

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2016

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2016. 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 2015 and 2016

	January- September 2015 <sup>1</sup>	January- September 2016 <sup>2</sup>	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,047,588	1,139,863	+ 8.8
Sea	29,715	34,922	+ 17.5
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>24,915</i>	<i>31,205</i>	<i>+ 25.2</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,077,303</b>	<b>1,174,785</b>	<b>+ 9.0</b>
Departures by			
Air	1,080,455	1,174,034	+ 8.7
Sea	28,284	33,308	+17.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108,739</b>	<b>1,207,342</b>	<b>+ 8.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

#### 2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2016

Compared to the period January to September 2015:

- total arrivals increased by 9.0% to 1,174,785, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 995;
- tourist arrivals increased by 9.7% to 880,890; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 35.6% to 23,774.

In the first nine months of 2016, 18 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 31,205 cruise travellers which include 11,087 tourists, 10,156 excursionists, 265 Mauritian residents and 9,697 crew members.

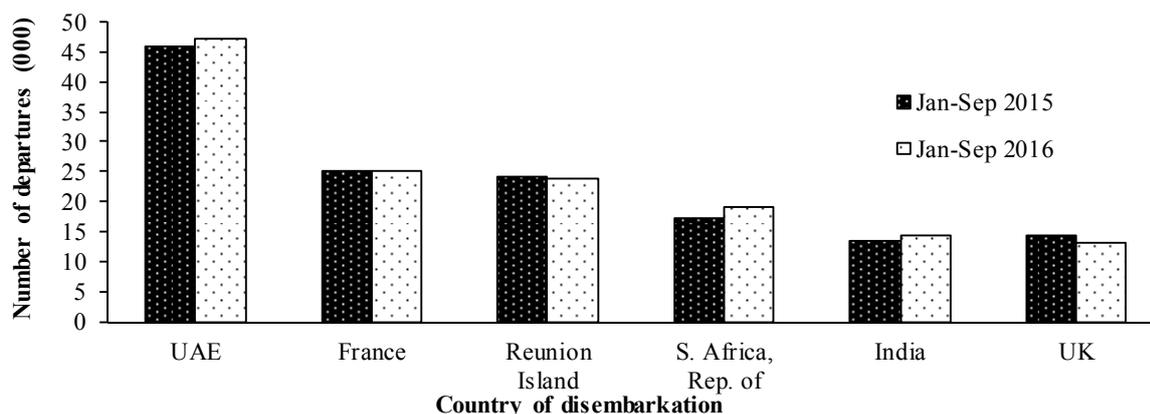
#### 2.2 Departures in January to September 2016

Compared to the period January to September 2015:

- total departures increased by 8.9% to 1,207,342, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 1,124; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 3.8% to 186,314.

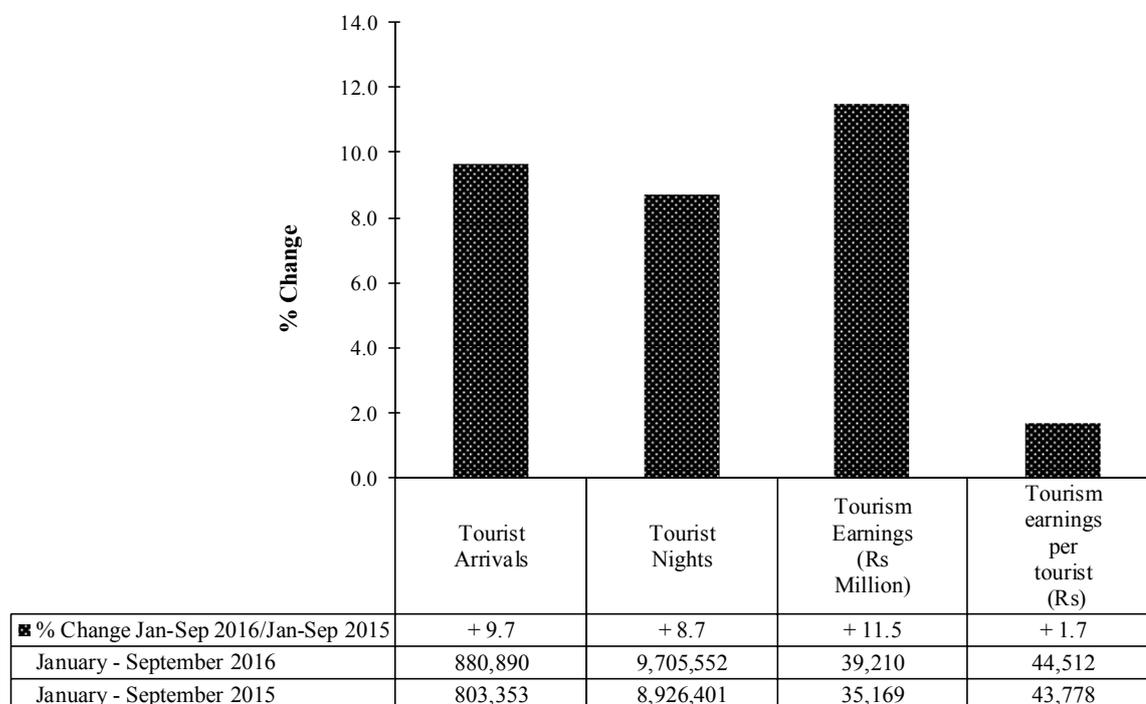
In the first nine months of 2016, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (47,165 or 25.3%), France (25,222 or 13.5%), Reunion Island (23,782 or 12.8%), South Africa, Rep. of (19,207 or 10.3%), India (14,434 or 7.7%) and United Kingdom (13,170 or 7.1%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2015 and January-September 2016**



### 3. TOURISM

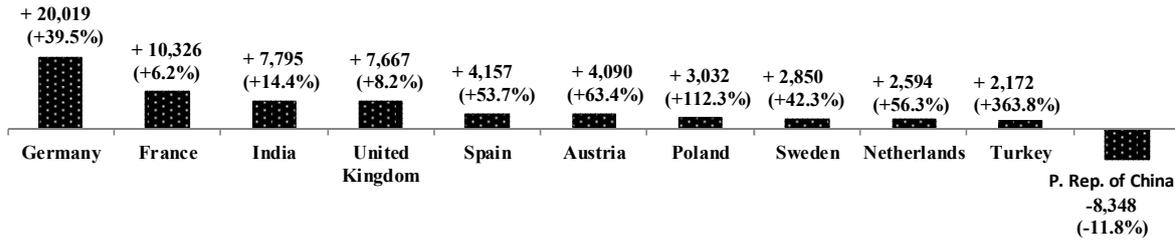
**Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, January-September 2016 compared to January-September 2015**



#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

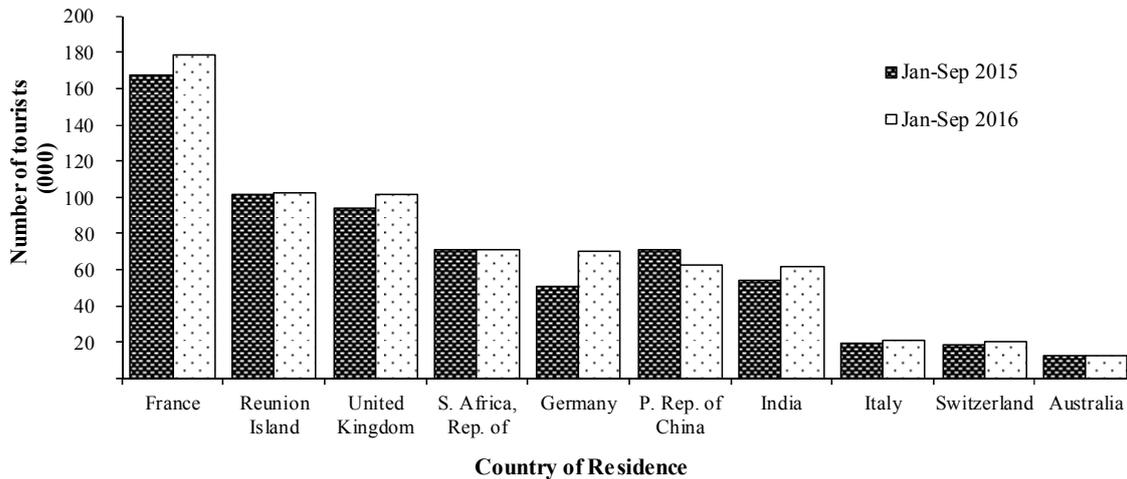
Compared to the first nine months of 2015, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 77,537 or 9.7% to 880,890 in January to September 2016 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

**Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2016 compared to January-September 2015**



In the first nine months of 2016, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 6.2%. It is worth noting that compared to the period January to September 2015, tourist arrivals from Turkey increased by 363.8% as a result of direct flights. Among the emerging markets, India posted an increase of 14.4% whereas People’s Rep. of China witnessed a decrease of 11.8%.

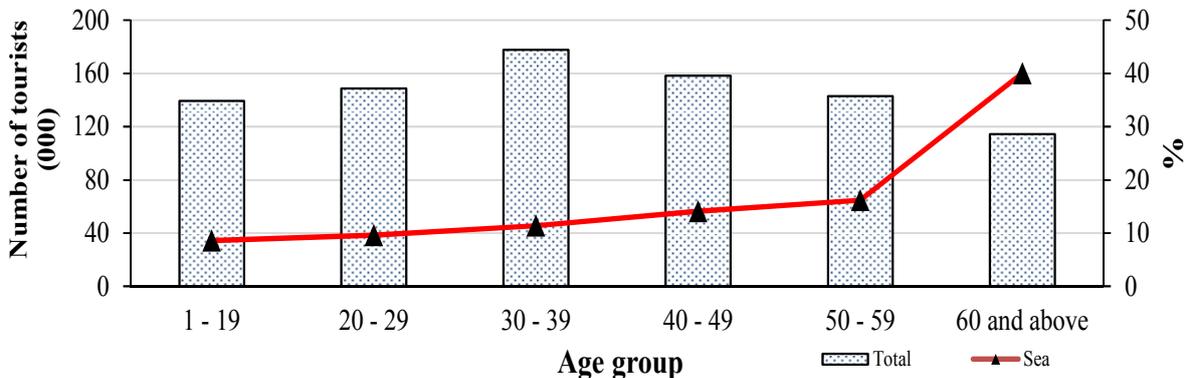
**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, January-September 2015 and January-September 2016**



**3.2 Tourist arrivals by age**

During the first nine months of 2016, 114,503 or 13.0% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 40%.

**Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, January-September 2016**



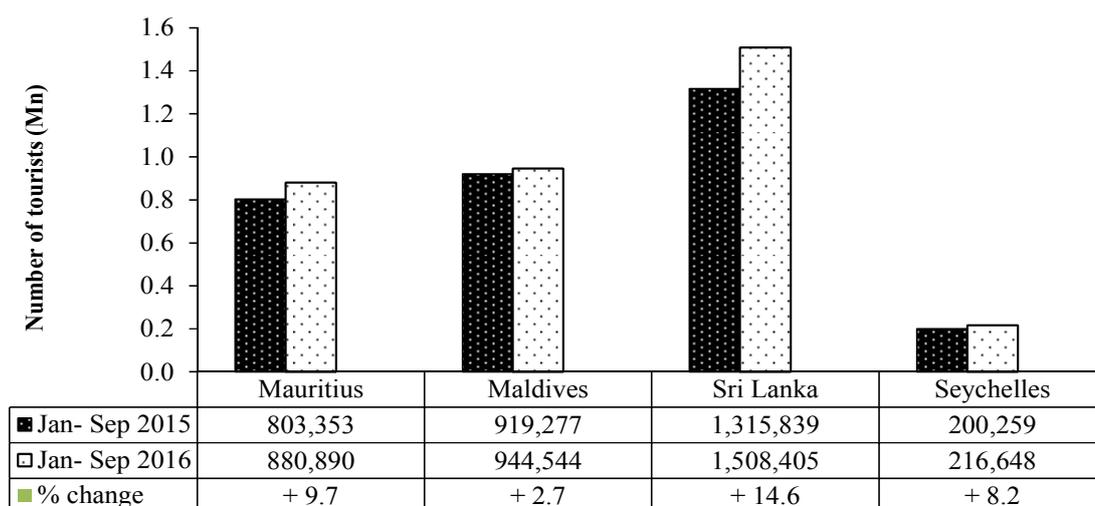
### 3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2016, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russia and Switzerland, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from these countries travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates, which is the most used transiting port. For the first nine months of 2016, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russia and Switzerland were 78.1% and 48.8% respectively. It is also worth noting that for the first nine months of 2016, less than half of the tourists from Germany, Italy and United Kingdom travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mostly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

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

During the first nine months of 2016, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 9.7%. This compares favorably with Maldives and Seychelles where growths of 2.7% and 8.2% were observed respectively. However, Sri Lanka registered a higher growth of 14.6%.

**Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2015 and January-September 2016**



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

### 3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January to September 2015:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2016 increased by 8.7% from 8,926,401 to 9,705,552; but
- the average length of stay decreased from 10.8 to 10.7 nights.

### 3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in food service, hotels and travel and other services establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2016 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 3.5% to 30,454 compared to 29,437 for March 2015.

### 3.7 Accommodation

#### Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2016, there were 115 licensed hotels of which 111 were in operation and 4 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 111 hotels was 13,330 with 28,650 bed places.

During the first nine months of 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 70%, up from 67% in the first nine months of 2015; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 63%, higher than 62% registered in the first nine months of 2015.

#### 'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of September 2016, 55 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,267 with 22,370 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 50% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 77% of total room capacity and 78% of total bed places.

During the first nine months of 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 73% up from 70% in the first nine months of 2015;
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, higher than the 65% recorded in the first nine months of 2015.

### 3.8 Forecast for Year 2016 and 2017

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2016 is revised upwards from 1,250,000 to 1,265,000. This represents an increase of 9.9% over the figure of 1,151,252 in 2015. The forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2017 is 1,320,000.

As a result of the revised forecast of tourist arrivals and based on trends for the first nine months of 2016, the Bank of Mauritius is expecting tourism earnings for the year 2016 to reach Rs 56.6 billion instead of Rs 56 billion forecasted earlier. This revised figure represents an increase of 12.7% over the Rs 50.2 billion for 2015. For the year 2017, tourism earnings are forecasted at Rs 59 billion.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2014 - 2016

Month	2014		2015		2016 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	128,035	149,573	139,076	164,024	157,574	182,555
February	105,394	107,630	116,453	114,890	133,906	136,073
March	120,850	127,471	130,539	135,445	142,232	142,346
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>354,279</b>	<b>384,674</b>	<b>386,068</b>	<b>414,359</b>	<b>433,712</b>	<b>460,974</b>
April	117,367	112,588	123,409	122,212	126,517	132,081
May	102,876	112,665	113,225	124,533	122,611	128,915
June	86,684	86,225	91,330	88,098	98,732	94,919
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>306,927</b>	<b>311,478</b>	<b>327,964</b>	<b>334,843</b>	<b>347,860</b>	<b>355,915</b>
<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>661,206</b>	<b>696,152</b>	<b>714,032</b>	<b>749,202</b>	<b>781,572</b>	<b>816,889</b>
July	112,006	98,420	128,120	114,026	143,129	127,740
August	110,100	120,441	124,102	135,486	129,965	143,246
September	100,387	99,346	111,049	110,025	120,119	119,467
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>322,493</b>	<b>318,207</b>	<b>363,271</b>	<b>359,537</b>	<b>393,213</b>	<b>390,453</b>
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>983,699</b>	<b>1,014,359</b>	<b>1,077,303</b>	<b>1,108,739</b>	<b>1,174,785</b>	<b>1,207,342</b>
October	127,730	119,229	137,559	132,869		
November	120,447	121,845	135,816	133,874		
December	157,337	129,704	172,543	144,680		
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>405,514</b>	<b>370,778</b>	<b>445,918</b>	<b>411,423</b>		
<b>2nd Semester</b>	<b>728,007</b>	<b>688,985</b>	<b>809,189</b>	<b>770,960</b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,389,213</b>	<b>1,385,137</b>	<b>1,523,221</b>	<b>1,520,162</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, but includes international traffic between Rodrigues and Reunion Island

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation <sup>1</sup>,  
January - September 2015 and 2016**

Country of disembarkation	2015 <sup>2</sup>	2016 <sup>3</sup>	% Change
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>41,859</b>	<b>43,032</b>	<b>+ 2.8</b>
France	25,128	25,222	+ 0.4
Germany	1,144	1,871	+ 63.5
Italy	1,212	1,096	- 9.6
Turkey	-	1,635	-
United Kingdom	14,365	13,170	- 8.3
Other European	10	38	+ 280.0
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>56,137</b>	<b>59,241</b>	<b>+ 5.5</b>
Kenya	1,843	2,039	+ 10.6
Malagasy Republic	6,313	6,905	+ 9.4
Mozambique	1	145	+ 14400.0
Reunion Island	24,093	23,782	- 1.3
Seychelles	6,651	7,157	+ 7.6
South Africa, Rep. of	17,230	19,207	+ 11.5
Other African	6	6	-
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>75,809</b>	<b>78,385</b>	<b>+ 3.4</b>
People's Rep. of China	2,581	2,454	- 4.9
Hong Kong SAR <sup>4</sup>	3,684	3,337	- 9.4
India	13,387	14,434	+ 7.8
Malaysia	8,829	5,345	- 39.5
Singapore	1,291	5,614	+ 334.9
United Arab Emirates	46,025	47,165	+ 2.5
Other Asian	12	36	+ 200.0
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>5,645</b>	<b>- 0.7</b>
Australia	5,682	5,645	- 0.7
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>+ 266.7</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>179,490</b>	<b>186,314</b>	<b>+ 3.8</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

<sup>4</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2014 - 2016**

Month	2014	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>
January	96,285	103,556	118,426
February	78,899	91,066	100,706
March	87,876	96,425	108,704
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>263,060</u>	<u>291,047</u>	<u>327,836</u>
April	88,102	90,221	91,992
May	78,545	87,054	94,830
June	60,440	65,459	71,806
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>227,087</u>	<u>242,734</u>	<u>258,628</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>490,147</b>	<b>533,781</b>	<b>586,464</b>
July	81,934	95,694	108,122
August	78,466	89,422	94,920
September	74,508	84,456	91,384
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>234,908</u>	<u>269,572</u>	<u>294,426</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>725,055</b>	<b>803,353</b>	<b>880,890</b>
October	101,323	109,014	
November	91,213	106,204	
December	120,743	132,681	
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>313,279</u>	<u>347,899</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<b>548,187</b>	<b>617,471</b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,038,334</b>	<b>1,151,252</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January - September 2015 and 2016**

Purpose of visit	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2016 <sup>2</sup>	% Change
Holiday	748,140	825,457	+ 10.3
Business	31,378	32,641	+ 4.0
Transit	16,630	15,744	- 5.3
Conference	4,385	4,343	- 1.0
Sports	1,690	1,709	+ 1.1
Other	1,130	996	- 11.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>803,353</b>	<b>880,890</b>	<b>+ 9.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January - September 2015 and 2016

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2015 <sup>1</sup>	2016 <sup>2</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2016/ Jan-Sep 2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>423,754</b>	<b>67,016</b>	<b>67,461</b>	<b>65,048</b>	<b>56,892</b>	<b>46,159</b>	<b>33,162</b>	<b>54,548</b>	<b>52,310</b>	<b>51,565</b>	<b>494,161</b>	<b>16.6</b>
Austria	6,447	2,528	2,204	1,703	1,069	743	383	678	547	682	10,537	63.4
Belgium	8,687	891	855	1,543	885	963	783	1,942	1,124	1,299	10,285	18.4
Bulgaria	581	360	321	153	135	47	35	30	45	51	1,177	102.6
Czech Republic	5,028	941	1,224	1,129	790	375	253	292	177	516	5,697	13.3
Croatia	279	64	44	47	25	26	24	22	31	18	301	7.9
Denmark	3,110	874	1,186	1,226	236	201	209	696	138	232	4,998	60.7
Estonia	198	69	77	51	30	24	4	7	9	22	293	48.0
Finland	2,717	1,167	718	618	90	68	75	83	43	93	2,955	8.8
France	167,779	27,280	30,068	22,371	26,506	16,037	9,017	18,249	16,295	12,282	178,105	6.2
Germany	50,666	7,936	7,572	9,552	6,772	8,939	6,083	6,091	7,255	10,485	70,685	39.5
Greece	671	82	63	92	99	128	94	103	106	97	864	28.8
Hungary	957	494	403	356	110	87	69	94	45	72	1,730	80.8
Ireland	1,827	138	105	326	225	227	324	329	369	378	2,421	32.5
Italy	19,715	3,686	2,542	2,534	2,079	1,522	1,353	1,735	3,010	2,646	21,107	7.1
Latvia	235	75	49	74	38	30	14	20	19	22	341	45.1
Lithuania	287	75	99	74	52	25	32	42	26	68	493	71.8
Luxemburg	1,150	74	84	207	89	86	51	136	271	121	1,119	-2.7
Netherlands	4,606	501	570	537	765	710	724	1,221	1,102	1,070	7,200	56.3
Norway	2,957	493	560	582	111	222	356	728	163	222	3,437	16.2
Poland	2,701	1,335	1,236	869	440	318	343	398	316	478	5,733	112.3
Portugal	1,565	169	158	412	319	355	340	394	603	488	3,238	106.9
Romania	1,041	536	315	195	195	163	150	169	174	201	2,098	101.5
Serbia	206	74	65	29	33	21	26	18	9	47	322	56.3
Slovakia	1,331	413	576	395	269	163	70	60	57	134	2,137	60.6
Slovenia	535	140	166	42	94	43	34	50	32	38	639	19.4
Spain	7,737	487	449	930	525	943	1,515	2,039	2,761	2,245	11,894	53.7
Sweden	6,744	2,726	2,883	2,070	376	268	353	497	186	235	9,594	42.3
Switzerland	18,393	2,617	2,604	3,419	2,722	1,628	1,075	2,807	1,128	2,084	20,084	9.2
Turkey	597	548	375	318	294	307	152	233	147	395	2,769	363.8
United Kingdom	93,798	7,536	8,524	11,799	10,198	10,516	8,698	14,631	15,493	14,070	101,465	8.2
<i>CIS <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>10,257</i>	<i>2,572</i>	<i>1,252</i>	<i>1,275</i>	<i>1,192</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>431</i>	<i>580</i>	<i>533</i>	<i>646</i>	<i>9,357</i>	<i>-8.8</i>
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>325</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>-20.3</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>19.4</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>8,133</i>	<i>1,680</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>781</i>	<i>902</i>	<i>624</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>461</i>	<i>6,235</i>	<i>-23.3</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,427</i>	<i>731</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>2,428</i>	<i>70.1</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>14.7</i>
<i>Other European</i>	<i>952</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>1,086</i>	<i>14.1</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>200,587</b>	<b>33,518</b>	<b>11,839</b>	<b>25,714</b>	<b>17,795</b>	<b>25,930</b>	<b>15,966</b>	<b>29,149</b>	<b>22,563</b>	<b>19,120</b>	<b>201,594</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<i>IOC <sup>4</sup> countries</i>	<i>115,200</i>	<i>23,477</i>	<i>6,627</i>	<i>14,372</i>	<i>7,469</i>	<i>17,127</i>	<i>6,732</i>	<i>19,479</i>	<i>12,467</i>	<i>7,606</i>	<i>115,356</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>557</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>8.1</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>9,051</i>	<i>843</i>	<i>937</i>	<i>1,031</i>	<i>777</i>	<i>951</i>	<i>629</i>	<i>1,038</i>	<i>1,401</i>	<i>869</i>	<i>8,476</i>	<i>-6.4</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>101,567</i>	<i>22,141</i>	<i>5,233</i>	<i>12,931</i>	<i>6,081</i>	<i>15,548</i>	<i>5,609</i>	<i>17,887</i>	<i>10,481</i>	<i>6,132</i>	<i>102,043</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>4,025</i>	<i>436</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>545</i>	<i>527</i>	<i>436</i>	<i>489</i>	<i>541</i>	<i>521</i>	<i>4,235</i>	<i>5.2</i>

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States<sup>4</sup> Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January - September 2015 and 2016

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2015 <sup>1</sup>	2016 <sup>2</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2016/ Jan-Sep 2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
Algeria	197	13	34	9	19	32	4	22	69	20	222	12.7
Angola	292	34	27	47	85	35	17	20	55	27	347	18.8
Benin	48	2	0	1	9	9	7	1	7	11	47	-2.1
Botswana	575	61	62	93	139	108	39	79	102	92	775	34.8
Burundi	91	3	6	9	9	8	1	8	6	3	53	-41.8
Cameroon	149	15	10	14	27	36	20	24	41	21	208	39.6
Congo	505	46	54	48	92	65	41	56	61	43	506	0.2
Egypt	382	50	27	54	54	93	25	48	30	62	443	16.0
Ethiopia	232	8	5	20	26	27	11	14	17	32	160	-31.0
Gabon	142	10	23	18	13	14	8	15	9	53	163	14.8
Ghana	455	55	38	68	52	132	129	88	84	49	695	52.7
Ivory Coast	255	12	19	19	36	28	32	37	23	36	242	-5.1
Kenya	2,377	169	159	236	288	242	210	298	332	210	2,144	-9.8
Lesotho	106	5	10	25	9	16	14	32	21	8	140	32.1
Malawi	185	12	10	25	36	30	11	73	40	27	264	42.7
Mayotte	718	31	68	57	111	138	41	97	66	224	833	16.0
Morocco	466	58	72	46	65	45	22	74	53	66	501	7.5
Mozambique	676	213	55	101	85	98	36	91	105	63	847	25.3
Namibia	975	99	47	81	232	366	48	85	162	103	1,223	25.4
Niger	107	4	14	12	17	18	11	19	23	7	125	16.8
Nigeria	870	72	81	128	92	137	77	119	234	100	1,040	19.5
Rwanda	73	9	5	80	13	11	3	3	6	19	149	104.1
Senegal	158	6	17	13	18	21	12	16	32	9	144	-8.9
South Africa, Rep. of	71,238	8,717	3,952	9,725	8,190	6,584	8,143	7,801	7,812	9,825	70,749	-0.7
Sudan	82	6	1	3	2	18	1	9	2	8	50	-39.0
Swaziland	200	27	27	30	25	34	14	23	53	16	249	24.5
Tanzania	447	22	88	46	32	72	29	68	55	53	465	4.0
Togo	81	3	4	3	14	5	3	7	18	4	61	-24.7
Tunisia	281	37	23	37	28	25	11	37	31	35	264	-6.0
Uganda	377	17	32	39	46	38	32	40	44	32	320	-15.1
Zimbabwe	1,301	148	110	140	264	175	82	116	254	132	1,421	9.2
Zambia	549	38	59	66	109	52	49	116	145	58	692	26.0
Other African	797	39	73	49	89	91	51	134	104	66	696	-12.7
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>152,312</b>	<b>14,629</b>	<b>19,384</b>	<b>15,276</b>	<b>14,173</b>	<b>19,732</b>	<b>19,608</b>	<b>20,444</b>	<b>17,185</b>	<b>17,263</b>	<b>157,694</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Afghanistan	537	61	70	79	48	59	36	59	60	76	548	2.0
Bangladesh	631	28	58	67	57	40	54	125	52	93	574	-9.0
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	964	60	112	129	87	106	129	158	152	52	985	2.2
India	54,220	5,401	6,718	5,365	5,945	10,543	10,093	7,277	5,606	5,067	62,015	14.4
Indonesia	1,741	113	143	448	114	128	133	83	247	365	1,774	1.9
Israel	545	68	75	104	126	74	35	82	82	110	756	38.7
Japan	1,019	245	165	206	205	182	171	194	299	238	1,905	86.9
Korea Republic	1,978	381	331	478	546	538	438	243	299	482	3,736	88.9
Malaysia	1,742	120	314	163	170	281	243	198	252	274	2,015	15.7

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>5</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January - September 2015 and 2016

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2015 <sup>1</sup>	2016 <sup>2</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2016/ Jan-Sep 2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
Maldives	69	6	6	8	4	4	3	7	3	5	46	-33.3
Nepal	287	32	35	29	68	61	61	81	25	22	414	44.3
Pakistan	847	76	104	257	122	123	132	223	105	93	1,235	45.8
People's Rep. of China	71,039	6,520	9,959	5,262	5,179	5,908	6,785	7,886	7,620	7,572	62,691	-11.8
Philippines	1,448	289	173	222	144	151	106	356	239	265	1,945	34.3
Singapore	1,268	77	133	166	201	165	287	271	198	235	1,733	36.7
Sri Lanka	222	31	26	22	21	25	14	61	39	19	258	16.2
Taiwan	940	123	147	179	86	103	89	103	96	261	1,187	26.3
Thailand	276	14	24	32	52	41	22	41	20	37	283	2.5
Vietnam	366	15	39	84	39	14	37	38	26	143	435	18.9
<b>MIDDLE EAST Countries</b>	<b>12,028</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>2,923</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>12,961</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>12.1</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>651</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>748</i>	<i>-2.0</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>-2.5</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>441</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>-15.2</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>283</i>	<i>-17.5</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>359</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>-3.6</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>2,458</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>2,776</i>	<i>12.9</i>
<i>United Arab Emirate</i>	<i>7,173</i>	<i>419</i>	<i>543</i>	<i>878</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>756</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>1,823</i>	<i>995</i>	<i>1,222</i>	<i>7,925</i>	<i>10.5</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>11.1</i>
Other Asian	145	18	8	37	10	20	8	35	16	46	198	36.6
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>13,684</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>13,616</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Australia	12,811	1,482	666	1,128	1,483	1,316	1,492	1,781	1,425	1,824	12,597	-1.7
New Zealand	481	68	33	43	90	60	70	95	62	77	598	24.3
Other Oceanian	392	80	35	61	28	32	43	57	47	38	421	7.4
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>12,919</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>13,266</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Brazil	1,342	245	133	110	229	220	126	147	172	292	1,674	24.7
Canada	4,075	517	386	397	334	473	497	836	409	352	4,201	3.1
USA	6,241	538	482	683	733	711	653	827	604	612	5,843	-6.4
Other American	1,261	269	250	185	177	144	103	146	96	178	1,548	22.8
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>476.3</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>803,353</b>	<b>118,426</b>	<b>100,706</b>	<b>108,704</b>	<b>91,992</b>	<b>94,830</b>	<b>71,806</b>	<b>108,122</b>	<b>94,920</b>	<b>91,384</b>	<b>880,890</b>	<b>9.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, January - September 2015 and 2016**

Age group (years)	January - September 2015 <sup>1</sup>			January - September 2016 <sup>2</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	15,102	14,724	29,826	16,452	16,106	32,558
5 - 9	17,678	17,299	34,977	19,300	19,076	38,376
10 - 14	16,850	17,082	33,932	18,393	18,829	37,222
15 - 19	12,999	14,708	27,707	14,285	16,735	31,020
20 - 24	15,160	24,378	39,538	16,433	26,184	42,617
25 - 29	45,684	54,570	100,254	47,856	57,970	105,826
30 - 34	45,155	42,770	87,925	49,885	47,500	97,385
35 - 39	37,899	34,486	72,385	41,804	38,399	80,203
40 - 44	38,038	34,454	72,492	40,611	36,948	77,559
45 - 49	37,328	35,587	72,915	41,417	39,289	80,706
50 - 54	36,633	34,370	71,003	40,864	38,993	79,857
55 - 59	28,834	26,926	55,760	32,428	30,630	63,058
60 - 64	22,803	21,203	44,006	25,135	23,235	48,370
65 - 69	16,670	14,741	31,411	18,239	16,183	34,422
70 & over	15,706	13,516	29,222	16,985	14,726	31,711
<b>Total</b>	<b>402,539</b>	<b>400,814</b>	<b>803,353</b>	<b>440,087</b>	<b>440,803</b>	<b>880,890</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, January - September 2015 and 2016**

Age group (years)	January - September 2015 <sup>1</sup>			January - September 2016 <sup>2</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	98,157	578	98,735	107,349	807	108,156
15 - 59	594,131	5,848	599,979	650,743	7,488	658,231
60 & over	98,457	6,182	104,639	108,958	5,545	114,503
<b>Total</b>	<b>790,745</b>	<b>12,608</b>	<b>803,353</b>	<b>867,050</b>	<b>13,840</b>	<b>880,890</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January - September 2016 <sup>1</sup>

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence											
		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russia	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>276,602</b>	<b>108,580</b>	<b>41,268</b>	<b>7,794</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>7,676</b>	<b>53,712</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>595</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	143,054	102,923	7,482	2,554	14	5,022	4,608	516	137	40	21	74	268
Germany	41,446	3,246	30,418	291	11	1,311	540	106	7	6	3	11	59
Italy	4,488	43	9	4,142	-	77	14	3	1	2	-	-	5
Turkey	14,565	1,001	2,678	454	2,200	556	464	184	4	18	11	39	24
United Kingdom	55,300	1,296	478	322	3	590	48,061	56	14	54	34	30	186
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>282,538</b>	<b>46,758</b>	<b>5,573</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>7,263</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>98,989</b>	<b>67,357</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>2,098</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	4,066	75	49	30	5	28	298	2	62	50	100	319	108
Malagasy Republic	12,262	859	77	61	135	93	288	68	387	113	287	814	144
Reunion Island	150,608	41,299	2,332	235	41	1,275	859	58	97,953	256	192	680	298
Seychelles	15,298	3,462	160	89	7	87	331	93	35	119	5,182	222	93
South Africa, Rep. of	99,947	1,055	2,953	1,583	36	758	5,479	88	552	66,735	339	772	1,454
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>297,637</b>	<b>20,108</b>	<b>21,738</b>	<b>10,433</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>9,544</b>	<b>39,938</b>	<b>4,723</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>55,695</b>	<b>59,451</b>	<b>1,387</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	11,584	81	8	6	-	1	44	14	85	22	14	9,302	55
India	49,599	118	37	27	-	9	283	21	149	150	46,856	17	60
Malaysia	5,838	534	13	6	1	10	105	33	1,016	40	121	402	193
People's Rep. of China	40,897	22	4	-	-	1	9	2	35	7	6	40,421	8
Singapore	3,511	211	5	11	-	9	53	16	374	23	64	168	147
United Arab Emirates	185,479	19,139	21,649	10,381	269	9,507	39,418	4,637	395	247	8,633	9,137	923
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>10,249</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,424</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	10,249	267	39	15	-	17	239	3	266	364	13	7	8,424
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>of which:</i> USA	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>867,050</b>	<b>175,717</b>	<b>68,618</b>	<b>20,241</b>	<b>2,733</b>	<b>19,480</b>	<b>101,152</b>	<b>5,936</b>	<b>101,472</b>	<b>68,337</b>	<b>61,880</b>	<b>62,431</b>	<b>12,508</b>
<i>of which:</i>		<b>France</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>Reunion Island</b>	<b>South Africa, Rep. of</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>People's Rep. of China</b>	<b>Australia</b>
Direct from own country of residence		58.6%	44.3%	20.5%	80.5%	N/A	47.5%	N/A	96.5%	97.7%	75.7%	64.7%	67.3%
From United Arab Emirates		10.9%	31.6%	51.3%	9.8%	48.8%	39.0%	78.1%	0.4%	0.4%	14.0%	14.6%	7.4%
From Turkey		0.6%	3.9%	2.2%		2.9%	0.5%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France			10.9%	12.6%	0.5%	25.8%	4.6%	8.7%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	2.1%
From Reunion Island		23.5%	3.4%	1.2%	1.5%	6.5%	0.8%	1.0%		0.4%	0.3%	1.1%	2.4%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.6%	4.3%	7.8%	1.3%	3.9%	5.4%	1.5%	0.5%		0.5%	1.2%	11.6%

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

N/A: not applicable

**Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and earnings, 2013 - 2016**

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs million)
<b>2013</b> <sup>3</sup> January - September	694,066	721,843	7,965,798	11.0	29,105
<b>Year</b>	<b>992,503</b>	<b>989,101</b>	<b>10,675,598</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>40,557</b>
<b>2014</b> <sup>3</sup> January - September	725,055	751,393	8,402,173	11.2	32,232
<b>Year</b>	<b>1,038,334</b>	<b>1,031,031</b>	<b>11,266,751</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>44,304</b>
<b>2015</b> <sup>3</sup> January - September	803,353	827,538	8,926,401	10.8	35,169
<b>Year</b>	<b>1,151,252</b>	<b>1,141,661</b>	<b>12,049,901</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>50,191</b> <sup>5</sup>
<b>2016</b> <sup>4</sup> January - September	880,890	907,153	9,705,552	10.7	39,210

<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> Revised <sup>4</sup> Provisional

<sup>5</sup> As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

**Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2013 - 2016**

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
<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>	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	12,944	26,618	53	9,769	20,254
	4th Qr.	115	13,617	28,732	55	10,378	22,096
<b>2016</b> <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr.	116	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247
	2nd Qr.	111	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105
	3rd Qr.	111	13,330	28,650	55	10,267	22,370

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Excluding 4 hotels not operational because of renovation works

**Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2014 - 2016**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2014		2015		2016 <sup>1</sup>		2014		2015		2016 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	72	64	75	69	78	71	74	66	77	72	81	74
February	67	59	75	69	76	68	69	61	79	73	80	72
March	64	56	68	62	74	64	65	57	70	65	78	67
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>
April	65	57	68	63	69	62	69	60	71	66	73	67
May	59	52	66	60	67	60	62	54	68	63	69	62
June	46	41	51	46	54	48	47	41	52	48	56	51
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>
July	54	49	61	58	65	60	57	52	65	62	68	64
August	62	57	66	63	70	64	67	62	70	67	74	68
September	64	58	70	64	75	65	68	61	74	68	78	68
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>
October	71	65	74	65			75	68	77	69		
November	76	67	79	68			78	70	82	72		
December	74	68	78	71			76	71	81	74		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>			<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>63</b>			<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 11:- Employment in large <sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2012 - 2016**

Year	2012 <sup>2</sup>	2013 <sup>2</sup>	2014 <sup>2</sup>	2015 <sup>2</sup>	2016 <sup>3</sup>
Food Service	2,779	2,868	2,991	3,051	3,142
Hotels	22,210	22,382	22,544	22,582	23,523
Travel and Other Services <sup>4</sup>	3,946	3,865	3,817	3,804	3,789
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,935</b>	<b>29,115</b>	<b>29,352</b>	<b>29,437</b>	<b>30,454</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

<sup>4</sup> Travel and other services 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 Communications 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 uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website 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) Yearly Tourism statistics (Pamphlet);
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism;
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism; and
- (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.

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