

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

January to September 2006

## 1. Passenger Traffic

### *1.1 Total Passenger Traffic*

Passenger traffic for the period January to September 2006 totalled 1,446,683 made up of 714,322 arrivals and 732,361 departures. Compared to the corresponding period of year 2005, these figures represent increases of 2.2% in arrivals and 2.7% in departures. Movements by sea accounted for 2.5% of arrivals and 2.4% of departures. Further details on monthly trends are given in Table 1.

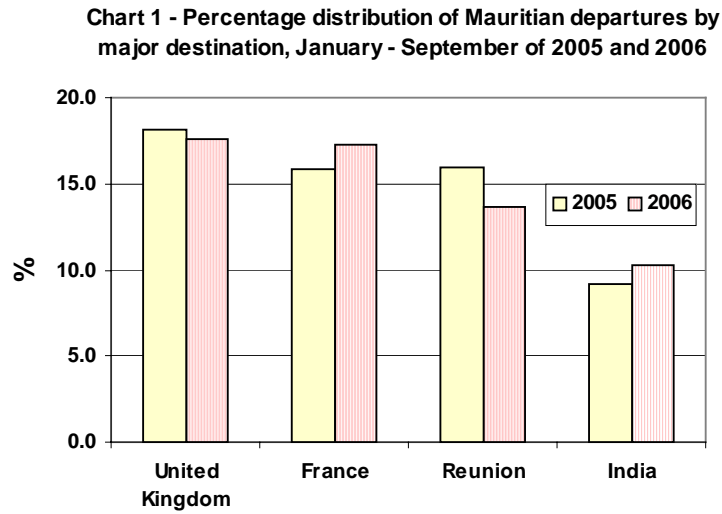
### *1.2 Excursionists*

Total arrivals by air included 7,595 “excursionists”, i.e. visitors arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 2,397 (31.6%) came from Reunion Island and 1,941 (25.6%), from France. Total arrivals by sea included 8,542 “cruise excursionists” (5,111 passengers and 3,431 crews) aboard 16 cruise ships, which visited our port during the first nine months of 2006.

### *1.3 Mauritian Residents*

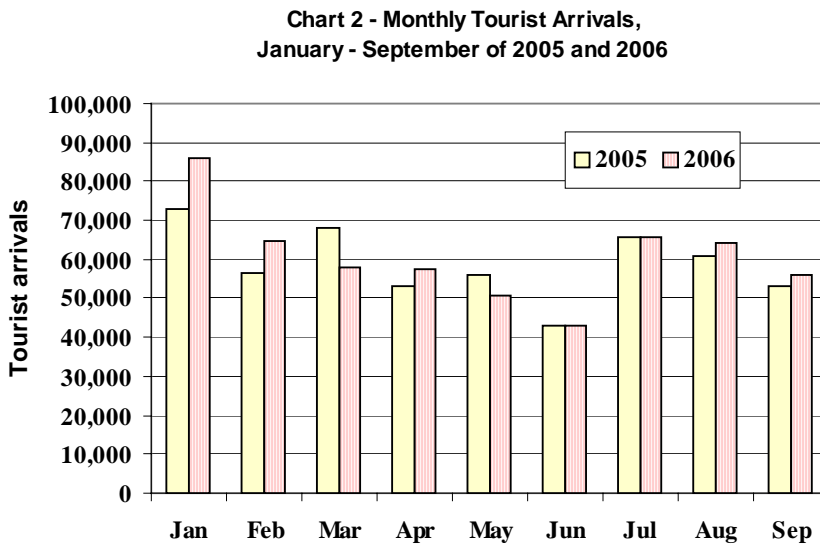
During the period under review, the number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad fell by 1.1% to stand at 137,433 compared to 138,967 for the first nine months of 2005 (Table 2). The following changes were observed in the number of Mauritians visiting the major destinations: Seychelles (+15.6%), India (+10.4%), United Arab Emirates (+8.6%), France (+7.3%), Australia (+6.7%), Singapore (+2.3%), Hong Kong (+1.0), Republic of South Africa (-3.2%), Italy (-3.3), United Kingdom (-4.0%), Malagasy Republic (-8.2%) and Reunion Island (-15.6%).

Chart 1 shows the percentage distribution of Mauritian departures by major destination for the period January to September of 2006, compared to the same period a year ago.



**1.4 Tourist Arrivals**

Tourist arrivals grew by 3.3% from 528,752 for the first nine months of 2005 to 546,122 for the corresponding period of 2006. Chart 2 shows monthly tourist arrivals for January to September of 2005 and 2006. Further details on tourist arrivals are given in Tables 3 to 6.



Around 89% of the tourists came for holidays while 4.6% were on business/conference trips and another 4.0% were in transit (Table 4).

Arrivals from Europe, which accounted for 63% of total tourist arrivals, increased slightly by 0.7% to 345,661 during the first nine months of 2006 against 343,416 in the corresponding period of 2005. Arrivals from France, our leading market representing 22% of total tourist arrivals and 34% of the European market, fell by 19.6% to attain 118,949 during that period. Growths were however noted in arrivals from the other major generating countries: Italy (+66.8%), the United Kingdom (+6.6%) and Germany (+1.7%). Among the other European countries, the following trend was observed: CIS (+29.5%), Spain (+14.2%), Netherlands (+11.3%), Switzerland (+3.6%), Sweden (+3.5%), Belgium (+2.6%) and Austria (-0.4%).

During the period under review, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 25% of total tourist arrivals, registered an increase of 1.7% to reach 133,932, compared to 131,638 for the corresponding period of 2005. With regards to performance of the major markets of the region, arrivals from the Republic of South Africa went up by 22.3% whilst those from Reunion Island fell by 11.1%. Changes in arrivals from other African countries were as follows: Kenya (+24.1%), Seychelles (+17.8%), Malagasy Republic (-1.7%), Comoros (-28.4%) and Zimbabwe (-34.0%).

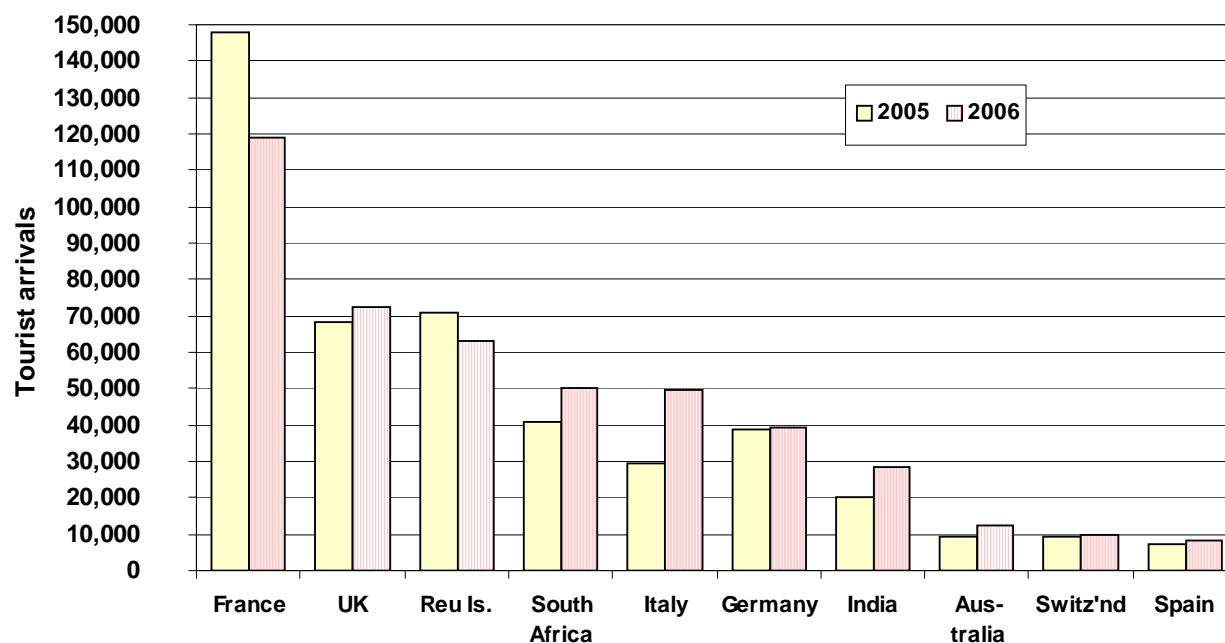
Tourist arrivals from the Asian market, which constituted 8% of the total, were up by 24.3% to reach 45,804. Arrivals from India, our major source on this continent, expanded by 29.6% to attain 28,555. The performance of other Asian countries was as follows: Malaysia (+61.4%), United Arab Emirates (28.3%), Singapore (+2.6%), Japan (-3.2%), People's Republic of China (-6.5%) and Hong Kong (-12.0%).

Arrivals from Oceania rose by 30.9% to 13,253, due mainly to an increase of 32.1% in arrivals from Australia.

Arrivals from the continent of America increased by 10.8% to reach 6,927. This was explained by increases in arrivals of 10.4% from USA, 7.7% from Canada and 15.1% from other American countries.

Tourist arrivals from top ten markets for the period January to September of 2005 and 2006 are given in Chart 3.

**Chart 3 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets,  
January - September of 2005 and 2006**



## 2. Tourist Nights

Total tourist nights spent in the country during the first nine months of 2006 is estimated at 5.4 million, up by 1.5% over the same period of the preceding year (Table 6).

## 3. Hotel Statistics

At the end of September 2006, there were a total of 94 registered hotels in operation. Owing to renovation, 7 hotels were not operational. The total room capacity for these registered hotels was 10,108 with 20,281 bed places (Table 7). The room occupancy rate for all hotels for the first nine months of 2006 averaged 63% while the bed occupancy rate was 56% (Table 8).

“Large” hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 40 (42% of all registered hotels in operation). These "Large" hotels had a room capacity of 7,677 with 15,423 bedplaces, representing 75.9% of total room capacity and 76.0% of total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate for these hotels for the first nine months of 2006 was 66% while bed occupancy rate averaged 59% (Table 8).

#### **4. Gross Tourism Receipts**

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the first nine months of 2006 amounted to Rs 22,058 million, showing an increase of 22.5% compared to the figure of Rs 18,012 million for the same period of 2005 (Table 6).

#### **5. Employment**

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings, direct employment in travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more stood at 25,798 at the end of March 2006, that is 1.7% higher than the previous year. Of this number, 76% or 19,500 were engaged in hotels (Table 9).

#### **6. Forecast Year 2006**

Based on the number of tourist arrivals during the first ten months of the year (two-digit increases in January and February attributable to measures taken with respect to air access and marketing followed by falls due to the spread of the “Chikungunya” disease, and recovery since the month of July), and the latest information available, tourist arrivals for the year will most likely be around 800,000, i.e 5.1% higher than the figure of 761,063 registered in 2005.

According to the Bank of Mauritius tourism receipts for 2006 will be around Rs 29,130 million (+13.3%) compared to Rs 25,704 million in 2005.

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## DEFINITION AND NOTES

### 1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying for more than 24 hours but less than a year, who is not involved in any gainful occupation in the country during his/her stay.

### 2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops 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 harbour.

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

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

### 3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who stay in the country for less than 24 hours. They also include passengers as well as crews of *cruise ships*.

### 4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" means the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists, as defined above, during the period under review.

### 5. Large Hotels

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

### 6. Occupancy rate

The room/bed occupancy rate is the ratio of room/bed nights rented to the total number of room/bed nights available.

$$= \frac{\text{Total number of room/bed nights rented}}{\text{Total number of room/bed nights available}} \times 100$$

### 7. CIS

**CIS** denotes the **C**ommonwealth of **I**ndependent **S**tates. It consists of the States of the former Soviet Union.

**Table 1:- Passenger Traffic<sup>1</sup> by month, 2004 - 2006**

Month	2004		2005		2006	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	86,669	106,951	93,809	110,249	108,932	124,313
February	69,256	63,267	71,350	69,084	80,202	80,796
March	82,050	78,071	85,353	85,395	74,574	83,160
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>237,975</u>	<u>248,289</u>	<u>250,512</u>	<u>264,728</u>	<u>263,708</u>	<u>288,269</u>
April	72,901	66,782	71,302	73,753	74,092	72,052
May	69,183	71,206	73,111	75,814	65,979	69,023
June	54,924	56,167	61,487	55,736	60,396	56,460
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>197,008</u>	<u>194,155</u>	<u>205,900</u>	<u>205,303</u>	<u>200,467</u>	<u>197,535</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>434,983</b>	<b>442,444</b>	<b>456,412</b>	<b>470,031</b>	<b>464,175</b>	<b>485,804</b>
July	84,223	68,707	88,752	73,586	90,862	76,408
August	77,716	88,594	83,314	94,535	86,128	94,927
September	69,018	70,521	70,784	74,767	73,157	75,222
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>230,957</u>	<u>227,822</u>	<u>242,850</u>	<u>242,888</u>	<u>250,147</u>	<u>246,557</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>665,940</b>	<b>670,266</b>	<b>699,262</b>	<b>712,919</b>	<b>714,322</b>	<b>732,361</b>
October	87,848	81,795	87,365	84,467		
November	83,404	83,236	88,491	85,783		
December	102,523	83,163	114,795	92,963		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>273,775</u>	<u>248,194</u>	<u>290,651</u>	<u>263,213</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<b>504,732</b>	<b>476,016</b>	<b>533,501</b>	<b>506,101</b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>939,715</b>	<b>918,460</b>	<b>989,913</b>	<b>976,132</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Excluding inter islands traffic



**Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation,  
January - September 2005 and 2006**

<b>Country of disembarkation</b>	<b>Jan - Sep 2005</b>	<b>Jan - Sep 2006</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>53,777</b>	<b>54,441</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Belgium	20	18	-10.0
France	22,093	23,710	7.3
Germany	1,762	1,763	0.1
Italy	3,106	3,002	-3.3
Switzerland	1,248	1,768	41.7
United Kingdom	25,146	24,133	-4.0
Other European	402	47	-88.3
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>42,293</b>	<b>39,109</b>	<b>-7.5</b>
Malagasy Republic	5,976	5,485	-8.2
Reunion	22,260	18,797	-15.6
Seychelles	3,732	4,316	15.6
S. Africa, Rep. of	9,958	9,641	-3.2
Zimbabwe	302	81	-73.2
Other African	65	789	1,113.8
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>37,414</b>	<b>38,128</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Hong Kong SAR <sup>1</sup>	7,436	7,512	1.0
India	12,791	14,121	10.4
Malaysia	623	514	-17.5
Singapore	6,869	7,030	2.3
Saudi Arabia	1,451	96	-93.4
United Arab Emirates	8,147	8,847	8.6
Other Asian	97	8	-91.8
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>5,555</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Australia	5,206	5,555	6.7
Other Oceanian	2	0	-100.0
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-54.7</b>
U.S.A	10	12	20.0
Canada	53	17	-67.9
Other American	1	0	-100.0
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-19.0</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>138,967</b>	<b>137,433</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> *Special Administrative Region of China*

**Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2004 - 2006**

Month	Number		
	2004	2005	2006 <sup>1</sup>
January	66,543	73,053	86,218
February	54,104	56,367	64,894
March	63,631	67,931	58,136
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>184,278</u>	<u>197,351</u>	<u>209,248</u>
April	55,599	52,971	57,361
May	53,974	55,995	50,773
June	38,826	42,994	42,755
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>148,399</u>	<u>151,960</u>	<u>150,889</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>332,677</b>	<b>349,311</b>	<b>360,137</b>
July	62,173	65,462	65,540
August	55,342	60,746	64,307
September	53,102	53,233	56,138
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>170,617</u>	<u>179,441</u>	<u>185,985</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>503,294</b>	<b>528,752</b>	<b>546,122</b>
October	70,793	70,999	
November	66,960	70,793	
December	77,814	90,519	
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>215,567</u>	<u>232,311</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<b>386,184</b>	<b>411,752</b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>718,861</b>	<b>761,063</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4 :- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit,  
January - September 2005 and 2006**

Purpose of visit	Jan - Sep 2005	Jan - Sep 2006	% Change
Holiday	477,608	488,475	2.3
Business	18,151	20,641	13.7
Transit	20,043	22,113	10.3
Conference	4,191	4,455	6.3
Sports	1,049	2,218	111.4
Other & Not Stated	7,710	8,220	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>528,752</b>	<b>546,122</b>	<b>3.3</b>

**Table 5 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January - September 2005 and 2006**

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2005	2006 <sup>1</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2005 to Jan-Sep 2006
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>343,416</b>	<b>56,629</b>	<b>50,950</b>	<b>37,836</b>	<b>36,326</b>	<b>26,720</b>	<b>23,287</b>	<b>38,546</b>	<b>39,179</b>	<b>36,188</b>	<b>345,661</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Austria	7,074	1,311	1,615	945	761	570	369	587	429	457	7,044	-0.4
Belgium	5,977	744	629	545	653	490	555	940	679	896	6,131	2.6
France	148,012	26,467	20,507	12,871	9,924	8,497	5,908	14,050	11,596	9,129	118,949	-19.6
Germany	38,749	6,043	5,387	4,405	4,747	3,309	2,946	3,462	4,134	4,964	39,397	1.7
Italy	29,741	8,415	7,824	7,270	5,374	2,688	2,984	3,299	7,286	4,480	49,620	66.8
Netherlands	3,492	356	404	306	284	399	303	733	494	607	3,886	11.3
Spain	7,100	332	400	549	690	753	1,076	1,033	1,537	1,741	8,111	14.2
Sweden	2,469	553	714	344	303	135	126	140	85	155	2,555	3.5
Switzerland	9,340	1,472	1,506	822	1,388	756	544	972	677	1,538	9,675	3.6
United Kingdom	68,098	5,688	6,830	6,968	9,231	7,383	6,648	10,667	9,695	9,450	72,560	6.6
CIS <sup>2</sup>	3,743	1,296	462	681	641	457	241	241	392	438	4,849	29.5
Other European	19,621	3,952	4,672	2,130	2,330	1,283	1,587	2,422	2,175	2,333	22,884	16.6
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>131,638</b>	<b>23,699</b>	<b>8,289</b>	<b>14,158</b>	<b>14,807</b>	<b>14,203</b>	<b>10,301</b>	<b>18,414</b>	<b>17,630</b>	<b>12,431</b>	<b>133,932</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Comoros	881	45	65	65	67	109	61	64	83	72	631	-28.4
Kenya	953	63	96	105	215	120	158	140	191	95	1,183	24.1
Malagasy Rep.	5,379	481	476	532	521	603	464	790	842	579	5,288	-1.7
Reunion	71,072	17,177	2,797	6,814	4,126	7,153	2,657	10,338	8,773	3,364	63,199	-11.1
Seychelles	6,856	650	452	882	913	831	1,175	1,046	1,296	830	8,075	17.8
S. Africa, Rep. of	40,828	4,973	4,023	5,366	8,015	4,571	5,389	5,307	5,275	7,014	49,933	22.3
Zimbabwe	1,701	48	53	41	377	183	38	102	226	55	1,123	-34.0
Other African	3,968	262	327	353	573	633	359	627	944	422	4,500	13.4

**Table 5 (contd.) : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January - September 2005 and 2006**

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2005	2006 <sup>1</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2004 to Jan-Sep 2005
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>36,836</b>	<b>3,798</b>	<b>4,094</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>3,993</b>	<b>7,511</b>	<b>6,748</b>	<b>5,661</b>	<b>5,103</b>	<b>4,746</b>	<b>45,804</b>	<b>24.3</b>
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	408	40	33	28	32	60	48	51	37	30	359	-12.0
India	22,035	1,949	2,447	2,914	2,391	5,556	4,752	3,142	2,630	2,774	28,555	29.6
Japan	1,222	180	126	131	150	92	96	124	139	145	1,183	-3.2
Malaysia	1,067	198	154	81	139	264	242	176	230	238	1,722	61.4
P. Rep. of China	4,167	516	498	348	457	351	414	431	437	446	3,898	-6.5
Singapore	1,296	125	131	80	145	157	299	141	128	124	1,330	2.6
United Arab Emirates	1,171	109	46	76	115	109	192	406	317	132	1,502	28.3
Other Asian	5,470	681	659	492	564	922	705	1,190	1,185	857	7,255	32.6
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>10,126</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>13,253</b>	<b>30.9</b>
Australia	9,429	989	686	1,174	1,208	1,449	1,580	1,871	1,524	1,973	12,454	32.1
Other Oceanian	697	64	40	74	92	166	68	121	67	107	799	14.6
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>6,253</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>6,927</b>	<b>10.8</b>
USA	3,437	483	366	369	495	407	446	448	411	370	3,795	10.4
Canada	1,474	202	140	171	198	127	167	288	177	118	1,588	7.7
Other American	1,342	290	258	155	147	119	115	146	149	165	1,544	15.1
<b>OTHER &amp; N.STATED</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>528,752</b>	<b>86,218</b>	<b>64,894</b>	<b>58,136</b>	<b>57,361</b>	<b>50,773</b>	<b>42,755</b>	<b>65,540</b>	<b>64,307</b>	<b>56,138</b>	<b>546,122</b>	<b>3.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States (Ex Soviet Union Countries)

<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 6 :- Selected Tourism Statistics, 2003 - 2006**

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourism receipts <sup>1</sup> (Rs million)
<b>2004</b>	2003	702,018	6,952	19,415
	2004	718,861	7,119	23,448
	2005	761,063	7,498	25,704
	1st Qr.	184,278	1,815	6,487
	2nd Qr.	148,399	1,474	5,448
	<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>332,677</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>11,935</b>
	3rd Qr.	170,617	1,690	4,912
	4th Qr.	215,567	2,140	6,601
	<b>2nd Semester</b>	<b>386,184</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>11,513</b>
	<b>2005</b>	1st Qr.	197,351	2,052
2nd Qr.		151,960	1,496	5,508
<b>1st Semester</b>		<b>349,311</b>	<b>3,548</b>	<b>12,584</b>
3rd Qr.		179,441	1,813	5,428
4th Qr.		232,311	2,137	7,692
<b>2nd Semester</b>		<b>411,752</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>13,120</b>
<b>2006<sup>2</sup></b>	1st Qr.	209,248	2,060	9,068
	2nd Qr.	150,889	1,500	6,383
	<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>360,137</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>15,451</b>
	3rd Qr.	185,985	1,880	6,607

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius<sup>2</sup> Provisional**Table 7:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2003 - 2006**

Year	Number as at end of period			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2003	97	9,647	19,727	
2004	103	10,640	21,355	
2005	99	10,497	21,072	
<b>2004</b>	1st Qr.	94	9,563	19,527
	2nd Qr.	97	9,944	20,295
	3rd Qr.	98	10,008	20,115
	4th Qr.	103	10,640	21,355
<b>2005</b>	1st Qr.	100	10,571	21,239
	2nd Qr.	97	10,224	20,545
	3rd Qr.	98	10,447	20,973
	4th Qr.	99	10,497	21,072
<b>2006<sup>1</sup></b>	1st Qr.	99	10,629	21,341
	2nd Qr.	95	10,278	20,564
	3rd Qr.	94 <sup>2</sup>	10,108	20,281

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Excluding 7 hotels not operational because of renovation works.

**Table 8 :- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2004 - 2006**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2004		2005		2006 <sup>1</sup>		2004		2005		2006 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	69	61	73	66	81	72	72	64	77	69	86	77
February	64	57	65	59	76	68	68	60	70	63	81	72
March	66	58	64	57	60	54	70	62	68	61	63	56
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>67</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>
April	63	56	56	50	58	52	67	59	59	53	61	55
May	59	52	55	49	51	46	62	55	58	52	54	48
June	47	41	45	40	45	41	48	43	45	41	47	42
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>56</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>49</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>
July	52	47	54	49	56	50	55	49	56	50	58	52
August	58	52	64	57	69	62	62	56	67	60	73	66
September	64	57	63	57	67	60	69	62	67	60	71	63
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>58</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>60</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>
October	70	63	68	61			75	67	73	65		
November	74	66	78	70			78	70	83	74		
December	68	61	74	66			72	64	78	70		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>73</u>	66			<u>75</u>	67	<u>78</u>	70		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>			<b>68</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>			<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 9 :- Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 2002 - 2006**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Establishments</b>					
Restaurants	1,252	1,719	1,623	1,809	1,805
Hotels	15,503	16,096	16,853	19,226	19,536
Travel and Tourism	3,974	4,045	4,137	4,342	4,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,729</b>	<b>21,860</b>	<b>22,613</b>	<b>25,377</b>	<b>25,798</b>

*Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments (i.e employing 10 or more persons)*

## TECHNICAL NOTE

### **Sources of data**

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office which maintains a database of all passengers entering and leaving the country. The data are extracted from the Embarkation/ Disembarkation cards filled in by all incoming and outgoing passengers. At the end of every month, passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications within fifteen days. Additional data on cruises are supplied by the Mauritius Ports Authority.

To supplement the recurrent statistics a Survey of Outgoing Tourists (SOT) is conducted every two years since 1984 jointly by the Central Statistics Office and the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications. This survey covers a representative sample of tourists at departure and provides qualitative and quantitative information on tourists. Results of the survey are published in a report.

### **Tourism receipts**

The Bank of Mauritius is responsible for the estimation of tourism receipts based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks.

### **Monthly Occupancy Rates**

All hotels are contacted by phone at the end of every month for data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates.

### **Short-term projections of tourist arrivals**

A Tourism Statistics Committee grouping various stakeholders of the tourism industry meet regularly under the chairmanship of the Director of the Central Statistics Office to discuss performance of the tourism sector and to provide information for short-term forecast of tourist arrivals.

### **Publications**

The regular publications of the unit are:

- Monthly tourist arrivals (by mid of each month)
- Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- Quarterly tourism statistics (Pamphlet)
- Digest of International Travel and Tourism (August )
- Handbook of statistical data on tourism (August )
- Report of the Survey of Outgoing Tourists