	196
U.S.A	23	17	23	9	72
Canada	36	21	48	19	124
Other American					
NOT STATED	5	30	24	9	68

Table 3:- Selected tourism statistics, 1992 - 1996

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourist receipts (Rs million)	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces				
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	4,359	6,415	
1995	95	5,977	12,359	422,463	4,435	7,472	
1996	90	6,668	13,833	486,867	5,111	9,048	
1995	1st Qr.	90	5,888	12,187	102,153	1,072	1,815
	2nd Qr.	92	5,922	12,255	88,212	926	1,548
	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>5,922</u>	<u>12,255</u>	<u>190,365</u>	<u>1,998</u>	<u>3,363</u>
	3rd Qr.	94	5,977	12,359	105,746	1,110	1,868
	4th Qr.	95	5,977	12,359	126,352	1,326	2,241
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>5,977</u>	<u>12,359</u>	<u>232,098</u>	<u>2,436</u>	<u>4,109</u>
	1996	1st Qr.	95	6,357	13,133	115,349	1,210
2nd Qr.		91	6,407	13,308	103,046	1,081	1,932
<u>1st Semester</u>		<u>91</u>	<u>6,407</u>	<u>13,308</u>	<u>218,395</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>4,250</u>
3rd Qr.		90	6,382	13,259	122,684	1,287	2,106
4th Qr.		90	6,668	13,833	145,788	1,530	2,692
<u>2nd Semester</u>		<u>90</u>	<u>6,668</u>	<u>13,833</u>	<u>268,472</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>4,798</u>

Figures for 1996, except tourist arrivals, are provisional

Table 4 : - Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1996

Purpose of visit	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd. Quarter	4th. Quarter	Year 1996
Holiday	107,369	95,056	113,006	135,505	450,936
Business	3,791	4,714	4,531	4,626	17,662
Transit	2,985	2,085	2,421	3,202	10,693
Conference	635	645	1,101	649	3,030
Sports	225	208	214	238	885
Other & Not Stated	344	338	1,411	1,568	3,661
Total	115,349	103,046	122,684	145,788	486,867

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1994 - 1996

Month	Number		
	1994	1995	1996
January	41,757	42,528	42,743
February	27,268	26,587	30,870
March	31,738	33,038	41,736
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>100,763</u>	<u>102,153</u>	<u>115,349</u>
April	30,350	34,428	38,759
May	30,685	30,607	36,303
June	22,537	23,177	27,984
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>83,572</u>	<u>88,212</u>	<u>103,046</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>184,335</i>	<i>190,365</i>	<i>218,395</i>
July	32,211	33,833	35,656
August	40,319	42,985	50,347
September	28,605	28,928	36,681
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>101,135</u>	<u>105,746</u>	<u>122,684</u>
October	39,139	40,620	45,930
November	35,037	39,437	46,130
December	40,880	46,295	53,728
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>115,056</u>	<u>126,352</u>	<u>145,788</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>216,191</i>	<i>232,098</i>	<i>268,472</i>
Whole Year	400,526	422,463	486,867

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1995/1996

Country of residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Whole Year		
	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change
All Countries	102,153	115,349	12.9	88,212	103,046	16.8	105,746	122,684	16.0	126,352	145,788	15.4	422,463	486,867	15.2
EUROPE	59,373	69,704	17.4	51,480	57,797	12.3	54,225	62,714	15.7	78,992	91,602	16.0	244,070	281,817	15.5
Austria	1,351	2,674	97.9	791	1,554	96.5	851	1,719	102.0	1,848	2,537	37.3	4,841	8,484	75.3
Belgium	1,058	1,849	74.8	1,178	1,864	58.2	1,614	1,915	18.6	1,952	2,432	24.6	5,802	8,060	38.9
France	29,304	33,228	13.4	23,216	25,811	11.2	24,845	27,676	11.4	39,336	43,577	10.8	116,701	130,292	11.6
Germany	10,871	12,022	10.6	9,512	9,057	-4.8	8,977	10,234	14.0	12,277	13,908	13.3	41,637	45,221	8.6
Italy	4,935	5,905	19.7	3,671	5,079	38.4	4,379	4,739	8.2	4,399	6,125	39.2	17,384	21,848	25.7
Netherlands	250	342	36.8	377	548	45.4	469	627	33.7	417	653	56.6	1,513	2,170	43.4
Spain	596	448	-24.8	716	827	15.5	848	1,267	49.4	859	842	-2.0	3,019	3,384	12.1
Sweden	535	917	71.4	259	379	46.3	216	296	37.0	699	1,442	106.3	1,709	3,034	77.5
Switzerland	2,913	3,776	29.6	2,570	2,917	13.5	2,447	3,068	25.4	5,885	5,931	0.8	13,815	15,692	13.6
United Kingdom	5,860	6,283	7.2	7,511	8,180	8.9	8,264	9,404	13.8	9,689	11,404	17.7	31,324	35,271	12.6
Commonwealth of Independent States	n.a	478	-	n.a	151	-	n.a	252	-	n.a	740	-	n.a	1,621	-
Other European	1,700	1,782	4.8	1,679	1,430	-14.8	1,315	1,517	15.4	1,631	2,011	23.3	6,325	6,740	6.6
AFRICA	35,807	37,468	4.6	27,677	33,568	21.3	42,438	48,815	15.0	37,664	43,584	15.7	143,586	163,435	13.8
Comoros	326	262	-19.6	357	269	-24.6	331	313	-5.4	334	379	13.5	1,348	1,223	-9.3
Kenya	208	151	-27.4	305	337	10.5	324	344	6.2	321	338	5.3	1,158	1,170	1.0
Malagasy Rep.	1,221	1,875	53.6	1,442	2,797	94.0	2,014	3,215	59.6	2,208	3,514	59.1	6,885	11,401	65.6
Reunion	23,059	22,024	-4.5	12,971	14,827	14.3	24,868	25,655	3.2	17,533	19,766	12.7	78,431	82,272	4.9
Seychelles	667	965	44.7	1,538	1,982	28.9	2,249	2,767	23.0	2,662	3,611	35.6	7,116	9,325	31.0
S/ Africa Rep. of	8,972	11,121	24.0	9,312	11,532	23.8	11,238	14,379	27.9	13,131	13,329	1.5	42,653	50,361	18.1
Zambia	112	41	-63.4	96	100	4.2	122	86	-29.5	113	144	27.4	443	371	-16.3
Zimbabwe	620	344	-44.5	1,037	796	-23.2	670	1,048	56.4	638	1,214	90.3	2,965	3,402	14.7
Other African	622	685	10.1	619	928	49.9	622	1,008	62.1	724	1,289	78.0	2,587	3,910	51.1

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1995/1996 (Ctd.)

Country of residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Whole Year		
	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change
ASIA	5,094	5,546	8.9	6,560	8,674	32.2	6,563	7,581	15.5	6,169	7,017	13.7	24,386	28,818	18.2
Hong Kong	372	545	46.5	243	512	110.7	398	578	45.2	632	431	-31.8	1,645	2,066	25.6
India	1,831	2,002	9.3	3,659	4,726	29.2	3,131	3,305	5.6	2,604	3,042	16.8	11,225	13,075	16.5
Japan	930	1,001	7.6	643	668	3.9	793	703	-11.3	810	820	1.2	3,176	3,192	0.5
Malaysia	224	296	32.1	283	269	-4.9	256	516	101.6	280	406	45.0	1,043	1,487	42.6
People's Rep. of Chi	501	318	-36.5	421	615	46.1	496	505	1.8	500	515	3.0	1,918	1,953	1.8
Singapore	684	723	5.7	745	736	-1.2	522	800	53.3	650	894	37.5	2,601	3,153	21.2
Other Asian	552	661	19.7	566	1,148	102.8	967	1,174	21.4	693	909	31.2	2,778	3,892	40.1
OCEANIA	970	1,370	41.2	1,465	2,009	37.1	1,337	2,461	84.1	2,130	2,304	8.2	5,902	8,144	38.0
Australia	897	1,276	42.3	1,377	1,935	40.5	1,272	2,367	86.1	2,012	2,184	8.5	5,558	7,762	39.7
Other Oceanian	73	94	28.8	88	74	-15.9	65	94	44.6	118	120	1.7	344	382	11.0
AMERICA	820	961	17.2	859	978	13.9	1,002	1,081	7.9	936	1,245	33.0	3,617	4,265	17.9
USA	482	562	16.6	526	527	0.2	567	603	6.3	518	670	29.3	2,093	2,362	12.9
Canada	248	306	23.4	274	333	21.5	320	392	22.5	315	456	44.8	1,157	1,487	28.5
Other American	90	93	3.3	59	118	100.0	115	86	-25.2	103	119	15.5	367	416	13.4
OTHER & NOT STATED	89	300	237.1	171	20	-88.3	181	32	-82.3	461	36	-92.2	902	388	-57.0

Table 7:- Monthly room occupancy rates for all hotels, 1994 - 1996

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1994	1995	1996*
January	75	72	72
February	67	62	67
March	65	64	69
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>69</u>
April	64	61	71
May	63	64	61
June	54	59	50
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>61</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	65	64	65
July	57	53	55
August	66	69	69
September	68	63	70
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>64</u>
October	70	74	77
November	79	73	83
December	64	71	76
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>79</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	67	67	71
Whole Year	66	66	68

* Provisional

Table 9:-Monthly room occupancy rates for large hotels, 1994 - 1996

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1994	1995	1996*
January	82	78	80
February	77	72	77
March	73	71	76
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>78</u>
April	74	72	76
May	71	72	65
June	61	58	53
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>65</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	73	71	71
July	64	61	60
August	70	75	72
September	76	73	77
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>
October	80	87	83
November	90	83	88
December	70	77	79
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>83</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	75	76	76
Whole Year	74	73	74

* Provisional

Table 10 :- Monthly bed occupancy rates for large hotels, 1994 - 1996

Month	Bed occupancy rate (%)		
	1994	1995	1996*
January	74	72	71
February	70	67	68
March	69	65	67
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>69</u>
April	70	66	67
May	66	64	57
June	56	51	47
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>57</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	67	64	63
July	61	57	53
August	66	71	63
September	71	67	68
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>61</u>
October	78	80	76
November	81	80	79
December	66	69	70
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>74</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	70	71	67
Whole Year	69	67	65

* Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in the tourist industry as at March, 1992 - 1996

Establishments	Year	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Restaurants		772	850	1,157	1,000	1,154
Hotels		7,592	8,271	9,082	9,340	9,666
Travel and Tourism		2,887	3,310	3,419	3,515	3,596
Total		11,251	12,431	13,658	13,855	14,416

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