

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2020. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

It is to be noted that following the outbreak of COVID-19 worldwide, the national borders of Mauritius was closed down as from 20 March 2020 to date.

### 2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

#### Passenger traffic, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 and 2020

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	439,626	378,473	- 13.9
Sea	41,249	43,259	+ 4.9
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	39,877	41,582	+ 4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>480,875</b>	<b>421,732</b>	<b>- 12.3</b>
Departures by			
Air	474,845	428,009	- 9.9
Sea	44,896	41,474	- 7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>519,741</b>	<b>469,483</b>	<b>- 9.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

#### 2.1 Arrivals in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019:

- total arrivals decreased by 12.3% from 480,875 to 421,732, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 429;
- total tourist arrivals decreased by 13.5% from 352,305 to 304,842; those arriving by air decreased by 16.2% from 328,764 to 275,418, while those arriving by sea increased by 25.0% from 23,541 to 29,424. Among those arriving by sea, 28,497 were cruise tourists compared to 22,586, representing a growth of 26.2% (Table 6(b));
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 49.8% from 13,203 to 6,625.

In the first quarter 2020, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 41,582 cruise travellers which include 28,497 tourists, 1,113 excursionists, 530 Mauritian residents and 11,442 crew members.

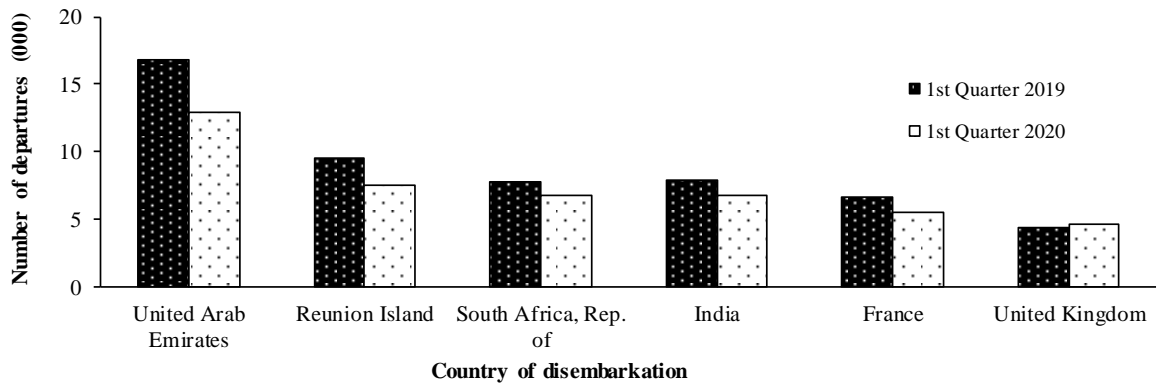
#### 2.2 Departures in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019:

- total departures decreased by 9.7% from 519,741 to 469,483, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 503; and
- departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 19.8% from 72,036 to 57,756 (Table 2).

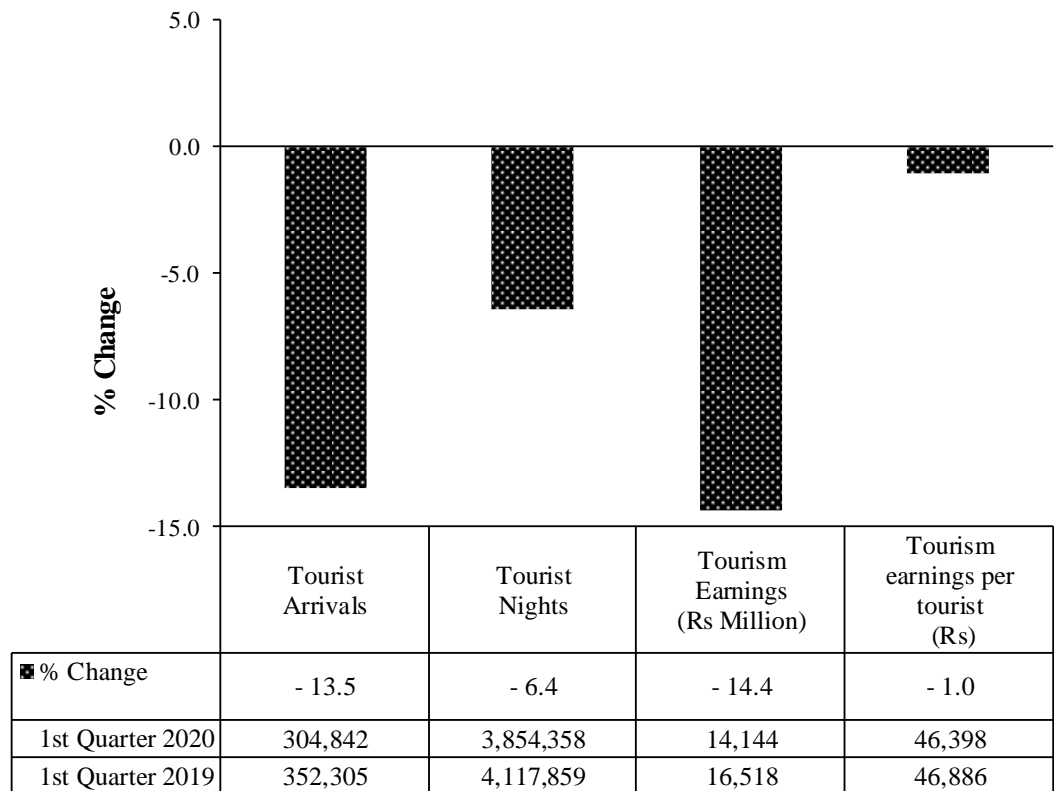
Comparative figures for the first Quarters of 2020 and 2019 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (12,948 or 22.4%), Reunion Island (7,464 or 12.9%), Republic of South Africa (6,773 or 11.7%), India (6,725 or 11.6%), France (5,414 or 9.4%) and United Kingdom (4,535 or 7.9%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020**



### 3. TOURISM

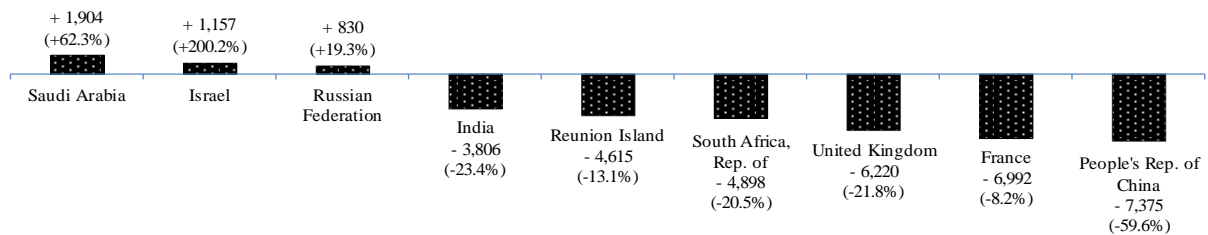
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#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

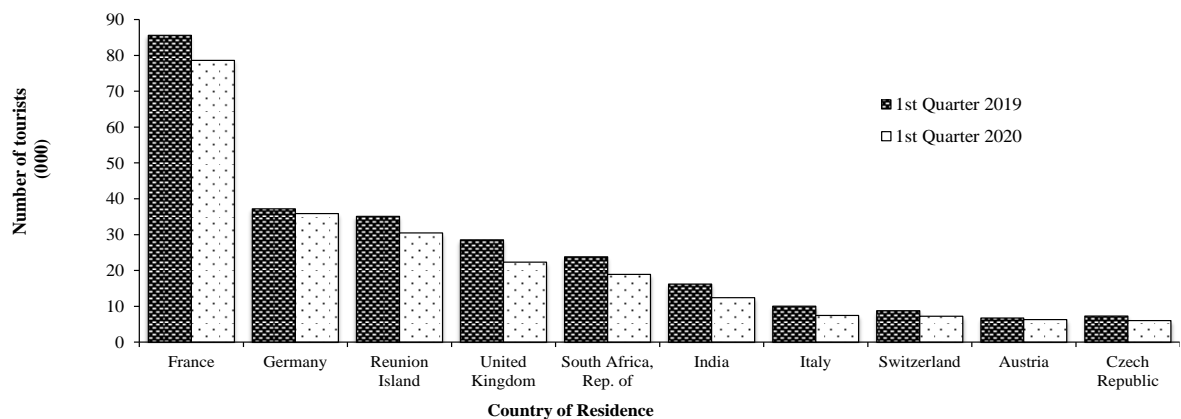
Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, tourist arrivals decreased by 47,463 or 13.5% to reach 304,842 in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 as a result of main changes shown in Figure 3.

**Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019**



In the first quarter of 2020, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a decrease of 8.2%. Among the main markets, People's Republic of China recorded a high decrease of 59.6% representing a decrease of 7,375 tourist arrivals. Decreases were also observed for United Kingdom (-21.8%), Republic of South Africa (-20.5%), Reunion Island (-13.1%) and India (-23.4%) (Table 5).

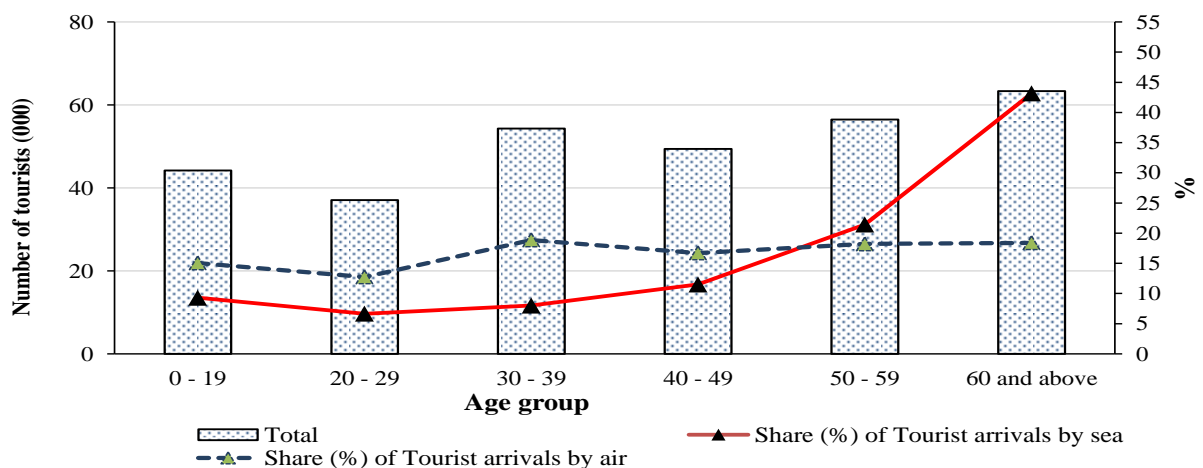
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### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 63,357 representing 20.8% of tourist arrivals and of whom 43.1% arrived by sea (Tables 6(a) and 6(b)).

**Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020**



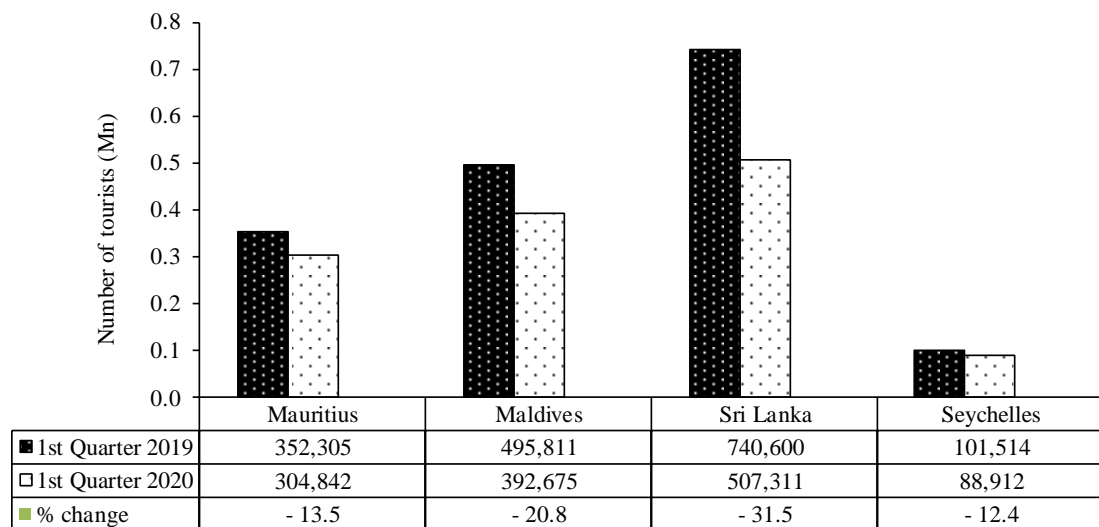
### 3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation and Netherlands, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation and Netherlands travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020, the proportion of tourists from Netherlands and Russian Federation who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 64.1% and 54.1% respectively. Among the selected markets, having direct flights to Mauritius, the proportions of tourists with country of residence as Italy and People's Republic of China using direct flights were 41.2% and 28.8% respectively while the proportions transiting through United Arab Emirates were 29.2% and 38.8% respectively.

### 3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020, tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 13.5%. Decreases were also observed for Seychelles (-12.4%), Maldives (-20.8%) and Sri Lanka (-31.5%).

**Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020**



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 2019:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 decreased by 6.4% from 4,117,859 to 3,854,358; and
- the average length of stay increased from 10.8 to 11.0 nights.

### 3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector 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 0.9% to 31,239 as compared to 30,947 for March 2018.

### 3.7 Accommodation

#### (i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of March 2020, there were 114 licensed hotels of which 111 were in operation and 3 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 111 hotels was 13,297 with 30,664 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 63%, lower compared to 73% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 54%, lower compared to 65% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 (Table 10).

#### (ii) 'Large' hotels in the Island of Mauritius

At the end of March 2020, 57 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,352 with 24,336 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 51% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 78% of total room capacity and 79% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 64% lower than the 74% registered in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019;
- the bed occupancy rate was 56%, lower than the 66% recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2018 - 2020

Month	2018		2019		2020 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	167,277	197,507	172,994	205,730	191,197	212,224
February	151,682	148,811	151,189	146,918	148,144	151,092
March	156,216	157,561	156,692	167,093	82,391	106,167
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>475,175</u>	<u>503,879</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>
April	146,421	150,938	150,580	145,505		
May	130,231	139,992	130,455	135,632		
June	113,689	111,463	125,877	124,918		
<u>2nd Quarter</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>865,516</i></b>	<b><i>906,272</i></b>	<b><i>887,787</i></b>	<b><i>925,796</i></b>		
July	156,110	143,654	156,090	146,256		
August	148,643	156,601	151,291	157,037		
September	137,101	135,666	135,043	135,444		
<u>3rd Quarter</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>1,307,370</i></b>	<b><i>1,342,193</i></b>	<b><i>1,330,211</i></b>	<b><i>1,364,533</i></b>		
October	169,570	158,783	164,647	156,298		
November	173,830	179,434	176,223	181,227		
December	211,519	179,287	205,655	180,307		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>554,919</u>	<u>517,504</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>996,773</i></b>	<b><i>953,425</i></b>	<b><i>988,949</i></b>	<b><i>956,569</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,862,289</b>	<b>1,859,697</b>	<b>1,876,736</b>	<b>1,882,365</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 2019 and 2020

Country of disembarkation	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 <sup>2</sup>	% Change
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>15,469</b>	<b>13,464</b>	<b>- 13.0</b>
Austria	168	149	- 11.3
France	6,542	5,414	- 17.2
Germany	1,039	647	- 37.7
Italy	380	353	- 7.1
Netherlands	317	0	- 100.0
Switzerland	221	744	+ 236.7
Turkey	2,402	1,621	- 32.5
United Kingdom	4,384	4,535	+ 3.4
Other European countries	16	1	- 93.8
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>23,520</b>	<b>19,861</b>	<b>- 15.6</b>
Kenya	1,534	1,482	- 3.4
Malagasy Republic	2,561	2,236	- 12.7
Reunion Island	9,551	7,464	- 21.9
Seychelles	1,986	1,808	- 9.0
South Africa, Rep. of	7,684	6,773	- 11.9
Other African countries	204	98	- 52.0
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>30,806</b>	<b>22,423</b>	<b>- 27.2</b>
People's Rep. of China	480	110	- 77.1
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	1,463	307	- 79.0
India	7,815	6,725	- 13.9
Malaysia	286	354	+ 23.8
Saudi Arabia	752	547	- 27.3
Singapore	3,258	1,430	- 56.1
United Arab Emirates	16,752	12,948	- 22.7
Other Asian countries	0	2	-
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>- 10.4</b>
Australia	2,241	2,008	- 10.4
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>72,036</b>	<b>57,756</b>	<b>- 19.8</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, 2018 - 2020**

Month	2018	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>
January	120,974	122,273	137,419
February	115,600	115,613	111,560
March	119,841	114,419	55,863
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>356,415</u>	<u>352,305</u>	<u>304,842</u>
April	104,967	108,565	
May	101,138	96,814	
June	84,345	92,398	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>290,450</u>	<u>297,777</u>	
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>646,865</i></b>	<b><i>650,082</i></b>	
July	115,881	115,448	
August	109,471	107,275	
September	102,849	100,837	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>328,201</u>	<u>323,560</u>	
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>975,066</i></b>	<b><i>973,642</i></b>	
October	134,052	129,018	
November	132,247	128,730	
December	158,043	152,098	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>424,342</u>	<u>409,846</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>752,543</i></b>	<b><i>733,406</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,399,408</b>	<b>1,383,488</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 and 2020**

Purpose of visit	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Holiday	329,417	287,018	- 12.9
Business	12,484	8,956	- 28.3
Transit	9,117	8,024	- 12.0
Conference	977	510	- 47.8
Sports	73	91	+ 24.7
Other purposes	237	243	+ 2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>- 13.5</b>

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 and 2020

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 <sup>1</sup>			% Change Q1 2020 / Q1 2019		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>209,730</b>	<b>20,588</b>	<b>230,318</b>	<b>182,491</b>	<b>23,196</b>	<b>205,687</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
Austria	6,046	718	6,764	5,601	723	6,324	-7.4	0.7	-6.5
Belgium	2,508	89	2,597	2,144	103	2,247	-14.5	15.7	-13.5
Bulgaria	886	158	1,044	690	117	807	-22.1	-25.9	-22.7
Czech Republic	7,130	211	7,341	5,864	183	6,047	-17.8	-13.3	-17.6
Croatia	329	26	355	301	51	352	-8.5	96.2	-0.8
Denmark	2,776	101	2,877	2,313	118	2,431	-16.7	16.8	-15.5
Estonia	734	12	746	414	3	417	-43.6	-75.0	-44.1
Finland	1,782	29	1,811	1,520	36	1,556	-14.7	24.1	-14.1
France	81,868	3,762	85,630	74,501	4,137	78,638	-9.0	10.0	-8.2
Germany	26,494	10,719	37,213	23,575	12,336	35,911	-11.0	15.1	-3.5
Greece	229	32	261	199	42	241	-13.1	31.3	-7.7
Hungary	1,896	199	2,095	1,759	242	2,001	-7.2	21.6	-4.5
Ireland	744	10	754	590	18	608	-20.7	80.0	-19.4
Italy	9,137	964	10,101	6,592	919	7,511	-27.9	-4.7	-25.6
Latvia	195	3	198	221	10	231	13.3	233.3	16.7
Lithuania	589	32	621	363	19	382	-38.4	-40.6	-38.5
Luxembourg	298	65	363	280	61	341	-6.0	-6.2	-6.1
Netherlands	3,548	90	3,638	2,070	111	2,181	-41.7	23.3	-40.0
Norway	1,838	145	1,983	1,036	135	1,171	-43.6	-6.9	-40.9
Poland	4,189	239	4,428	3,581	551	4,132	-14.5	130.5	-6.7
Portugal	984	60	1,044	673	138	811	-31.6	130.0	-22.3
Romania	1,700	274	1,974	2,205	440	2,645	29.7	60.6	34.0
Serbia	249	17	266	348	55	403	39.8	223.5	51.5
Slovakia	1,977	58	2,035	2,093	208	2,301	5.9	258.6	13.1
Slovenia	707	91	798	603	26	629	-14.7	-71.4	-21.2
Spain	1,369	201	1,570	1,289	131	1,420	-5.8	-34.8	-9.6
Sweden	6,611	276	6,887	5,481	247	5,728	-17.1	-10.5	-16.8
Switzerland	8,044	762	8,806	6,561	697	7,258	-18.4	-8.5	-17.6
Turkey	720	47	767	889	81	970	23.5	72.3	26.5
United Kingdom	27,921	656	28,577	21,824	533	22,357	-21.8	-18.8	-21.8
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	5,746	507	6,253	6,451	708	7,159	12.3	39.6	14.5
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	303	14	317	250	7	257	-17.5	-50.0	-18.9
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	87	2	89	146	2	148	67.8	0.0	66.3
<i>Russian Federation</i>	3,939	359	4,298	4,621	507	5,128	17.3	41.2	19.3
<i>Ukraine</i>	1,298	129	1,427	1,317	187	1,504	1.5	45.0	5.4
<i>Other CIS</i>	119	3	122	117	5	122	-1.7	66.7	0.0
<i>Other European countries</i>	486	35	521	460	17	477	-5.3	-51.4	-8.4
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>68,005</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>68,595</b>	<b>54,978</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>58,164</b>	<b>-19.2</b>	<b>440.0</b>	<b>-15.2</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	39,103	333	39,436	34,061	206	34,267	-12.9	-38.1	-13.1
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	231	0	231	166	0	166	-28.1	-	-28.1
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	3,051	14	3,065	2,505	14	2,519	-17.9	0.0	-17.8
<i>Reunion Island</i>	34,802	318	35,120	30,316	189	30,505	-12.9	-40.6	-13.1
<i>Seychelles</i>	1,019	1	1,020	1,074	3	1,077	5.4	200.0	5.6
Algeria	60	1	61	70	0	70	16.7	-100.0	14.8
Angola	187	1	188	112	12	124	-40.1	1100.0	-34.0
Benin	17	1	18	17	0	17	0.0	-100.0	-5.6
Botswana	196	0	196	174	4	178	-11.2	-	-9.2
Burundi	13	0	13	13	0	13	0.0	-	0.0
Cameroon	90	0	90	91	2	93	1.1	-	3.3
Congo	147	0	147	112	0	112	-23.8	-	-23.8
Egypt	157	0	157	190	0	190	21.0	-	21.0
Ethiopia	51	1	52	49	0	49	-3.9	-100.0	-5.8
Gabon	53	0	53	30	1	31	-43.4	-	-41.5
Ghana	179	3	182	120	3	123	-33.0	0.0	-32.4
Ivory Coast	94	8	102	56	3	59	-40.4	-62.5	-42.2
Kenya	915	2	917	708	2	710	-22.6	0.0	-22.6
Lesotho	44	0	44	34	15	49	-22.7	-	11.4
Malawi	41	0	41	61	0	61	48.8	-	48.8

<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 2019 and 2020

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 <sup>1</sup>			% Change Q1 2020 / Q1 2019		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
Mayotte	268	0	268	227	0	227	-15.3	-	-15.3
Morocco	242	11	253	161	3	164	-33.5	-72.7	-35.2
Mozambique	300	0	300	253	104	357	-15.7	-	19.0
Namibia	176	0	176	177	18	195	0.6	-	10.8
Niger	30	1	31	25	4	29	-16.7	300.0	-6.5
Nigeria	442	7	449	593	10	603	34.2	42.9	34.3
Rwanda	46	0	46	50	0	50	8.7	-	8.7
Senegal	40	9	49	43	2	45	7.5	-77.8	-8.2
South Africa, Rep. of	23,646	193	23,839	16,184	2,757	18,941	-31.6	1328.5	-20.5
Sudan	23	0	23	16	0	16	-30.4	-	-30.4
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	83	2	85	43	4	47	-48.2	100.0	-44.7
Tanzania	146	1	147	175	0	175	19.9	-100.0	19.0
Togo	14	1	15	13	0	13	-7.1	-100.0	-13.3
Tunisia	95	1	96	115	2	117	21.1	100.0	21.9
Uganda	150	1	151	150	0	150	0.0	-100.0	-0.7
Zimbabwe	475	1	476	322	18	340	-32.2	1700.0	-28.6
Zambia	184	0	184	155	5	160	-15.8	-	-13.0
Other African countries	298	12	310	378	11	389	26.8	-8.3	25.5
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>41,226</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>42,511</b>	<b>29,866</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>31,183</b>	<b>-27.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-26.6</b>
Afghanistan	174	12	186	164	11	175	-5.7	-8.3	-5.9
Bangladesh	220	0	220	231	1	232	5.0	-	5.5
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	225	4	229	103	2	105	-54.2	-50.0	-54.1
India	16,164	89	16,253	12,244	203	12,447	-24.3	128.1	-23.4
Indonesia	883	192	1,075	816	115	931	-7.6	-40.1	-13.4
Israel	293	285	578	1,234	501	1,735	321.2	75.8	200.2
Japan	498	116	614	304	9	313	-39.0	-92.2	-49.0
Korea Republic	1,526	5	1,531	762	13	775	-50.1	160.0	-49.4
Malaysia	338	7	345	282	4	286	-16.6	-42.9	-17.1
Maldives	8	1	9	8	0	8	0.0	-100.0	-11.1
Nepal	80	2	82	97	0	97	21.3	-100.0	18.3
Pakistan	219	4	223	163	7	170	-25.6	75.0	-23.8
People's Rep. of China	12,192	192	12,384	4,841	168	5,009	-60.3	-12.5	-59.6
Philippines	819	240	1,059	795	200	995	-2.9	-16.7	-6.0
Singapore	465	3	468	248	1	249	-46.7	-66.7	-46.8
Sri Lanka	133	9	142	116	11	127	-12.8	22.2	-10.6
Taiwan, China	548	73	621	236	21	257	-56.9	-71.2	-58.6
Thailand	94	3	97	76	6	82	-19.1	100.0	-15.5
Vietnam	159	24	183	160	20	180	0.6	-16.7	-1.6
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>6,131</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6,138</i>	<i>6,910</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>6,928</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>157.1</i>	<i>12.9</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>-18.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-18.2</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-79.8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-77.5</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>13.3</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>12.1</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>-17.3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-17.3</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>-49.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-47.2</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>-35.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-35.2</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>3,054</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3,056</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>62.3</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>2,554</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2,558</i>	<i>1,536</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,542</i>	<i>-39.9</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>-39.7</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>40.9</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>34.8</i>
Other Asian countries	57	17	74	76	6	82	33.3	-64.7	10.8
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>3,493</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3,749</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Australia	3,151	210	3,361	2,887	147	3,034	-8.4	-30.0	-9.7
New Zealand	188	37	225	157	29	186	-16.5	-21.6	-17.3
Other Oceanian countries	154	9	163	158	56	214	2.6	522.2	31.3
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>6,979</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>6,193</b>	<b>-23.2</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>-11.3</b>
Brazil	953	116	1,069	766	100	866	-19.6	-13.8	-19.0
Canada	1,872	214	2,086	1,445	301	1,746	-22.8	40.7	-16.3
USA	2,021	341	2,362	1,630	934	2,564	-19.3	173.9	8.6
Other American countries	1,325	137	1,462	901	116	1,017	-32.0	-15.3	-30.4
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>18.3</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>328,764</b>	<b>23,541</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>275,418</b>	<b>29,424</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>-16.2</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>-13.5</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(a):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 and 2020**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 <sup>1</sup>			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	6,986	6,917	13,903	5,867	5,742	11,609	-16.0	-17.0	-16.5
5 - 9	6,865	6,686	13,551	6,216	6,155	12,371	-9.5	-7.9	-8.7
10 - 14	5,984	6,398	12,382	5,594	5,911	11,505	-6.5	-7.6	-7.1
15 - 19	4,067	5,069	9,136	3,912	4,809	8,721	-3.8	-5.1	-4.5
20 - 24	5,240	8,357	13,597	4,784	7,487	12,271	-8.7	-10.4	-9.8
25 - 29	14,291	17,741	32,032	11,098	13,685	24,783	-22.3	-22.9	-22.6
30 - 34	17,190	17,308	34,498	13,831	14,244	28,075	-19.5	-17.7	-18.6
35 - 39	15,920	15,622	31,542	13,200	13,053	26,253	-17.1	-16.4	-16.8
40 - 44	14,697	13,642	28,339	12,395	11,488	23,883	-15.7	-15.8	-15.7
45 - 49	15,488	15,049	30,537	12,908	12,622	25,530	-16.7	-16.1	-16.4
50 - 54	16,632	16,876	33,508	13,913	14,509	28,422	-16.3	-14.0	-15.2
55 - 59	15,618	15,423	31,041	13,834	14,228	28,062	-11.4	-7.7	-9.6
60 - 64	12,957	12,701	25,658	11,608	11,828	23,436	-10.4	-6.9	-8.7
65 - 69	10,316	9,888	20,204	9,370	9,119	18,489	-9.2	-7.8	-8.5
70 & over	12,106	10,271	22,377	11,599	9,833	21,432	-4.2	-4.3	-4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>174,357</b>	<b>177,948</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>150,129</b>	<b>154,713</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>-13.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6(b):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 and 2020**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 <sup>1</sup>			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	38,937	899	39,836	33,524	1,961	35,485	-13.9	118.1	-10.9
15 - 59	232,381	11,849	244,230	191,233	14,767	206,000	-17.7	24.6	-15.7
60 & over	57,446	10,793	68,239	50,661	12,696	63,357	-11.8	17.6	-7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,764</b>	<b>23,541</b>	<b>352,305</b>	<b>275,418</b>	<b>29,424</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>-16.2</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>-13.5</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 2020 <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>122,526</b>	<b>48,331</b>	<b>16,849</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>4,265</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>14,924</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>121</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	55,480	41,721	1,941	905	322	471	8	534	863	55	10	10	8	31
Germany	16,672	2,266	11,045	205	89	161	10	12	83	4	2	0	0	7
Italy	4,322	681	37	2,718	7	37	0	40	247	0	0	0	0	1
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	6,968	1,634	915	177	29	3,260	5	84	77	3	3	2	1	4
Turkey	9,014	854	1,159	104	27	59	785	134	334	13	9	3	5	7
United Kingdom	16,874	957	100	102	70	96	1	14,084	19	3	27	15	21	17
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>82,102</b>	<b>17,910</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>28,982</b>	<b>14,823</b>	<b>1,483</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>489</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	3,170	432	38	48	16	57	5	123	48	55	85	153	123	31
Malagasy Republic	3,150	320	45	5	6	21	6	31	27	229	27	87	96	27
Reunion Island	48,478	16,726	433	38	21	252	3	96	56	28,544	203	207	208	67
Seychelles	2,866	106	68	10	4	18	1	75	41	28	20	933	23	38
South Africa, Rep. of	24,399	324	1,234	276	113	268	9	1,267	111	126	14,481	103	169	326
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>68,346</b>	<b>8,132</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>886</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	1,151	9	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	14	9	1	789	14
India	10,739	56	16	7	0	6	4	83	4	110	792	9,117	18	25
Malaysia	1,342	78	9	0	1	5	0	17	7	194	51	15	20	57
People's Rep. of China	1,444	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	4	1	1,392	0
Saudi Arabia	4,458	390	14	24	0	1	17	20	11	2	9	41	6	1
Singapore	1,742	148	6	3	0	5	0	16	4	457	28	15	78	114
United Arab Emirates	47,461	7,447	4,813	1,922	1,326	1,648	30	5,057	2,501	346	85	1,530	1,879	675
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,391</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,444	128	46	4	6	14	0	112	1	126	330	9	2	1,391
<b>AMERICA</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>	<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>275,418</b>	<b>74,501</b>	<b>23,575</b>	<b>6,592</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>21,824</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>30,316</b>	<b>16,184</b>	<b>12,244</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>2,887</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		56.0%	46.9%	41.2%	Napp	49.7%	88.3%	64.5%	Napp	94.2%	89.5%	74.5%	28.8%	48.2%
From United Arab Emirates		10.0%	20.4%	29.2%	64.1%	25.1%	3.4%	23.2%	54.1%	1.1%	0.5%	12.5%	38.8%	23.4%
From Turkey		1.1%	4.9%	1.6%	1.3%	0.9%		0.6%	7.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France			8.2%	13.7%	15.6%	7.2%	0.9%	2.4%	18.7%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	1.1%
From Reunion Island		22.5%	1.8%	0.6%	1.0%	3.8%	0.3%	0.4%	1.2%		1.3%	1.7%	4.3%	2.3%
From Netherlands		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.4%	5.2%	4.2%	5.5%	4.1%	1.0%	5.8%	2.4%	0.4%		0.8%	3.5%	11.3%

<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, 2017 - 2020**

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)
<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>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	352,305	380,228	4,117,859	10.8	16,518
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	297,777	296,081	3,028,030	10.2	14,534
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	323,560	318,879	3,599,943	11.3	14,052
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	409,846	365,118	3,720,033	10.2	18,003
	<b>Year</b>	<b>1,383,488</b>	<b>1,360,306</b>	<b>14,465,865</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>63,107</b>
<b>2020</b> <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	304,842	350,035	3,854,358	11.0	14,144 <sup>4</sup>

<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

<sup>4</sup> Preliminary estimates

**Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2017 - 2020**

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
<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	13,574	30,427	57	10,585	24,218
<b>2019</b>	1st Qr.	110	13,456	30,228	57	10,564	24,200
	2nd Qr.	109	13,336	30,068	58	10,533	24,192
	3rd Qr.	110	13,248	30,623	57	10,370	24,437
	4th Qr.	112	13,489	31,024	58	10,539	24,743
<b>2020</b> <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr.	111 <sup>3</sup>	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

**Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2018 - 2020**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2018		2019		2020 <sup>1</sup>		2018		2019		2020 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	77	70	72	64	73	64	78	72	74	66	75	65
February	79	71	76	67	70	61	81	74	77	69	72	63
March	76	69	71	62	42 <sup>2</sup>	34 <sup>2</sup>	78	72	72	64	43 <sup>2</sup>	35 <sup>2</sup>
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>
April	73	67	69	64			75	70	71	67		
May	70	63	66	57			72	65	67	58		
June	60	53	64	55			62	56	65	57		
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>			<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>			<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>		
July	68	63	69	62			71	66	70	64		
August	76	70	73	66			79	74	75	69		
September	79	69	75	63			82	72	77	65		
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>			<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>			<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>		
October	81	72	75	66			83	75	76	68		
November	83	71	84	69			84	72	85	70		
December	76	69	78	68			77	70	79	70		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>81</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<b>77</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>			<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>64</b>			<b>77</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres in March 2020

**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	2018	2019 <sup>2</sup>
Food Service	3,203	3,313	3,110	3,198	3,282
Hotels	22,568	23,624	24,093	24,145	24,443
Travel and Other Services <sup>3</sup>	3,793	3,755	3,664	3,604	3,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,564</b>	<b>30,692</b>	<b>30,867</b>	<b>30,947</b>	<b>31,239</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</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.

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