

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Year 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 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, 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,727,316	1,790,292	+ 3.6
Sea	53,705	71,997	+ 34.1
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	49,355	67,515	+ 36.8
Total	1,781,021	1,862,289	+ 4.6
Departures by			
Air	1,725,057	1,789,398	+ 3.7
Sea	52,238	70,299	+ 34.6
Total	1,777,295	1,859,697	+ 4.6

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 2018

Compared to 2017:

- total arrivals increased by 4.6% from 1,781,021 to 1,862,289, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 511;
- tourist arrivals increased by 4.3% from 1,341,860 to 1,399,408, of which cruise tourists amounted to 36,796 compared to 26,124 in 2017, representing a growth of 40.9%; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 7.1% from 29,615 to 31,709.

In 2018, 42 cruise ships arrived in the country compared to 30 cruise ships in 2017 and carried some 67,515 cruise travellers which include 36,796 tourists, 9,294 excursionists, 722 Mauritian residents and 20,703 crew members.

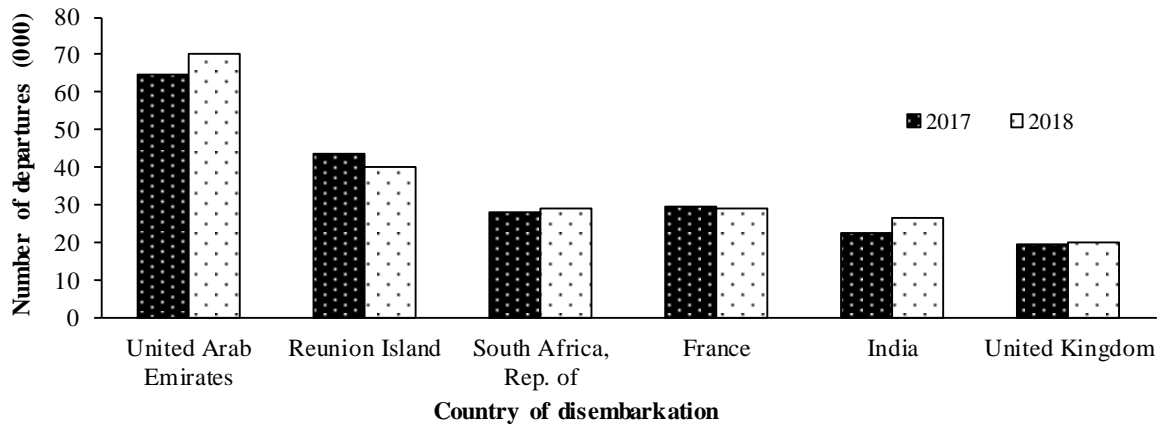
2.2 Departures in 2018

Compared to 2017:

- total departures increased by 4.6% from 1,777,295 to 1,859,697, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 489; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 4.7% from 282,764 to 296,083.

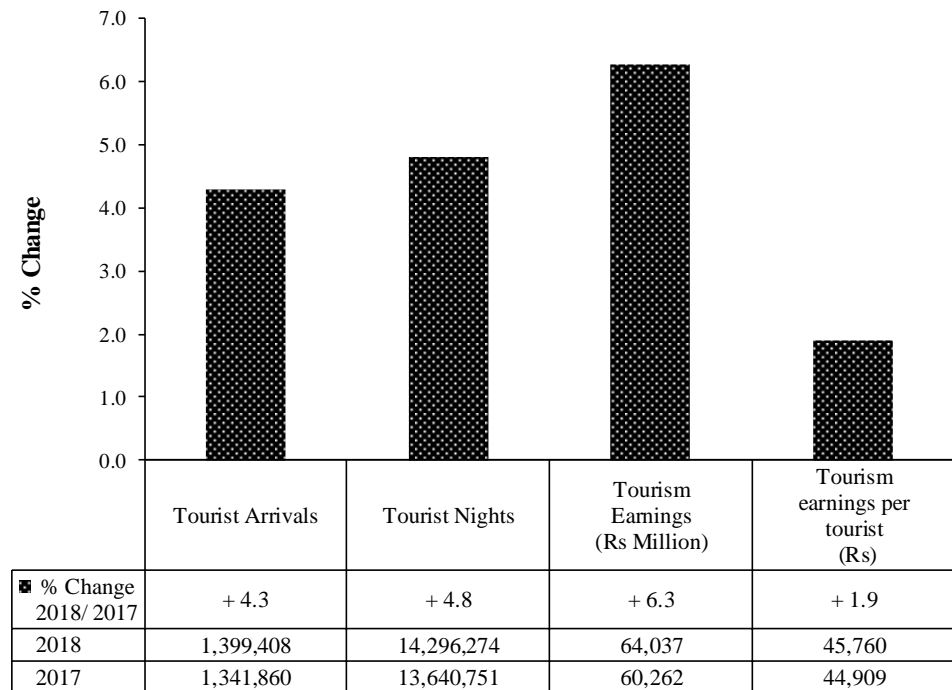
Comparative figures for 2017 and 2018 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2018, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (70,193 or 23.7%), Reunion Island (40,081 or 13.5%), Republic of S.Africa (29,002 or 9.8%), France (28,925 or 9.8%), India (26,607 or 9.0%) and United Kingdom (19,698 or 6.7%).

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



3. TOURISM

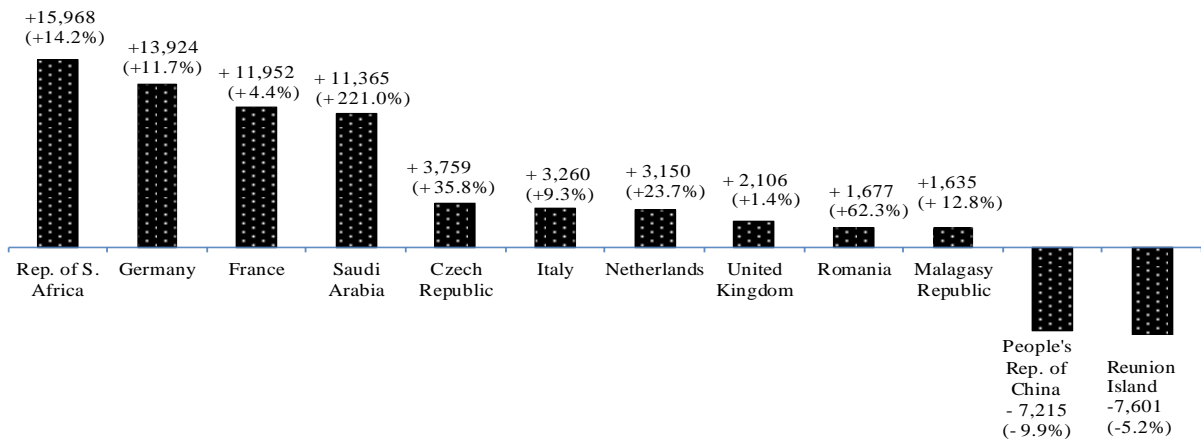
Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 2018 compared to 2017



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

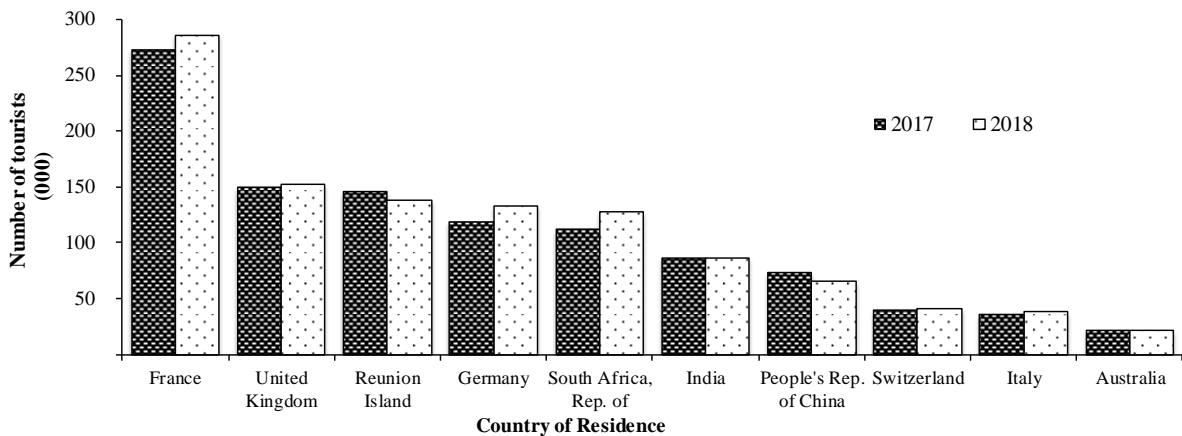
Compared to 2017, tourist arrivals increased by 57,548 or 4.3% to reach 1,399,408 in 2018 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

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



In 2018, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 4.4% while Reunion Island decreased by 5.2%. It is worth noting that compared to 2017, tourist arrivals from Saudi Arabia and Netherlands increased by 221.0% and 23.7% respectively as a result of direct flights. Among the main markets, Republic of South Africa and Germany recorded growths of 14.2% and 11.7% respectively whereas People’s Republic of China witnessed a decrease of 9.9%.

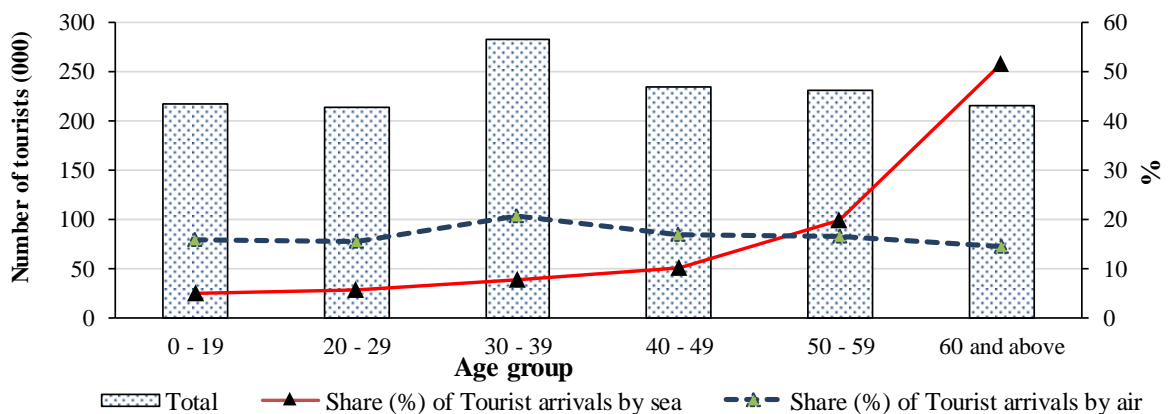
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main markets, 2017 and 2018



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 216,080 or 15.4% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was 51.7%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 2018



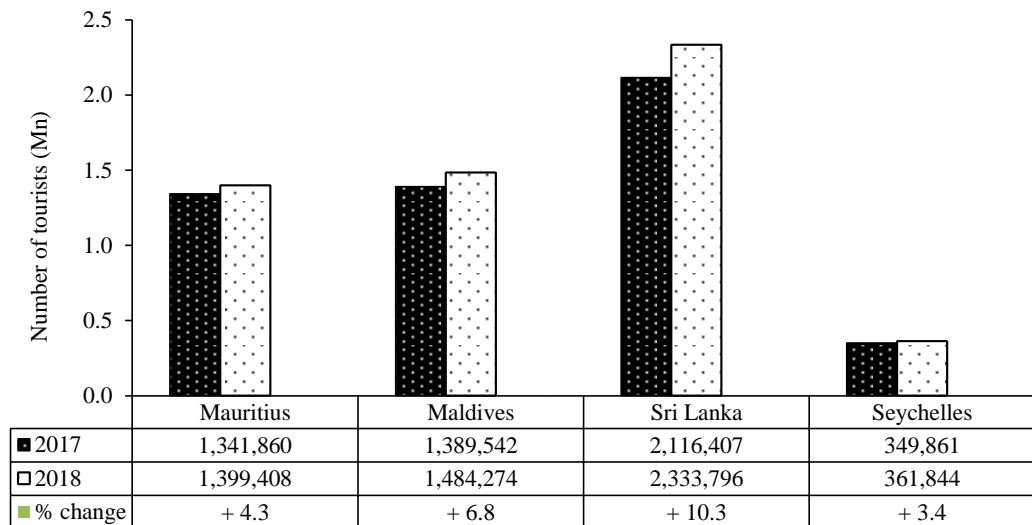
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during 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 connections. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For 2018, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 59.0%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, some 48% of the tourists from Germany and 45% from Netherlands travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mainly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations

During 2018, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 4.3%. This compares favorably with Seychelles where a growth of 3.4% was observed. However, Sri Lanka and Maldives registered higher growths of 10.3% and 6.8% respectively.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2017 and 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 2017:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2018 increased by 4.8% from 13,640,751 to 14,296,274; and
- the average length of stay increased marginally from 10.3 to 10.4 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

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of December 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 13,523 with 30,296 bed places.

During the year 2018,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 75%, compared to 77% in 2017; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 67%, slightly lower than the recorded 68% for 2017.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of December 2018, 56 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,469 with 23,942 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 50% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 77% of total room capacity and 79% of total bed places.

During the year 2018,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 77% compared to 79% registered in 2017;
- the bed occupancy rate was 70%, same as in 2017.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2019

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of 1,450,000 tourist arrivals for the year 2019 is maintained, representing an increase of 3.6% over the figure of 1,399,408 in 2018.

The Bank of Mauritius is maintaining the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2019 at Rs 67.5 billion. This figure represents an increase of 5.4% compared to Rs 64.0 billion recorded in 2018.

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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	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
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>347,860</u>	<u>355,915</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>	<u>390,341</u>	<u>402,393</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>781,572</i>	<i>816,889</i>	<i>833,079</i>	<i>872,986</i>	<i>865,516</i>	<i>906,272</i>
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
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>393,213</u>	<u>390,453</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>	<u>441,854</u>	<u>435,921</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>	<i>1,307,370</i>	<i>1,342,193</i>
October	163,535	154,367	163,994	157,071	169,570	158,783
November	151,934	156,444	159,898	161,905	173,830	179,434
December	196,105	163,096	208,362	176,570	211,519	179,287
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>511,574</u>	<u>473,907</u>	<u>532,254</u>	<u>495,546</u>	<u>554,919</u>	<u>517,504</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>904,787</i>	<i>864,360</i>	<i>947,942</i>	<i>904,309</i>	<i>996,773</i>	<i>953,425</i>
Whole Year	1,686,359	1,681,249	1,781,021	1,777,295	1,862,289	1,859,697

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 disembarkation¹, 2017 and 2018

Country of disembarkation	2017	2018 ²	% Change
EUROPE	61,370	67,450	+ 9.9
Austria	222	228	+ 2.7
France	29,268	28,925	- 1.2
Germany	3,334	3,904	+ 17.1
Italy	1,873	856	- 54.3
Netherlands	158	1,812	+ 1046.8
Switzerland	675	1,166	+ 72.7
Turkey	6,390	10,813	+ 69.2
United Kingdom	19,423	19,698	+ 1.4
Other European	27	48	+ 77.8
AFRICA	93,638	92,531	- 1.2
Kenya	2,514	4,205	+ 67.3
Malagasy Republic	8,418	8,833	+ 4.9
Reunion Island	43,561	40,081	- 8.0
Seychelles	10,703	9,509	- 11.2
South Africa, Rep. of	27,751	29,002	+ 4.5
Other African	691	901	+ 30.4
ASIA	119,339	127,253	+ 6.6
People's Rep. of China	5,731	2,503	- 56.3
Hong Kong SAR ³	4,807	5,090	+ 5.9
India	22,493	26,607	+ 18.3
Malaysia	5,281	1,670	- 68.4
Saudi Arabia	1,468	5,472	+ 272.8
Singapore	14,974	15,714	+ 4.9
United Arab Emirates	64,558	70,193	+ 8.7
Other Asian	27	4	- 85.2
OCEANIA	8,411	8,848	+ 5.2
Australia	8,411	8,848	+ 5.2
NOT STATED	6	1	- 83.3
All Countries	282,764	296,083	+ 4.7

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, 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	104,967
May	94,830	96,557	101,138
June	71,806	78,188	84,345
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>258,628</u>	<u>286,177</u>	<u>290,450</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>586,464</i>	<i>625,859</i>	<i>646,865</i>
July	108,122	112,347	115,881
August	94,920	100,191	109,471
September	91,384	96,282	102,849
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>294,426</u>	<u>308,820</u>	<u>328,201</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>880,890</i>	<i>934,679</i>	<i>975,066</i>
October	130,421	130,070	134,052
November	115,782	121,496	132,247 ²
December	148,134	155,615	158,043
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>394,337</u>	<u>407,181</u>	<u>424,342</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>688,763</i>	<i>716,001</i>	<i>752,543</i>
Whole Year	1,275,227	1,341,860	1,399,408

¹ Provisional² Revised**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2017 and 2018**

Purpose of visit	2017	2018 ¹	% Change
Holiday	1,260,231	1,307,653	+ 3.8
Business	46,856	50,463	+ 7.7
Transit	25,134	29,908	+ 19.0
Conference	5,700	8,010	+ 40.5
Sports	2,592	2,137	- 17.6
Other	1,347	1,237	- 8.2
Total	1,341,860	1,399,408	+ 4.3

¹ Provisional

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

Country of residence	Year 2017	2018 ¹													% Change 2018 / 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov ²	Dec	Year	
EUROPE	780,209	73,352	79,404	73,469	66,349	49,030	35,936	58,726	56,907	57,269	85,253	94,271	94,368	824,334	5.7
Austria	17,596	2,334	2,726	2,177	1,047	789	474	858	725	878	1,811	2,682	2,071	18,572	5.5
Belgium	16,420	818	778	1,066	1,623	819	943	2,047	1,157	1,206	1,907	1,637	1,726	15,727	-4.2
Bulgaria	1,386	338	314	262	126	55	49	27	42	53	150	163	334	1,913	38.0
Czech Republic	10,495	1,352	2,333	2,281	1,190	502	395	509	357	817	977	1,711	1,830	14,254	35.8
Croatia	675	117	70	91	67	20	38	30	42	46	75	103	124	823	21.9
Denmark	6,971	882	1,505	1,108	259	201	114	750	193	225	832	702	647	7,418	6.4
Estonia	808	172	183	118	12	10	23	25	6	30	32	170	268	1,049	29.8
Finland	4,461	792	851	777	79	103	79	88	81	128	204	872	895	4,949	10.9
France	273,419	28,222	30,547	24,014	28,000	17,978	9,695	19,763	19,003	13,195	30,935	31,150	32,869	285,371	4.4
Germany	118,856	10,127	12,343	12,312	8,006	10,271	6,476	7,831	8,010	12,830	12,941	17,158	14,475	132,780	11.7
Greece	1,034	63	72	48	63	58	84	66	95	58	91	114	125	937	-9.4
Hungary	2,829	639	548	412	157	90	79	110	70	104	302	304	462	3,277	15.8
Ireland	4,020	269	173	331	225	276	425	382	352	391	473	345	362	4,004	-0.4
Italy	35,101	3,463	2,821	2,830	2,995	1,371	1,722	1,965	3,968	3,241	3,701	4,747	5,537	38,361	9.3
Latvia	672	127	79	81	54	38	27	22	9	30	113	107	113	800	19.0
Lithuania	1,046	122	104	94	47	57	39	32	31	42	68	116	77	829	-20.7
Luxembourg	1,802	90	119	202	311	88	45	134	281	127	161	178	188	1,924	6.8
Netherlands	13,269	1,056	1,237	1,021	1,263	1,027	1,083	2,251	1,848	1,389	1,344	1,453	1,447	16,419	23.7
Norway	5,005	458	647	637	155	108	437	987	138	249	277	590	649	5,332	6.5
Poland	11,318	1,681	1,350	759	694	380	497	533	436	660	564	1,782	1,470	10,806	-4.5
Portugal	4,254	255	239	413	307	457	288	449	566	664	471	405	398	4,912	15.5
Romania	2,691	524	629	325	268	220	182	183	177	319	361	539	641	4,368	62.3
Serbia	605	102	107	63	28	23	33	21	31	34	49	55	110	656	8.4
Slovakia	3,735	574	731	823	396	172	106	74	70	166	243	446	436	4,237	13.4
Slovenia	1,312	151	235	118	195	84	81	112	46	77	241	154	247	1,741	32.7
Spain	15,252	565	550	964	578	697	725	2,368	2,861	2,132	1,520	921	1,182	15,063	-1.2
Sweden	15,516	2,831	2,901	2,071	279	205	352	382	153	226	953	2,043	3,143	15,539	0.1
Switzerland	40,252	3,165	3,445	3,823	4,618	1,599	1,102	3,014	1,258	2,872	6,448	5,372	4,364	41,080	2.1
Turkey	2,594	457	283	216	190	140	166	146	199	153	144	214	292	2,600	0.2
United Kingdom	149,807	8,971	10,041	12,384	11,629	10,270	9,667	12,961	14,088	14,112	16,571	16,377	14,842	151,913	1.4
<i>CIS³ countries</i>	<i>15,226</i>	<i>2,501</i>	<i>1,319</i>	<i>1,479</i>	<i>1,351</i>	<i>850</i>	<i>434</i>	<i>469</i>	<i>459</i>	<i>687</i>	<i>1,136</i>	<i>1,456</i>	<i>2,779</i>	<i>14,920</i>	<i>-2.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>480</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>6.0</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>402</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>-23.9</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>11,153</i>	<i>1,872</i>	<i>969</i>	<i>1,067</i>	<i>1,070</i>	<i>612</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>308</i>	<i>486</i>	<i>861</i>	<i>1,082</i>	<i>2,114</i>	<i>11,007</i>	<i>-1.3</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>2,854</i>	<i>494</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>223</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>426</i>	<i>2,765</i>	<i>-3.1</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>337</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
Other European	1,782	134	124	169	137	72	76	137	155	128	158	205	265	1,760	-1.2

¹ Provisional² Revised³ Commonwealth of Independent States

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	Year 2017	2018 ¹												% Change 2018 / 2017	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov ²	Dec		Year
AFRICA	301,898	30,349	13,493	27,406	21,310	26,046	20,817	30,024	25,906	24,341	30,332	18,329	44,265	312,618	3.6
<i>IOC⁴ countries</i>	165,914	21,985	6,036	15,284	7,765	16,344	7,416	18,019	12,806	8,921	19,314	7,848	17,392	159,130	-4.1
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Comoros</i>	886	56	95	81	93	86	58	74	53	106	72	97	85	956	7.9
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	12,730	603	809	1,104	1,227	1,070	900	1,335	1,882	1,264	1,394	1,099	1,678	14,365	12.8
<i>Reunion Island</i>	146,040	20,996	4,832	13,725	5,998	14,705	6,083	16,246	10,374	7,136	17,512	6,190	14,642	138,439	-5.2
<i>Seychelles</i>	6,258	330	300	374	447	483	375	364	497	415	336	462	987	5,370	-14.2
Algeria	404	18	19	21	16	20	22	28	48	31	24	24	32	303	-25.0
Angola	549	27	53	67	71	23	45	55	36	48	75	38	99	637	16.0
Benin	108	5	4	11	9	10	18	4	18	10	10	12	8	119	10.2
Botswana	1,072	35	57	71	71	104	56	139	99	121	68	82	167	1,070	-0.2
Burundi	108	4	5	10	8	6	6	11	5	12	4	11	2	84	-22.2
Cameroon	371	19	21	16	30	31	38	49	63	61	31	45	41	445	19.9
Congo	703	37	42	41	82	52	37	46	65	37	42	43	79	603	-14.2
Egypt	728	35	48	50	52	64	64	64	84	65	85	103	51	765	5.1
Ethiopia	392	12	14	18	21	80	29	21	13	29	20	19	33	309	-21.2
Gabon	149	6	10	12	17	13	21	14	15	7	16	7	22	160	7.4
Ghana	897	57	49	58	81	57	116	83	85	121	82	154	68	1,011	12.7
Ivory Coast	496	23	40	26	48	25	61	40	54	30	67	40	40	494	-0.4
Kenya	3,422	177	160	265	250	236	452	375	527	322	323	323	625	4,035	17.9
Lesotho	236	26	23	18	5	25	17	82	35	18	25	27	36	337	42.8
Malawi	363	30	15	19	22	51	16	65	32	55	49	36	30	420	15.7
Mayotte	1,340	34	155	83	148	143	39	169	63	40	121	71	289	1,355	1.1
Morocco	771	54	79	71	78	64	70	74	119	66	90	72	64	901	16.9
Mozambique	876	71	52	64	48	44	48	84	59	59	64	48	168	809	-7.6
Namibia	1,505	82	56	102	183	184	58	77	180	83	64	85	204	1,358	-9.8
Niger	159	6	5	13	9	7	39	8	8	20	11	14	20	160	0.6
Nigeria	1,331	71	114	227	123	137	334	164	197	199	194	243	154	2,157	62.1
Rwanda	221	12	19	5	5	9	24	27	28	31	19	14	24	217	-1.8
Senegal	298	10	15	14	23	14	44	27	13	20	34	34	27	275	-7.7
South Africa, Rep. of	112,129	7,196	6,076	10,382	11,482	7,830	11,222	9,644	10,371	13,281	8,835	8,280	23,498	128,097	14.2
Sudan	175	4	8	1	9	3	16	3	4	16	4	15	8	91	-48.0
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁵	451	32	17	28	17	41	26	46	63	34	36	27	57	424	-6.0
Tanzania	697	16	30	73	58	45	63	82	71	88	65	99	107	797	14.3
Togo	84	1	2	12	1	4	10	6	5	8	12	4	3	68	-19.0
Tunisia	577	38	33	29	29	24	26	39	51	22	43	31	55	420	-27.2
Uganda	555	32	23	46	36	58	57	49	53	86	70	76	90	676	21.8
Zimbabwe	2,553	108	96	134	285	166	125	170	375	190	185	182	480	2,496	-2.2
Zambia	994	42	61	63	76	66	84	125	132	83	136	78	178	1,124	13.1
Other African	1,270	44	56	72	152	66	118	135	129	127	114	144	114	1,271	0.1

¹ Provisional² Revised⁴ Indian Ocean Commission⁵ Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	Year 2017	2018 ¹													% Change 2018 / 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov ²	Dec	Year	
ASIA	211,380	12,795	19,477	15,230	13,790	23,002	24,066	22,496	22,948	17,030	14,292	14,668	13,628	213,422	1.0
Afghanistan	764	62	69	80	50	50	41	57	68	52	50	86	78	743	-2.7
Bangladesh	1,157	224	58	45	49	61	68	124	41	112	147	167	99	1,195	3.3
Hong Kong SAR ⁶	1,512	59	98	158	81	75	118	139	191	167	131	92	210	1,519	0.5
India	86,294	5,057	6,248	5,905	5,967	13,825	11,896	7,500	6,714	5,273	4,469	6,650	6,261	85,765	-0.6
Indonesia	2,670	111	296	545	110	117	136	107	207	347	207	150	186	2,519	-5.7
Israel	1,698	125	170	115	77	314	78	120	143	385	139	268	231	2,165	27.5
Japan	2,315	97	168	242	186	155	135	153	168	206	159	160	217	2,046	-11.6
Korea Republic	6,858	422	350	511	655	610	529	377	337	489	1,051	1,084	789	7,204	5.0
Malaysia	4,352	87	165	207	219	159	309	118	230	254	174	194	148	2,264	-48.0
Maldives	58	0	2	7	1	6	15	3	5	2	3	6	1	51	-12.1
Nepal	374	98	24	42	38	41	70	35	44	25	96	15	29	557	48.9
Pakistan	1,088	110	122	100	127	145	80	144	48	54	74	103	100	1,207	10.9
People's Rep. of China	72,951	4,115	9,806	4,107	4,166	5,622	6,007	6,548	8,101	6,545	5,140	3,250	2,329	65,736	-9.9
Philippines	2,742	201	298	383	187	202	162	149	266	276	273	300	175	2,872	4.7
Singapore	3,230	91	182	251	223	141	272	286	239	241	237	301	345	2,809	-13.0
Sri Lanka	517	31	30	40	55	62	38	25	32	66	60	50	46	535	3.5
Taiwan	1,592	143	214	214	89	97	74	157	227	286	119	58	89	1,767	11.0
Thailand	682	14	23	44	56	28	31	41	54	33	49	64	49	486	-28.7
Vietnam	707	25	131	88	19	23	31	88	56	63	139	46	31	740	4.7
MIDDLE EAST Countries	19,471	1,720	1,002	2,129	1,404	1,258	3,951	6,298	5,743	2,118	1,538	1,588	2,199	30,948	58.9
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>25.7</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>607</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>-57.5</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>-17.4</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>548</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>20.6</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>499</i>	<i>11.6</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>15.9</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>5.5</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>5,142</i>	<i>1,233</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>2,236</i>	<i>3,992</i>	<i>3,716</i>	<i>1,231</i>	<i>625</i>	<i>632</i>	<i>1,113</i>	<i>16,507</i>	<i>221.0</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>11,866</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>1,294</i>	<i>730</i>	<i>778</i>	<i>1,430</i>	<i>1,999</i>	<i>1,704</i>	<i>704</i>	<i>757</i>	<i>816</i>	<i>897</i>	<i>12,058</i>	<i>1.6</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>74.2</i>
Other Asian	348	3	21	17	31	11	25	27	34	36	37	36	16	294	-15.5
OCEANIA	22,898	1,796	1,163	1,537	1,918	1,280	1,689	2,286	2,077	2,406	1,922	1,811	2,719	22,604	-1.3
Australia	21,271	1,685	1,039	1,382	1,830	1,147	1,558	2,103	1,943	2,279	1,795	1,648	2,540	20,949	-1.5
New Zealand	1,052	53	70	88	54	81	80	89	102	92	73	101	119	1,002	-4.8
Other Oceanian	575	58	54	67	34	52	51	94	32	35	54	62	60	653	13.6
AMERICA	24,795	2,653	2,035	2,138	1,550	1,738	1,806	2,318	1,597	1,765	2,195	3,103	3,014	25,912	4.5
Brazil	4,659	499	208	243	285	374	177	209	216	406	364	443	319	3,743	-19.7
Canada	6,908	533	538	585	389	458	602	904	518	412	590	1,011	1,207	7,747	12.1
USA	9,655	972	757	895	635	677	896	1,013	647	733	894	1,218	1,188	10,525	9.0
Other American	3,573	649	532	415	241	229	131	192	216	214	347	431	300	3,897	9.1
Others & not stated	680	29	28	61	50	42	31	31	36	38	58	65	49	518	-23.8
All countries	1,341,860	120,974	115,600	119,841	104,967	101,138	84,345	115,881	109,471	102,849	134,052	132,247	158,043	1,399,408	4.3

¹ Provisional² Revised⁶ Special Administrative Region of China

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

Age group (years)	2017			2018 ¹			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	24,996	24,763	49,759	26,718	26,198	52,916	6.9	5.8	6.3
5 - 9	28,618	28,163	56,781	30,301	29,706	60,007	5.9	5.5	5.7
10 - 14	27,455	27,729	55,184	29,239	28,907	58,146	6.5	4.2	5.4
15 - 19	21,015	24,225	45,240	21,887	25,333	47,220	4.1	4.6	4.4
20 - 24	23,491	36,960	60,451	24,161	37,525	61,686	2.9	1.5	2.0
25 - 29	68,416	84,388	152,804	67,827	84,805	152,632	-0.9	0.5	-0.1
30 - 34	74,593	72,614	147,207	78,343	75,788	154,131	5.0	4.4	4.7
35 - 39	63,308	58,661	121,969	67,097	61,812	128,909	6.0	5.4	5.7
40 - 44	57,837	53,592	111,429	59,786	55,116	114,902	3.4	2.8	3.1
45 - 49	60,566	58,213	118,779	61,501	59,156	120,657	1.5	1.6	1.6
50 - 54	62,320	60,335	122,655	62,862	61,657	124,519	0.9	2.2	1.5
55 - 59	51,698	49,534	101,232	54,662	52,941	107,603	5.7	6.9	6.3
60 - 64	40,917	38,975	79,892	43,630	41,802	85,432	6.6	7.3	6.9
65 - 69	30,108	27,798	57,906	32,210	30,257	62,467	7.0	8.8	7.9
70 & over	32,329	28,243	60,572	36,469	31,712	68,181	12.8	12.3	12.6
Total	667,667	674,193	1,341,860	696,693	702,715	1,399,408	4.3	4.2	4.3

¹ Provisional

Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 2017 and 2018

Age group (years)	2017			2018 ¹			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	160,498	1,226	161,724	169,635	1,434	171,069	5.7	17.0	5.8
15 - 59	967,835	13,931	981,766	994,506	17,753	1,012,259	2.8	27.4	3.1
60 & over	183,962	14,408	198,370	195,547	20,533	216,080	6.3	42.5	8.9
Total	1,312,295	29,565	1,341,860	1,359,688	39,720	1,399,408	3.6	34.3	4.3

¹ Provisional

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

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	486,333	165,853	78,840	16,485	9,939	23,768	1,911	87,854	3,307	271	301	151	251	713
<i>of which:</i> France	199,062	143,054	9,246	4,717	1,362	5,689	20	6,421	1,111	199	80	45	60	302
Germany	78,277	5,458	56,412	1,260	561	1,677	27	1,284	209	11	28	9	49	88
Italy	8,832	727	48	6,908	4	120	0	320	270	0	0	4	0	1
Netherlands	30,023	4,308	3,994	1,019	7,276	1,196	4	2,251	187	15	38	6	19	30
Switzerland	21,347	2,797	2,074	351	72	13,832	7	374	82	5	5	2	6	12
Turkey	32,317	5,834	5,017	1,464	278	588	1,837	1,902	1,063	26	21	20	66	47
United Kingdom	85,279	3,035	544	522	343	303	6	75,071	103	14	123	65	46	152
AFRICA	451,585	82,759	12,162	2,982	2,411	4,554	167	10,735	637	133,856	117,109	8,819	3,892	3,318
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	12,096	463	136	62	117	105	5	714	40	149	607	757	480	214
Malagasy Republic	18,891	1,131	187	123	245	123	77	378	146	244	207	438	789	281
Reunion Island	232,557	77,276	4,504	402	421	2,362	29	1,170	113	132,725	1,453	1,228	973	423
Seychelles	17,614	2,161	340	98	70	300	19	357	116	48	261	5,780	164	158
South Africa, Rep. of	169,983	1,699	6,978	2,293	1,558	1,646	37	8,089	209	690	114,570	606	1,480	2,236
ASIA	404,163	32,300	26,974	17,541	3,805	11,366	303	48,991	6,476	3,074	6,240	76,463	61,070	2,328
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	17,871	122	32	38	12	9	1	106	12	129	89	18	13,741	127
India	74,789	163	46	33	26	17	1	385	28	191	5,286	65,678	42	105
Malaysia	7,498	570	40	28	18	19	0	133	24	1,236	169	101	455	380
People's Rep. of China	33,484	20	8	10	0	0	0	14	5	60	13	5	33,028	15
Saudi Arabia	18,705	1,629	480	273	22	98	97	319	219	37	24	261	56	12
Singapore	7,490	431	51	38	13	169	0	149	24	849	266	108	408	429
United Arab Emirates	244,258	29,365	26,317	17,121	3,714	11,054	204	47,881	6,151	572	393	10,288	13,330	1,260
OCEANIA	17,585	368	56	20	17	29	0	370	4	501	1,171	36	28	13,950
<i>of which:</i> Australia	17,585	368	56	20	17	29	0	370	4	501	1,171	36	28	13,950
AMERICA	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i> USA	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	1,359,688	281,280	118,032	37,029	16,172	39,717	2,381	147,950	10,424	137,702	124,821	85,469	65,241	20,309
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		50.9%	47.8%	18.7%	45.0%	34.8%	77.2%	50.7%	Napp	96.4%	91.8%	76.8%	50.6%	68.7%
From United Arab Emirates		10.4%	22.3%	46.2%	23.0%	27.8%	8.6%	32.4%	59.0%	0.4%	0.3%	12.0%	20.4%	6.2%
From Turkey		2.1%	4.3%	4.0%	1.7%	1.5%		1.3%	10.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France			7.8%	12.7%	8.4%	14.3%	0.8%	4.3%	10.7%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.5%
From Reunion Island		27.5%	3.8%	1.1%	2.6%	5.9%	1.2%	0.8%	1.1%		1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	2.1%
From Netherlands		1.5%	3.4%	2.8%		3.0%	0.2%	1.5%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.6%	5.9%	6.2%	9.6%	4.1%	1.6%	5.5%	2.0%	0.5%		0.7%	2.3%	11.0%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: 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 Semester	533,781	564,957	5,990,276	10.6	24,240
	2 nd Semester	617,471	576,704	6,059,625	10.5	25,951
	Year	1,151,252	1,141,661	12,049,901	10.6	50,191 ⁵
2016	1 st Semester	586,464	618,615	6,491,532	10.5	27,188
	2 nd Semester	688,763	641,510	6,626,375	10.3	28,679
	Year	1,275,227	1,260,125	13,117,907	10.4	55,867
2017	1 st Semester	625,859	659,243	6,853,948	10.4	29,319
	2 nd Semester	716,001	661,897	6,786,803	10.3	30,943
	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
	2 nd Quarter	290,450	301,773	2,995,925	9.9	14,977
	3 rd Quarter	328,201	321,555	3,481,916	10.8	12,797
	4 th Quarter	424,342 ⁴	373,564	3,690,985	9.9	17,781
	Year	1,399,408	1,376,978	14,296,274	10.4	64,037

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 Revised

⁵ 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	1 st Qr.	114	13,100	26,776	55	9,906	20,378
	2 nd Qr.	107	12,264	25,085	51	9,267	19,020
	3 rd Qr.	112	12,944	26,618	53	9,769	20,254
	4 th Qr.	115	13,617	28,732	55	10,378	22,096
2016	1 st Qr.	116	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247
	2 nd Qr.	111	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105
	3 rd Qr.	111	13,330	28,650	55	10,267	22,370
	4 th Qr.	111	13,547	29,139	56	10,480	22,839
2017	1 st Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554
	2 nd Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235
	3 rd Qr.	108	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251
	4 th Qr.	111	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579
2018 ²	1 st Qr.	113	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413
	2 nd Qr.	107	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638
	3 rd Qr.	108	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676
	4 th Qr.	113 ³	13,523	30,296	56	10,469	23,942

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

² Provisional

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
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<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	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
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>
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
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>
Jan. to Sep.	70	63	74	66	73	66	73	66	76	68	75	69
October	81	72	85	75	81	72	84	75	87	78	83	75
November	85	74	86	74	83	71	87	75	87	75	84	72
December	81	73	81	72	76	69	82	75	82	73	78	71
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>
2nd Semester	76	68	79	70	77	69	79	71	82	73	79	72
Year	73	65	77	68	75	67	76	68	79	70	77	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	2017	2018 ²
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 ³	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 Provisional

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.

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