

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Quarter 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2017. 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, 1st Quarter 2016 and 2017

	1 st Quarter 2016	1 st Quarter 2017 ¹	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	403,947	431,257	+ 6.8
Sea	29,765	19,542	- 34.3
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	28,404	18,490	- 34.9
Total	433,712	450,799	+ 3.9
Departures by			
Air	432,595	463,327	+ 7.1
Sea	28,379	21,683	- 23.6
Total	460,974	485,010	+ 5.2

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Quarter 2017

Compared to 1st Quarter 2016:

- total arrivals increased by 3.9% to 450,799, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 482;
- tourist arrivals increased by 3.6% to 339,682; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 29.2% from 14,375 to 10,171.

In the first quarter 2017, 11 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 18,490 cruise travellers which include 9,444 tourists, 2,981 excursionists, 277 Mauritian residents and 5,788 crew members.

2.2 Departures in 1st Quarter 2017

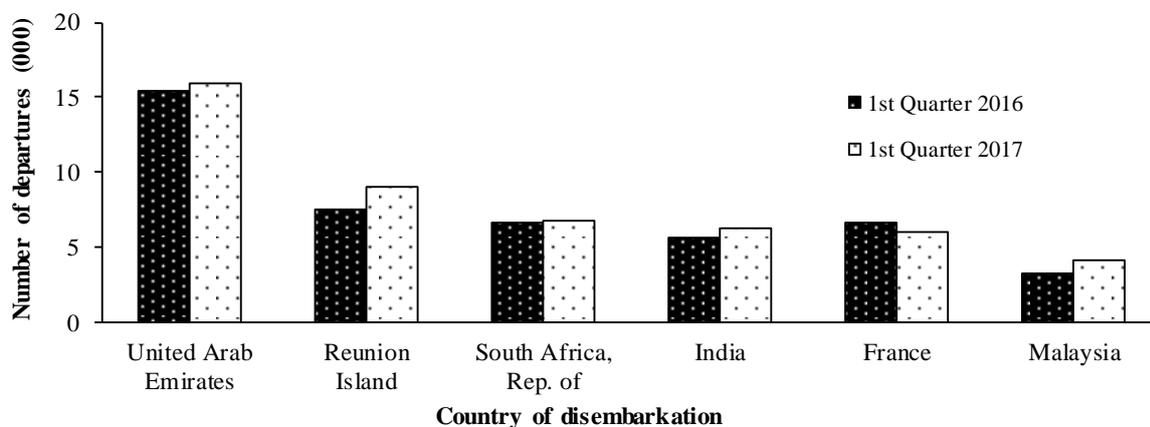
Compared to 1st Quarter 2016:

- total departures increased by 5.2% to 485,010, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 611; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 12.7% to 66,373.

In the first Quarter of 2017, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (15,858

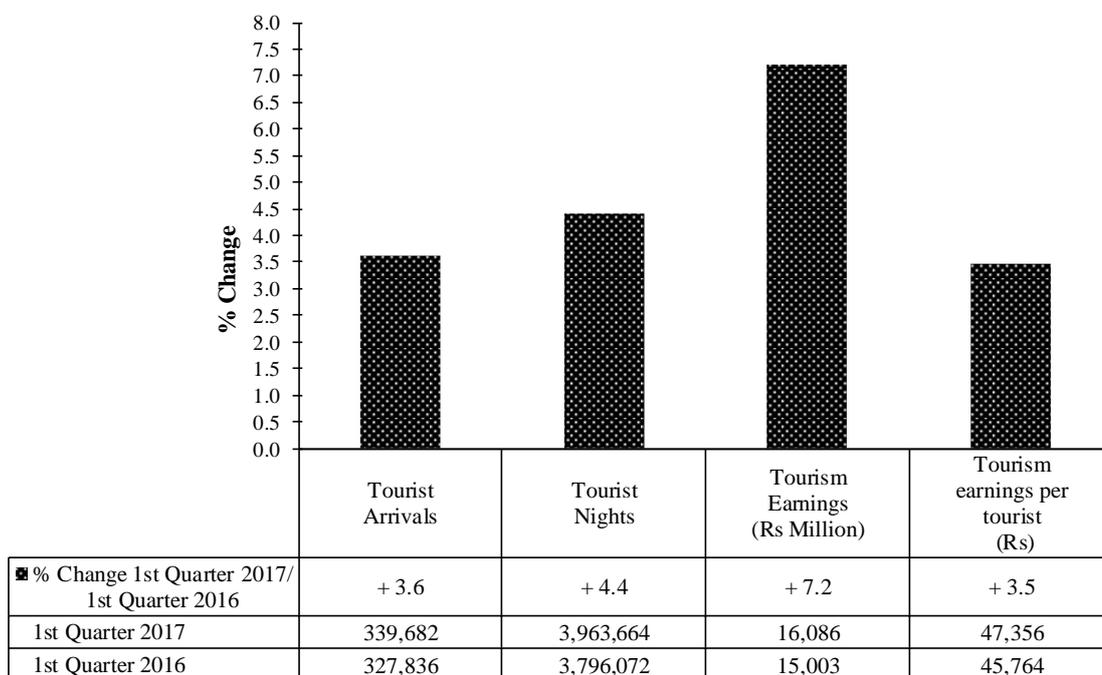
or 23.9%), Reunion Island (8,935 or 13.5%), South Africa, Rep. of (6,687 or 10.1%), India (6,169 or 9.3%), France (5,995 or 9.0%) and Malaysia (4,046 or 6.1%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Quarter of 2016 and 1st Quarter of 2017



3. TOURISM

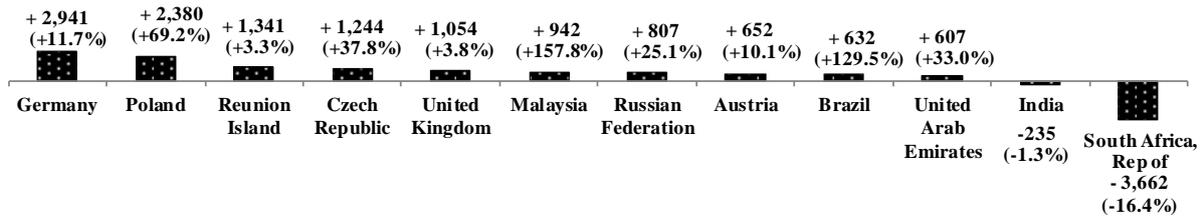
Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1st Quarter 2017 compared to 1st Quarter 2016



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

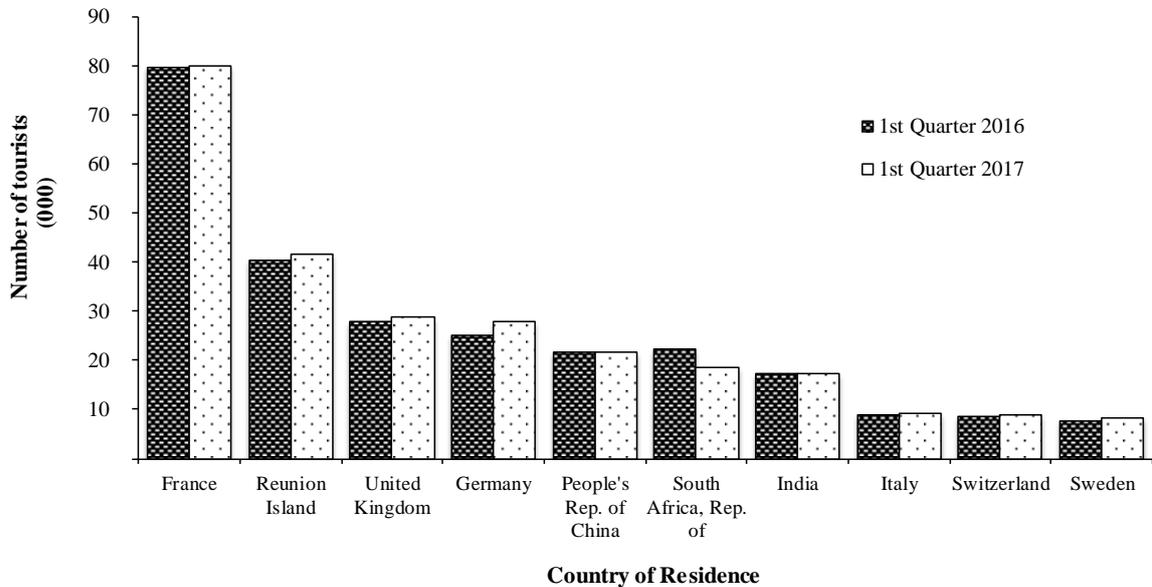
Compared to 1st Quarter 2016, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 11,846 or 3.6% to 339,682 in 1st Quarter 2017 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Quarter 2017 compared to 1st Quarter 2016



In the first quarter of 2017, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 0.5%. Among the emerging markets, Russian Federation posted an increase of 25.1% whereas India witnessed a decrease of 1.3%. Compared to 1st Quarter 2016, tourist arrivals from Republic of South Africa decreased by 16.4%.

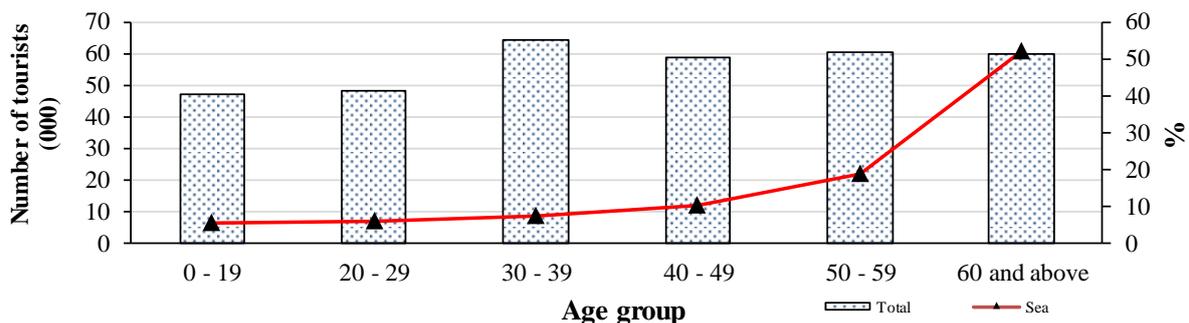
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 1st Quarter 2016 and 1st Quarter 2017



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first quarter of 2017, 60,252 or 17.7% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 52%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Quarter 2017



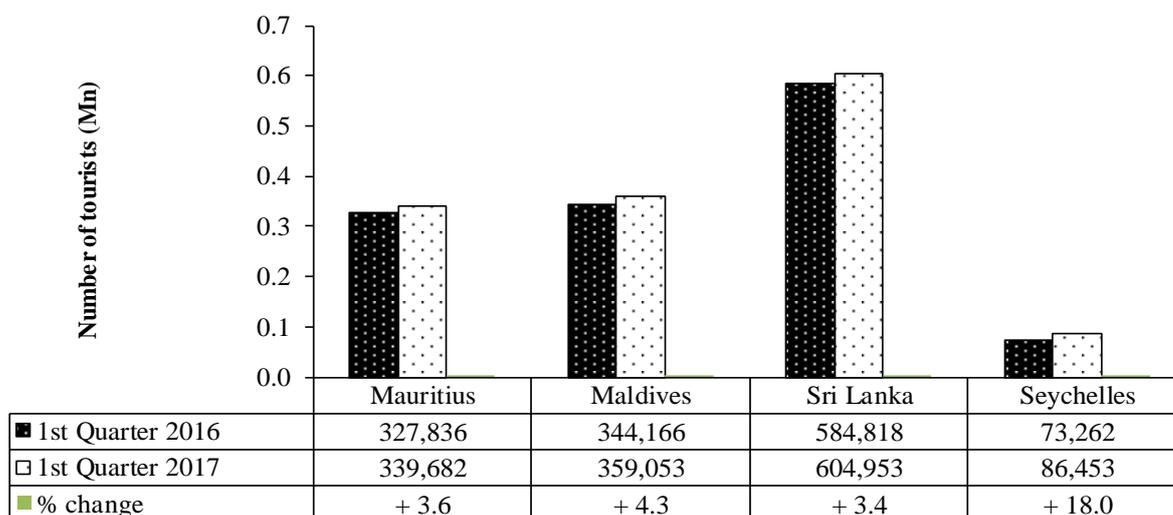
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during the 1st Quarter 2017, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates, which is the most used transiting port. For the 1st Quarter 2017, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russia was 61.2%. It is also worth noting that for the 1st Quarter 2017, less than half of the tourists from Switzerland, Italy and People's Rep. of China 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 1st Quarter 2017, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 3.6%. This compares favorably with Sri Lanka where a growth of 3.4% was observed. However, Seychelles and Maldives registered higher growths of 18.0% and 4.3% respectively.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Quarter 2016 and 1st Quarter 2017



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 1st Quarter 2016:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st Quarter 2017 increased by 4.4% from 3,796,072 to 3,963,664; and
- the average length of stay remained the same at 10.8 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 March 2017, there were 109 licensed hotels of which 106 were in operation and 3 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 106 hotels was 13,293 with 28,667 bed places.

During the 1st Quarter 2017,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 79%, up from 76% in 1st Quarter 2016; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 70%, higher than the 68% registered in 1st Quarter 2016.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of March 2017, 55 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,327 with 22,554 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 52% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 77.7% of total room capacity and 78.7% of total bed places.

During the 1st Quarter 2017,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 80%, same as in 1st Quarter 2016;
- the bed occupancy rate was 72%, higher than the 71% recorded in 1st Quarter 2016.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2017

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2017 is revised upwards from 1,340,000 to 1,350,000. This represents an increase of 5.9% over the figure of 1,275,227 in 2016.

The Bank of Mauritius is maintaining the forecast of tourism earnings at Rs 58 billion for year 2017. This figure represents an increase of 3.8% over the Rs 55.9 billion for 2016.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2015 - 2017

Month	2015		2016		2017 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	139,076	164,024	157,574	182,555	166,017	193,128
February	116,453	114,890	133,906	136,073	138,288	141,162
March	130,539	135,445	142,232	142,346	146,494	150,720
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>386,068</u>	<u>414,359</u>	<u>433,712</u>	<u>460,974</u>	<u>450,799</u>	<u>485,010</u>
April	123,409	122,212	126,517	132,081		
May	113,225	124,533	122,611	128,915		
June	91,330	88,098	98,732	94,919		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>327,964</u>	<u>334,843</u>	<u>347,860</u>	<u>355,915</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>714,032</i>	<i>749,202</i>	<i>781,572</i>	<i>816,889</i>		
July	128,120	114,026	143,129	127,740		
August	124,102	135,486	129,965	143,246		
September	111,049	110,025	120,119	119,467		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>363,271</u>	<u>359,537</u>	<u>393,213</u>	<u>390,453</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,077,303</i>	<i>1,108,739</i>	<i>1,174,785</i>	<i>1,207,342</i>		
October	137,559	132,869	163,535	154,367		
November	135,816	133,874	151,934	156,444		
December	172,543	144,680	196,105	163,096		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>445,918</u>	<u>411,423</u>	<u>511,574</u>	<u>473,907</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>809,189</i>	<i>770,960</i>	<i>904,787</i>	<i>864,360</i>		
Whole Year	1,523,221	1,520,162	1,686,359	1,681,249		

¹ 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

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Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation ¹, 1st Quarter 2016 and 2017

Country of disembarkation	1 st Quarter 2016	1 st Quarter 2017 ²	% Change
EUROPE	11,425	11,915	+ 4.3
Austria	29	97	+ 234.5
France	6,560	5,995	- 8.6
Germany	538	727	+ 35.1
Italy	318	257	- 19.2
Switzerland	-	148	-
Turkey	496	987	+ 99.0
United Kingdom	3,479	3,701	+ 6.4
Other European	5	3	- 40.0
AFRICA	19,144	21,032	+ 9.9
Kenya	652	693	+ 6.3
Malagasy Republic	2,125	2,393	+ 12.6
Mozambique	-	106	-
Reunion Island	7,504	8,935	+ 19.1
Seychelles	2,238	2,175	- 2.8
South Africa, Rep. of	6,625	6,687	+ 0.9
Other African	-	43	-
ASIA	25,990	31,092	+ 19.6
People's Rep. of China	424	1,500	+ 253.8
Hong Kong SAR ³	956	1,030	+ 7.7
India	5,655	6,169	+ 9.1
Malaysia	3,224	4,046	+ 25.5
Singapore	360	2,479	+ 588.6
United Arab Emirates	15,361	15,858	+ 3.2
Other Asian	10	10	+ 0.0
OCEANIA	2,344	2,334	- 0.4
Australia	2,344	2,334	- 0.4
NOT STATED	1	0	- 100.0
All Countries	58,904	66,373	+ 12.7

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country² Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2015 - 2017

Month	2015	2016	2017 ¹
January	103,556	118,426	124,362
February	91,066	100,706	105,049
March	96,425	108,704	110,271
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>291,047</u>	<u>327,836</u>	<u>339,682</u>
April	90,221	91,992	
May	87,054	94,830	
June	65,459	71,806	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>242,734</u>	<u>258,628</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>533,781</i>	<i>586,464</i>	
July	95,694	108,122	
August	89,422	94,920	
September	84,456	91,384	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>269,572</u>	<u>294,426</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>803,353</i>	<i>880,890</i>	
October	109,014	130,421	
November	106,204	115,782	
December	132,681	148,134	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>347,899</u>	<u>394,337</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>617,471</i>	<i>688,763</i>	
Whole Year	1,151,252	1,275,227	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Quarter 2016 and 2017**

Purpose of visit	1 st Quarter 2016	1 st Quarter 2017 ¹	% Change
Holiday	309,587	319,344	+ 3.2
Business	10,310	11,314	+ 9.7
Transit	6,592	7,512	+ 14.0
Conference	774	978	+ 26.4
Sports	268	252	- 6.0
Other	305	282	- 7.5
Total	327,836	339,682	+ 3.6

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Table 5 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2016	2017 ¹				% Change Q1 2017/ Q1 2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
EUROPE	199,525	70,434	72,102	66,340	208,876	4.7
Austria	6,435	2,289	2,708	2,090	7,087	10.1
Belgium	3,289	886	912	1,058	2,856	-13.2
Bulgaria	834	150	175	90	415	-50.2
Czech Republic	3,294	1,236	1,805	1,497	4,538	37.8
Croatia	155	83	40	45	168	8.4
Denmark	3,286	1,013	1,227	869	3,109	-5.4
Estonia	197	115	64	73	252	27.9
Finland	2,503	899	926	505	2,330	-6.9
France	79,719	26,687	29,362	24,070	80,119	0.5
Germany	25,060	8,664	8,472	10,865	28,001	11.7
Greece	237	82	80	85	247	4.2
Hungary	1,253	534	505	325	1,364	8.9
Ireland	569	269	124	257	650	14.2
Italy	8,762	3,989	2,782	2,432	9,203	5.0
Latvia	198	67	75	65	207	4.5
Lithuania	248	171	223	93	487	96.4
Luxemburg	365	98	96	103	297	-18.6
Netherlands	1,608	719	730	686	2,135	32.8
Norway	1,635	334	536	295	1,165	-28.7
Poland	3,440	2,389	2,148	1,283	5,820	69.2
Portugal	739	142	245	246	633	-14.3
Romania	1,046	287	250	245	782	-25.2
Serbia	168	66	85	33	184	9.5
Slovakia	1,384	457	853	476	1,786	29.0
Slovenia	348	126	165	126	417	19.8
Spain	1,866	525	420	585	1,530	-18.0
Sweden	7,679	3,142	2,974	2,058	8,174	6.4
Switzerland	8,640	2,811	3,250	2,823	8,884	2.8
Turkey	1,241	590	223	286	1,099	-11.4
United Kingdom	27,859	8,791	9,135	10,987	28,913	3.8
<i>CIS² countries</i>	<i>5,099</i>	<i>2,693</i>	<i>1,372</i>	<i>1,570</i>	<i>5,635</i>	<i>10.5</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>29.4</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>39.6</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>3,220</i>	<i>1,898</i>	<i>993</i>	<i>1,136</i>	<i>4,027</i>	<i>25.1</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,499</i>	<i>596</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>279</i>	<i>1,133</i>	<i>-24.4</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Other European	369	130	140	119	389	5.4
AFRICA	71,071	31,580	12,808	24,630	69,018	-2.9
<i>IOC³ countries</i>	<i>44,476</i>	<i>23,778</i>	<i>6,541</i>	<i>15,271</i>	<i>45,590</i>	<i>2.5</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>26.1</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,811</i>	<i>918</i>	<i>889</i>	<i>806</i>	<i>2,613</i>	<i>-7.0</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>40,305</i>	<i>22,417</i>	<i>5,201</i>	<i>14,028</i>	<i>41,646</i>	<i>3.3</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,176</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>1,099</i>	<i>-6.5</i>
Algeria	56	12	16	27	55	-1.8
Angola	108	20	62	43	125	15.7
Benin	3	4	5	4	13	333.3
Botswana	216	56	39	65	160	-25.9
Burundi	18	4	2	2	8	-55.6
Cameroon	39	42	19	29	90	130.8
Congo	148	56	63	69	188	27.0
Egypt	131	43	30	89	162	23.7
Ethiopia	33	11	26	53	90	172.7
Gabon	51	5	24	19	48	-5.9
Ghana	161	36	60	114	210	30.4
Ivory Coast	50	31	40	20	91	82.0
Kenya	564	210	227	202	639	13.3
Lesotho	40	12	6	19	37	-7.5
Malawi	47	10	17	42	69	46.8

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd) - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2016	2017 ¹				% Change Q1 2017/ Q1 2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
Mayotte	156	37	129	134	300	92.3
Morocco	176	39	84	65	188	6.8
Mozambique	369	94	49	96	239	-35.2
Namibia	227	67	54	61	182	-19.8
Niger	30	10	15	14	39	30.0
Nigeria	281	58	95	91	244	-13.2
Rwanda	94	8	18	8	34	-63.8
Senegal	36	21	11	9	41	13.9
South Africa, Rep. of	22,394	6,522	4,754	7,456	18,732	-16.4
Sudan	10	6	2	55	63	530.0
Swaziland	84	32	20	54	106	26.2
Tanzania	156	38	55	90	183	17.3
Togo	10	4	3	6	13	30.0
Tunisia	97	32	46	36	114	17.5
Uganda	88	16	24	58	98	11.4
Zimbabwe	398	121	138	176	435	9.3
Zambia	163	46	53	78	177	8.6
Other African	161	99	81	75	255	58.4
ASIA	49,289	18,239	17,411	16,020	51,670	4.8
Afghanistan	210	56	50	62	168	-20.0
Bangladesh	153	102	57	134	293	91.5
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	301	109	84	94	287	-4.7
India	17,484	5,136	6,991	5,122	17,249	-1.3
Indonesia	704	139	269	571	979	39.1
Israel	247	124	186	132	442	78.9
Japan	616	187	156	239	582	-5.5
Korea Republic	1,190	462	496	552	1,510	26.9
Malaysia	597	436	476	627	1,539	157.8
Maldives	20	1	3	11	15	-25.0
Nepal	96	40	27	24	91	-5.2
Pakistan	437	78	58	83	219	-49.9
People's Rep. of China	21,741	9,928	6,749	5,122	21,799	0.3
Philippines	684	179	369	346	894	30.7
Singapore	376	187	203	237	627	66.8
Sri Lanka	79	21	42	42	105	32.9
Taiwan	449	113	215	143	471	4.9
Thailand	70	36	66	59	161	130.0
Vietnam	138	39	78	105	222	60.9
<i>MIDDLE EAST Countries</i>	<i>3,634</i>	<i>850</i>	<i>822</i>	<i>2,293</i>	<i>3,965</i>	<i>9.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>-70.3</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>672</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>449</i>	<i>455</i>	<i>-32.3</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>6.5</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>60.6</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>47.2</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>-11.4</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>-5.4</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>815</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>735</i>	<i>-9.8</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,840</i>	<i>470</i>	<i>576</i>	<i>1,401</i>	<i>2,447</i>	<i>33.0</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>-60.0</i>
Other Asian	63	16	14	22	52	-17.5
OCEANIA	3,596	1,670	967	1,232	3,869	7.6
Australia	3,276	1,567	857	1,131	3,555	8.5
New Zealand	144	57	55	66	178	23.6
Other Oceanian	176	46	55	35	136	-22.7
AMERICA	4,195	2,393	1,712	2,000	6,105	45.5
Brazil	488	531	214	375	1,120	129.5
Canada	1,300	528	412	530	1,470	13.1
USA	1,703	797	668	676	2,141	25.7
Other American	704	537	418	419	1,374	95.2
Others & not stated	160	46	49	49	144	-10.0
All countries	327,836	124,362	105,049	110,271	339,682	3.6

¹ Provisional⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 1st Quarter 2016 and 2017

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2016			1 st Quarter 2017 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	6,417	6,290	12,707	6,661	6,604	13,265
5 - 9	7,431	7,345	14,776	6,825	6,763	13,588
10 - 14	6,487	6,918	13,405	5,784	5,941	11,725
15 - 19	4,397	5,488	9,885	3,951	4,780	8,731
20 - 24	5,096	8,549	13,645	5,324	8,562	13,886
25 - 29	15,163	17,882	33,045	15,416	19,023	34,439
30 - 34	15,459	15,521	30,980	16,856	17,147	34,003
35 - 39	14,164	14,013	28,177	15,327	14,896	30,223
40 - 44	14,764	14,123	28,887	14,567	13,640	28,207
45 - 49	15,570	15,181	30,751	15,209	15,333	30,542
50 - 54	15,592	15,341	30,933	16,430	16,385	32,815
55 - 59	12,969	12,888	25,857	14,102	13,904	28,006
60 - 64	10,990	10,529	21,519	11,675	11,508	23,183
65 - 69	8,923	8,091	17,014	9,416	8,803	18,219
70 & over	8,902	7,353	16,255	10,225	8,625	18,850
Total	162,324	165,512	327,836	167,768	171,914	339,682

¹ Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Quarter 2016 and 2017**

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2016			1 st Quarter 2017 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	40,081	807	40,888	38,171	407	38,578
15 - 59	226,482	5,678	232,160	236,355	4,497	240,852
60 & over	49,336	5,452	54,788	54,853	5,399	60,252
Total	315,899	11,937	327,836	329,379	10,303	339,682

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Quarter 2017 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence											
		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	138,714	53,307	20,612	5,108	974	5,313	18,031	1,163	109	39	26	63	153
<i>of which:</i> France	61,356	49,386	1,586	1,441	4	861	1,096	500	88	8	11	29	43
Germany	25,630	2,221	17,469	331	17	626	193	67	3	6	1	15	27
Italy	2,554	14	2	2,456	-	33	3	3	3	-	1	1	-
Switzerland	5,470	555	405	90	-	3,392	117	188	4	2	-	-	2
Turkey	6,824	173	695	540	949	156	41	244	7	2	6	5	2
United Kingdom	19,466	776	145	177	3	114	16,535	34	2	21	7	13	42
AFRICA	97,437	16,798	2,183	365	40	822	1,874	210	39,752	17,776	1,758	1,085	695
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	1,053	42	12	3	5	9	56	3	26	16	21	60	27
Malagasy Republic	4,000	292	35	21	14	16	29	39	85	21	87	362	37
Reunion Island	57,756	14,921	492	66	2	343	201	32	39,411	111	73	355	88
Seychelles	4,640	1,162	77	15	6	56	94	48	15	43	1,451	73	35
South Africa, Rep. of	29,403	375	1,567	260	13	385	1,486	88	213	17,204	124	225	497
ASIA	90,372	6,950	3,644	2,469	84	2,183	8,681	2,464	1,240	625	15,398	20,525	714
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	2,982	20	4	4	-	3	19	9	16	2	8	2,330	3
India	14,341	47	24	8	-	7	101	3	109	471	12,802	5	33
Malaysia	7,572	262	67	10	1	17	79	82	695	43	153	2,892	375
People's Rep. of China	10,764	20	-	-	-	-	5	-	17	7	1	10,577	3
Singapore	1,724	99	8	4	-	6	18	15	243	17	24	41	53
United Arab Emirates	52,619	6,502	3,541	2,443	83	2,150	8,456	2,347	160	85	2,410	4,680	247
OCEANIA	2,856	137	20	2	-	1	92	-	252	239	3	5	1,911
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,856	137	20	2	-	1	92	-	252	239	3	5	1,911
AMERICA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>of which:</i> USA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total arrivals by air	329,379	77,192	26,459	7,944	1,098	8,319	28,678	3,837	41,353	18,679	17,185	21,678	3,473
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		64.0%	66.0%	30.9%	86.4%	40.8%	57.7%	N/A	95.3%	92.1%	74.5%	48.8%	55.0%
From United Arab Emirates		8.4%	13.4%	30.8%	7.6%	25.8%	29.5%	61.2%	0.4%	0.5%	14.0%	21.6%	7.1%
From Turkey		0.2%	2.6%	6.8%		1.9%	0.1%	6.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
From France			6.0%	18.1%	0.4%	10.3%	3.8%	13.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.2%
From Reunion Island		19.3%	1.9%	0.8%	0.2%	4.1%	0.7%	0.8%		0.6%	0.4%	1.6%	2.5%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	5.9%	3.3%	1.2%	4.6%	5.2%	2.3%	0.5%		0.7%	1.0%	14.3%

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² Special Administrative Region of China

N/A: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2014 - 2017

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs million)	
2014	1 st Quarter	263,060	291,790	3,334,838	11.4	11,516
	2 nd Quarter	227,087	231,222	2,437,104	10.5	11,061
	3 rd Quarter	234,908	228,381	2,630,231	11.5	9,655
	4 th Quarter	313,279	279,638	2,864,578	10.2	12,072
	Year	1,038,334	1,031,031	11,266,751	10.9	44,304
2015	1 st Quarter	291,047	316,947	3,505,837	11.1	13,172
	2 nd Quarter	242,734	248,010	2,484,439	10.0	11,068
	3 rd Quarter	269,572	262,581	2,936,125	11.2	10,929
	4 th Quarter	347,899	314,123	3,123,500	9.9	15,022
	Year	1,151,252	1,141,661	12,049,901	10.6	50,191 ⁴
2016	1 st Quarter	327,836	350,745	3,796,072	10.8	15,003
	2 nd Quarter	258,628	267,870	2,695,460	10.1	12,185
	3 rd Quarter	294,426	288,538	3,214,020	11.1	12,022
	4 th Quarter	394,337	352,972	3,412,355	9.7	16,657
	Year	1,275,227	1,260,125	13,117,907	10.4	55,867
2017 ³	1 st Quarter	339,682	367,720	3,963,664	10.8	16,086

¹ Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

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⁴ As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2014 - 2017

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
2014	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
2015	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
2016	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
	4th Qr.	111	13,547	29,139	56	10,480	22,839
2017 ²	1st Qr.	106 ³	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554

¹ Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational

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³ Excluding 3 hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2015 - 2017

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2015		2016		2017 ¹		2015		2016		2017 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	75	69	78	71	81	73	77	72	81	74	83	74
February	75	69	76	68	81	72	79	73	80	72	82	74
March	68	62	74	64	76	67	70	65	78	67	77	68
1st Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>
April	68	63	69	62			71	66	73	67		
May	66	60	67	60			68	63	69	62		
June	51	46	54	48			52	48	56	51		
2nd Quarter	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>			<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>		
1 st Semester	67	62	70	62			69	64	73	66		
July	61	58	65	60			65	62	68	64		
August	66	63	70	64			70	67	74	68		
September	70	64	75	65			74	68	78	68		
3rd Quarter	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>			<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>		
Jan. to Sep.	67	62	70	63			70	65	73	66		
October	74	65	81	72			77	69	84	75		
November	79	68	85	74			82	72	87	75		
December	78	71	81	73			81	74	82	75		
4th Quarter	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>			<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>		
2 nd Semester	72	65	76	68			75	69	79	71		
Year	70	63	73	65			72	67	76	68		

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Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2012 - 2016

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 ²
Establishments					
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 ³	3,946	3,865	3,817	3,804	3,789
Total	28,935	29,115	29,352	29,437	30,454

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

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³ 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.

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