INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM
JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months 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, January-September 2017 and 2018

	January-September 2017	January-September 2018 [1]	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,223,266	1,275,231	+ 4.2
Sea	25,501	32,139	+ 26.0
of which Cruise travellers	*22,204*	*29,208*	*+ 31.5*
Total	**1,248,767**	**1,307,370**	**+ 4.7**
Departures by			
Air	1,254,842	1,307,976	+ 4.2
Sea	26,907	34,217	+ 27.2
Total	**1,281,749**	**1,342,193**	**+ 4.7**

[1] Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2018

Compared to the period January to September 2017:

- total arrivals increased by 4.7% from 1,248,767 to 1,307,370, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 400;
- tourist arrivals increased by 4.3% from 934,679 to 975,066; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 21.8% from 19,585 to 23,848.

In the first nine months of 2018, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 29,208 cruise travellers which include 11,461 tourists, 8,294 excursionists, 123 Mauritian residents and 9,330 crew members.
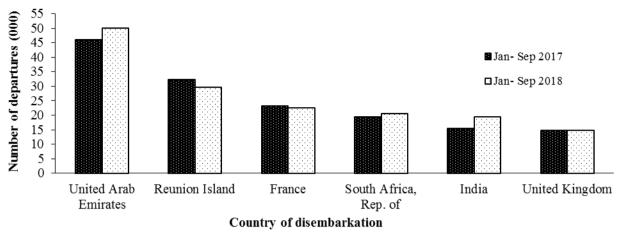
2.2 Departures in January to September 2018

Compared to the period January to September 2017:

- total departures increased by 4.7% from 1,281,749 to 1,342,193, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 451; and
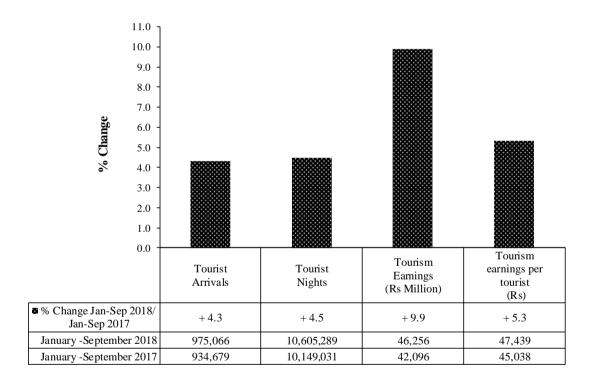- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 4.8% from 204,426 to 214,285.

Comparative figures for first nine months of 2017 and 2018 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2018, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (49,969 or 23.3%), Reunion Island (29,465 or 13.8%), France (22,548 or 10.5%), South Africa, Rep. of (20,567 or 9.6%), India (19,359 or 9.0%) and United Kingdom (14,762 or 6.9%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation,
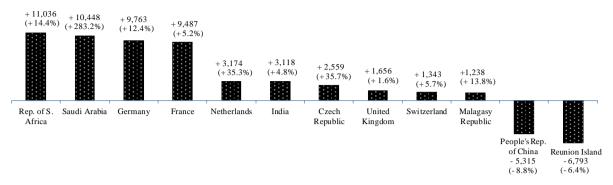January-September 2017 and January-September 2018**

3. TOURISM

**Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, January-September 2018
compared to January-September 2017**

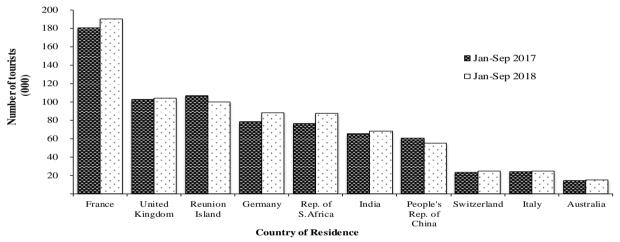|	Tourist Arrivals	Tourist Nights	Tourism Earnings (Rs Million)	Tourism earnings per tourist (Rs)
% Change Jan-Sep 2018/ Jan-Sep 2017	+ 4.3	+ 4.5	+ 9.9	+ 5.3
January -September 2018	975,066	10,605,289	46,256	47,439
January -September 2017	934,679	10,149,031	42,096	45,038

3.1 Tourist Arrivals

Compared to the first nine months of 2017, tourist arrivals increased by 40,387 or 4.3% to reach 975,066 for the corresponding period of 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, January-September 2018 compared to January-September 2017

In the first nine months of 2018, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 5.2% while Reunion Island decreased by 6.4%. It is worth noting that compared to the period January to September 2017, tourist arrivals from Saudi Arabia and Netherlands increased by 283.2% and 35.3% respectively as a result of direct flights. Among the main markets, Republic of South Africa and Germany recorded growths of 14.4% and 12.4% respectively whereas People's Republic of China witnessed a decrease of 8.8%.
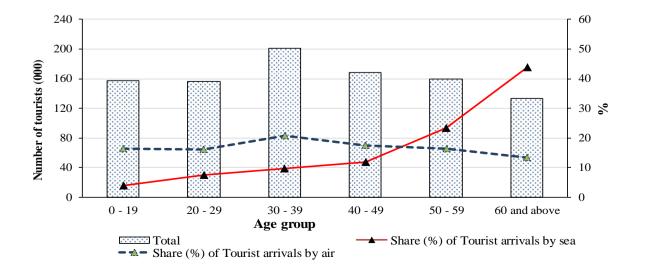
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main markets, January-September 2017 and January-September 2018

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 133,377 or 13.7% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was 44%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, January-September 2018

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 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 first nine months of 2018, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates was 59.9%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, some 48% of the tourists from Germany and 43% from Netherlands travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mainly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations

During the first nine months of 2018, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 4.3%. This compares favorably with Seychelles where a growth of 0.6 % was observed. However, Sri Lanka and Maldives registered higher growths of 11.6 % and 8.3 % respectively.

**Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles,
January-September 2017 and January-September 2018**

	Mauritius	Maldives	Sri Lanka	Seychelles
■ Jan- Sep 2017	934,679	998,009	1,551,931	259,280
□ Jan- Sep 2018	975,066	1,080,459	1,731,922	260,861
■ % change	+ 4.3	+ 8.3	+ 11.6	+ 0.6

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 2017:
- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2018 increased by 4.5% from 10,149,031 to 10,605,289; and
- the average length of stay remained the same at 10.6 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 2018 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 0.3% to 31,019 as compared to 30,919 for March 2017.

3.7 Accommodation

<u>Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius</u>

As at end of September 2018, there were 115 licensed hotels of which 108 were in operation and 7 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 108 hotels was 12,867 with 28,481 bed places.

During the first nine months of 2018,
- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, slightly lower compared to 74% in the first nine months of 2017; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, same as in the corresponding period of 2017.

<u>'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius</u>

At the end of September 2018, 55 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,075 with 22,676 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 51% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 78% of total room capacity and 80% of total bed places.

During the first nine months of 2018,
- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 75% compared to 76% registered in the first nine months of 2017;
- the bed occupancy rate was 69% compared to 68% for the corresponding period of 2017.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2018 and 2019

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2018 is maintained at 1,395,000, representing an increase of 4.0% over the figure of 1,341,860 in 2017. The forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2019 is estimated at 1,450,000.

The Bank of Mauritius is maintaining the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2018 at Rs 64 billion. This figure represents an increase of 6.2% compared to Rs 60.3 billion recorded in 2017. For the year 2019, tourism earnings are forecasted at Rs 67.5 billion.

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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
1st Quarter	433,712	460,974	450,799	485,010	475,175	503,879
April	126,517	132,081	150,261	150,344	146,421	150,938
May	122,611	128,915	126,064	132,489	130,231	139,992
June	98,732	94,919	105,955	105,143	113,689	111,463
2nd Quarter	347,860	355,915	382,280	387,976	390,341	402,393
1st Semester	*781,572*	*816,889*	*833,079*	*872,986*	*865,516*	*906,272*
July	143,129	127,740	150,429	136,886	156,110	143,654
August	129,965	143,246	137,706	146,592	148,643	156,601
September	120,119	119,467	127,553	125,285	137,101	135,666
3rd Quarter	393,213	390,453	415,688	408,763	441,854	435,921
Jan. to Sep.	*1,174,785*	*1,207,342*	*1,248,767*	*1,281,749*	*1,307,370*	*1,342,193*
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		
4th Quarter	511,574	473,907	532,254	495,546		
2nd Semester	*904,787*	*864,360*	*947,942*	*904,309*		
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*

[2] *Provisional*

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation[1], January to September 2017 and 2018

Country of disembarkation	January - September 2017	January - September 2018 [2]	% Change
EUROPE	**46,651**	**50,108**	**+ 7.4**
Austria	146	89	- 39.0
France	23,166	22,548	- 2.7
Germany	2,594	2,744	+ 5.8
Italy	1,524	516	- 66.1
Netherlands	0	1,457	-
Switzerland	188	560	+ 197.9
Turkey	4,260	7,385	+ 73.4
United Kingdom	14,747	14,762	+ 0.1
Other European	26	47	+ 80.8
AFRICA	**67,947**	**66,600**	**- 2.0**
Kenya	1,934	2,664	+ 37.7
Malagasy Republic	6,859	6,708	- 2.2
Reunion Island	32,095	29,465	- 8.2
Seychelles	7,097	6,510	- 8.3
South Africa, Rep. of	19,409	20,567	+ 6.0
Other African	553	686	+ 24.1
ASIA	**83,998**	**91,104**	**+ 8.5**
People's Rep. of China	4,543	2,280	- 49.8
Hong Kong SAR [3]	3,320	3,803	+ 14.5
India	15,438	19,359	+ 25.4
Malaysia	4,620	1,227	- 73.4
Saudi Arabia	16	3,953	+ 24606.3
Singapore	10,184	10,509	+ 3.2
United Arab Emirates	45,853	49,969	+ 9.0
Other Asian	24	4	- 83.3
OCEANIA	**5,824**	**6,472**	**+ 11.1**
Australia	5,824	6,472	+ 11.1
NOT STATED	**6**	**1**	**- 83.3**
All Countries	**204,426**	**214,285**	**+ 4.8**

[1] *Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country*

[2] *Provisional*

[3] *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
1st Quarter	327,836	339,682	356,415
April	91,992	111,432	104,967
May	94,830	96,557	101,138
June	71,806	78,188	84,345
2nd Quarter	258,628	286,177	290,450
1st Semester	*586,464*	*625,859*	*646,865*
July	108,122	112,347	115,881
August	94,920	100,191	109,471
September	91,384	96,282	102,849
3rd Quarter	294,426	308,820	328,201
Jan. to Sep.	*880,890*	*934,679*	*975,066*
October	130,421	130,070	
November	115,782	121,496	
December	148,134	155,615	
4th Quarter	394,337	407,181	
2nd Semester	*688,763*	*716,001*	
Whole Year	**1,275,227**	**1,341,860**	

[1] *Provisional*

Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January - September 2017 and 2018

Purpose of visit	January - September 2017	January - September 2018 [1]	% Change
Holiday	875,444	907,504	+ 3.7
Business	34,385	37,398	+ 8.8
Transit	18,232	21,831	+ 19.7
Conference	3,699	5,842	+ 57.9
Sports	1,926	1,582	- 17.9
Other	993	909	- 8.5
Total	**934,679**	**975,066**	+ 4.3

[1] *Provisional*

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January to September 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2017	2018 [1]										% Change Jan-Sep 2018 / Jan-Sep 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
EUROPE	**522,079**	**73,352**	**79,404**	**73,469**	**66,349**	**49,030**	**35,936**	**58,726**	**56,907**	**57,269**	**550,442**	**5.4**
Austria	11,694	2,334	2,726	2,177	1,047	789	474	858	725	878	12,008	2.7
Belgium	11,028	818	778	1,066	1,623	819	943	2,047	1,157	1,206	10,457	-5.2
Bulgaria	829	338	314	262	126	55	49	27	42	53	1,266	52.7
Czech Republic	7,177	1,352	2,333	2,281	1,190	502	395	509	357	817	9,736	35.7
Croatia	421	117	70	91	67	20	38	30	42	46	521	23.8
Denmark	5,170	882	1,505	1,108	259	201	114	750	193	225	5,237	1.3
Estonia	344	172	183	118	12	10	23	25	6	30	579	68.3
Finland	2,846	792	851	777	79	103	79	88	81	128	2,978	4.6
France	180,930	28,222	30,547	24,014	28,000	17,978	9,695	19,763	19,003	13,195	190,417	5.2
Germany	78,443	10,127	12,343	12,312	8,006	10,271	6,476	7,831	8,010	12,830	88,206	12.4
Greece	784	63	72	48	63	58	84	66	95	58	607	-22.6
Hungary	1,994	639	548	412	157	90	79	110	70	104	2,209	10.8
Ireland	2,940	269	173	331	225	276	425	382	352	391	2,824	-3.9
Italy	23,830	3,463	2,821	2,830	2,995	1,371	1,722	1,965	3,968	3,241	24,376	2.3
Latvia	454	127	79	81	54	38	27	22	9	30	467	2.9
Lithuania	810	122	104	94	47	57	39	32	31	42	568	-29.9
Luxembourg	1,237	90	119	202	311	88	45	134	281	127	1,397	12.9
Netherlands	9,001	1,056	1,237	1,021	1,263	1,027	1,083	2,251	1,848	1,389	12,175	35.3
Norway	3,435	458	647	637	155	108	437	987	138	249	3,816	11.1
Poland	8,079	1,681	1,350	759	694	380	497	533	436	660	6,990	-13.5
Portugal	3,345	255	239	413	307	457	288	449	566	664	3,638	8.8
Romania	1,765	524	629	325	268	220	182	183	177	319	2,827	60.2
Serbia	380	102	107	63	28	23	33	21	31	34	442	16.3
Slovakia	2,598	574	731	823	396	172	106	74	70	166	3,112	19.8
Slovenia	886	151	235	118	195	84	81	112	46	77	1,099	24.0
Spain	11,383	565	550	964	578	697	725	2,368	2,861	2,132	11,440	0.5
Sweden	10,267	2,831	2,901	2,071	279	205	352	382	153	226	9,400	-8.4
Switzerland	23,553	3,165	3,445	3,823	4,618	1,599	1,102	3,014	1,258	2,872	24,896	5.7
Turkey	2,130	457	283	216	190	140	166	146	199	153	1,950	-8.5
United Kingdom	102,467	8,971	10,041	12,384	11,629	10,270	9,667	12,961	14,088	14,112	104,123	1.6
CIS [2] countries	*10,679*	*2,501*	*1,319*	*1,479*	*1,351*	*850*	*434*	*469*	*459*	*687*	*9,549*	*-10.6*
of which:												
Belarus	*346*	*64*	*34*	*62*	*39*	*22*	*21*	*26*	*20*	*25*	*313*	*-9.5*
Kazakhstan	*310*	*41*	*24*	*60*	*7*	*10*	*11*	*23*	*15*	*20*	*211*	*-31.9*
Russian Federation	*7,678*	*1,872*	*969*	*1,067*	*1,070*	*612*	*268*	*298*	*308*	*486*	*6,950*	*-9.5*
Ukraine	*2,107*	*494*	*264*	*247*	*223*	*188*	*119*	*101*	*91*	*141*	*1,868*	*-11.3*
Other CIS	*238*	*30*	*28*	*43*	*12*	*18*	*15*	*21*	*25*	*15*	*207*	*-13.0*
Other European	1,180	134	124	169	137	72	76	137	155	128	1,132	-4.1
AFRICA	**214,221**	**30,349**	**13,493**	**27,406**	**21,310**	**26,046**	**20,817**	**30,024**	**25,906**	**24,341**	**219,692**	**2.6**
IOC [3] countries	*120,763*	*21,985*	*6,036*	*15,284*	*7,765*	*16,344*	*7,416*	*18,019*	*12,806*	*8,921*	*114,576*	*-5.1*
of which:												
Comoros	*654*	*56*	*95*	*81*	*93*	*86*	*58*	*74*	*53*	*106*	*702*	*7.3*
Malagasy Republic	*8,956*	*603*	*809*	*1,104*	*1,227*	*1,070*	*900*	*1,335*	*1,882*	*1,264*	*10,194*	*13.8*
Reunion Island	*106,888*	*20,996*	*4,832*	*13,725*	*5,998*	*14,705*	*6,083*	*16,246*	*10,374*	*7,136*	*100,095*	*-6.4*
Seychelles	*4,265*	*330*	*300*	*374*	*447*	*483*	*375*	*364*	*497*	*415*	*3,585*	*-15.9*
Algeria	320	18	19	21	16	20	22	28	48	31	223	-30.3
Angola	346	27	53	67	71	23	45	55	36	48	425	22.8
Benin	80	5	4	11	9	10	18	4	18	10	89	11.3
Botswana	684	35	57	71	71	104	56	139	99	121	753	10.1
Burundi	80	4	5	10	8	6	6	11	5	12	67	-16.3
Cameroon	266	19	21	16	30	31	38	49	63	61	328	23.3
Congo	536	37	42	41	82	52	37	46	65	37	439	-18.1
Egypt	556	35	48	50	52	64	64	64	84	65	526	-5.4
Ethiopia	294	12	14	18	21	80	29	21	13	29	237	-19.4
Gabon	114	6	10	12	17	13	21	14	15	7	115	0.9
Ghana	671	57	49	58	81	57	116	83	85	121	707	5.4
Ivory Coast	338	23	40	26	48	25	61	40	54	30	347	2.7
Kenya	2,442	177	160	265	250	236	452	375	527	322	2,764	13.2
Lesotho	150	26	23	18	5	25	17	82	35	18	249	66.0
Malawi	273	30	15	19	22	51	16	65	32	55	305	11.7

[1] *Provisional*   [2] *Commonwealth of Independent States*   [3] *Indian Ocean Commission*

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January to September 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2017	2018 [1]										% Change Jan-Sep 2018 / Jan-Sep 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
Mayotte	870	34	155	83	148	143	39	169	63	40	874	0.5
Morocco	564	54	79	71	78	64	70	74	119	66	675	19.7
Mozambique	637	71	52	64	48	44	48	84	59	59	529	-17.0
Namibia	1,055	82	56	102	183	184	58	77	180	83	1,005	-4.7
Niger	120	6	5	13	9	7	39	8	8	20	115	-4.2
Nigeria	864	71	114	227	123	137	334	164	197	199	1,566	81.3
Rwanda	164	12	19	5	5	9	24	27	28	31	160	-2.4
Senegal	211	10	15	14	23	14	44	27	13	20	180	-14.7
South Africa, Rep. of	76,448	7,196	6,076	10,382	11,482	7,830	11,222	9,644	10,371	13,281	87,484	14.4
Sudan	146	4	8	1	9	3	16	3	4	16	64	-56.2
Kingdom of Eswatini [4]	368	32	17	28	17	41	26	46	63	34	304	-17.4
Tanzania	541	16	30	73	58	45	63	82	71	88	526	-2.8
Togo	63	1	2	12	1	4	10	6	5	8	49	-22.2
Tunisia	463	38	33	29	29	24	26	39	51	22	291	-37.1
Uganda	403	32	23	46	36	58	57	49	53	86	440	9.2
Zimbabwe	1,832	108	96	134	285	166	125	170	375	190	1,649	-10.0
Zambia	660	42	61	63	76	66	84	125	132	83	732	10.9
Other African	899	44	56	72	152	66	118	135	129	127	899	0.0
ASIA	**164,931**	**12,795**	**19,477**	**15,230**	**13,790**	**23,002**	**24,066**	**22,496**	**22,948**	**17,030**	**170,834**	**3.6**
Afghanistan	538	62	69	80	50	50	41	57	68	52	529	-1.7
Bangladesh	742	224	58	45	49	61	68	124	41	112	782	5.4
Hong Kong SAR [5]	1,112	59	98	158	81	75	118	139	191	167	1,086	-2.3
India	65,267	5,057	6,248	5,905	5,967	13,825	11,896	7,500	6,714	5,273	68,385	4.8
Indonesia	2,172	111	296	545	110	117	136	107	207	347	1,976	-9.0
Israel	1,133	125	170	115	77	314	78	120	143	385	1,527	34.8
Japan	1,728	97	168	242	186	155	135	153	168	206	1,510	-12.6
Korea Republic	4,535	422	350	511	655	610	529	377	337	489	4,280	-5.6
Malaysia	3,574	87	165	207	219	159	309	118	230	254	1,748	-51.1
Maldives	46	0	2	7	1	6	15	3	5	2	41	-10.9
Nepal	258	98	24	42	38	41	70	35	44	25	417	61.6
Pakistan	792	110	122	100	127	145	80	144	48	54	930	17.4
People's Rep. of China	60,332	4,115	9,806	4,107	4,166	5,622	6,007	6,548	8,101	6,545	55,017	-8.8
Philippines	2,137	201	298	383	187	202	162	149	266	276	2,124	-0.6
Singapore	2,228	91	182	251	223	141	272	286	239	241	1,926	-13.6
Sri Lanka	343	31	30	40	55	62	38	25	32	66	379	10.5
Taiwan	1,291	143	214	214	89	97	74	157	227	286	1,501	16.3
Thailand	462	14	23	44	56	28	31	41	54	33	324	-29.9
Vietnam	471	25	131	88	19	23	31	88	56	63	524	11.3
MIDDLE EAST Countries	*15,484*	*1,720*	*1,002*	*2,129*	*1,404*	*1,258*	*3,951*	*6,298*	*5,743*	*2,118*	*25,623*	*65.5*
of which:												
Bahrain	*125*	*2*	*10*	*12*	*10*	*12*	*30*	*46*	*38*	*17*	*177*	*41.6*
Iran	*553*	*2*	*17*	*129*	*6*	*12*	*13*	*24*	*18*	*8*	*229*	*-58.6*
Jordan	*142*	*4*	*6*	*18*	*10*	*5*	*10*	*16*	*22*	*12*	*103*	*-27.5*
Kuwait	*479*	*18*	*50*	*55*	*42*	*14*	*123*	*81*	*121*	*51*	*555*	*15.9*
Lebanon	*322*	*31*	*33*	*47*	*37*	*20*	*49*	*49*	*48*	*53*	*367*	*14.0*
Oman	*167*	*10*	*19*	*15*	*4*	*12*	*24*	*52*	*38*	*18*	*192*	*15.0*
Qatar	*195*	*16*	*4*	*25*	*8*	*44*	*32*	*26*	*30*	*5*	*190*	*-2.6*
Saudi Arabia	*3,689*	*1,233*	*305*	*518*	*550*	*356*	*2,236*	*3,992*	*3,716*	*1,231*	*14,137*	*283.2*
United Arab Emirates	*9,760*	*398*	*551*	*1,294*	*730*	*778*	*1,430*	*1,999*	*1,704*	*704*	*9,588*	*-1.8*
Other Middle East	*52*	*6*	*7*	*16*	*7*	*5*	*4*	*13*	*8*	*19*	*85*	*63.5*
Other Asian	286	3	21	17	31	11	25	27	34	36	205	-28.3
OCEANIA	**15,708**	**1,796**	**1,163**	**1,537**	**1,918**	**1,280**	**1,689**	**2,286**	**2,077**	**2,406**	**16,152**	**2.8**
Australia	14,574	1,685	1,039	1,382	1,830	1,147	1,558	2,103	1,943	2,279	14,966	2.7
New Zealand	730	53	70	88	54	81	80	89	102	92	709	-2.9
Other Oceanian	404	58	54	67	34	52	51	94	32	35	477	18.1
AMERICA	**17,246**	**2,653**	**2,035**	**2,138**	**1,550**	**1,738**	**1,806**	**2,318**	**1,597**	**1,765**	**17,600**	**2.1**
Brazil	3,215	499	208	243	285	374	177	209	216	406	2,617	-18.6
Canada	4,756	533	538	585	389	458	602	904	518	412	4,939	3.8
USA	6,522	972	757	895	635	677	896	1,013	647	733	7,225	10.8
Other American	2,753	649	532	415	241	229	131	192	216	214	2,819	2.4
Others & not stated	**494**	**29**	**28**	**61**	**50**	**42**	**31**	**31**	**36**	**38**	**346**	**-30.0**
All countries	**934,679**	**120,974**	**115,600**	**119,841**	**104,967**	**101,138**	**84,345**	**115,881**	**109,471**	**102,849**	**975,066**	**4.3**

[1] *Provisional*   [4] *Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland*   [5] *Special Administrative Region of China*

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, January - September 2017 and 2018

Age group (years)	January - September 2017			January - September 2018 [1]		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	17,584	17,461	35,045	18,823	18,277	37,100
5 - 9	20,582	20,238	40,820	21,880	21,439	43,319
10 - 14	19,813	19,917	39,730	21,084	20,886	41,970
15 - 19	15,172	17,654	32,826	16,039	18,587	34,626
20 - 24	17,237	27,295	44,532	17,716	27,942	45,658
25 - 29	48,953	59,975	108,928	49,471	61,225	110,696
30 - 34	52,973	51,151	104,124	55,631	53,331	108,962
35 - 39	44,854	41,739	86,593	47,847	44,065	91,912
40 - 44	41,310	38,282	79,592	42,958	39,378	82,336
45 - 49	43,098	41,196	84,294	43,967	41,939	85,906
50 - 54	43,317	41,647	84,964	44,110	42,662	86,772
55 - 59	35,064	33,132	68,196	37,056	35,376	72,432
60 - 64	26,768	25,234	52,002	28,610	26,636	55,246
65 - 69	19,149	17,530	36,679	20,154	18,506	38,660
70 & over	19,386	16,968	36,354	21,294	18,177	39,471
Total	**465,260**	**469,419**	**934,679**	**486,640**	**488,426**	**975,066**

[1] *Provisional*

Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, January to September 2017 and 2018

Age group (years)	January - September 2017			January - September 2018 [1]		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	115,171	424	115,595	122,005	384	122,389
15 - 59	687,659	6,390	694,049	712,001	7,299	719,300
60 & over	119,355	5,680	125,035	127,400	5,977	133,377
Total	**922,185**	**12,494**	**934,679**	**961,406**	**13,660**	**975,066**

[1] *Provisional*

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January - September 2018 [1]

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	**326,322**	**110,909**	**54,689**	**9,024**	**7,230**	**14,255**	**1,570**	**60,769**	**2,134**	**189**	**216**	**105**	**200**	**524**
of which: France	136,384	96,671	6,731	3,156	1,060	4,107	12	4,770	821	141	61	34	46	237
Germany	53,048	3,257	39,265	558	443	1,165	18	886	120	7	16	7	34	66
Italy	3,302	35	13	3,086	1	67	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	1
Netherlands	21,549	2,939	2,874	687	5,153	853	2	1,778	139	7	35	3	15	28
Switzerland	10,634	1,174	1,033	101	40	7,309	4	151	36	3	2	2	6	3
Turkey	22,770	4,236	3,774	991	224	396	1,522	1,269	791	22	13	13	58	34
United Kingdom	59,424	2,331	390	374	286	192	2	51,771	81	8	87	46	39	127
AFRICA	**317,434**	**56,764**	**7,770**	**2,118**	**1,757**	**2,752**	**134**	**7,492**	**452**	**96,600**	**81,955**	**6,400**	**3,036**	**2,482**
of which: Kenya	7,386	220	68	38	63	43	4	448	9	120	271	353	372	167
Malagasy Republic	13,301	743	115	94	140	90	72	244	112	195	138	317	616	198
Reunion Island	163,281	52,616	2,819	286	291	1,381	16	832	77	95,662	971	842	827	297
Seychelles	13,262	1,983	218	76	51	208	14	289	94	29	138	4,421	132	116
South Africa, Rep. of	119,831	1,173	4,536	1,620	1,212	1,016	28	5,669	160	594	80,426	457	1,088	1,698
ASIA	**304,612**	**20,958**	**20,235**	**12,641**	**3,094**	**7,523**	**217**	**35,019**	**4,211**	**2,473**	**4,360**	**61,652**	**51,545**	**1,410**
of which: Hong Kong SAR [2]	14,474	93	25	30	6	8	1	77	7	75	69	12	11,345	91
India	60,490	118	25	13	20	15	1	275	20	142	3,672	54,033	34	75
Malaysia	6,308	471	35	25	12	17	0	108	21	1,097	149	86	415	289
People's Rep. of China	28,309	15	8	5	0	0	0	14	2	59	12	4	27,897	9
Saudi Arabia	14,239	788	215	99	17	47	63	239	55	27	18	215	42	9
Singapore	5,058	320	29	22	10	158	0	96	21	631	170	78	312	187
United Arab Emirates	175,666	19,153	19,898	12,447	3,029	7,278	152	34,206	4,072	442	270	7,220	11,490	750
OCEANIA	**13,024**	**294**	**35**	**16**	**14**	**19**	**0**	**273**	**2**	**419**	**877**	**24**	**19**	**10,264**
of which: Australia	13,024	294	35	16	14	19	0	273	2	419	877	24	19	10,264
AMERICA	**14**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
of which: USA	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	**961,406**	**188,925**	**82,729**	**23,800**	**12,095**	**24,549**	**1,921**	**103,553**	**6,799**	**99,681**	**87,408**	**68,181**	**54,800**	**14,680**

of which:	France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence	51.2%	47.5%	13.0%	42.6%	29.8%	79.2%	50.0%	Napp	96.0%	92.0%	79.2%	50.9%	69.9%
From United Arab Emirates	10.1%	24.1%	52.3%	25.0%	29.6%	7.9%	33.0%	59.9%	0.4%	0.3%	10.6%	21.0%	5.1%
From Turkey	2.2%	4.6%	4.2%	1.9%	1.6%		1.2%	11.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France		8.1%	13.3%	8.8%	16.7%	0.6%	4.6%	12.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.6%
From Reunion Island	27.9%	3.4%	1.2%	2.4%	5.6%	0.8%	0.8%	1.1%		1.1%	1.2%	1.5%	2.0%
From Netherlands	1.6%	3.5%	2.9%		3.5%	0.1%	1.7%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
From South Africa, Rep. of	0.6%	5.5%	6.8%	10.0%	4.1%	1.5%	5.5%	2.4%	0.6%		0.7%	2.0%	11.6%

[1] *Provisional*

[2] *Special Administrative Region of China*

Napp: not applicable

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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	January to September	803,353	827,538	8,926,401	10.8	35,169
	Year	**1,151,252**	**1,141,661**	**12,049,901**	**10.6**	**50,191[4]**
2016	January to September	880,890	907,153	9,705,552	10.7	39,210
	Year	**1,275,227**	**1,260,125**	**13,117,907**	**10.4**	**55,867**
2017	January to September	934,679	959,672	10,149,031	10.6	42,096
	Year	**1,341,860**	**1,321,140**	**13,640,751**	**10.3**	**60,262**
2018[3]	January to September	975,066	1,003,414	10,605,289	10.6	46,256

[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

		Number as at end of period					
	Year	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	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413
	2nd Qr.	107	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638
	3rd Qr.	108[3]	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676

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

[2] *Provisional*

[3] *Excluding seven hotels 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
1st Quarter	76	68	79	70	77	70	80	71	80	72	79	73
April	69	62	78	68	73	67	73	67	80	71	75	70
May	67	60	68	61	70	63	69	62	69	64	72	65
June	54	48	60	52	60	53	56	51	61	55	62	56
2nd Quarter	63	57	69	61	68	61	66	60	70	63	70	64
1st Semester	70	62	74	66	73	66	73	66	76	68	74	68
July	65	60	73	66	68	63	68	64	76	69	71	66
August	70	64	75	67	76	70	74	68	79	71	79	74
September	75	65	77	67	79	69	78	68	79	69	82	72
3rd Quarter	70	63	75	67	74	68	73	67	78	70	77	71
Jan. to Sep.	70	63	74	66	73	66	73	66	76	68	75	69
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		
4th Quarter	82	73	84	73			84	75	85	75		
2nd Semester	76	68	79	70			79	71	82	73		
Year	73	65	77	68			76	68	79	70		

[1] Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large [1] establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2014 - 2018

Year / Establishments	2014	2015	2016 [2]	2017 [2]	2018 [3]
Food Service	3,167	3,249	3,371	3,168	3,256
Hotels	22,593	22,630	23,624	24,087	24,132
Travel and Other Services [4]	3,817	3,804	3,755	3,664	3,631
Total	**29,577**	**29,683**	**30,750**	**30,919**	**31,019**

[1] Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

[2] Revised

[3] Provisional

[4] 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.

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