

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2015

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2015. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

### 2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

#### Passenger traffic, January-September 2014 and 2015

	January- September 2014	January- September 2015	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	961,988	1,047,960	+ 8.9
Sea	21,732	29,344	+ 35.0
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>19,702</i>	<i>24,915</i>	<i>+ 26.5</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>983,720</b>	<b>1,077,304</b>	<b>+ 9.5</b>
Departures by			
Air	992,119	1,081,275	+ 9.0
Sea	22,245	27,464	+ 23.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,014,364</b>	<b>1,108,739</b>	<b>+ 9.3</b>

#### 2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2015

Compared to the period January to September 2014:

- total arrivals increased by 9.5% to 1,077,304;
- tourist arrivals increased by 10.8% to 803,755; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 17.0% to 17,608.

In the first nine months of 2015, 17 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 24,915 cruise travellers which include 10,513 tourists, 5,926 excursionists, 206 Mauritian residents and 8,270 crew members.

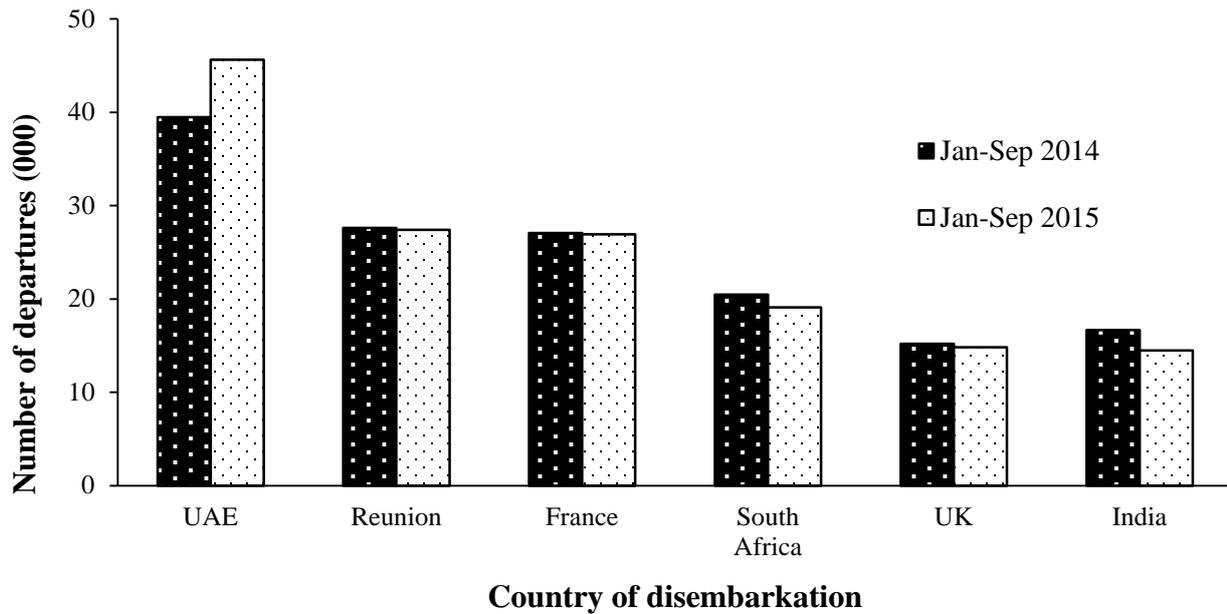
#### 2.2 Departures in January to September 2015

Compared to the period January to September 2014:

- total departures increased by 9.3% to 1,108,739;
- departures of Mauritian residents remained almost unchanged at around 190,750.

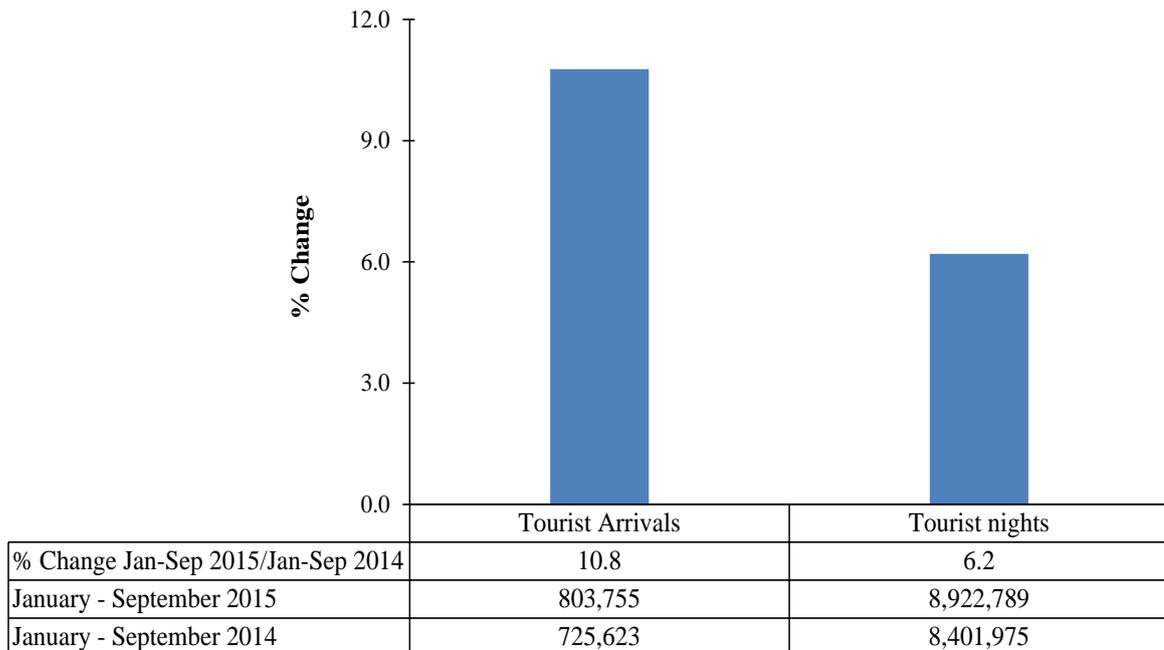
In the first nine months of 2015, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (45,643 or 23.9%), Reunion Island (27,396 or 14.4%), France (26,917 or 14.1%), Republic of South Africa (19,096 or 10.0%), United Kingdom (14,811 or 7.8%) and India (14,476 or 7.6%).

**Figure 1 – Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2014 and January-September 2015**



### 3. TOURISM

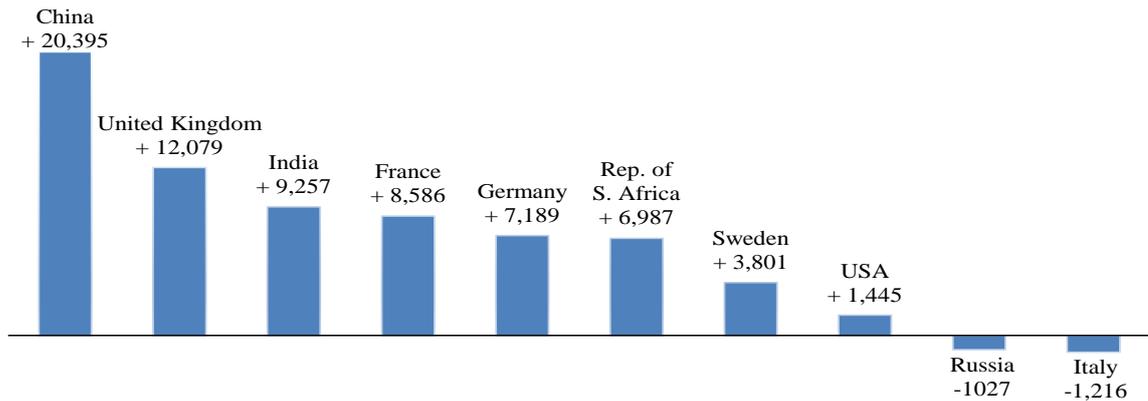
**Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, January-September 2015 compared to January-September 2014**



#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

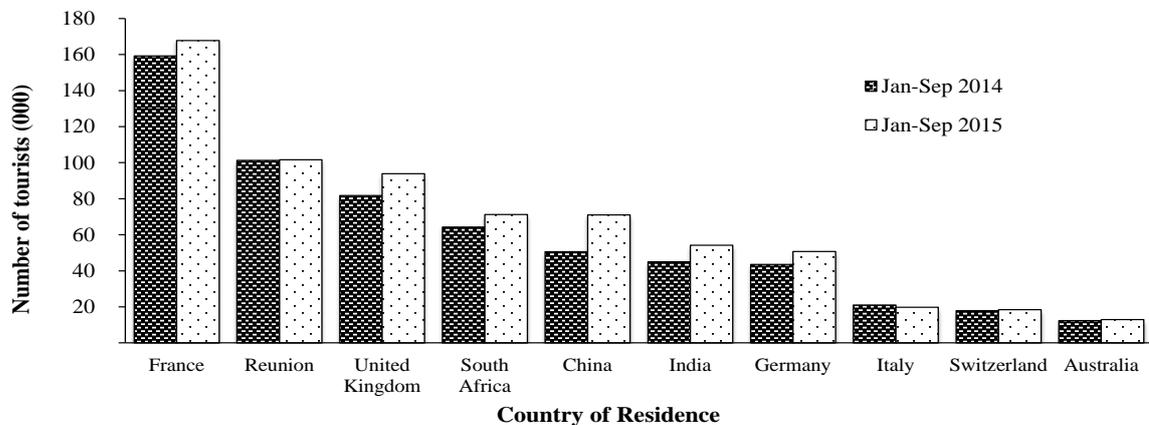
Compared to the first nine months of 2014, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 78,132 or 10.8% to 803,755 in January to September 2015 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

**Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2014 to January-September 2015**



In the first nine months of 2015, Russia registered a decline of 11.2% while France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 5.4%. It is worth noting that for the period under review, tourist arrivals from Sweden more than doubled as a result of direct flights from Stockholm.

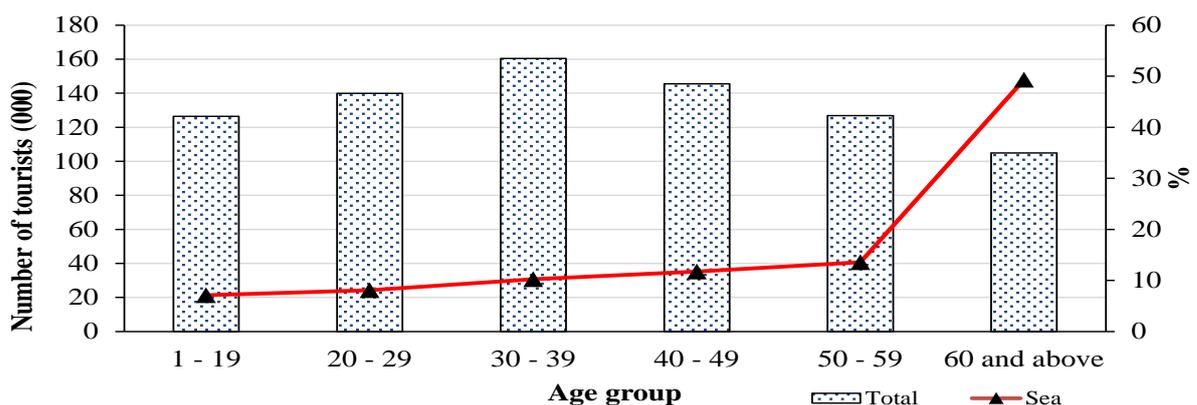
**Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, January-September 2014 and January-September 2015**



### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first nine months of 2015, 104,871 or 13% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 49%.

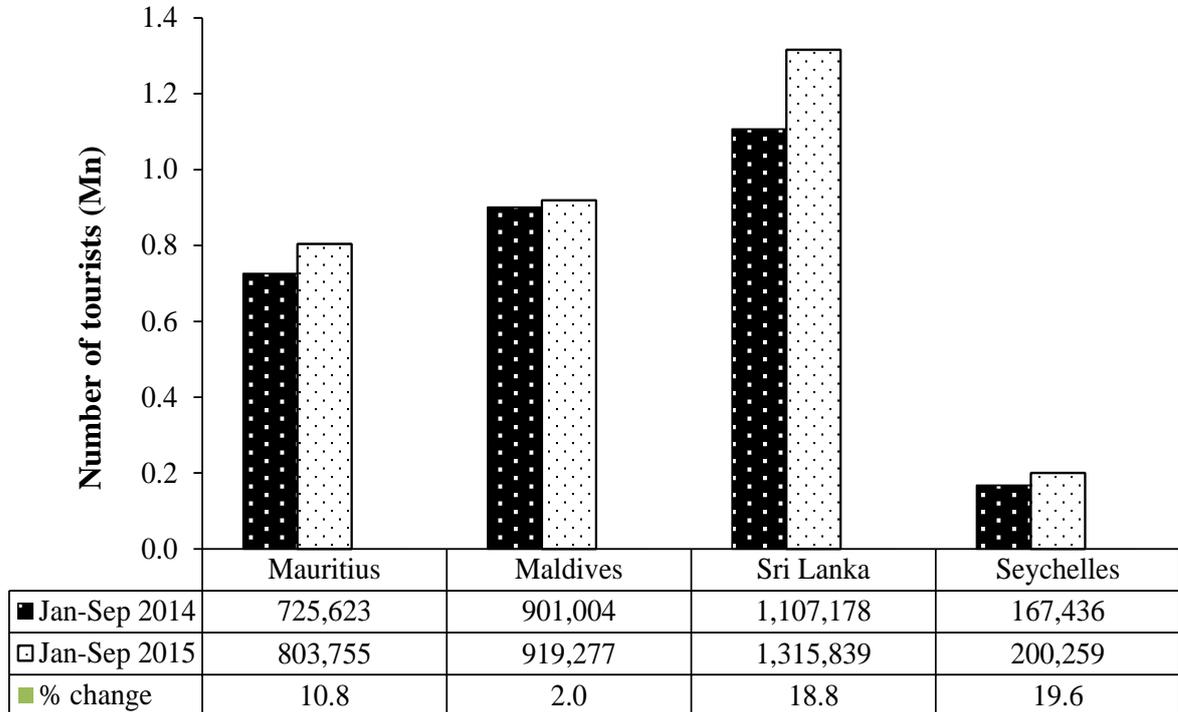
**Figure 5 – Tourist arrivals by age, January-September 2015**



### 3.3 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During the first nine months of 2015, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 10.8%. This compares with a lower growth of 2.0% in Maldives and higher growths of 19.6% in Seychelles and 18.8% in Sri Lanka.

**Figure 6 – Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2014 and January-September 2015**



Source : Maldives Statistics section - Ministry of Tourism Arts & Culture; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

### 3.4 Tourist Nights

Compared to January to September 2014:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2015 increased by 6.2% from 8,401,975 to 8,922,789;
- the average length of stay decreased from 11.2 to 10.8 nights.

### 3.5 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in restaurants, hotels and travel and tourism establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2015 indicate that employment in these establishments increased slightly by 0.5% to 29,107 as compared to 28,958 for March 2014.

### 3.6 Accommodation

#### Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2015, there were 116 licensed hotels of which 112 were in operation and 4 were not operating due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 112 operating hotels was 12,944 with 26,618 bed places.

During the first nine months of 2015,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 67%, up from 62% in the first nine months of 2014; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 62%, higher than 55% in the first nine months of 2014.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of September 2015, 53 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 9,769 with 20,254 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 47% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 75% of total room capacity and 76% of total bed places.

During the first nine months of 2015,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 70% up from 64% in the first nine months of 2014;
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, higher than 57% in the first nine months of 2014.

### **3.7 Forecast for Year 2015 and 2016**

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2015 is revised upwards from 1,115,000 to 1,140,000. This represents an increase of 9.7% over the figure of 1,038,968 in 2014. The forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2016 is 1,200,000.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised its forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2015 upwards from Rs 46.5 billion to Rs 49.5 billion as a result of the inclusion of data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers, in addition to those obtained from banking records. This revised forecast represents an increase of 11.7 % when compared to Rs 44.3 billion in 2014. For the year 2016, tourism earnings are forecasted at Rs 52 billion.

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**Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2013 - 2015**

Month	2013		2014		2015 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	124,571	149,067	128,035	149,573	139,076	164,024
February	103,021	103,726	105,398	107,632	116,454	114,890
March	117,619	117,253	120,854	127,473	130,539	135,445
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>345,211</u>	<u>370,046</u>	<u>354,287</u>	<u>384,678</u>	<u>386,069</u>	<u>414,359</u>
April	105,561	109,657	117,371	112,588	123,409	122,212
May	97,003	106,945	102,884	112,665	113,225	124,533
June	79,653	76,918	86,684	86,225	91,330	88,098
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>282,217</u>	<u>293,520</u>	<u>306,939</u>	<u>311,478</u>	<u>327,964</u>	<u>334,843</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>627,428</i></b>	<b><i>663,566</i></b>	<b><i>661,226</i></b>	<b><i>696,156</i></b>	<b><i>714,033</i></b>	<b><i>749,202</i></b>
July	107,351	95,837	112,006	98,420	128,120	114,026
August	103,559	111,560	110,101	120,442	124,102	135,486
September	96,690	97,365	100,387	99,346	111,049	110,025
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>307,600</u>	<u>304,762</u>	<u>322,494</u>	<u>318,208</u>	<u>363,271</u>	<u>359,537</u>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>935,028</i></b>	<b><i>968,328</i></b>	<b><i>983,720</i></b>	<b><i>1,014,364</i></b>	<b><i>1,077,304</i></b>	<b><i>1,108,739</i></b>
October	118,395	112,555	127,731	119,230		
November	114,413	113,141	120,448	121,845		
December	153,611	126,681	157,337	129,704		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>386,419</u>	<u>352,377</u>	<u>405,516</u>	<u>370,779</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>694,019</i></b>	<b><i>657,139</i></b>	<b><i>728,010</i></b>	<b><i>688,987</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,321,447</b>	<b>1,320,705</b>	<b>1,389,236</b>	<b>1,385,143</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Excluding inter island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius and direct transit

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation <sup>1</sup>,  
January - September 2014 and 2015**

Country of disembarkation	2014	2015 <sup>2</sup>	% Change
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>45,466</b>	<b>44,095</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
France	27,058	26,917	-0.5
Germany	1,294	1,145	-11.5
Italy	1,810	1,212	-33.0
United Kingdom	15,206	14,811	-2.6
Other European	98	10	-89.8
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>62,706</b>	<b>62,052</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Malagasy Republic	8,131	6,845	-15.8
Reunion	27,627	27,396	-0.8
Seychelles	3,910	6,661	70.4
South Africa	20,469	19,096	-6.7
Other African	2,569	2,054	-20.0
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>76,268</b>	<b>78,412</b>	<b>2.8</b>
P. Rep. of China	3,836	3,472	-9.5
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	5,410	4,086	-24.5
India	16,685	14,476	-13.2
Malaysia	9,007	9,278	3.0
Singapore	1,832	1,444	-21.2
United Arab Emirates	39,497	45,643	15.6
Other Asian	1	13	1,200.0
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>6,348</b>	<b>6,159</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
Australia	6,348	6,159	-3.0
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-50.0</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>190,796</b>	<b>190,722</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

**Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2013 - 2015**

Month	2013	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>
January	92,894	96,332	103,606
February	81,185	78,984	91,128
March	91,759	87,977	96,595
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>265,838</u>	<u>263,293</u>	<u>291,329</u>
April	76,223	88,404	90,327
May	74,596	78,555	87,067
June	55,007	60,445	65,459
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>205,826</u>	<u>227,404</u>	<u>242,853</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>471,664</i></b>	<b><i>490,697</i></b>	<b><i>534,182</i></b>
July	77,374	81,935	95,695
August	73,454	78,475	89,422
September	71,951	74,516	84,456
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>222,779</u>	<u>234,926</u>	<u>269,573</u>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>694,443</i></b>	<b><i>725,623</i></b>	<b><i>803,755</i></b>
October	92,520	101,327	
November	89,057	91,234	
December	117,086	120,784	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>298,663</u>	<u>313,345</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>521,442</i></b>	<b><i>548,271</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>993,106</b>	<b>1,038,968</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January to September 2014 and 2015**

Purpose of visit	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Holiday	674,970	748,385	10.9
Business	27,994	31,378	12.1
Transit	16,047	16,785	4.6
Conference	3,945	4,386	11.2
Sports	1,242	1,690	36.1
Other	1,425	1,131	-20.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>725,623</b>	<b>803,755</b>	<b>10.8</b>

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January - September 2014 and 2015

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2014	Jan - Sep 2015 <sup>1</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2015/ Jan-Sep 2014
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>385,046</b>	<b>56,563</b>	<b>56,770</b>	<b>55,796</b>	<b>52,875</b>	<b>39,385</b>	<b>26,985</b>	<b>45,366</b>	<b>45,102</b>	<b>45,003</b>	<b>423,845</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Austria	5,636	1,237	1,248	1,169	542	430	281	432	506	607	6,452	14.5
Belarus	357	55	24	57	44	17	35	26	37	30	325	-9.0
Belgium	7,424	690	663	701	1,433	738	799	1,533	928	1,202	8,687	17.0
Bulgaria	462	121	111	89	89	49	21	10	39	56	585	26.6
Czech Republic	4,788	858	1,203	977	643	380	237	212	176	344	5,030	5.1
Croatia	244	67	31	37	30	27	16	28	28	16	280	14.8
Denmark	2,322	471	603	586	222	156	118	567	124	264	3,111	34.0
Estonia	195	50	51	29	26	16	6	6	5	9	198	1.5
Finland	1,524	878	908	526	66	45	72	48	63	111	2,717	78.3
France	159,237	25,572	28,081	22,496	23,409	15,862	7,930	17,722	15,496	11,255	167,823	5.4
Germany	43,491	5,092	5,732	8,336	5,610	5,877	3,503	3,738	5,319	7,473	50,680	16.5
Greece	524	74	40	62	89	81	64	65	100	96	671	28.1
Hungary	708	321	218	111	73	42	42	28	40	82	957	35.2
Ireland	1,706	152	106	157	185	181	180	278	271	317	1,827	7.1
Italy	20,984	3,282	2,379	2,696	2,032	1,097	998	1,598	2,883	2,803	19,768	-5.8
Kazakhstan	179	41	18	26	24	24	14	15	11	6	179	0.0
Lithuania	254	51	35	57	24	24	26	18	25	27	287	13.0
Luxemburg	900	58	85	76	284	79	109	91	221	147	1,150	27.8
Netherlands	3,411	274	241	261	387	470	471	937	698	872	4,611	35.2
Norway	2,117	361	400	406	132	110	327	656	258	307	2,957	39.7
Poland	2,483	459	330	312	280	196	316	280	211	320	2,704	8.9
Portugal	1,551	111	134	261	156	142	135	161	230	236	1,566	1.0
Romania	791	119	175	115	102	65	100	82	99	158	1,015	28.3
Russian Federation	9,184	2,019	751	1,372	1,309	752	372	383	616	583	8,157	-11.2
Slovakia	1,524	251	308	257	191	106	45	52	41	84	1,335	-12.4
Slovenia	499	92	109	54	57	18	30	74	40	61	535	7.2
Spain	6,696	551	434	779	560	1,178	706	915	1,331	1,300	7,754	15.8
Sweden	2,945	2,431	1,964	924	377	185	196	317	151	201	6,746	129.1
Switzerland	17,865	2,343	2,134	2,257	3,706	1,441	962	2,424	920	2,216	18,403	3.0
Turkey	525	68	74	50	66	32	59	40	63	145	597	13.7
Ukraine	1,559	319	166	148	209	143	88	98	120	136	1,427	-8.5
United Kingdom	81,761	7,904	7,855	10,198	10,304	9,303	8,626	12,360	13,886	13,404	93,840	14.8
Other European	1,200	191	159	214	214	119	101	172	166	135	1,471	22.6
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>193,840</b>	<b>32,595</b>	<b>12,229</b>	<b>23,613</b>	<b>20,196</b>	<b>25,999</b>	<b>15,863</b>	<b>28,019</b>	<b>23,757</b>	<b>18,280</b>	<b>200,551</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<i>IOC <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>116,522</i>	<i>22,932</i>	<i>6,123</i>	<i>14,943</i>	<i>8,446</i>	<i>16,817</i>	<i>6,750</i>	<i>18,819</i>	<i>13,178</i>	<i>7,200</i>	<i>115,208</i>	<i>-1.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>704</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>557</i>	<i>-20.9</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>9,607</i>	<i>840</i>	<i>772</i>	<i>953</i>	<i>1,267</i>	<i>833</i>	<i>882</i>	<i>1,139</i>	<i>1,537</i>	<i>828</i>	<i>9,051</i>	<i>-5.8</i>
<i>Reunion</i>	<i>101,246</i>	<i>21,611</i>	<i>4,974</i>	<i>13,528</i>	<i>6,586</i>	<i>15,374</i>	<i>5,361</i>	<i>17,258</i>	<i>10,953</i>	<i>5,930</i>	<i>101,575</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>4,965</i>	<i>437</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>531</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>4,025</i>	<i>-18.9</i>
Kenya	2,359	175	180	284	322	270	193	255	396	302	2,377	0.8
Mayotte	679	53	58	116	101	137	58	112	58	25	718	5.7
Mozambique	484	170	108	40	87	45	36	40	60	90	676	39.7
Namibia	988	97	40	69	135	242	59	53	169	111	975	-1.3
South Africa, Rep. of	64,261	8,578	4,927	7,160	9,863	7,147	7,978	7,694	8,430	9,471	71,248	10.9
Zimbabwe	1,269	65	88	109	237	173	120	108	298	95	1,293	1.9
Other African	7,278	525	705	892	1,005	1,168	669	938	1,168	986	8,056	10.7

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January - September 2014 and 2015

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2014	Jan - Sep 2015 <sup>1</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2015/ Jan-Sep 2014
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>121,352</b>	<b>11,332</b>	<b>20,168</b>	<b>14,449</b>	<b>13,883</b>	<b>18,902</b>	<b>19,743</b>	<b>18,503</b>	<b>17,766</b>	<b>17,588</b>	<b>152,334</b>	<b>25.5</b>
Afghanistan	471	68	67	52	58	72	50	66	46	59	538	14.2
Bangladesh	315	33	41	64	66	76	17	52	85	197	631	100.3
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	1,093	79	108	97	97	65	105	155	145	113	964	-11.8
India	44,970	4,470	6,142	5,120	5,602	10,325	9,061	5,077	3,897	4,533	54,227	20.6
Indonesia	1,437	119	101	383	266	135	152	96	169	322	1,743	21.3
Israel	463	36	45	44	49	37	35	66	82	151	545	17.7
Japan	1,235	50	114	122	143	101	92	83	162	152	1,019	-17.5
Korea Republic	2,285	192	154	254	247	209	276	197	182	267	1,978	-13.4
Malaysia	2,512	130	117	135	147	214	189	242	115	453	1,742	-30.7
Pakistan	988	92	47	50	73	93	146	167	94	85	847	-14.3
People's Rep. of China	50,645	4,924	12,074	5,500	5,600	6,052	7,958	9,666	10,411	8,855	71,040	40.3
Philippines	1,303	83	115	226	170	188	133	129	153	257	1,454	11.6
Singapore	1,279	65	93	105	113	135	198	209	166	184	1,268	-0.9
Sri Lanka	244	20	16	18	27	33	43	22	19	24	222	-9.0
Taiwan	1,192	98	92	151	109	65	107	56	83	181	942	-21.0
Thailand	220	11	23	22	41	68	24	24	19	44	276	25.5
Vietnam	381	27	41	128	22	15	19	32	24	60	368	-3.4
<b>MIDDLE EAST Countries</b>	<b>9,965</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>12,029</b>	<b>20.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Bahrain</i>	79	3	7	14	28	10	14	16	17	15	124	57.0
<i>Iran</i>	517	11	32	599	17	13	15	13	24	39	763	47.6
<i>Jordan</i>	123	3	4	14	3	16	14	7	32	28	121	-1.6
<i>Kuwait</i>	360	25	27	22	62	33	30	80	66	96	441	22.5
<i>Lebanon</i>	238	23	17	23	54	33	83	29	33	48	343	44.1
<i>Oman</i>	178	10	10	7	13	24	23	39	36	39	201	12.9
<i>Qatar</i>	289	45	31	20	27	16	22	52	101	45	359	24.2
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	1,944	267	117	299	96	150	125	528	476	400	2,458	26.4
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	6,185	410	500	919	689	639	758	1,339	1,035	885	7,174	16.0
<i>Other Middle East</i>	52	1	2	7	4	4	3	10	7	7	45	-13.5
Other Asian	354	37	31	54	60	81	51	51	87	49	501	41.5
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>13,212</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>13,697</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Australia	12,415	1,278	705	1,139	1,795	1,314	1,246	1,962	1,428	2,009	12,876	3.7
New Zealand	515	51	41	44	65	47	50	70	52	66	486	-5.6
Other Oceanian	282	28	32	13	39	51	42	60	32	38	335	18.8
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>11,679</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>12,959</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Brazil	1,846	254	128	161	193	134	92	97	97	186	1,342	-27.3
Canada	3,313	439	332	429	374	446	650	604	418	386	4,078	23.1
USA	4,829	758	424	721	758	650	680	860	661	762	6,274	29.9
Other American	1,691	221	185	125	138	124	95	144	100	133	1,265	-25.2
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>-25.3</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>725,623</b>	<b>103,606</b>	<b>91,128</b>	<b>96,595</b>	<b>90,327</b>	<b>87,067</b>	<b>65,459</b>	<b>95,695</b>	<b>89,422</b>	<b>84,456</b>	<b>803,755</b>	<b>10.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, January to September 2014 and 2015**

Age group (years)	January - September 2014			January - September 2015 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	13,853	13,607	27,460	15,103	14,724	29,827
5 - 9	16,055	15,382	31,437	17,681	17,300	34,981
10 - 14	15,422	15,178	30,600	16,850	17,082	33,932
15 - 19	11,472	12,935	24,407	12,999	14,710	27,709
20 - 24	13,070	22,130	35,200	15,171	24,383	39,554
25 - 29	39,071	47,125	86,196	45,697	54,573	100,270
30 - 34	41,025	39,739	80,764	45,166	42,774	87,940
35 - 39	34,812	32,058	66,870	37,905	34,494	72,399
40 - 44	35,948	32,212	68,160	38,053	34,457	72,510
45 - 49	35,014	32,744	67,758	37,338	35,596	72,934
50 - 54	33,103	31,201	64,304	36,650	34,386	71,036
55 - 59	26,427	24,544	50,971	28,847	26,945	55,792
60 - 64	21,040	18,841	39,881	22,824	21,220	44,044
65 - 69	14,554	12,467	27,021	16,698	14,784	31,482
70 & over	13,045	11,549	24,594	15,770	13,575	29,345
<b>Total</b>	<b>363,911</b>	<b>361,712</b>	<b>725,623</b>	<b>402,752</b>	<b>401,003</b>	<b>803,755</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, January to September 2014 and 2015**

Age group (years)	January - September 2014			January - September 2015 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	89,156	341	89,497	98,159	581	98,740
15 - 59	543,380	1,250	544,630	594,168	5,976	600,144
60 & over	90,231	1,265	91,496	98,500	6,371	104,871
<b>Total</b>	<b>722,767</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>725,623</b>	<b>790,827</b>	<b>12,928</b>	<b>803,755</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 7:-Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and earnings, 2012 -2015**

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs million)
<b>2012</b> January - September	675,584	695,317	7,469,990	10.7	31,954
	965,441	952,494	10,043,683	10.5	44,378
<b>2013</b> January - September	694,443	720,290	7,958,144	11.0	29,105
	993,106	987,383	10,667,071	10.8	40,557
<b>2014</b> January - September	725,623	750,975	8,401,975	11.2	32,232
	1,038,968	1,030,415	11,266,346	10.9	44,304
<b>2015</b> <sup>3</sup> January - September	803,755	825,157	8,922,789	10.8	...

<sup>1</sup> Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 8:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2012 - 2015**

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
<b>2012</b>	1st Qr.	110	12,027	24,446	48	8,863	18,153
	2nd Qr.	107	11,822	24,089	47	8,613	17,667
	3rd Qr.	105	11,715	23,899	47	8,613	17,695
	4th Qr.	117	12,527	25,496	52	9,293	19,041
<b>2013</b>	1st Qr.	117	12,676	25,887	52	9,460	19,395
	2nd Qr.	109	11,977	24,438	49	8,962	18,336
	3rd Qr.	106	11,866	24,085	48	8,818	17,970
	4th Qr.	107	12,376	25,105	50	9,239	18,799
<b>2014</b>	1st Qr.	109	12,653	25,652	51	9,478	19,308
	2nd Qr.	105	12,307	25,308	51	9,310	19,308
	3rd Qr.	108	12,481	25,620	52	9,425	19,498
	4th Qr.	112	12,799	26,174	53	9,605	19,776
<b>2015</b> <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr.	114	13,100	26,776	55	9,906	20,378
	2nd Qr.	107	12,264	25,085	51	9,267	19,020
	3rd Qr.	112 <sup>3</sup>	12,944	26,618	53	9,769	20,254

<sup>1</sup> Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Excluding four hotels not operational because of renovation works, of which 2 are large hotels

**Table 9:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2013 - 2015**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2013		2014		2015 <sup>1</sup>		2013		2014		2015 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	67	59	72	64	75	69	69	61	74	66	77	72
February	66	57	67	59	75	69	67	59	69	61	79	73
March	63	56	64	56	68	62	66	58	65	57	70	65
1st Quarter	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>
April	60	53	65	57	68	63	63	56	69	60	71	66
May	58	51	59	52	66	60	61	53	62	54	68	63
June	42	36	46	41	51	46	42	37	47	41	52	48
2nd Quarter	<u>54</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>
July	53	47	54	49	61	58	54	48	57	52	65	62
August	60	53	62	57	66	63	62	55	67	62	70	67
September	65	57	64	58	70	64	67	60	68	61	74	68
3rd Quarter	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>
Jan. to Sep.	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>
October	71	63	71	65			72	64	75	68		
November	74	65	76	67			75	67	78	70		
December	73	65	74	68			74	66	76	71		
4th Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>			<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>			<b>68</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>			<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 10:- Employment in large<sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2011 - 2015**

Year	2011 <sup>2</sup>	2012 <sup>2</sup>	2013 <sup>2</sup>	2014 <sup>2</sup>	2015 <sup>2</sup>
Establishments					
Food Service	2,157	2,339	2,452	2,638	2,799
Hotels	21,830	22,216	22,345	22,594	22,610
Travel and Tourism <sup>3</sup>	4,056	3,900	3,791	3,726	3,698
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,043</b>	<b>28,455</b>	<b>28,588</b>	<b>28,958</b>	<b>29,107</b>

<sup>1</sup> Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Travel and tourism include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental.

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

## COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

### 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 travellers entering and leaving the country. The data are collected from the passport of travellers, disembarkation cards filled in by non-residents and questions put to non-residents entering the country. At the end of every month, the electronic database of passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism and External Communication within fifteen days. Additional data on cruises are obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

### Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius (BoM) is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks. As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

### 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 Statistics Mauritius 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:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals at latest 10 working days after reference month
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Quarterly tourism statistics (Pamphlet)
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

### 1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying overnight but less than a year, and who has no employer-employee relationship with a resident.

### 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 overnight 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 depart on the same day they arrived.

### 4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" for year Y refer to nights spent by tourists who departed in year Y.

### 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.

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