

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2019

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months 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, January-September 2018 and 2019

	January-September 2018	January-September 2019 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,275,231	1,279,449	+ 0.3
Sea	32,139	50,762	+ 57.9
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	29,208	47,277	+ 61.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,307,370</b>	<b>1,330,211</b>	<b>+ 1.7</b>
Departures by			
Air	1,307,976	1,310,418	+ 0.2
Sea	34,217	54,115	+ 58.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,342,193</b>	<b>1,364,533</b>	<b>+ 1.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

#### 2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2019

Compared to the period January to September 2018:

- total arrivals increased by 1.7% from 1,307,370 to 1,330,211, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 1,372;
- total tourist arrivals decreased by 0.1% from 975,066 to 973,642; those arriving by air decreased by 1.4% from 961,406 to 948,261, while those arriving by sea increased by 85.8% from 13,660 to 25,381. Among those arriving by sea, 22,794 were cruise tourists compared to 11,461, representing a growth of 98.9%;
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 4.3% from 23,848 to 24,884.

In the first nine months of 2019, 23 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 47,277 cruise travellers which include 22,794 tourists, 10,678 excursionists, 365 Mauritian residents and 13,440 crew members.

#### 2.2 Departures in January to September 2019

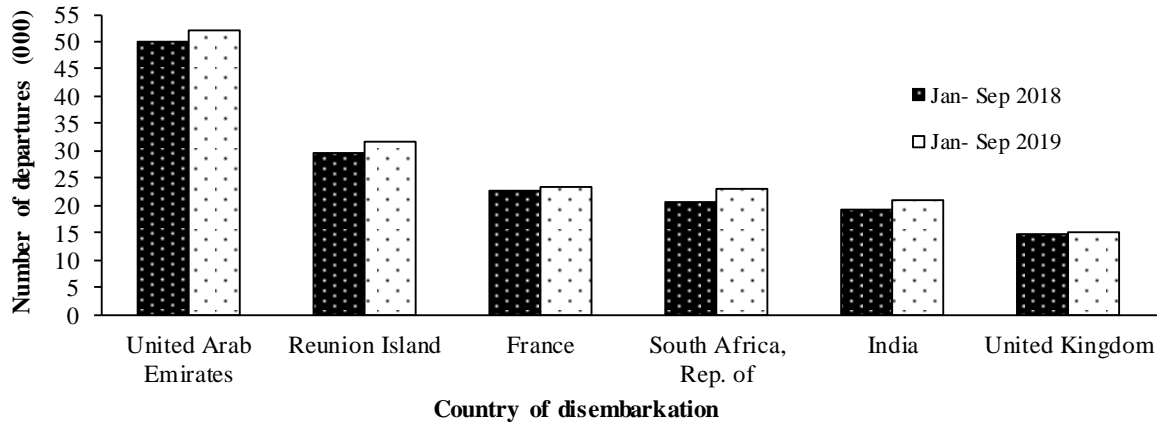
Compared to the period January to September 2018:

- total departures increased by 1.7% from 1,342,193 to 1,364,533, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 1,415; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 7.3% from 214,285 to 229,855.

Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2019 and 2018 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2019, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (52,124 or 22.7%), Reunion Island (31,487 or 13.7%),

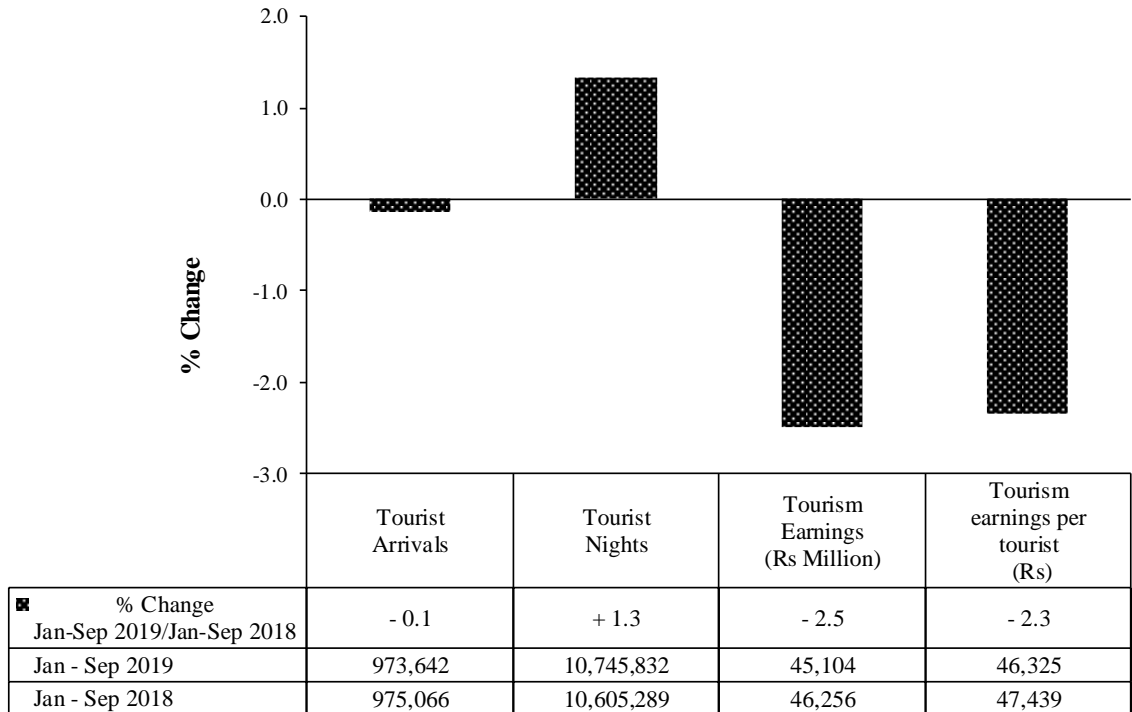
France (23,411 or 10.2%), Republic of South Africa (23,174 or 10.1%), India (20,964 or 9.1%) and United Kingdom (15,172 or 6.6%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2018 and January-September 2019**



### 3. TOURISM

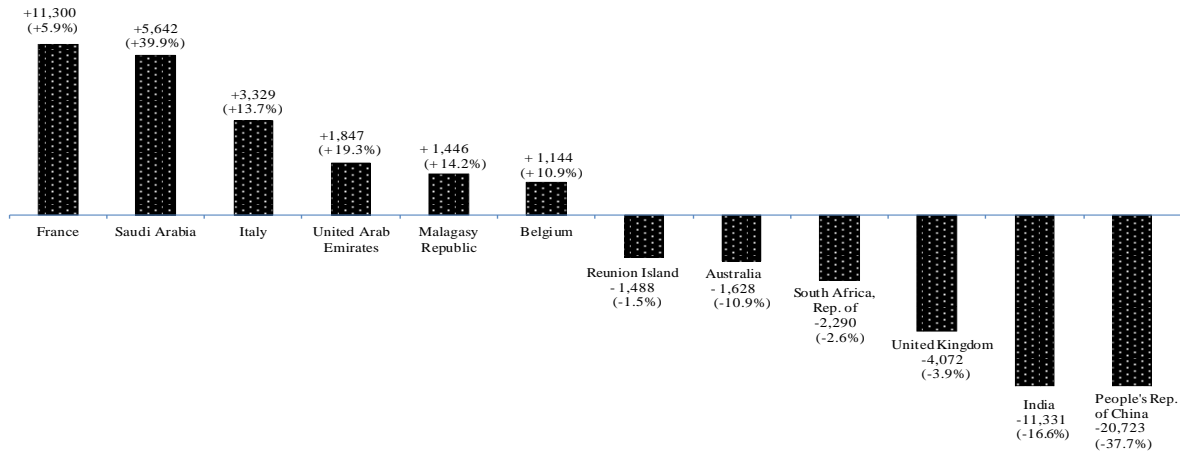
**Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, January-September 2019 compared to January-September 2018**



#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

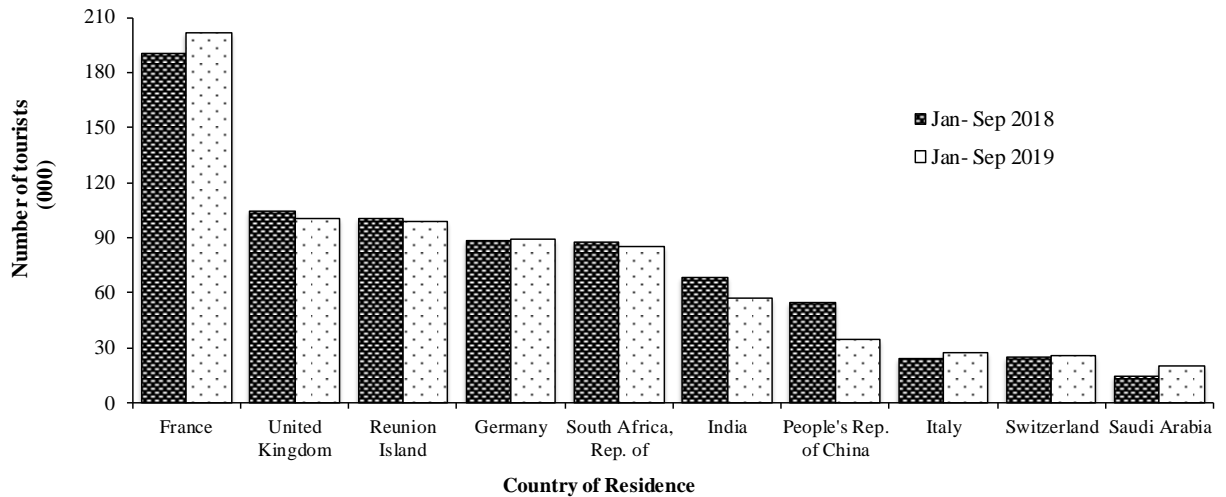
Compared to the first nine months of 2018, tourist arrivals decreased by 1,424 or 0.1% to reach 973,642 for the corresponding period of 2019 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

**Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2019 compared to January-September 2018**



In the first nine months of 2019, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 5.9% while Reunion Island decreased by 1.5%. Among the main markets, United Kingdom, India and People’s Republic of China witnessed decreases of 3.9%, 16.6% and 37.7% respectively.

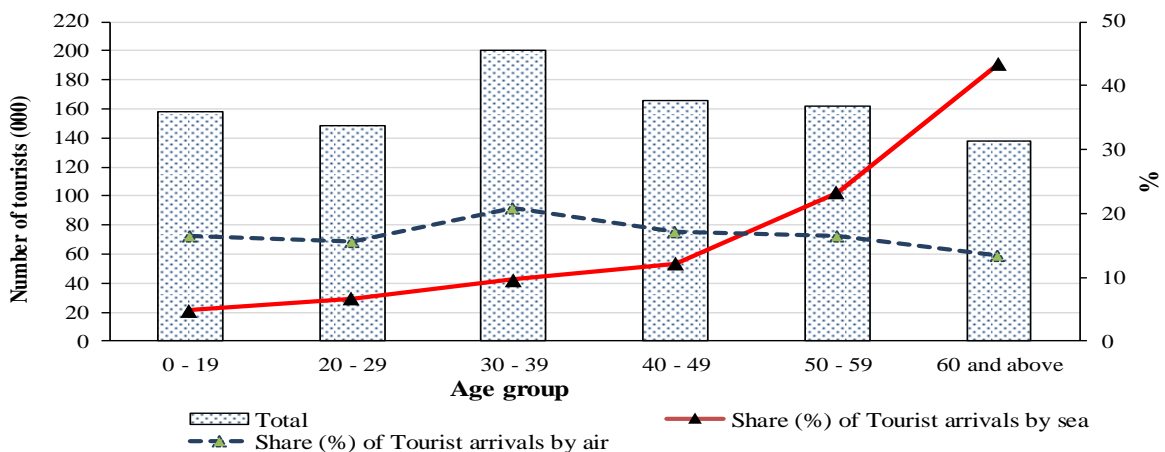
**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, January-September 2018 and January-September 2019**



### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 137,973 or 14.2% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 43.4%.

**Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, January-September 2019**



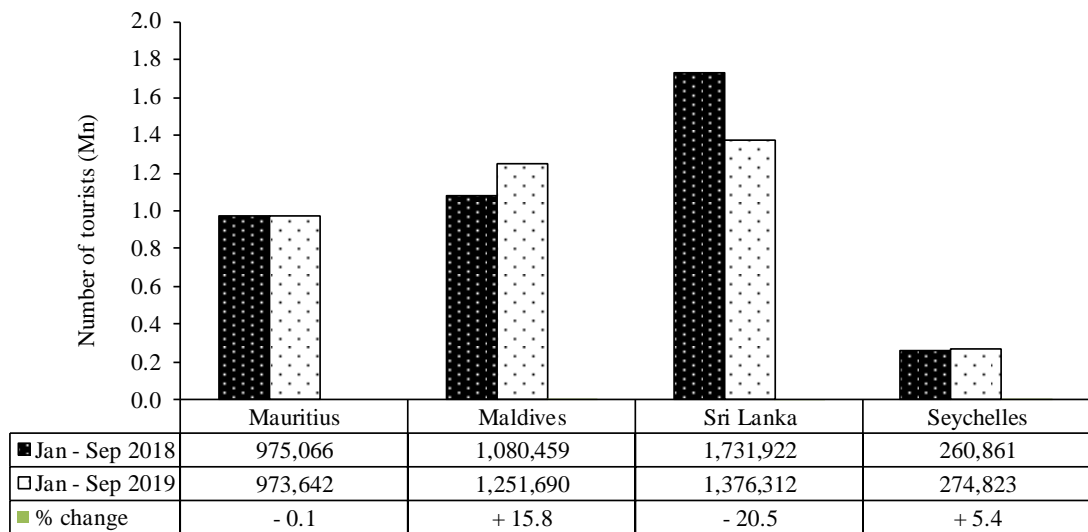
### 3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 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 first nine months of 2019, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 49.2%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, 37.7% of tourists 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 first nine months of 2019, while tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 0.1%, higher growths were observed for Maldives (+15.8%) and Seychelles (+5.4%). Sri Lanka, on the other hand, experienced a decline of 20.5%.

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

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2019 increased by 1.3% from 10,605,289 to 10,745,832; and
- the average length of stay increased from 10.6 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 2019 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 1.0% to 31,254 as compared to 30,944 for March 2018.

### 3.7 Accommodation

#### Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2019, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 110 were in operation and 3 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 110 hotels was 13,248 with 30,623 bed places.

During the first nine months of 2019,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 70%, lower compared to 73% in the first nine months of 2018; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 62%, lower than the recorded 66% in the first nine months of 2018.

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

At the end of September 2019, 57 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,370 with 24,437 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 52% 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 2019,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 72% lower than the 75% registered in the first nine months of 2018;
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, lower than the 69% recorded in first nine months of 2018.

### 3.8 Forecast for Year 2019 and 2020

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for 2019 is revised downwards from 1,425,000 to 1,400,000, representing a zero growth over the figure of 1,399,408 in 2018. The forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2020 is estimated at 1,435,000.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2019 downwards from Rs 64.7 billion to Rs 63.5 billion, representing a decrease of 0.8% compared to Rs 64.0 billion recorded in 2018. For the year 2020, tourism earnings are forecasted at Rs 65.0 billion.

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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	150,580	145,505
May	126,064	132,489	130,231	139,992	130,455	135,632
June	105,955	105,143	113,689	111,463	125,877	124,918
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>	<u>390,341</u>	<u>402,393</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</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>	<b><i>887,787</i></b>	<b><i>925,796</i></b>
July	150,429	136,886	156,110	143,654	156,090	146,256
August	137,706	146,592	148,643	156,601	151,291	157,037
September	127,553	125,285	137,101	135,666	135,043	135,444
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>	<u>441,854</u>	<u>435,921</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</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>	<b><i>1,330,211</i></b>	<b><i>1,364,533</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>, January - September 2018 and 2019**

Country of disembarkation	January - September 2018	January - September 2019 <sup>2</sup>	% Change
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>50,108</b>	<b>53,961</b>	<b>+ 7.7</b>
Austria	89	222	+ 149.4
France	22,548	23,411	+ 3.8
Germany	2,744	2,267	- 17.4
Italy	516	380	- 26.4
Netherlands	1,457	1,514	+ 3.9
Switzerland	560	1,025	+ 83.0
Turkey	7,385	9,927	+ 34.4
United Kingdom	14,762	15,172	+ 2.8
Other European	47	43	- 8.5
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>66,600</b>	<b>74,874</b>	<b>+ 12.4</b>
Kenya	2,664	6,215	+ 133.3
Malagasy Republic	6,708	7,751	+ 15.5
Reunion Island	29,465	31,487	+ 6.9
Seychelles	6,510	5,673	- 12.9
South Africa, Rep. of	20,567	23,174	+ 12.7
Other African	686	574	- 16.3
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>91,104</b>	<b>95,189</b>	<b>+ 4.5</b>
People's Rep. of China	2,280	1,671	- 26.7
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	3,803	4,620	+ 21.5
India	19,359	20,964	+ 8.3
Malaysia	1,227	1,900	+ 54.8
Saudi Arabia	3,953	3,551	- 10.2
Singapore	10,509	10,359	- 1.4
United Arab Emirates	49,969	52,124	+ 4.3
Other Asian	4	0	- 100.0
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>5,793</b>	<b>- 10.5</b>
Australia	6,472	5,793	- 10.5
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>+ 3700.0</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>214,285</b>	<b>229,855</b>	<b>+ 7.3</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	108,565
May	96,557	101,138	96,814
June	78,188	84,345	92,398
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>286,177</u>	<u>290,450</u>	<u>297,777</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>625,859</i></b>	<b><i>646,865</i></b>	<b><i>650,082</i></b>
July	112,347	115,881	115,448
August	100,191	109,471	107,275
September	96,282	102,849	100,837
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>308,820</u>	<u>328,201</u>	<u>323,560</u>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>934,679</i></b>	<b><i>975,066</i></b>	<b><i>973,642</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, January - September 2018 and 2019**

Purpose of visit	January - September 2018	January - September 2019 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Holiday	907,504	905,889	- 0.2
Business	37,398	38,044	+ 1.7
Transit	21,831	21,641	- 0.9
Conference	5,842	4,441	- 24.0
Sports	1,582	2,766	+ 74.8
Other	909	861	- 5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>975,066</b>	<b>973,642</b>	<b>- 0.1</b>

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January to September 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	January - September 2018			January - September 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change Jan-Sep 2019 / Jan-Sep 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>540,111</b>	<b>10,331</b>	<b>550,442</b>	<b>548,932</b>	<b>21,153</b>	<b>570,085</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Austria	11,747	261	12,008	11,127	720	11,847	-5.3	175.9	-1.3
Belgium	10,392	65	10,457	11,510	91	11,601	10.8	40.0	10.9
Bulgaria	1,174	92	1,266	1,290	160	1,450	9.9	73.9	14.5
Czech Republic	9,678	58	9,736	10,553	211	10,764	9.0	263.8	10.6
Croatia	479	42	521	578	45	623	20.7	7.1	19.6
Denmark	5,172	65	5,237	5,191	107	5,298	0.4	64.6	1.2
Estonia	575	4	579	873	12	885	51.8	200.0	52.8
Finland	2,973	5	2,978	2,429	31	2,460	-18.3	520.0	-17.4
France	188,925	1,492	190,417	197,911	3,806	201,717	4.8	155.1	5.9
Germany	82,729	5,477	88,206	78,049	10,747	88,796	-5.7	96.2	0.7
Greece	531	76	607	649	102	751	22.2	34.2	23.7
Hungary	2,190	19	2,209	2,713	199	2,912	23.9	947.4	31.8
Ireland	2,817	7	2,824	2,872	11	2,883	2.0	57.1	2.1
Italy	23,800	576	24,376	26,740	965	27,705	12.4	67.5	13.7
Latvia	432	35	467	371	7	378	-14.1	-80.0	-19.1
Lithuania	566	2	568	918	42	960	62.2	2,000.0	69.0
Luxembourg	1,389	8	1,397	1,391	65	1,456	0.1	712.5	4.2
Netherlands	12,095	80	12,175	12,864	96	12,960	6.4	20.0	6.4
Norway	3,701	115	3,816	4,143	153	4,296	11.9	33.0	12.6
Poland	6,919	71	6,990	7,519	265	7,784	8.7	273.2	11.4
Portugal	3,611	27	3,638	3,887	61	3,948	7.6	125.9	8.5
Romania	2,612	215	2,827	3,023	299	3,322	15.7	39.1	17.5
Serbia	427	15	442	542	33	575	26.9	120.0	30.1
Slovakia	3,093	19	3,112	3,015	58	3,073	-2.5	205.3	-1.3
Slovenia	1,087	12	1,099	1,290	91	1,381	18.7	658.3	25.7
Spain	11,283	157	11,440	10,593	224	10,817	-6.1	42.7	-5.4
Sweden	9,272	128	9,400	8,262	278	8,540	-10.9	117.2	-9.1
Switzerland	24,549	347	24,896	25,158	776	25,934	2.5	123.6	4.2
Turkey	1,921	29	1,950	2,163	58	2,221	12.6	100.0	13.9
United Kingdom	103,553	570	104,123	99,297	754	100,051	-4.1	32.3	-3.9
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>9,306</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>9,549</i>	<i>10,574</i>	<i>647</i>	<i>11,221</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>166.3</i>	<i>17.5</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>492</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>506</i>	<i>57.7</i>	<i>1,300.0</i>	<i>61.7</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>-12.8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-11.8</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>6,799</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>6,950</i>	<i>7,235</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>7,647</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>172.8</i>	<i>10.0</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,779</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>1,868</i>	<i>2,386</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>2,602</i>	<i>34.1</i>	<i>142.7</i>	<i>39.3</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>35.1</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>35.3</i>
<i>Other European</i>	<i>1,113</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1,132</i>	<i>1,437</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>1,476</i>	<i>29.1</i>	<i>105.3</i>	<i>30.4</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>219,100</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>219,692</b>	<b>222,195</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>222,907</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>114,138</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>114,576</i>	<i>115,340</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>115,685</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>-21.2</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>702</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>702</i>	<i>989</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>989</i>	<i>40.9</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>40.9</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>10,176</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>10,194</i>	<i>11,615</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>11,640</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>38.9</i>	<i>14.2</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>99,681</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>100,095</i>	<i>98,289</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>98,607</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>-23.2</i>	<i>-1.5</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>3,579</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3,585</i>	<i>4,447</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4,449</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>-66.7</i>	<i>24.1</i>
Algeria	223	0	223	239	1	240	7.2	-	7.6
Angola	425	0	425	447	13	460	5.2	-	8.2
Benin	88	1	89	71	3	74	-19.3	200.0	-16.9
Botswana	753	0	753	1,149	0	1,149	52.6	-	52.6
Burundi	67	0	67	84	0	84	25.4	-	25.4
Cameroon	326	2	328	331	0	331	1.5	-100.0	0.9
Congo	439	0	439	563	0	563	28.2	-	28.2
Egypt	522	4	526	614	5	619	17.6	25.0	17.7
Ethiopia	237	0	237	240	1	241	1.3	-	1.7
Gabon	115	0	115	164	0	164	42.6	-	42.6
Ghana	695	12	707	717	7	724	3.2	-41.7	2.4
Ivory Coast	335	12	347	384	21	405	14.6	75.0	16.7
Kenya	2,764	0	2,764	3,641	3	3,644	31.7	-	31.8
Lesotho	249	0	249	172	0	172	-30.9	-	-30.9
Malawi	305	0	305	309	0	309	1.3	-	1.3

<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 and by mode of travel, January to September 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	January - September 2018			January - September 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change Jan-Sep 2019 / Jan-Sep 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
Mayotte	874	0	874	1,058	0	1,058	21.1	-	21.1
Morocco	671	4	675	785	11	796	17.0	175.0	17.9
Mozambique	529	0	529	814	2	816	53.9	-	54.3
Namibia	997	8	1,005	920	4	924	-7.7	-50.0	-8.1
Niger	114	1	115	145	1	146	27.2	0.0	27.0
Nigeria	1,558	8	1,566	2,416	22	2,438	55.1	175.0	55.7
Rwanda	160	0	160	234	0	234	46.3	-	46.3
Senegal	170	10	180	184	11	195	8.2	10.0	8.3
South Africa, Rep. of	87,408	76	87,484	84,955	239	85,194	-2.8	214.5	-2.6
Sudan	64	0	64	71	0	71	10.9	-	10.9
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	304	0	304	338	2	340	11.2	-	11.8
Tanzania	525	1	526	809	4	813	54.1	300.0	54.6
Togo	49	0	49	55	2	57	12.2	-	16.3
Tunisia	283	8	291	359	1	360	26.9	-87.5	23.7
Uganda	440	0	440	598	1	599	35.9	-	36.1
Zimbabwe	1,649	0	1,649	2,134	1	2,135	29.4	-	29.5
Zambia	731	1	732	816	0	816	11.6	-100.0	11.5
Other African	893	6	899	1,039	12	1,051	16.3	100.0	16.9
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>169,236</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>170,834</b>	<b>144,887</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>147,204</b>	<b>-14.4</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>-13.8</b>
Afghanistan	522	7	529	513	13	526	-1.7	85.7	-0.6
Bangladesh	779	3	782	621	3	624	-20.3	0.0	-20.2
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	1,085	1	1,086	1,021	5	1,026	-5.9	400.0	-5.5
India	68,181	204	68,385	56,818	236	57,054	-16.7	15.7	-16.6
Indonesia	1,661	315	1,976	1,676	429	2,105	0.9	36.2	6.5
Israel	1,442	85	1,527	1,475	285	1,760	2.3	235.3	15.3
Japan	1,489	21	1,510	1,486	127	1,613	-0.2	504.8	6.8
Korea Republic	4,192	88	4,280	4,367	75	4,442	4.2	-14.8	3.8
Malaysia	1,725	23	1,748	1,581	21	1,602	-8.3	-8.7	-8.4
Maldives	41	0	41	298	1	299	626.8	-	629.3
Nepal	413	4	417	265	2	267	-35.8	-50.0	-36.0
Pakistan	920	10	930	686	26	712	-25.4	160.0	-23.4
People's Rep. of China	54,800	217	55,017	33,981	313	34,294	-38.0	44.2	-37.7
Philippines	1,654	470	2,124	2,006	526	2,532	21.3	11.9	19.2
Singapore	1,922	4	1,926	1,932	12	1,944	0.5	200.0	0.9
Sri Lanka	364	15	379	358	37	395	-1.6	146.7	4.2
Taiwan, China	1,442	59	1,501	1,440	118	1,558	-0.1	100.0	3.8
Thailand	319	5	324	410	3	413	28.5	-40.0	27.5
Vietnam	477	47	524	435	38	473	-8.8	-19.1	-9.7
<b>MIDDLE EAST Countries</b>	<b>25,617</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25,623</b>	<b>33,293</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33,304</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>-36.9</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-37.3</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>229</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>-45.6</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-45.9</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>94.1</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>92.2</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>555</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>555</i>	<i>663</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>663</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>19.5</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11.2</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>8.9</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>47.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>47.4</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>14,136</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>14,137</i>	<i>19,777</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>19,779</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>39.9</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>9,587</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9,588</i>	<i>11,431</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>11,435</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>300.0</i>	<i>19.3</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>400.0</i>	<i>14.1</i>
Other Asian	191	14	205	225	36	261	17.8	157.1	27.3
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>15,802</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>16,152</b>	<b>14,260</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-14.0</b>	<b>-9.9</b>
Australia	14,680	286	14,966	13,110	228	13,338	-10.7	-20.3	-10.9
New Zealand	660	49	709	703	59	762	6.5	20.4	7.5
Other Oceanian	462	15	477	447	14	461	-3.2	-6.7	-3.4
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>16,826</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>17,549</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>18,432</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Brazil	2,600	17	2,617	2,300	123	2,423	-11.5	623.5	-7.4
Canada	4,795	144	4,939	5,680	225	5,905	18.5	56.3	19.6
USA	6,661	564	7,225	7,107	383	7,490	6.7	-32.1	3.7
Other American	2,770	49	2,819	2,462	152	2,614	-11.1	210.2	-7.3
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>30.9</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>961,406</b>	<b>13,660</b>	<b>975,066</b>	<b>948,261</b>	<b>25,381</b>	<b>973,642</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>-0.1</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, January - September 2018 and 2019

Age group (years)	January - September 2018			January - September 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	18,823	18,277	37,100	19,196	19,026	38,222	2.0	4.1	3.0
5 - 9	21,880	21,439	43,319	21,783	21,204	42,987	-0.4	-1.1	-0.8
10 - 14	21,084	20,886	41,970	21,059	21,337	42,396	-0.1	2.2	1.0
15 - 19	16,039	18,587	34,626	15,800	19,020	34,820	-1.5	2.3	0.6
20 - 24	17,716	27,942	45,658	17,975	27,849	45,824	1.5	-0.3	0.4
25 - 29	49,471	61,225	110,696	45,784	57,267	103,051	-7.5	-6.5	-6.9
30 - 34	55,631	53,331	108,962	54,722	53,289	108,011	-1.6	-0.1	-0.9
35 - 39	47,847	44,065	91,912	47,621	44,474	92,095	-0.5	0.9	0.2
40 - 44	42,958	39,378	82,336	42,360	38,817	81,177	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
45 - 49	43,967	41,939	85,906	43,709	41,375	85,084	-0.6	-1.3	-1.0
50 - 54	44,110	42,662	86,772	44,240	42,871	87,111	0.3	0.5	0.4
55 - 59	37,056	35,376	72,432	38,747	36,144	74,891	4.6	2.2	3.4
60 - 64	28,610	26,636	55,246	28,783	27,299	56,082	0.6	2.5	1.5
65 - 69	20,154	18,506	38,660	20,483	19,374	39,857	1.6	4.7	3.1
70 & over	21,294	18,177	39,471	22,420	19,614	42,034	5.3	7.9	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>486,640</b>	<b>488,426</b>	<b>975,066</b>	<b>484,682</b>	<b>488,960</b>	<b>973,642</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, January to September 2018 and 2019

Age group (years)	January - September 2018			January - September 2019 <sup>1</sup>			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	122,005	384	122,389	122,702	903	123,605	0.6	135.2	1.0
15 - 59	712,001	7,299	719,300	698,605	13,459	712,064	-1.9	84.4	-1.0
60 & over	127,400	5,977	133,377	126,954	11,019	137,973	-0.4	84.4	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>961,406</b>	<b>13,660</b>	<b>975,066</b>	<b>948,261</b>	<b>25,381</b>	<b>973,642</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January - September 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>335,262</b>	<b>118,786</b>	<b>48,567</b>	<b>9,994</b>	<b>7,331</b>	<b>16,081</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>57,175</b>	<b>3,154</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>460</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	142,207	103,665	7,252	2,936	1,249	3,066	13	2,625	985	151	43	31	50	165
Germany	43,741	3,446	30,187	641	208	531	18	334	186	4	14	7	15	26
Italy	5,791	1,057	42	3,911	4	52	0	129	249	1	0	1	2	1
Netherlands	19,505	3,193	2,643	628	5,323	622	7	866	184	11	13	14	12	22
Switzerland	21,143	2,038	3,545	572	235	11,009	2	399	304	4	14	2	7	18
Turkey	23,905	3,886	3,419	791	132	388	1,777	725	846	15	27	18	69	48
United Kingdom	56,897	932	232	281	123	103	2	51,907	58	14	76	53	42	122
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>323,837</b>	<b>56,981</b>	<b>7,712</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,596</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>8,051</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>95,765</b>	<b>80,223</b>	<b>7,554</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>2,171</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	15,247	1,207	181	155	102	206	15	829	51	103	587	1,199	386	176
Malagasy Republic	15,028	962	180	93	260	115	72	254	91	223	146	545	817	212
Reunion Island	164,737	53,486	2,812	281	360	1,379	11	789	76	95,146	998	1,360	959	220
Seychelles	10,818	318	188	84	32	54	20	267	56	33	87	3,863	159	118
South Africa, Rep. of	117,672	1,001	4,346	1,878	1,365	832	22	5,911	144	260	78,405	587	858	1,445
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>278,541</b>	<b>21,937</b>	<b>21,744</b>	<b>14,238</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>6,461</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>33,877</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>49,125</b>	<b>30,548</b>	<b>2,073</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	11,406	60	9	16	0	3	0	77	19	85	57	12	8,497	67
India	47,310	119	43	15	27	19	2	281	10	124	3,073	41,937	58	61
Malaysia	2,420	143	13	6	6	6	1	39	6	225	34	37	148	220
People's Rep. of China	13,104	16	13	1	0	0	0	12	4	6	9	3	12,818	5
Saudi Arabia	15,826	458	195	91	11	29	79	157	23	50	23	116	40	24
Singapore	9,013	542	51	24	17	19	1	135	40	1,113	170	108	679	732
United Arab Emirates	179,236	20,593	21,420	14,085	3,344	6,385	119	33,175	3,561	471	364	6,911	8,301	963
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>10,618</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8,406</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	10,618	207	26	17	9	20	0	194	0	249	815	13	13	8,406
<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>948,261</b>	<b>197,911</b>	<b>78,049</b>	<b>26,740</b>	<b>12,864</b>	<b>25,158</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>99,297</b>	<b>7,235</b>	<b>98,289</b>	<b>84,955</b>	<b>56,818</b>	<b>33,981</b>	<b>13,110</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		52.4%	38.7%	14.6%	41.4%	43.8%	82.2%	52.3%	Napp	96.8%	92.3%	73.8%	37.7%	64.1%
From United Arab Emirates		10.4%	27.4%	52.7%	26.0%	25.4%	5.5%	33.4%	49.2%	0.5%	0.4%	12.2%	24.4%	7.3%
From Turkey		2.0%	4.4%	3.0%	1.0%	1.5%		0.7%	11.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%
From France			9.3%	11.0%	9.7%	12.2%	0.6%	2.6%	13.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.3%
From Reunion Island		27.0%	3.6%	1.1%	2.8%	5.5%	0.5%	0.8%	1.1%		1.2%	2.4%	2.8%	1.7%
From Netherlands		1.6%	3.4%	2.3%		2.5%	0.3%	0.9%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	5.6%	7.0%	10.6%	3.3%	1.0%	6.0%	2.0%	0.3%		1.0%	2.5%	11.0%

<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> January to September	880,890	907,153	9,705,552	10.7	39,210
<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> January to September	934,679	959,672	10,149,031	10.6	42,096
<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> January to September	975,066	1,003,414	10,605,289	10.6	46,256
<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> January to September	973,642	995,188	10,745,832	10.8	45,104

<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

<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>	1 <sup>st</sup> Qr.	116	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qr.	111	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qr.	111	13,330	28,650	55	10,267	22,370
	4 <sup>th</sup> Qr.	111	13,547	29,139	56	10,480	22,839
<b>2017</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qr.	108	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251
	4 <sup>th</sup> Qr.	111	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579
<b>2018</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Qr.	113	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qr.	107	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qr.	108	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676
	4 <sup>th</sup> Qr.	113	13,574	30,427	57	10,585	24,218
<b>2019</b> <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Qr. <sup>3</sup>	110	13,456	30,228	57	10,564	24,200
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qr. <sup>3</sup>	109	13,336	30,068	58	10,533	24,192
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qr.	110 <sup>4</sup>	13,248	30,623	57	10,370	24,437

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Revised

<sup>4</sup> Excluding three 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	64	83	74	78	72	74	66
February	81	72	79	71	76 <sup>2</sup>	67	82	74	81	74	77	69
March	76	67	76	69	71	62	77	68	78	72	72	64
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<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>66</u>
April	78	68	73	67	69	64	80	71	75	70	71	67
May	68	61	70	63	66	57	69	64	72	65	67	58
June	60	52	60	53	64	55	61	55	62	56	65	57
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>
July	73	66	68	63	69	62	76	69	71	66	70	64
August	75	67	76	70	73	66	79	71	79	74	75	69
September	77	67	79	69	75	63	79	69	82	72	77	65
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</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	77	70		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>			<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>72</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

**Table 11:- Employment in large<sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2015 - 2019**

Year \ Establishments	2015	2016	2017 <sup>2</sup>	2018 <sup>2</sup>	2019 <sup>3</sup>
Food Service	3,203	3,313	3,110	3,198	3,282
Hotels	22,568	23,624	24,098	24,142	24,458
Travel and Other Services <sup>4</sup>	3,793	3,755	3,664	3,604	3,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,564</b>	<b>30,692</b>	<b>30,872</b>	<b>30,944</b>	<b>31,254</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.

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