

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2019. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	449,985	439,626	- 2.3
Sea	25,190	41,249	+ 63.8
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	24,058	39,877	+ 65.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>475,175</b>	<b>480,875</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>
Departures by			
Air	476,372	474,845	- 0.3
Sea	27,507	44,896	+ 63.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>503,879</b>	<b>519,741</b>	<b>+ 3.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

#### 2.1 Arrivals in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018:

- total arrivals increased by 1.2% from 475,175 to 480,875, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 138;
- total tourist arrivals decreased by 1.2% from 356,415 to 352,305; those arriving by air decreased by 4.5% from 344,231 to 328,764, while those arriving by sea increased by 93.2% from 12,184 to 23,541. Among those arriving by sea, 22,586 were cruise tourists compared to 11,313, representing a growth of 99.6% ;
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 0.3% from 13,246 to 13,203.

In the first quarter 2019, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 39,877 cruise travellers which include 22,586 tourists, 5,860 excursionists, 359 Mauritian residents and 11,072 crew members.

#### 2.2 Departures in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019

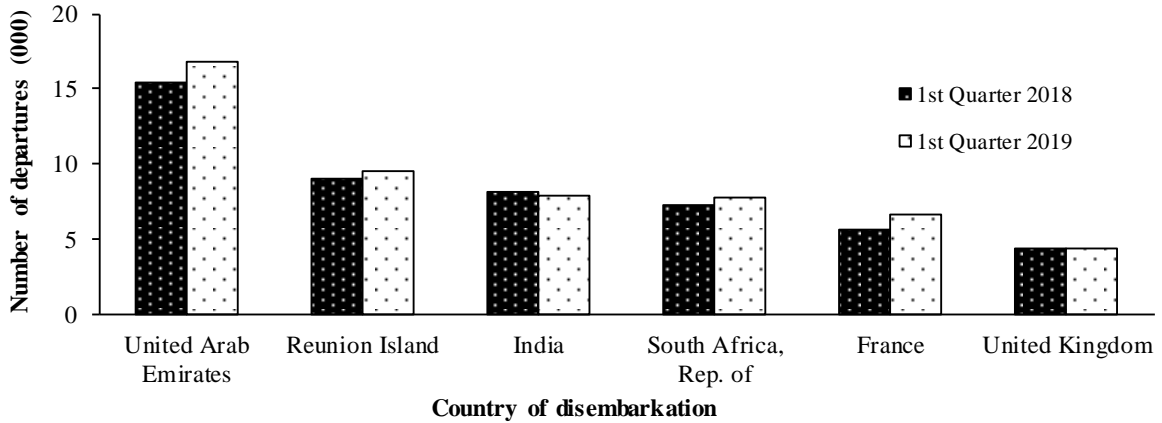
Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018:

- total departures increased by 3.1% from 503,879 to 519,741, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 231; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 5.0% from 68,576 to 72,036.

Comparative figures for the first Quarters of 2019 and 2018 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (16,752 or 23.3%), Reunion Island (9,551 or 13.3%),

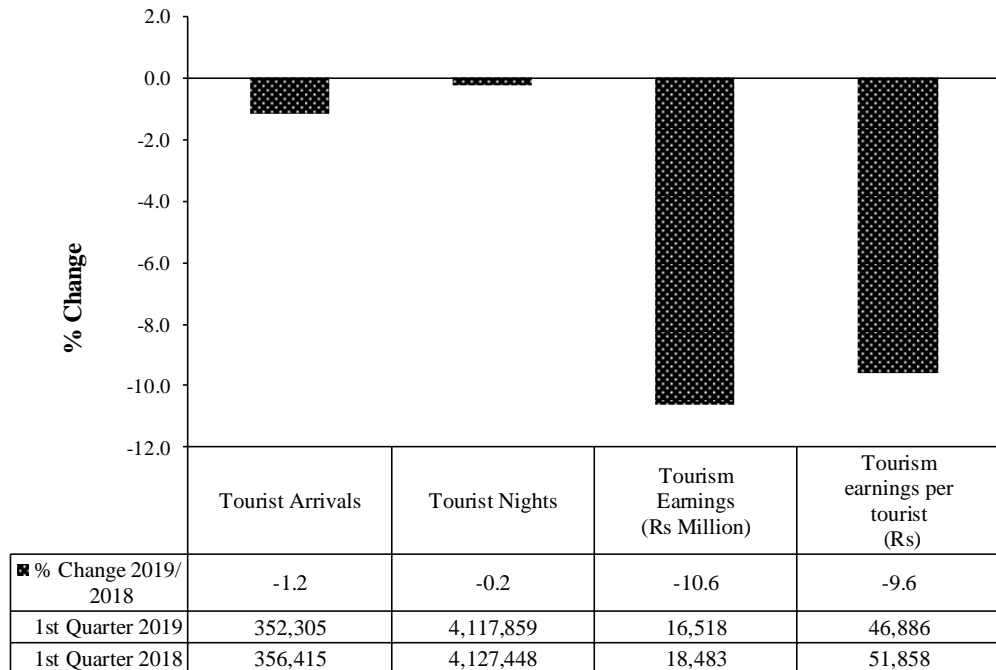
India (7,815 or 10.8%), Republic of South Africa (7,684 or 10.7%), France (6,542 or 9.1%) and United Kingdom (4,384 or 6.1%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019**



### 3. TOURISM

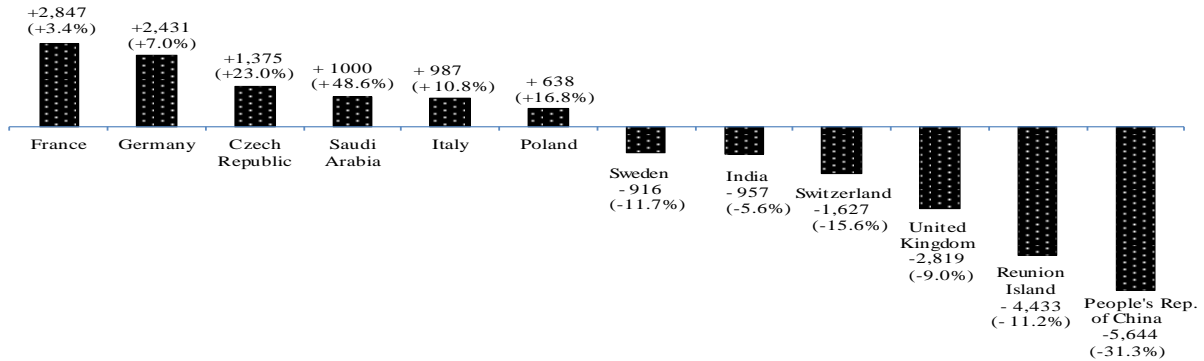
**Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018**



#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

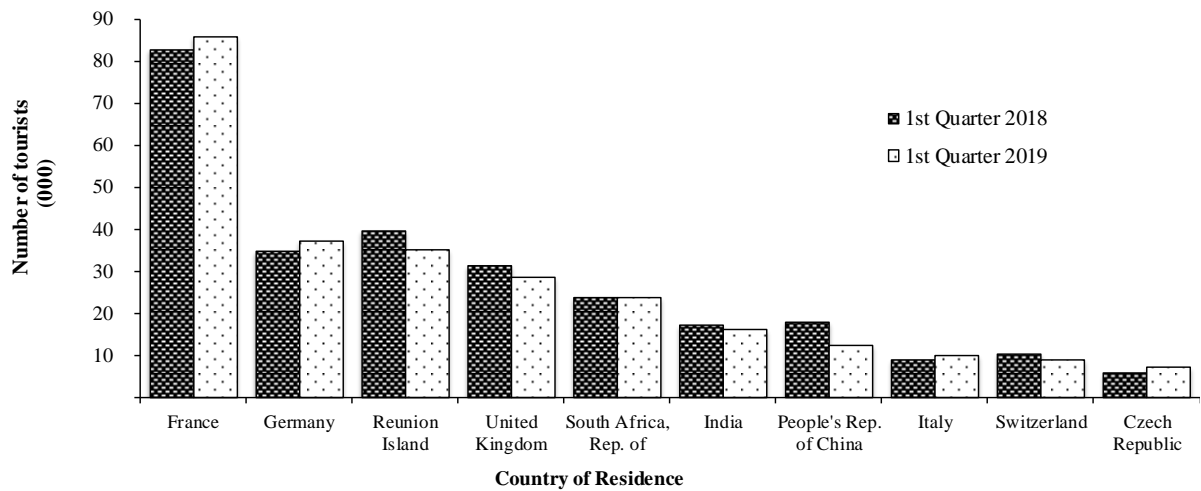
Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018, tourist arrivals decreased by 4,110 or 1.2% to reach 352,305 in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

**Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018**



In the first quarter of 2019, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 3.4% while Reunion Island decreased by 11.2%. Among the main markets, Italy and Germany recorded growths of 10.8% and 7.0% respectively whereas India, United Kingdom, Switzerland and People’s Republic of China witnessed decreases of 5.6%, 9.0%, 15.6% and 31.3% respectively.

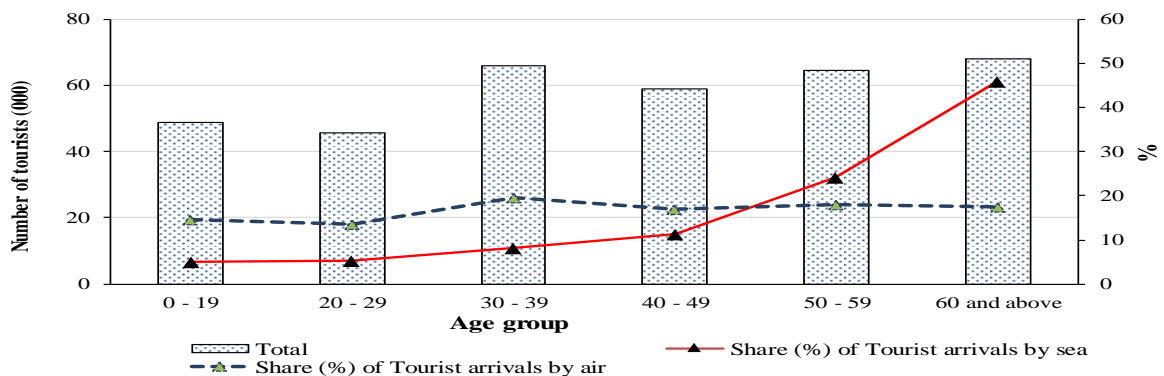
**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019**



### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 68,239 or 19.4% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 45.8%.

**Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019**



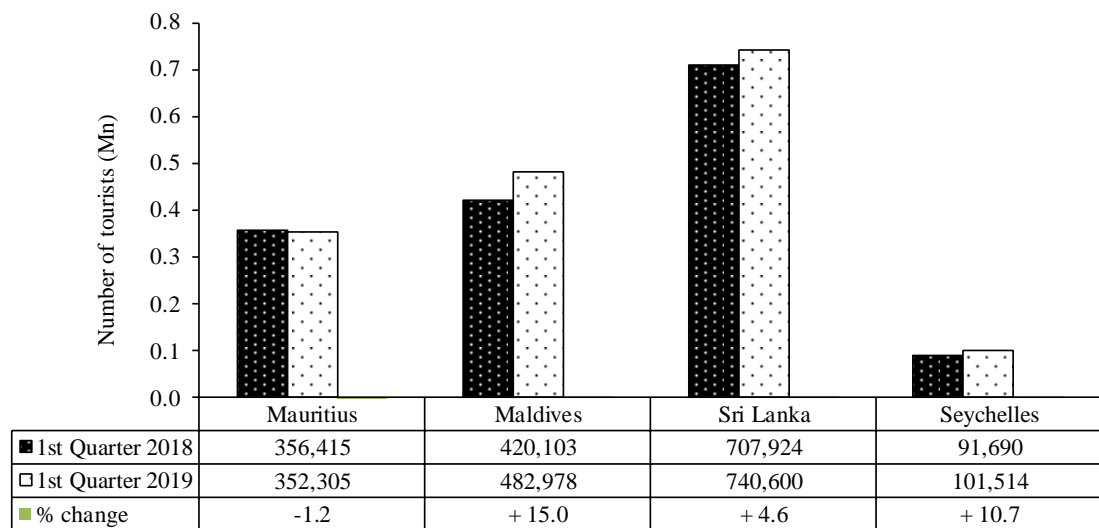
### 3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 47.8%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, some 43% of tourists from Italy and 33% from People's Republic of China travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mainly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

### 3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, while tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 1.2%, higher growths were observed for Maldives (+15.0%), Seychelles (+10.7%) and Sri Lanka (+4.6%).

**Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019**



*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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 decreased by 0.2% from 4,127,448 to 4,117,859; and
- the average length of stay decreased marginally from 10.9 to 10.8 nights.

### 3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in food service, hotels and travel and other services establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2018 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased marginally by 0.1% to 30,941 as compared to 30,919 for March 2017.

### 3.7 Accommodation

#### Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of March 2019, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 111 were in operation and 2 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 111 hotels was 13,430 with 30,153 bed places.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, lower compared to 77% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, lower than the recorded 70% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018.

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

At the end of March 2019, 56 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,448 with 23,924 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 74% lower than the 79% registered in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018;
- the bed occupancy rate was 67%, lower than the 73% recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018.

### 3.8 Forecast for Year 2019

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for 2019 is revised downwards from 1,450,000 to 1,435,000, representing an increase of 2.5% over the figure of 1,399,408 in 2018.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2019 downwards from Rs 67.5 billion to Rs 66.0 billion, representing an increase of 3.1% compared to Rs 64.0 billion recorded in 2018.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2017 - 2019

Month	2017		2018		2019 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	166,017	193,128	167,277	197,507	172,994	205,730
February	138,288	141,162	151,682	148,811	151,189	146,918
March	146,494	150,720	156,216	157,561	156,692	167,093
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>450,799</u>	<u>485,010</u>	<u>475,175</u>	<u>503,879</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>
April	150,261	150,344	146,421	150,938		
May	126,064	132,489	130,231	139,992		
June	105,955	105,143	113,689	111,463		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>	<u>390,341</u>	<u>402,393</u>		
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>833,079</i></b>	<b><i>872,986</i></b>	<b><i>865,516</i></b>	<b><i>906,272</i></b>		
July	150,429	136,886	156,110	143,654		
August	137,706	146,592	148,643	156,601		
September	127,553	125,285	137,101	135,666		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>	<u>441,854</u>	<u>435,921</u>		
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>1,248,767</i></b>	<b><i>1,281,749</i></b>	<b><i>1,307,370</i></b>	<b><i>1,342,193</i></b>		
October	163,994	157,071	169,570	158,783		
November	159,898	161,905	173,830	179,434		
December	208,362	176,570	211,519	179,287		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>532,254</u>	<u>495,546</u>	<u>554,919</u>	<u>517,504</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>947,942</i></b>	<b><i>904,309</i></b>	<b><i>996,773</i></b>	<b><i>953,425</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,781,021</b>	<b>1,777,295</b>	<b>1,862,289</b>	<b>1,859,697</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Excluding inter island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius and direct transit, but includes international traffic between Rodrigues and Reunion Island

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation<sup>1</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019

Country of disembarkation	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>2</sup>	% Change
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>15,469</b>	<b>+ 11.7</b>
Austria	85	168	+ 97.6
France	5,555	6,542	+ 17.8
Germany	796	1,039	+ 30.5
Italy	331	380	+ 14.8
Netherlands	336	317	- 5.7
Switzerland	444	221	- 50.2
Turkey	1,932	2,402	+ 24.3
United Kingdom	4,344	4,384	+ 0.9
Other European	24	16	- 33.3
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>21,514</b>	<b>23,520</b>	<b>+ 9.3</b>
Kenya	565	1,534	+ 171.5
Malagasy Republic	2,210	2,561	+ 15.9
Reunion Island	8,947	9,551	+ 6.8
Seychelles	2,350	1,986	- 15.5
South Africa, Rep. of	7,271	7,684	+ 5.7
Other African	171	204	+ 19.3
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>30,714</b>	<b>30,806</b>	<b>+ 0.3</b>
People's Rep. of China	1,436	480	- 66.6
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	925	1,463	+ 58.2
India	8,062	7,815	- 3.1
Malaysia	344	286	- 16.9
Saudi Arabia	1,247	752	- 39.7
Singapore	3,299	3,258	- 1.2
United Arab Emirates	15,401	16,752	+ 8.8
Other Asian	0	0	-
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>- 10.4</b>
Australia	2,501	2,241	- 10.4
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>68,576</b>	<b>72,036</b>	<b>+ 5.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China



**Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2017 - 2019**

Month	2017	2018	2019 <sup>1</sup>
January	124,362	120,974	122,273
February	105,049	115,600	115,613
March	110,271	119,841	114,419
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>339,682</u>	<u>356,415</u>	<u>352,305</u>
April	111,432	104,967	
May	96,557	101,138	
June	78,188	84,345	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>286,177</u>	<u>290,450</u>	
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>625,859</i></b>	<b><i>646,865</i></b>	
July	112,347	115,881	
August	100,191	109,471	
September	96,282	102,849	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>308,820</u>	<u>328,201</u>	
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>934,679</i></b>	<b><i>975,066</i></b>	
October	130,070	134,052	
November	121,496	132,247	
December	155,615	158,043	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>407,181</u>	<u>424,342</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>716,001</i></b>	<b><i>752,543</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,341,860</b>	<b>1,399,408</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019**

Purpose of visit	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Holiday	334,746	329,417	- 1.6
Business	11,676	12,484	+ 6.9
Transit	8,599	9,117	+ 6.0
Conference	785	977	+ 24.5
Sports	341	73	- 78.6
Other	268	237	- 11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>356,415</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>- 1.2</b>

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change Q1 2019 / Q1 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>216,352</b>	<b>9,873</b>	<b>226,225</b>	<b>209,730</b>	<b>20,588</b>	<b>230,318</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Austria	6,977	260	7,237	6,046	718	6,764	-13.3	176.2	-6.5
Belgium	2,597	65	2,662	2,508	89	2,597	-3.4	36.9	-2.4
Bulgaria	827	87	914	886	158	1,044	7.1	81.6	14.2
Czech Republic	5,908	58	5,966	7,130	211	7,341	20.7	263.8	23.0
Croatia	260	18	278	329	26	355	26.5	44.4	27.7
Denmark	3,436	59	3,495	2,776	101	2,877	-19.2	71.2	-17.7
Estonia	469	4	473	734	12	746	56.5	200.0	57.7
Finland	2,415	5	2,420	1,782	29	1,811	-26.2	480.0	-25.2
France	81,351	1,432	82,783	81,868	3,762	85,630	0.6	162.7	3.4
Germany	29,326	5,456	34,782	26,494	10,719	37,213	-9.7	96.5	7.0
Greece	157	26	183	229	32	261	45.9	23.1	42.6
Hungary	1,582	17	1,599	1,896	199	2,095	19.8	1,070.6	31.0
Ireland	767	6	773	744	10	754	-3.0	66.7	-2.5
Italy	8,551	563	9,114	9,137	964	10,101	6.9	71.2	10.8
Latvia	257	30	287	195	3	198	-24.1	-90.0	-31.0
Lithuania	318	2	320	589	32	621	85.2	1,500.0	94.1
Luxembourg	403	8	411	298	65	363	-26.1	712.5	-11.7
Netherlands	3,236	78	3,314	3,548	90	3,638	9.6	15.4	9.8
Norway	1,653	89	1,742	1,838	145	1,983	11.2	62.9	13.8
Poland	3,729	61	3,790	4,189	239	4,428	12.3	291.8	16.8
Portugal	881	26	907	984	60	1,044	11.7	130.8	15.1
Romania	1,282	196	1,478	1,700	274	1,974	32.6	39.8	33.6
Serbia	263	9	272	249	17	266	-5.3	88.9	-2.2
Slovakia	2,109	19	2,128	1,977	58	2,035	-6.3	205.3	-4.4
Slovenia	492	12	504	707	91	798	43.7	658.3	58.3
Spain	1,961	118	2,079	1,369	201	1,570	-30.2	70.3	-24.5
Sweden	7,678	125	7,803	6,611	276	6,887	-13.9	120.8	-11.7
Switzerland	10,095	338	10,433	8,044	762	8,806	-20.3	125.4	-15.6
Turkey	933	23	956	720	47	767	-22.8	104.3	-19.8
United Kingdom	30,876	520	31,396	27,921	656	28,577	-9.6	26.2	-9.0
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>5,151</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>5,299</i>	<i>5,746</i>	<i>507</i>	<i>6,253</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>242.6</i>	<i>18.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>90.6</i>	<i>1,300.0</i>	<i>98.1</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>-30.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-28.8</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>3,795</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>3,908</i>	<i>3,939</i>	<i>359</i>	<i>4,298</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>217.7</i>	<i>10.0</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>973</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1,005</i>	<i>1,298</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>1,427</i>	<i>33.4</i>	<i>303.1</i>	<i>42.0</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>20.8</i>
<i>Other European</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>427</i>	<i>486</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>521</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>133.3</i>	<i>22.0</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>70,754</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>71,248</b>	<b>68,005</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>68,595</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>42,885</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>43,305</i>	<i>39,103</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>39,436</i>	<i>-8.8</i>	<i>-20.7</i>	<i>-8.9</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>231</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>231</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,511</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2,516</i>	<i>3,051</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3,065</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>180.0</i>	<i>21.8</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>39,139</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>39,553</i>	<i>34,802</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>35,120</i>	<i>-11.1</i>	<i>-23.2</i>	<i>-11.2</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,003</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1,004</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1,020</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.6</i>
Algeria	58	0	58	60	1	61	3.4	-	5.2
Angola	147	0	147	187	1	188	27.2	-	27.9
Benin	20	0	20	17	1	18	-15.0	-	-10.0
Botswana	163	0	163	196	0	196	20.2	-	20.2
Burundi	19	0	19	13	0	13	-31.6	-	-31.6
Cameroon	54	2	56	90	0	90	66.7	-100.0	60.7
Congo	120	0	120	147	0	147	22.5	-	22.5
Egypt	133	0	133	157	0	157	18.0	-	18.0
Ethiopia	44	0	44	51	1	52	15.9	-	18.2
Gabon	28	0	28	53	0	53	89.3	-	89.3
Ghana	159	5	164	179	3	182	12.6	-40.0	11.0
Ivory Coast	84	5	89	94	8	102	11.9	60.0	14.6
Kenya	602	0	602	915	2	917	52.0	-	52.3
Lesotho	67	0	67	44	0	44	-34.3	-	-34.3
Malawi	64	0	64	41	0	41	-35.9	-	-35.9

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

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change Q1 2019 / Q1 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
Mayotte	272	0	272	268	0	268	-1.5	-	-1.5
Morocco	200	4	204	242	11	253	21.0	175.0	24.0
Mozambique	187	0	187	300	0	300	60.4	-	60.4
Namibia	233	7	240	176	0	176	-24.5	-	-26.7
Niger	24	0	24	30	1	31	25.0	-	29.2
Nigeria	412	0	412	442	7	449	7.3	-	9.0
Rwanda	36	0	36	46	0	46	27.8	-	27.8
Senegal	36	3	39	40	9	49	11.1	200.0	25.6
South Africa, Rep. of	23,619	35	23,654	23,646	193	23,839	0.1	451.4	0.8
Sudan	13	0	13	23	0	23	76.9	-	76.9
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	77	0	77	83	2	85	7.8	-	10.4
Tanzania	118	1	119	146	1	147	23.7	0.0	23.5
Togo	15	0	15	14	1	15	-6.7	-	0.0
Tunisia	92	8	100	95	1	96	3.3	-87.5	-4.0
Uganda	101	0	101	150	1	151	48.5	-	49.5
Zimbabwe	338	0	338	475	1	476	40.5	-	40.8
Zambia	165	1	166	184	0	184	11.5	-	10.8
Other African	169	3	172	298	12	310	76.3	300.0	80.2
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>46,729</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>47,502</b>	<b>41,226</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>42,511</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>-10.5</b>
Afghanistan	204	7	211	174	12	186	-14.7	71.4	-11.8
Bangladesh	325	2	327	220	0	220	-32.3	-	-32.7
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	314	1	315	225	4	229	-28.3	300.0	-27.3
India	17,119	91	17,210	16,164	89	16,253	-5.6	-2.2	-5.6
Indonesia	818	134	952	883	192	1,075	7.9	43.3	12.9
Israel	325	85	410	293	285	578	-9.8	235.3	41.0
Japan	491	16	507	498	116	614	1.4	625.0	21.1
Korea Republic	1,249	34	1,283	1,526	5	1,531	22.2	-85.3	19.3
Malaysia	448	11	459	338	7	345	-24.6	-36.4	-24.8
Maldives	9	0	9	8	1	9	-11.1	-	0.0
Nepal	164	0	164	80	2	82	-51.2	-	-50.0
Pakistan	327	5	332	219	4	223	-33.0	-20.0	-32.8
People's Rep. of China	17,917	111	18,028	12,192	192	12,384	-32.0	73.0	-31.3
Philippines	679	203	882	819	240	1,059	20.6	18.2	20.1
Singapore	520	4	524	465	3	468	-10.6	-25.0	-10.7
Sri Lanka	97	4	101	133	9	142	37.1	125.0	40.6
Taiwan, China	542	29	571	548	73	621	1.1	151.7	8.8
Thailand	77	4	81	94	3	97	22.1	-25.0	19.8
Vietnam	217	27	244	159	24	183	-26.7	-11.1	-25.0
<b>MIDDLE EAST Countries</b>	<b>4,847</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>6,131</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6,138</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>26.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	23	1	24	22	0	22	-4.3	-	-8.3
<i>Iran</i>	148	0	148	89	0	89	-39.9	-	-39.9
<i>Jordan</i>	27	1	28	45	0	45	66.7	-	60.7
<i>Kuwait</i>	123	0	123	157	0	157	27.6	-	27.6
<i>Lebanon</i>	111	0	111	81	0	81	-27.0	-	-27.0
<i>Oman</i>	44	0	44	53	0	53	20.5	-	20.5
<i>Qatar</i>	45	0	45	54	0	54	20.0	-	20.0
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	2,055	1	2,056	3,054	2	3,056	48.6	100.0	48.6
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	2,242	1	2,243	2,554	4	2,558	13.9	300.0	14.0
<i>Other Middle East</i>	29	0	29	22	1	23	-24.1	-	-20.7
Other Asian	40	1	41	57	17	74	42.5	1,600.0	80.5
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>4,496</b>	<b>3,493</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3,749</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-16.6</b>
Australia	3,858	248	4,106	3,151	210	3,361	-18.3	-15.3	-18.1
New Zealand	196	15	211	188	37	225	-4.1	146.7	6.6
Other Oceanian	166	13	179	154	9	163	-7.2	-30.8	-8.9
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>6,073</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>6,826</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>6,979</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Brazil	938	12	950	953	116	1,069	1.6	866.7	12.5
Canada	1,514	142	1,656	1,872	214	2,086	23.6	50.7	26.0
USA	2,070	554	2,624	2,021	341	2,362	-2.4	-38.4	-10.0
Other American	1,551	45	1,596	1,325	137	1,462	-14.6	204.4	-8.4
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>29.7</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>344,231</b>	<b>12,184</b>	<b>356,415</b>	<b>328,764</b>	<b>23,541</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional <sup>4</sup> Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland<sup>5</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	7,041	6,939	13,980	6,986	6,917	13,903	-0.8	-0.3	-0.6
5 - 9	7,894	7,722	15,616	6,865	6,686	13,551	-13.0	-13.4	-13.2
10 - 14	6,846	7,036	13,882	5,984	6,398	12,382	-12.6	-9.1	-10.8
15 - 19	4,783	5,672	10,455	4,067	5,069	9,136	-15.0	-10.6	-12.6
20 - 24	5,523	8,653	14,176	5,240	8,357	13,597	-5.1	-3.4	-4.1
25 - 29	15,041	18,415	33,456	14,291	17,741	32,032	-5.0	-3.7	-4.3
30 - 34	16,962	17,115	34,077	17,190	17,308	34,498	1.3	1.1	1.2
35 - 39	16,075	15,690	31,765	15,920	15,622	31,542	-1.0	-0.4	-0.7
40 - 44	14,980	14,138	29,118	14,697	13,642	28,339	-1.9	-3.5	-2.7
45 - 49	15,868	15,800	31,668	15,488	15,049	30,537	-2.4	-4.8	-3.6
50 - 54	17,065	17,132	34,197	16,632	16,876	33,508	-2.5	-1.5	-2.0
55 - 59	14,914	14,899	29,813	15,618	15,423	31,041	4.7	3.5	4.1
60 - 64	12,592	12,136	24,728	12,957	12,701	25,658	2.9	4.7	3.8
65 - 69	9,847	9,271	19,118	10,316	9,888	20,204	4.8	6.7	5.7
70 & over	11,183	9,183	20,366	12,106	10,271	22,377	8.3	11.8	9.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,614</b>	<b>179,801</b>	<b>356,415</b>	<b>174,357</b>	<b>177,948</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	43,098	380	43,478	38,937	899	39,836	-9.7	136.6	-8.4
15 - 59	242,746	5,979	248,725	232,381	11,849	244,230	-4.3	98.2	-1.8
60 & over	58,387	5,825	64,212	57,446	10,793	68,239	-1.6	85.3	6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>344,231</b>	<b>12,184</b>	<b>356,415</b>	<b>328,764</b>	<b>23,541</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 <sup>1</sup>

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
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>151,984</b>	<b>56,596</b>	<b>20,943</b>	<b>6,027</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>5,596</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>19,041</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>167</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	59,607	48,366	1,565	865	199	751	8	700	508	60	9	12	19	42
Germany	25,875	2,354	16,187	383	93	266	10	86	144	3	9	5	10	15
Italy	5,791	1,057	42	3,911	4	52	0	129	249	1	0	1	2	1
Netherlands	9,319	1,610	1,011	302	2,438	187	4	328	66	9	2	6	4	5
Switzerland	6,679	680	547	191	34	3,976	1	37	110	1	3	1	0	1
Turkey	9,131	1,646	725	167	15	107	548	164	446	9	4	4	23	17
United Kingdom	19,491	426	67	83	31	49	0	17,539	28	10	25	10	21	36
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>96,422</b>	<b>17,893</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>33,279</b>	<b>20,989</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>645</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	2,942	143	38	18	18	25	5	105	15	56	130	315	101	50
Malagasy Republic	3,981	278	84	17	11	23	35	56	28	98	26	155	212	27
Reunion Island	53,774	16,933	506	58	69	236	4	184	29	32,954	257	395	364	58
Seychelles	3,352	129	87	15	12	15	7	66	16	8	30	1,573	42	50
South Africa, Rep. of	32,344	410	1,453	254	139	297	8	1,515	77	163	20,546	104	286	460
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>77,345</b>	<b>7,272</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>6,854</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>13,580</b>	<b>11,106</b>	<b>483</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	3,544	21	1	2	0	1	0	20	11	36	12	3	2,720	13
India	12,902	53	12	5	3	5	1	105	9	89	1,963	10,118	5	28
Malaysia	724	32	2	2	0	2	1	5	2	72	13	10	36	26
People's Rep. of China	4,124	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	2	4,057	0
Saudi Arabia	3,237	113	45	19	5	4	34	17	16	43	9	33	26	16
Singapore	2,893	327	24	6	3	12	0	38	16	751	44	30	95	80
United Arab Emirates	49,893	6,721	3,290	2,708	440	1,812	52	6,661	1,881	269	118	3,384	4,166	319
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,856</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	3,010	107	8	6	3	12	0	100	0	169	446	3	2	1,856
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>of which:</i> USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>328,764</b>	<b>81,868</b>	<b>26,494</b>	<b>9,137</b>	<b>3,548</b>	<b>8,044</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>27,921</b>	<b>3,939</b>	<b>34,802</b>	<b>23,646</b>	<b>16,164</b>	<b>12,192</b>	<b>3,151</b>
<i>of which:</i>		<b>France</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Reunion Island</b>	<b>South Africa, Rep. of</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>People's Rep. of China</b>	<b>Australia</b>
Direct from own country of residence		59.1%	61.1%	42.8%	68.7%	49.4%	76.1%	62.8%	Napp	94.7%	86.9%	62.6%	33.3%	58.9%
From United Arab Emirates		8.2%	12.4%	29.6%	12.4%	22.5%	7.2%	23.9%	47.8%	0.8%	0.5%	20.9%	34.2%	10.1%
From Turkey		2.0%	2.7%	1.8%	0.4%	1.3%		0.6%	11.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%
From France			5.9%	9.5%	5.6%	9.3%	1.1%	2.5%	12.9%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	1.3%
From Reunion Island		20.7%	1.9%	0.6%	1.9%	2.9%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%		1.1%	2.4%	3.0%	1.8%
From Netherlands		2.0%	3.8%	3.3%		2.3%	0.6%	1.2%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	5.5%	2.8%	3.9%	3.7%	1.1%	5.4%	2.0%	0.5%		0.6%	2.3%	14.6%

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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

Napp: not applicable

**Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2016 - 2019**

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)	
<b>2016</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	327,836	350,745	3,796,072	10.8	15,003
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	258,628	267,870	2,695,460	10.1	12,185
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	294,426	288,538	3,214,020	11.1	12,022
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	394,337	352,972	3,412,355	9.7	16,657
	<b>Year</b>	<b>1,275,227</b>	<b>1,260,125</b>	<b>13,117,907</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>55,867</b>
<b>2017</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	339,682	367,720	3,963,664	10.8	16,086
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	286,177	291,523	2,890,284	9.9	13,233
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	308,820	300,429	3,295,083	11.0	12,777
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	407,181	361,468	3,491,720	9.7	18,166
	<b>Year</b>	<b>1,341,860</b>	<b>1,321,140</b>	<b>13,640,751</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>60,262</b>
<b>2018</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	356,415	380,086	4,127,448	10.9	18,483
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	290,450	301,773	2,995,925	9.9	14,977
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	328,201	321,555	3,481,916	10.8	12,797
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	424,342	373,564	3,690,985	9.9	17,781
	<b>Year</b>	<b>1,399,408</b>	<b>1,376,978</b>	<b>14,296,274</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>64,037</b>
<b>2019</b> <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	352,305	380,228	4,117,859	10.8	16,518

<sup>1</sup> Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius (figures also include data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers)

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2016 - 2019**

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
<b>2016</b>	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
<b>2017</b>	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
<b>2018</b>	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	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676
	4th Qr.	113	13,523	30,296	56	10,469	23,942
<b>2019</b> <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr.	111 <sup>3</sup>	13,430	30,153	56	10,448	23,924

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

**Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2017 - 2019**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2017		2018		2019 <sup>1</sup>		2017		2018		2019 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	81	73	77	70	72	65	83	74	78	72	74	66
February	81	72	79	71	76	68	82	74	81	74	77	70
March	76	67	76	69	71	63	77	68	78	72	72	64
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>
April	78	68	73	67			80	71	75	70		
May	68	61	70	63			69	64	72	65		
June	60	52	60	53			61	55	62	56		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>			<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>			<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>		
July	73	66	68	63			76	69	71	66		
August	75	67	76	70			79	71	79	74		
September	77	67	79	69			79	69	82	72		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>		
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>			<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>		
October	85	75	81	72			87	78	83	75		
November	86	74	83	71			87	75	84	72		
December	81	72	76	69			82	73	78	71		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>			<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>69</b>			<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>			<b>79</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>70</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 11:- Employment in large<sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2014 - 2018**

Year \ Establishments	2014 <sup>2</sup>	2015 <sup>2</sup>	2016	2017	2018 <sup>3</sup>
Food Service	3,167	3,261	3,371	3,168	3,256
Hotels	22,544	22,568	23,624	24,087	24,054
Travel and Other Services <sup>4</sup>	3,806	3,793	3,755	3,664	3,631
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,517</b>	<b>29,622</b>	<b>30,750</b>	<b>30,919</b>	<b>30,941</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

<sup>4</sup> Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

## COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

### Sources of data

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office, which maintains a database of all travellers entering and leaving the country. The data are collected from the passport of travellers, disembarkation cards filled in by non-residents and questions put to non-residents entering the country. At the end of every month, the electronic database of passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism 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.

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