

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Quarter 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2018. 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 2017 and 2018

	1 st Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	431,257	449,985	+ 4.3
Sea	19,542	25,190	+ 28.9
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>18,490</i>	<i>24,058</i>	<i>+30.1</i>
Total	450,799	475,175	+ 5.4
Departures by			
Air	463,327	476,372	+ 2.8
Sea	21,683	27,507	+ 26.9
Total	485,010	503,879	+3.9

¹ *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Quarter 2018

Compared to 1st Quarter 2017:

- total arrivals increased by 5.4% from 450,799 to 475,175, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 119;
- tourist arrivals increased by 4.9% from 339,682 to 356,415; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 30.2% from 10,171 to 13,246.

In the first quarter 2018, 18 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 24,058 cruise travellers which include 11,313 tourists, 4,980 excursionists, 117 Mauritian residents and 7,648 crew members.

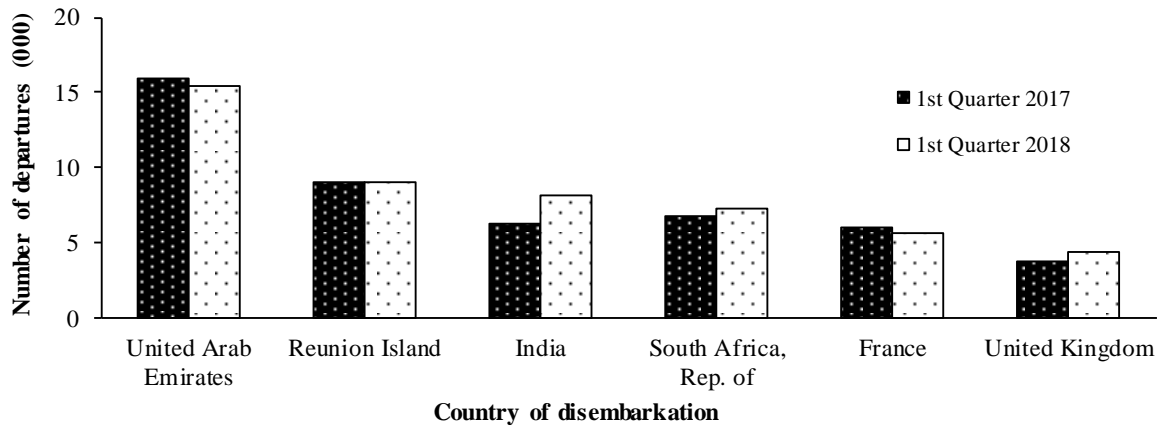
2.2 Departures in 1st Quarter 2018

Compared to 1st Quarter 2017:

- total departures increased by 3.9% from 485,010 to 503,879, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 176; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 3.3% from 66,373 to 68,576.

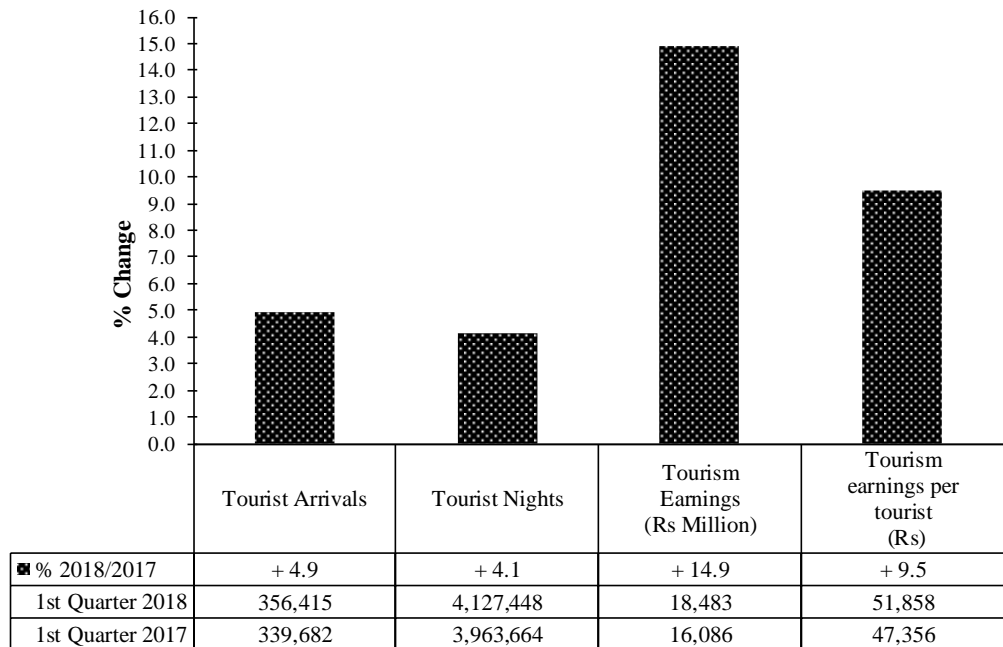
Comparative figures for the first Quarters of 2018 and 2017 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1st Quarter of 2018, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (15,401 or 22.5%), Reunion Island (8,947 or 13.0%), India (8,062 or 11.8%), South Africa, Rep. of (7,271 or 10.6%), France (5,555 or 8.1%) and United Kingdom (4,344 or 6.3%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Quarter of 2017 and 1st Quarter of 2018



3. TOURISM

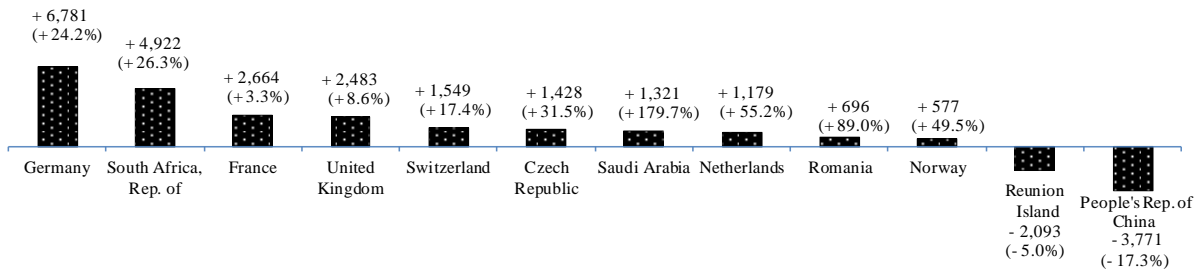
Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1st Quarter 2018 compared to 1st Quarter 2017



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

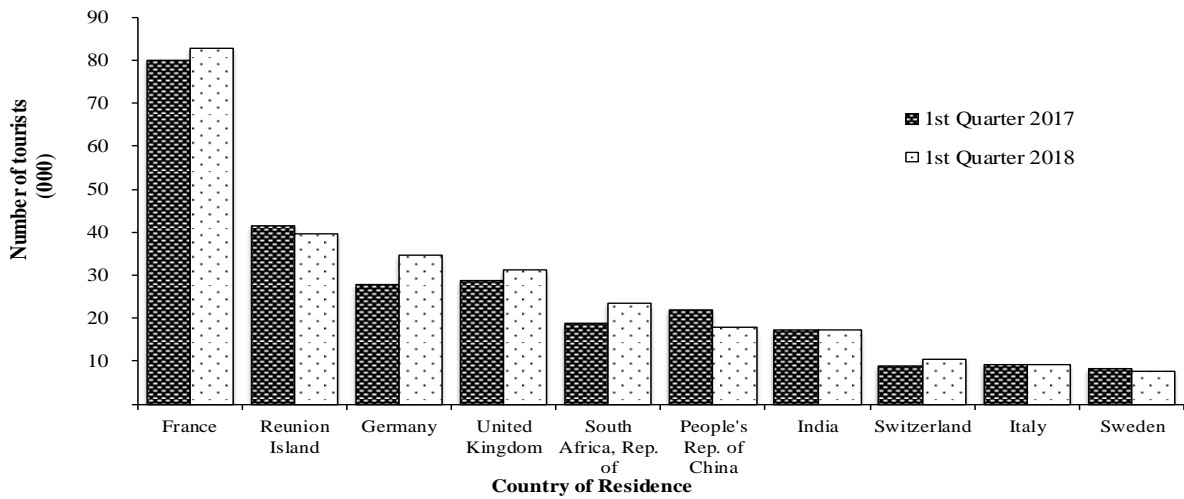
Compared to 1st Quarter 2017, tourist arrivals increased by 16,733 or 4.9% to reach 356,415 in 1st Quarter 2018 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Quarter 2018 compared to 1st Quarter 2017



In the first quarter of 2018, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 3.3% while Reunion Island decreased by 5.0%. It is worth noting that compared to 1st Quarter 2017, tourist arrivals from Netherlands increased by 55.2% as a result of direct flights. Among the emerging markets, India, Russian Federation and People’s Republic of China posted decreases of 0.2%, 3.0% and 17.3% respectively.

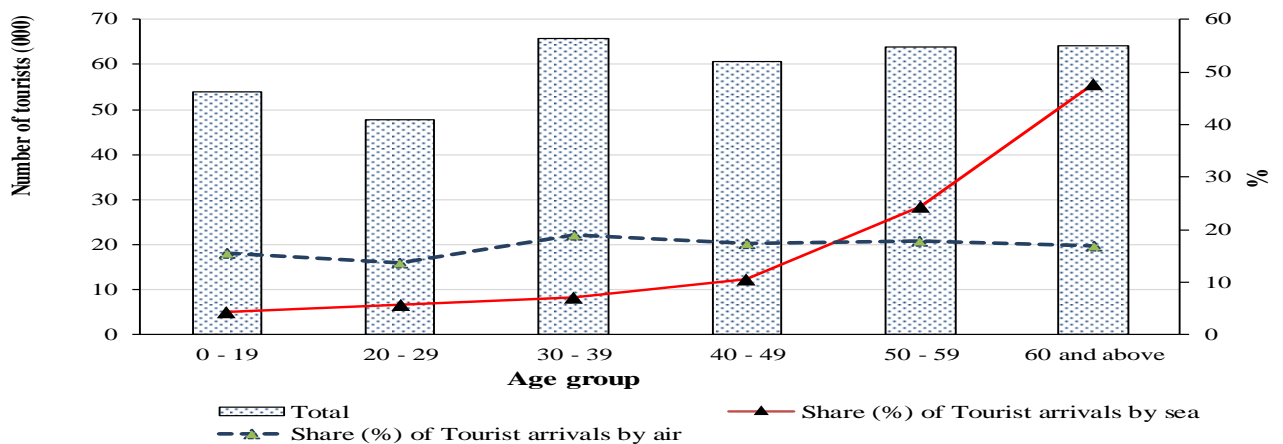
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 1st Quarter 2017 and 1st Quarter 2018



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 64,212 or 18.0% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 48%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Quarter 2018



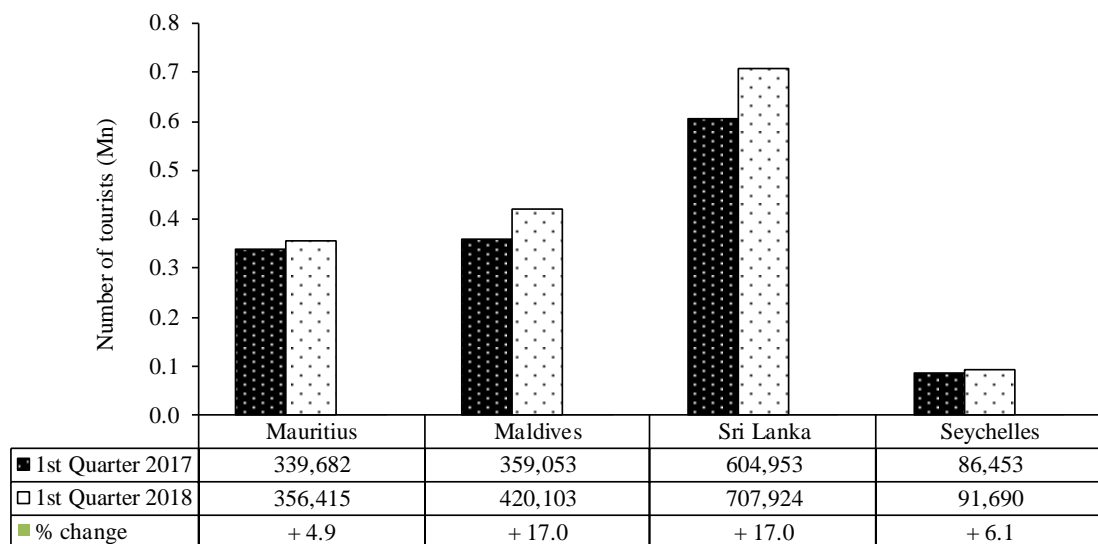
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air – Main port of last embarkation

From table 7, it is observed that during the 1st Quarter 2018, 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 flights. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the 1st Quarter 2018, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 54.4%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, 24.6% of tourists from Italy travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mainly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations

During the 1st Quarter 2018 while tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 4.9%, higher growths were observed for Maldives (+17.0%), Sri Lanka (+17.0%) and Seychelles (+6.1%).

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Quarter 2017 and 1st Quarter 2018



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 2017:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st Quarter 2018 increased by 4.1% from 3,963,664 to 4,127,448; and
- the average length of stay increased marginally from 10.8 to 10.9 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 2017 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 0.5% to 30,974 as compared to 30,806 for March 2016.

3.7 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of March 2018, there were 114 licensed hotels of which 113 were in operation and 1 was temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 113 hotels was 13,588 with 29,656 bed places.

During the 1st Quarter 2018,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 77%, lower compared to 79% in 1st Quarter 2017; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 70%, same as in 1st Quarter 2017.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of March 2018, 57 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,573 with 23,413 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 50% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 78% of total room capacity and 79% of total bed places.

During the 1st Quarter 2018,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 79% lower than the 80% registered in the 1st Quarter of 2017;
- the bed occupancy rate was 73%, higher than the 72% recorded in 1st Quarter 2017.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2018

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of 1,410,000 tourist arrivals for the year 2018 is maintained. This represents an increase of 5.1% over the figure of 1,341,860 in 2017.

The Bank of Mauritius is maintaining the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2018 at Rs 62.5 billion. This figure represents an increase of 3.7% compared to Rs 60.3 billion recorded in 2017.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2016 - 2018

Month	2016		2017		2018 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	157,574	182,555	166,017	193,128	167,277	197,507
February	133,906	136,073	138,288	141,162	151,682	148,811
March	142,232	142,346	146,494	150,720	156,216	157,561
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>433,712</u>	<u>460,974</u>	<u>450,799</u>	<u>485,010</u>	<u>475,175</u>	<u>503,879</u>
April	126,517	132,081	150,261	150,344		
May	122,611	128,915	126,064	132,489		
June	98,732	94,919	105,955	105,143		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>347,860</u>	<u>355,915</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>781,572</i>	<i>816,889</i>	<i>833,079</i>	<i>872,986</i>		
July	143,129	127,740	150,429	136,886		
August	129,965	143,246	137,706	146,592		
September	120,119	119,467	127,553	125,285		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>393,213</u>	<u>390,453</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,174,785</i>	<i>1,207,342</i>	<i>1,248,767</i>	<i>1,281,749</i>		
October	163,535	154,367	163,994	157,071		
November	151,934	156,444	159,898	161,905		
December	196,105	163,096	208,362	176,570		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>511,574</u>	<u>473,907</u>	<u>532,254</u>	<u>495,546</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>904,787</i>	<i>864,360</i>	<i>947,942</i>	<i>904,309</i>		
Whole Year	1,686,359	1,681,249	1,781,021	1,777,295		

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 disembarkation¹, 1st Quarter 2017 and 2018

Country of disembarkation	1 st Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018 ²	% Change
EUROPE	11,915	13,847	+ 16.2
Austria	97	85	- 12.4
France	5,995	5,555	- 7.3
Germany	727	796	+ 9.5
Italy	257	331	+ 28.8
Netherlands	0	336	-
Switzerland	148	444	+ 200.0
Turkey	987	1,932	+ 95.7
United Kingdom	3,701	4,344	+ 17.4
Other European	3	24	+ 700.0
AFRICA	21,032	21,514	+ 2.3
Kenya	693	565	- 18.5
Malagasy Republic	2,393	2,210	- 7.6
Mozambique	106	0	- 100.0
Reunion Island	8,935	8,947	+ 0.1
Seychelles	2,175	2,350	+ 8.0
South Africa, Rep. of	6,687	7,271	+ 8.7
Other African	43	171	+ 297.7
ASIA	31,092	30,714	- 1.2
People's Rep. of China	1,500	1,436	- 4.3
Hong Kong SAR ³	1,030	925	- 10.2
India	6,169	8,062	+ 30.7
Malaysia	4,046	344	- 91.5
Saudi Arabia	0	1,247	-
Singapore	2,479	3,299	+ 33.1
United Arab Emirates	15,858	15,401	- 2.9
Other Asian	10	0	- 100.0
OCEANIA	2,334	2,501	+ 7.2
Australia	2,334	2,501	+ 7.2
NOT STATED	0	0	-
All Countries	66,373	68,576	+ 3.3

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, 2016 - 2018

Month	2016	2017	2018 ¹
January	118,426	124,362	120,974
February	100,706	105,049	115,600
March	108,704	110,271	119,841
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>327,836</u>	<u>339,682</u>	<u>356,415</u>
April	91,992	111,432	
May	94,830	96,557	
June	71,806	78,188	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>258,628</u>	<u>286,177</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>586,464</i>	<i>625,859</i>	
July	108,122	112,347	
August	94,920	100,191	
September	91,384	96,282	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>294,426</u>	<u>308,820</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>880,890</i>	<i>934,679</i>	
October	130,421	130,070	
November	115,782	121,496	
December	148,134	155,615	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>394,337</u>	<u>407,181</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>688,763</i>	<i>716,001</i>	
Whole Year	1,275,227	1,341,860	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Quarter 2017 and 2018**

Purpose of visit	1 st Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018 ¹	% Change
Holiday	319,344	334,746	+ 4.8
Business	11,314	11,676	+ 3.2
Transit	7,512	8,599	+ 14.5
Conference	978	785	- 19.7
Sports	252	341	+ 35.3
Other	282	268	- 5.0
Total	339,682	356,415	+ 4.9

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2017	2018 ¹				% Change Q1 2018 / Q1 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
EUROPE	208,876	73,352	79,404	73,469	226,225	8.3
Austria	7,087	2,334	2,726	2,177	7,237	2.1
Belgium	2,856	818	778	1,066	2,662	-6.8
Bulgaria	415	338	314	262	914	120.2
Czech Republic	4,538	1,352	2,333	2,281	5,966	31.5
Croatia	168	117	70	91	278	65.5
Denmark	3,109	882	1,505	1,108	3,495	12.4
Estonia	252	172	183	118	473	87.7
Finland	2,330	792	851	777	2,420	3.9
France	80,119	28,222	30,547	24,014	82,783	3.3
Germany	28,001	10,127	12,343	12,312	34,782	24.2
Greece	247	63	72	48	183	-25.9
Hungary	1,364	639	548	412	1,599	17.2
Ireland	650	269	173	331	773	18.9
Italy	9,203	3,463	2,821	2,830	9,114	-1.0
Latvia	207	127	79	81	287	38.6
Lithuania	487	122	104	94	320	-34.3
Luxembourg	297	90	119	202	411	38.4
Netherlands	2,135	1,056	1,237	1,021	3,314	55.2
Norway	1,165	458	647	637	1,742	49.5
Poland	5,820	1,681	1,350	759	3,790	-34.9
Portugal	633	255	239	413	907	43.3
Romania	782	524	629	325	1,478	89.0
Serbia	184	102	107	63	272	47.8
Slovakia	1,786	574	731	823	2,128	19.1
Slovenia	417	151	235	118	504	20.9
Spain	1,530	565	550	964	2,079	35.9
Sweden	8,174	2,831	2,901	2,071	7,803	-4.5
Switzerland	8,884	3,165	3,445	3,823	10,433	17.4
Turkey	1,099	457	283	216	956	-13.0
United Kingdom	28,913	8,971	10,041	12,384	31,396	8.6
<i>CIS² countries</i>	5,635	2,501	1,319	1,479	5,299	-6.0
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	163	64	34	62	160	-1.8
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	201	41	24	60	125	-37.8
<i>Russian Federation</i>	4,027	1,872	969	1,067	3,908	-3.0
<i>Ukraine</i>	1,133	494	264	247	1,005	-11.3
<i>Other CIS</i>	111	30	28	43	101	-9.0
<i>Other European</i>	389	134	124	169	427	9.8
AFRICA	69,018	30,349	13,493	27,406	71,248	3.2
<i>IOC³ countries</i>	45,590	21,985	6,036	15,284	43,305	-5.0
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	232	56	95	81	232	0.0
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	2,613	603	809	1,104	2,516	-3.7
<i>Reunion Island</i>	41,646	20,996	4,832	13,725	39,553	-5.0
<i>Seychelles</i>	1,099	330	300	374	1,004	-8.6
Algeria	55	18	19	21	58	5.5
Angola	125	27	53	67	147	17.6
Benin	13	5	4	11	20	53.8
Botswana	160	35	57	71	163	1.9
Burundi	8	4	5	10	19	137.5
Cameroon	90	19	21	16	56	-37.8
Congo	188	37	42	41	120	-36.2
Egypt	162	35	48	50	133	-17.9
Ethiopia	90	12	14	18	44	-51.1
Gabon	48	6	10	12	28	-41.7
Ghana	210	57	49	58	164	-21.9
Ivory Coast	91	23	40	26	89	-2.2
Kenya	639	177	160	265	602	-5.8
Lesotho	37	26	23	18	67	81.1
Malawi	69	30	15	19	64	-7.2

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2017	2018 ¹				% Change Q1 2018 / Q1 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
Mayotte	300	34	155	83	272	-9.3
Morocco	188	54	79	71	204	8.5
Mozambique	239	71	52	64	187	-21.8
Namibia	182	82	56	102	240	31.9
Niger	39	6	5	13	24	-38.5
Nigeria	244	71	114	227	412	68.9
Rwanda	34	12	19	5	36	5.9
Senegal	41	10	15	14	39	-4.9
South Africa, Rep. of	18,732	7,196	6,076	10,382	23,654	26.3
Sudan	63	4	8	1	13	-79.4
Swaziland	106	32	17	28	77	-27.4
Tanzania	183	16	30	73	119	-35.0
Togo	13	1	2	12	15	15.4
Tunisia	114	38	33	29	100	-12.3
Uganda	98	32	23	46	101	3.1
Zimbabwe	435	108	96	134	338	-22.3
Zambia	177	42	61	63	166	-6.2
Other African	255	44	56	72	172	-32.5
ASIA	51,670	12,795	19,477	15,230	47,502	-8.1
Afghanistan	168	62	69	80	211	25.6
Bangladesh	293	224	58	45	327	11.6
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	287	59	98	158	315	9.8
India	17,249	5,057	6,248	5,905	17,210	-0.2
Indonesia	979	111	296	545	952	-2.8
Israel	442	125	170	115	410	-7.2
Japan	582	97	168	242	507	-12.9
Korea Republic	1,510	422	350	511	1,283	-15.0
Malaysia	1,539	87	165	207	459	-70.2
Maldives	15	0	2	7	9	-40.0
Nepal	91	98	24	42	164	80.2
Pakistan	219	110	122	100	332	51.6
People's Rep. of China	21,799	4,115	9,806	4,107	18,028	-17.3
Philippines	894	201	298	383	882	-1.3
Singapore	627	91	182	251	524	-16.4
Sri Lanka	105	31	30	40	101	-3.8
Taiwan	471	143	214	214	571	21.2
Thailand	161	14	23	44	81	-49.7
Vietnam	222	25	131	88	244	9.9
<i>MIDDLE EAST Countries</i>	<i>3,965</i>	<i>1,720</i>	<i>1,002</i>	<i>2,129</i>	<i>4,851</i>	<i>22.3</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>118.2</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>455</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>-67.5</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>-15.2</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>16.0</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>42.3</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>12.8</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>-15.1</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>735</i>	<i>1,233</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>2,056</i>	<i>179.7</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>2,447</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>1,294</i>	<i>2,243</i>	<i>-8.3</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>262.5</i>
Other Asian	52	3	21	17	41	-21.2
OCEANIA	3,869	1,796	1,163	1,537	4,496	16.2
Australia	3,555	1,685	1,039	1,382	4,106	15.5
New Zealand	178	53	70	88	211	18.5
Other Oceanian	136	58	54	67	179	31.6
AMERICA	6,105	2,653	2,035	2,138	6,826	11.8
Brazil	1,120	499	208	243	950	-15.2
Canada	1,470	533	538	585	1,656	12.7
USA	2,141	972	757	895	2,624	22.6
Other American	1,374	649	532	415	1,596	16.2
Others & not stated	144	29	28	61	118	-18.1
All countries	339,682	120,974	115,600	119,841	356,415	4.9

¹ Provisional⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 1st Quarter 2017 and 2018

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2017			1 st Quarter 2018 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	6,661	6,604	13,265	7,041	6,939	13,980
5 - 9	6,825	6,763	13,588	7,894	7,722	15,616
10 - 14	5,784	5,941	11,725	6,846	7,036	13,882
15 - 19	3,951	4,780	8,731	4,783	5,672	10,455
20 - 24	5,324	8,562	13,886	5,523	8,653	14,176
25 - 29	15,416	19,023	34,439	15,041	18,415	33,456
30 - 34	16,856	17,147	34,003	16,962	17,115	34,077
35 - 39	15,327	14,896	30,223	16,075	15,690	31,765
40 - 44	14,567	13,640	28,207	14,980	14,138	29,118
45 - 49	15,209	15,333	30,542	15,868	15,800	31,668
50 - 54	16,430	16,385	32,815	17,065	17,132	34,197
55 - 59	14,102	13,904	28,006	14,914	14,899	29,813
60 - 64	11,675	11,508	23,183	12,592	12,136	24,728
65 - 69	9,416	8,803	18,219	9,847	9,271	19,118
70 & over	10,225	8,625	18,850	11,183	9,183	20,366
Total	167,768	171,914	339,682	176,614	179,801	356,415

¹ Provisional**Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Quarter 2017 and 2018**

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2017			1 st Quarter 2018 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	38,171	407	38,578	43,098	380	43,478
15 - 59	236,355	4,497	240,852	242,746	5,979	248,725
60 & over	54,853	5,399	60,252	58,387	5,825	64,212
Total	329,379	10,303	339,682	344,231	12,184	356,415

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Quarter 2018 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	149,418	53,560	22,586	4,888	864	6,954	20,883	1,407	80	56	32	86	162
<i>of which:</i> France	59,806	46,309	1,800	1,277	2	1,206	1,718	529	52	11	10	14	75
Germany	23,726	1,730	16,865	293	9	497	329	73	2	3	5	16	19
Italy	2,247	21	10	2,100	0	46	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	6,868	843	742	62	2	4,559	82	21	3	2	2	4	2
Turkey	10,452	1,758	1,303	522	837	123	443	511	10	6	3	29	10
United Kingdom	21,866	1,510	172	212	2	71	17,838	56	6	32	11	11	21
AFRICA	103,410	20,663	2,340	445	35	900	2,222	254	37,221	21,948	1,635	794	836
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	913	53	8	5	0	14	78	4	62	16	17	35	43
Malagasy Republic	3,488	254	9	15	11	17	33	36	52	37	62	206	19
Reunion Island	58,801	18,340	524	79	9	356	225	46	36,652	208	191	213	80
Seychelles	4,868	1,442	108	22	0	124	101	64	13	29	1,248	71	37
South Africa, Rep. of	35,186	561	1,682	324	15	381	1,780	104	442	21,652	115	269	653
ASIA	87,851	6,947	4,384	3,211	34	2,231	7,663	2,134	1,540	1,312	15,444	17,034	519
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	3,794	40	7	0	0	1	32	5	37	8	4	2,885	39
India	15,669	67	9	6	0	6	96	3	115	1,112	13,418	11	38
Malaysia	2,794	278	14	4	0	8	40	9	737	65	29	118	81
People's Rep. of China	8,708	9	3	0	0	0	7	1	44	4	2	8,449	4
Singapore	1,381	143	7	3	0	1	25	18	294	43	11	72	35
United Arab Emirates	52,206	6,140	4,275	3,167	19	2,191	7,402	2,066	288	77	1,951	5,469	319
OCEANIA	3,552	181	16	7	0	10	108	0	298	303	8	3	2,341
<i>of which:</i> Australia	3,552	181	16	7	0	10	108	0	298	303	8	3	2,341
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i> USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	344,231	81,351	29,326	8,551	933	10,095	30,876	3,795	39,139	23,619	17,119	17,917	3,858
<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		56.9%	57.5%	24.6%	89.7%	45.2%	57.8%	Nap	93.6%	91.7%	78.4%	47.2%	60.7%
From United Arab Emirates		7.5%	14.6%	37.0%	2.0%	21.7%	24.0%	54.4%	0.7%	0.3%	11.4%	30.5%	8.3%
From Turkey		2.2%	4.4%	6.1%		1.2%	1.4%	13.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
From France			6.1%	14.9%	0.2%	11.9%	5.6%	13.9%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.9%
From Reunion Island		22.5%	1.8%	0.9%	1.0%	3.5%	0.7%	1.2%		0.9%	1.1%	1.2%	2.1%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.7%	5.7%	3.8%	1.6%	3.8%	5.8%	2.7%	1.1%		0.7%	1.5%	16.9%

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² Special Administrative Region of China

Nap: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2015 - 2018

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)	
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	1 st Quarter	339,682	367,720	3,963,664	10.8	16,086
	2 nd Quarter	286,177	291,523	2,890,284	9.9	13,233
	3 rd Quarter	308,820	300,429	3,295,083	11.0	12,777
	4 th Quarter	407,181	361,468	3,491,720	9.7	18,166
	Year	1,341,860	1,321,140	13,640,751	10.3	60,262
2018 ³	1 st Quarter	356,415	380,086	4,127,448	10.9	18,483

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

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

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2015 - 2018

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
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	1st Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554
	2nd Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235
	3rd Qr.	108	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251
	4th Qr.	111	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579
2018 ²	1st Qr.	113 ³	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413

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

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³ Excluding one hotel not operational because of renovation works

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2016 - 2018

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2016		2017		2018 ¹		2016		2017		2018 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	78	71	81	73	77	70	81	74	83	74	78	72
February	76	68	81	72	79	71	80	72	82	74	81	74
March	74	64	76	67	76	69	78	67	77	68	78	72
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>
April	69	62	78	68			73	67	80	71		
May	67	60	68	61			69	62	69	64		
June	54	48	60	52			56	51	61	55		
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>			<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	70	62	74	66			73	66	76	68		
July	65	60	73	66			68	64	76	69		
August	70	64	75	67			74	68	79	71		
September	75	65	77	67			78	68	79	69		
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>			<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	70	63	74	66			73	66	76	68		
October	81	72	85	75			84	75	87	78		
November	85	74	86	74			87	75	87	75		
December	81	73	81	72			82	75	82	73		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>			<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	76	68	79	70			79	71	82	73		
Year	73	65	77	68			76	68	79	70		

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Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2013 - 2017

Year Establishments	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 ²
Food Service	3,027	3,167	3,249	3,348	3,142
Hotels	22,432	22,593	22,630	23,669	24,134
Travel and Other Services ³	3,865	3,817	3,804	3,789	3,698
Total	29,324	29,577	29,683	30,806	30,974

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 within ten 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) 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.

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