

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 2021. 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 the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide in 2020, the national borders of Mauritius were closed down as from 20 March 2020 to 30 September 2020. As from 01 October 2020 to 09 March 2021, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. In 2021, the national borders were once more closed down as from 10 March to 14 July. Afterwards, as from 15 July to 30 September 2021, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. However, as from 01 October 2021, Mauritius reopened its borders to all visitors.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 2020 and 2021

	2020	2021 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	399,220	244,918	-38.7
Sea	43,529	1,342	-96.9
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	41,582	359	-99.1
Total	442,749	246,260	-44.4
Departures by			
Air	450,220	225,725	-49.9
Sea	41,629	1,819	-95.6
Total	491,849	227,544	-53.7

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 2021

Compared to 2020:

- (i) total arrivals decreased by 44.4% from 442,749 to 246,260;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals dropped by 41.8% from 308,980 to 179,780; those arriving by air decreased by 36.0% from 279,325 to 178,733, while those arriving by sea declined by 96.5% from 29,655 to 1,047 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 92.0% from 6,656 to 535.

In 2021, 1 cruise ship arrived in the country compared to 20 in 2020 and carried some 359 cruise travellers, of which 100 were tourists.

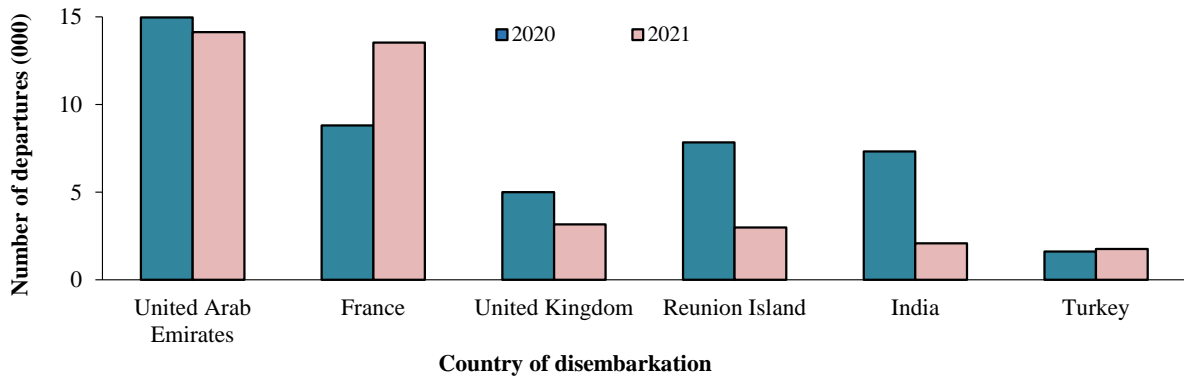
2.2 Departures in 2021

Compared to 2020:

- (i) total departures declined by 53.7% from 491,849 to 227,544; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 35.2% from 65,469 to 42,446 (Table 2).

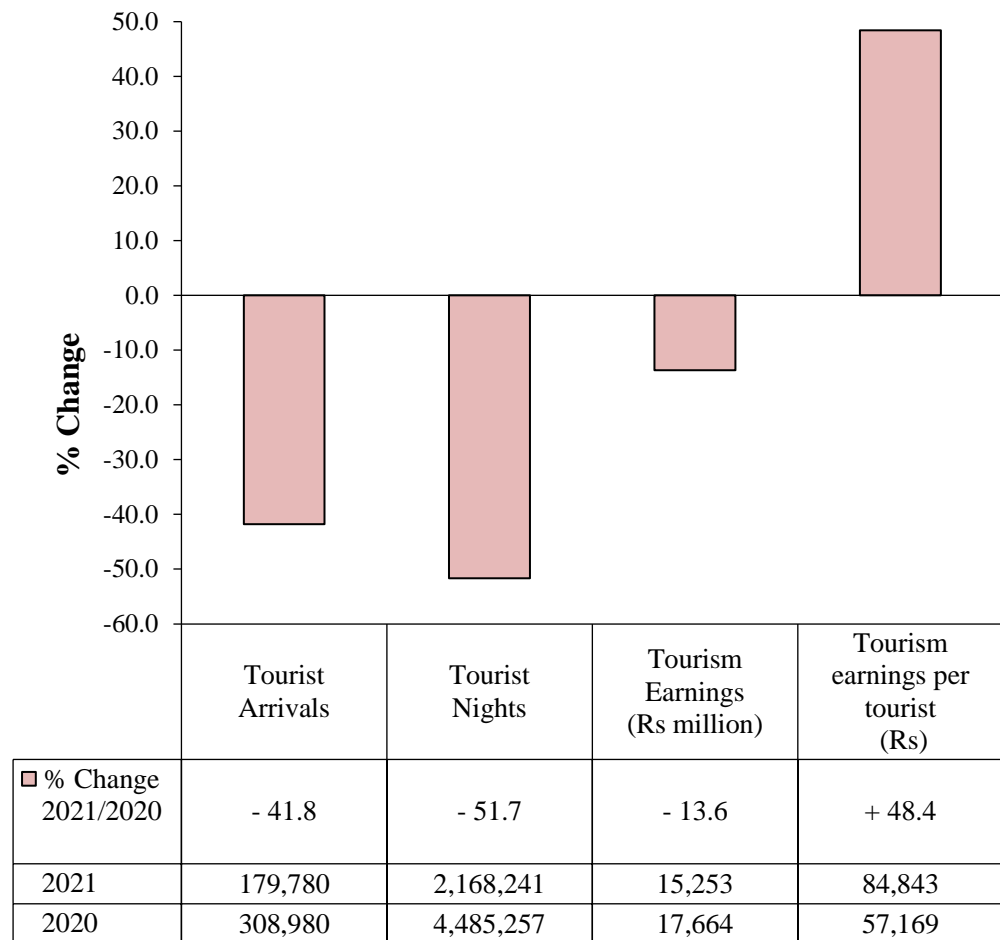
Comparative figures for 2020 and 2021 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2021, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (14,126 or 33.3%), France (13,540 or 31.9%), United Kingdom (3,171 or 7.5%), Reunion Island (2,991 or 7.0%), India (2,087 or 4.9%) and Turkey (1,756 or 4.1%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2020 and 2021



3. TOURISM

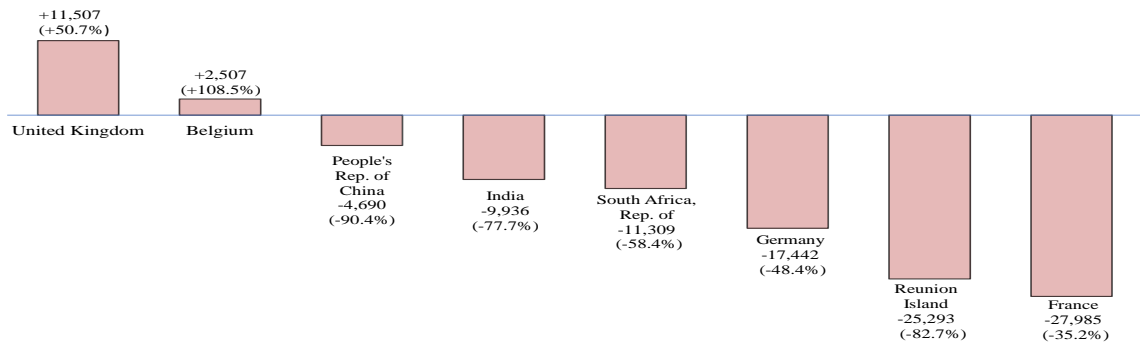
Figure 2 - Percentage change in main tourism indicators, 2021 compared 2020



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

Compared to 2020, tourist arrivals decreased by 129,200 or 41.8% to reach 179,780 in 2021 as a result of main changes shown in Figure 3.

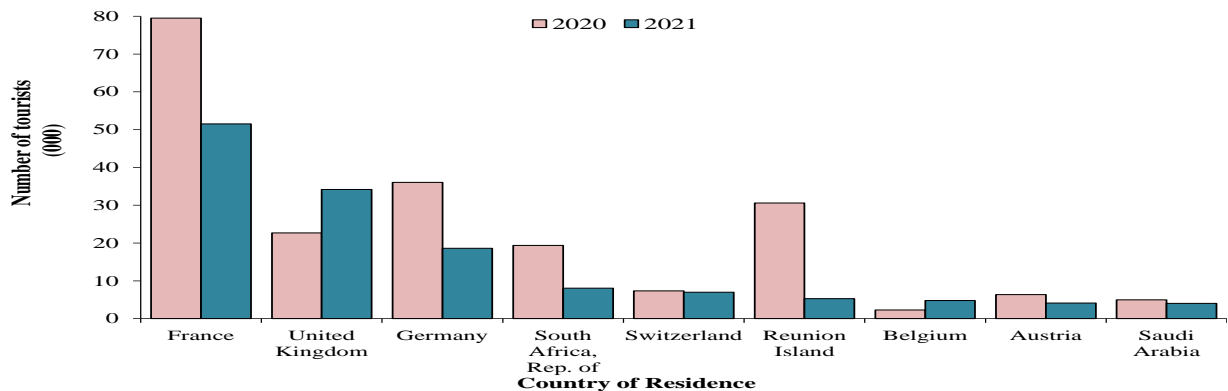
Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2021 compared to 2020



In 2021, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a decrease of 35.2%, representing a drop of 27,985 tourist arrivals compared to 2020. While an increase of 50.7% in tourist arrivals from United Kingdom was observed, decreases were noted in the other main markets as follows:

People's Republic of China (-90.4%), Reunion Island (-82.7%), India (-77.7%), Republic of South Africa (-58.4%) and Germany (-48.4%).

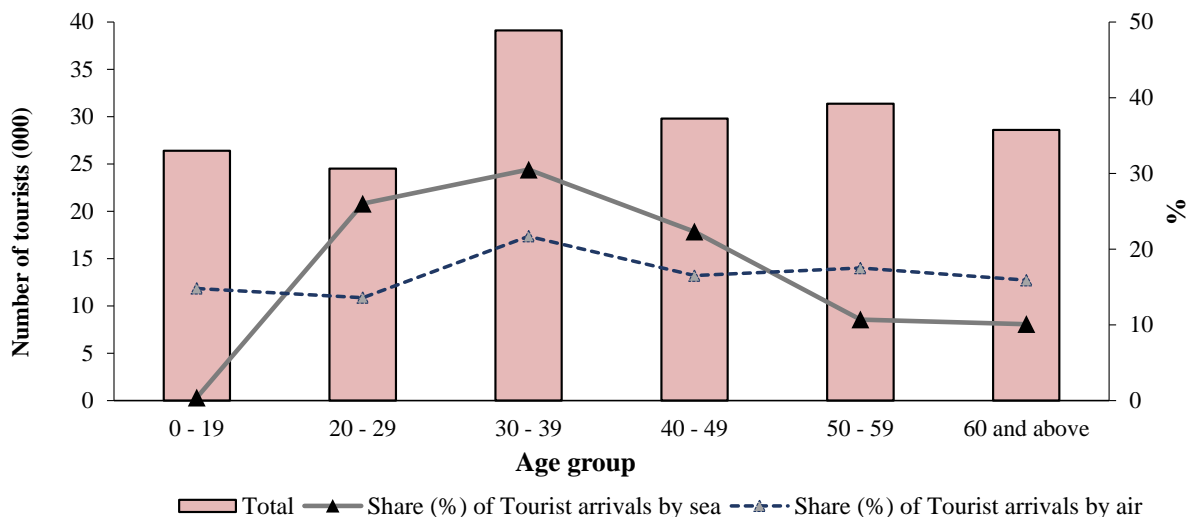
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main markets, 2020 and 2021



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 28,588 representing 15.9% of tourist arrivals and of whom 10.1% arrived by sea (Tables 6a and 6b).

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 2021



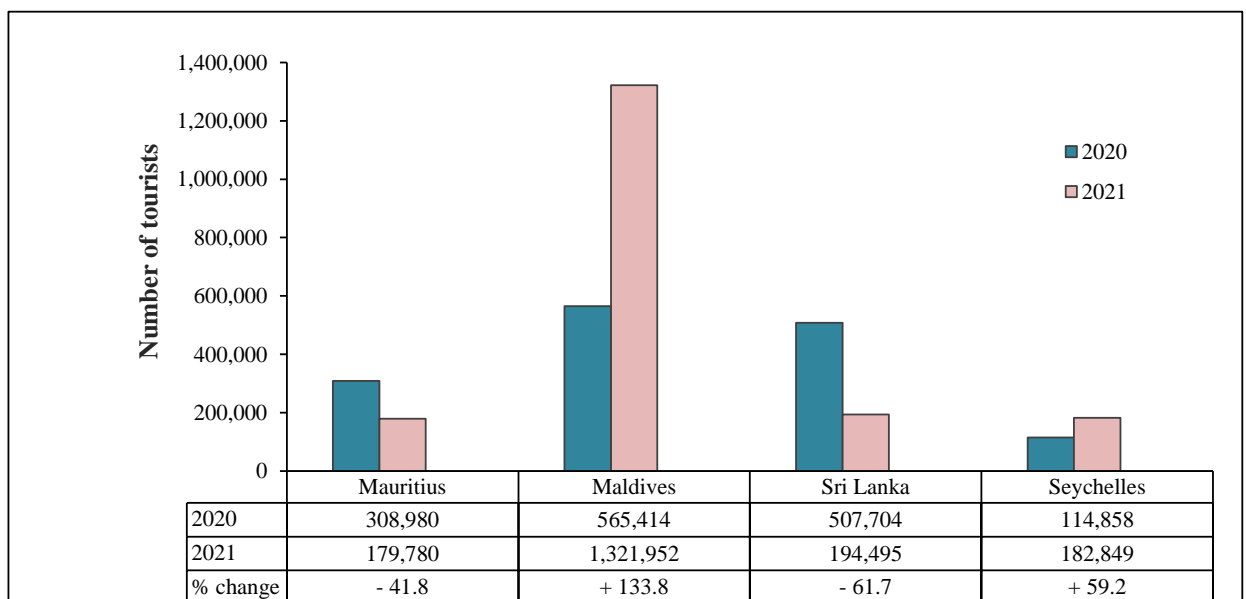
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From Table 7, it is observed that during 2021, tourists from France (66.5%), United Kingdom (61.2%), Germany (58.0%) and Switzerland (52.7%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Italy, Netherlands and Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates and France which were the most used transiting ports. For 2021, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation and Italy who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 45.6% and 34.3% respectively while 37.6% of tourists from Netherlands preferred to transit through France.

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

During 2021, while tourist arrivals in Mauritius dropped by 41.8% compared to 2020, growths were observed for Maldives (+133.8%) and Seychelles (+59.2%). On the other hand, Sri Lanka witnessed a decrease of 61.7% in tourist arrivals (Figure 6).

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2020 and 2021



Source: Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Maldives; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 2020:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2021 decreased by 51.7% from 4,485,257 to 2,168,241; and
- the average length of stay increased from 12.6 to 14.7 nights (Table 8).

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 2021 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments decreased by 13.6% to 27,858 as compared to 32,253 for March 2020.

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2021, there were 112 licensed hotels of which 1 was temporarily closed. The total room capacity of the 111 hotels in operation was 13,902 with 32,157 bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 21%, lower compared to 24% in 2020; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 17%, lower compared to 20% in 2020 (Table 10).

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

At the end of December 2021, there were 61 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 61 'large' hotels was 11,178 with 26,261 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 55% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 80% of total room capacity and 82% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 21%, lower than the 24% registered in 2020;
- the bed occupancy rate was 18%, lower than the 20% recorded in 2020 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2019 - 2021

Month	2019		2020		2021 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	172,994	205,730	191,197	212,224	3,512	3,570
February	151,189	146,918	148,144	151,092	3,225	3,006
March	156,692	167,093	82,391	106,167	1,219	3,601
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>
April	150,580	145,505	260	932	1,163	3,145
May	130,455	135,632	647	1,702	1,064	3,339
June	125,877	124,918	1,488	2,633	1,844	4,228
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>887,787</i>	<i>925,796</i>	<i>424,127</i>	<i>474,750</i>	<i>12,027</i>	<i>20,889</i>
July	156,090	146,256	1,623	2,689	3,740	4,751
August	151,291	157,037	2,569	1,914	6,575	7,417
September	135,043	135,444	3,224	2,952	4,586	7,458
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,330,211</i>	<i>1,364,533</i>	<i>431,543</i>	<i>482,305</i>	<i>26,928</i>	<i>40,515</i>
October	164,647	156,298	3,964	2,640	70,979	44,584
November	176,223	181,227	3,648	2,786	81,884	81,215
December	205,655	180,307	3,594	4,118	66,469	61,230
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>	<u>219,332</u>	<u>187,029</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>988,949</i>	<i>956,569</i>	<i>18,622</i>	<i>17,099</i>	<i>234,233</i>	<i>206,655</i>
Whole Year	1,876,736	1,882,365	442,749	491,849	246,260	227,544

¹ Excluding inter Island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius and direct transit but includes international traffic between Islands of Rodrigues and Reunion.

² Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, 2020 and 2021

Country of disembarkation	2020	2021 ²	% Change
EUROPE	17,555	19,355	10.3
Austria	149	134	-10.1
France	8,814	13,540	53.6
Germany	647	369	-43.0
Italy	576	0	-100.0
Netherlands	0	0	-
Switzerland	744	201	-73.0
Turkey	1,624	1,756	8.1
United Kingdom	4,997	3,171	-36.5
Other European countries	4	184	4,500.0
AFRICA	20,791	6,675	-67.9
Kenya	1,491	741	-50.3
Malagasy Republic	2,441	479	-80.4
Reunion Island	7,842	2,991	-61.9
Seychelles	1,941	639	-67.1
South Africa, Rep. of	6,971	1,724	-75.3
Other African countries	105	101	-3.8
ASIA	25,079	16,415	-34.5
People's Rep. of China	144	43	-70.1
Hong Kong SAR ³	307	0	-100.0
India	7,320	2,087	-71.5
Malaysia	354	0	-100.0
Saudi Arabia	548	159	-71.0
Singapore	1,430	0	-100.0
United Arab Emirates	14,973	14,126	-5.7
Other Asian countries	3	0	-100.0
OCEANIA	2,042	0	-100.0
Australia	2,042	0	-100.0
NOT STATED	2	1	-50.0
All countries	65,469	42,446	-35.2

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country² Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2019 - 2021

Month	2019	2020	2021 ¹
January	122,273	137,419	1,232
February	115,613	111,560	1,229
March	114,419	55,863	311
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>352,305</u>	<u>304,842</u>	<u>2,772</u>
April	108,565	10	58
May	96,814	20	115
June	92,398	9	280
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>297,777</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>453</u>
1st Semester	650,082	304,881	3,225
July	115,448	45	1,242
August	107,275	317	2,499
September	100,837	369	2,494
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>323,560</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>6,235</u>
Jan. to Sep.	973,642	305,612	9,460
October	129,018	1,149	54,434
November	128,730	1,177	65,922
December	152,098	1,042	49,964
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>409,846</u>	<u>3,368</u>	<u>170,320</u>
2nd Semester	733,406	4,099	176,555
Whole Year	1,383,488	308,980	179,780

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2020 and 2021**

Purpose of visit	2020	2021 ¹	% Change
Holiday	289,175	168,246	-41.8
Business	10,187	6,504	-36.2
Transit	8,599	4,304	-49.9
Conference	510	308	-39.6
Sports	166	34	-79.5
Other purposes	343	384	12.0
Total	308,980	179,780	-41.8

¹ Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	2020			2021 ¹			% Change 2021 / 2020		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	184,406	23,235	207,641	145,555	257	145,812	-21.1	-98.9	-29.8
Austria	5,620	723	6,343	4,104	7	4,111	-27.0	-99.0	-35.2
Belgium	2,207	103	2,310	4,817	0	4,817	118.3	-100.0	108.5
Bulgaria	694	117	811	253	0	253	-63.5	-100.0	-68.8
Czech Republic	5,883	183	6,066	2,561	0	2,561	-56.5	-100.0	-57.8
Croatia	303	51	354	120	11	131	-60.4	-78.4	-63.0
Denmark	2,316	118	2,434	1,720	0	1,720	-25.7	-100.0	-29.3
Estonia	417	3	420	317	1	318	-24.0	-66.7	-24.3
Finland	1,523	36	1,559	365	0	365	-76.0	-100.0	-76.6
France	75,357	4,153	79,510	51,520	5	51,525	-31.6	-99.9	-35.2
Germany	23,711	12,336	36,047	18,523	82	18,605	-21.9	-99.3	-48.4
Greece	234	43	277	168	6	174	-28.2	-86.0	-37.2
Hungary	1,762	242	2,004	589	0	589	-66.6	-100.0	-70.6
Ireland	611	18	629	580	2	582	-5.1	-88.9	-7.5
Italy	6,648	919	7,567	3,939	15	3,954	-40.7	-98.4	-47.7
Latvia	225	10	235	167	1	168	-25.8	-90.0	-28.5
Lithuania	366	19	385	172	2	174	-53.0	-89.5	-54.8
Luxembourg	284	61	345	412	0	412	45.1	-100.0	19.4
Netherlands	2,093	113	2,206	1,200	12	1,212	-42.7	-89.4	-45.1
Norway	1,044	135	1,179	549	1	550	-47.4	-99.3	-53.4
Poland	3,595	551	4,146	1,952	3	1,955	-45.7	-99.5	-52.8
Portugal	682	138	820	690	4	694	1.2	-97.1	-15.4
Romania	2,217	440	2,657	1,275	3	1,278	-42.5	-99.3	-51.9
Serbia	350	55	405	117	0	117	-66.6	-100.0	-71.1
Slovakia	2,093	208	2,301	657	0	657	-68.6	-100.0	-71.4
Slovenia	605	26	631	235	0	235	-61.2	-100.0	-62.8
Spain	1,382	141	1,523	1,433	24	1,457	3.7	-83.0	-4.3
Sweden	5,484	248	5,732	1,784	0	1,784	-67.5	-100.0	-68.9
Switzerland	6,631	697	7,328	7,007	4	7,011	5.7	-99.4	-4.3
Turkey	899	81	980	360	1	361	-60.0	-98.8	-63.2
United Kingdom	22,154	533	22,687	34,169	25	34,194	54.2	-95.3	50.7
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>6,546</i>	<i>717</i>	<i>7,263</i>	<i>3,508</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>3,556</i>	<i>-46.4</i>	<i>-93.3</i>	<i>-51.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>261</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>-52.0</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-53.3</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>-72.5</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-72.8</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>4,677</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>5,191</i>	<i>2,662</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2,686</i>	<i>-43.1</i>	<i>-95.3</i>	<i>-48.3</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,344</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>1,533</i>	<i>542</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>-59.7</i>	<i>-87.8</i>	<i>-63.1</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>-80.0</i>	<i>11.8</i>
Other European countries	470	17	487	292	0	292	-37.9	-100.0	-40.0
AFRICA	55,714	3,203	58,917	17,255	48	17,303	-69.0	-98.5	-70.6
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>34,189</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>34,396</i>	<i>6,599</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6,609</i>	<i>-80.7</i>	<i>-95.2</i>	<i>-80.8</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>-49.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-49.7</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,538</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2,553</i>	<i>744</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>753</i>	<i>-70.7</i>	<i>-40.0</i>	<i>-70.5</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>30,392</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>30,581</i>	<i>5,288</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5,288</i>	<i>-82.6</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-82.7</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,090</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,093</i>	<i>482</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>483</i>	<i>-55.8</i>	<i>-66.7</i>	<i>-55.8</i>
Algeria	75	0	75	20	0	20	-73.3	-	-73.3
Angola	115	12	127	26	3	29	-77.4	-75.0	-77.2
Benin	17	1	18	8	0	8	-52.9	-100.0	-55.6
Botswana	176	4	180	45	0	45	-74.4	-100.0	-75.0
Burundi	14	0	14	4	0	4	-71.4	-	-71.4
Cameroon	98	2	100	103	0	103	5.1	-100.0	3.0
Congo	116	0	116	73	0	73	-37.1	-	-37.1
Egypt	210	0	210	112	0	112	-46.7	-	-46.7
Ethiopia	51	0	51	24	0	24	-52.9	-	-52.9
Gabon	30	1	31	15	0	15	-50.0	-100.0	-51.6
Ghana	138	5	143	104	8	112	-24.6	60.0	-21.7
Ivory Coast	58	9	67	64	5	69	10.3	-44.4	3.0
Kenya	743	3	746	539	2	541	-27.5	-33.3	-27.5
Lesotho	34	15	49	16	0	16	-52.9	-100.0	-67.3
Malawi	62	0	62	26	0	26	-58.1	-	-58.1

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	2020			2021 ¹			% Change 2021 / 2020		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	228	0	228	110	0	110	-51.8	-	-51.8
Morocco	172	4	176	108	0	108	-37.2	-100.0	-38.6
Mozambique	254	104	358	48	2	50	-81.1	-98.1	-86.0
Namibia	178	18	196	71	5	76	-60.1	-72.2	-61.2
Niger	25	4	29	16	0	16	-36.0	-100.0	-44.8
Nigeria	597	10	607	264	0	264	-55.8	-100.0	-56.5
Rwanda	52	0	52	43	0	43	-17.3	-	-17.3
Senegal	50	4	54	29	1	30	-42.0	-75.0	-44.4
South Africa, Rep. of	16,611	2,759	19,370	8,053	8	8,061	-51.5	-99.7	-58.4
Sudan	16	1	17	8	0	8	-50.0	-100.0	-52.9
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	43	4	47	23	0	23	-46.5	-100.0	-51.1
Tanzania	180	0	180	99	4	103	-45.0	-	-42.8
Togo	13	0	13	9	0	9	-30.8	-	-30.8
Tunisia	128	2	130	143	0	143	11.7	-100.0	10.0
Uganda	153	0	153	77	0	77	-49.7	-	-49.7
Zimbabwe	337	18	355	167	0	167	-50.4	-100.0	-53.0
Zambia	164	5	169	74	0	74	-54.9	-100.0	-56.2
Other African countries	387	11	398	135	0	135	-65.1	-100.0	-66.1
ASIA	30,868	1,471	32,339	12,812	714	13,526	-58.5	-51.5	-58.2
Afghanistan	167	11	178	84	0	84	-49.7	-100.0	-52.8
Bangladesh	257	1	258	112	0	112	-56.4	-100.0	-56.6
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	114	2	116	18	0	18	-84.2	-100.0	-84.5
India	12,572	209	12,781	2,814	31	2,845	-77.6	-85.2	-77.7
Indonesia	883	198	1,081	1,052	353	1,405	19.1	78.3	30.0
Israel	1,240	501	1,741	418	0	418	-66.3	-100.0	-76.0
Japan	417	12	429	81	5	86	-80.6	-58.3	-80.0
Korea Republic	763	13	776	110	26	136	-85.6	100.0	-82.5
Malaysia	283	4	287	99	5	104	-65.0	25.0	-63.8
Maldives	8	0	8	9	0	9	12.5	-	12.5
Nepal	101	0	101	36	2	38	-64.4	-	-62.4
Pakistan	180	7	187	145	0	145	-19.4	-100.0	-22.5
People's Rep. of China	5,019	170	5,189	491	8	499	-90.2	-95.3	-90.4
Philippines	909	249	1,158	678	255	933	-25.4	2.4	-19.4
Singapore	257	1	258	99	0	99	-61.5	-100.0	-61.6
Sri Lanka	126	11	137	63	9	72	-50.0	-18.2	-47.4
Taiwan, China	255	32	287	63	13	76	-75.3	-59.4	-73.5
Thailand	80	6	86	49	0	49	-38.8	-100.0	-43.0
Vietnam	168	20	188	50	5	55	-70.2	-75.0	-70.7
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>6,993</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>7,011</i>	<i>6,316</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6,316</i>	<i>-9.7</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-9.9</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>194.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>194.4</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>-11.1</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-20.0</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>-11.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-11.5</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>-59.5</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-61.6</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2.7</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>25.0</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>31.4</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>4,982</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,982</i>	<i>4,028</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,028</i>	<i>-19.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-19.1</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,581</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,587</i>	<i>1,931</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,931</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>21.7</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>-66.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-66.7</i>
Other Asian countries	76	6	82	25	2	27	-67.1	-66.7	-67.1
OCEANIA	3,266	234	3,500	421	19	440	-87.1	-91.9	-87.4
Australia	2,926	147	3,073	313	8	321	-89.3	-94.6	-89.6
New Zealand	166	30	196	49	11	60	-70.5	-63.3	-69.4
Other Oceanian countries	174	57	231	59	0	59	-66.1	-100.0	-74.5
AMERICA	4,922	1,470	6,392	2,566	9	2,575	-47.9	-99.4	-59.7
Brazil	768	100	868	91	0	91	-88.2	-100.0	-89.5
Canada	1,503	301	1,804	991	2	993	-34.1	-99.3	-45.0
USA	1,717	934	2,651	1,327	1	1,328	-22.7	-99.9	-49.9
Other American countries	934	135	1,069	157	6	163	-83.2	-95.6	-84.8
Others & not stated	149	42	191	124	0	124	-16.8	-100.0	-35.1
All countries	279,325	29,655	308,980	178,733	1,047	179,780	-36.0	-96.5	-41.8

¹ Provisional⁴ Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland⁵ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 2020 and 2021

Age group (years)	2020			2021 ¹			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	5,967	5,846	11,813	3,632	3,629	7,261	-39.1	-37.9	-38.5
5 - 9	6,296	6,226	12,522	3,658	3,549	7,207	-41.9	-43.0	-42.4
10 - 14	5,644	5,967	11,611	3,454	3,191	6,645	-38.8	-46.5	-42.8
15 - 19	3,962	4,863	8,825	2,528	2,752	5,280	-36.2	-43.4	-40.2
20 - 24	4,931	7,593	12,524	3,086	4,096	7,182	-37.4	-46.1	-42.7
25 - 29	11,389	13,838	25,227	7,709	9,614	17,323	-32.3	-30.5	-31.3
30 - 34	14,192	14,405	28,597	11,030	10,927	21,957	-22.3	-24.1	-23.2
35 - 39	13,566	13,188	26,754	9,217	7,940	17,157	-32.1	-39.8	-35.9
40 - 44	12,698	11,597	24,295	8,094	7,112	15,206	-36.3	-38.7	-37.4
45 - 49	13,180	12,721	25,901	7,786	6,809	14,595	-40.9	-46.5	-43.7
50 - 54	14,154	14,612	28,766	8,297	7,796	16,093	-41.4	-46.6	-44.1
55 - 59	14,010	14,302	28,312	7,939	7,347	15,286	-43.3	-48.6	-46.0
60 - 64	11,733	11,897	23,630	6,314	5,618	11,932	-46.2	-52.8	-49.5
65 - 69	9,455	9,176	18,631	4,313	3,641	7,954	-54.4	-60.3	-57.3
70 & over	11,682	9,890	21,572	4,861	3,841	8,702	-58.4	-61.2	-59.7
Total	152,859	156,121	308,980	91,918	87,862	179,780	-39.9	-43.7	-41.8

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 2020 and 2021**

Age group (years)	2020			2021 ¹			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	33,985	1,961	35,946	21,113	0	21,113	-37.9	-100.0	-41.3
15 - 59	194,209	14,992	209,201	129,138	941	130,079	-33.5	-93.7	-37.8
60 & over	51,131	12,702	63,833	28,482	106	28,588	-44.3	-99.2	-55.2
Total	279,325	29,655	308,980	178,733	1,047	179,780	-36.0	-96.5	-41.8

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals ¹ by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 2021

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	110,607	38,939	15,419	2,510	793	5,348	311	24,482	1,378	14	80	46	134	67
<i>of which:</i> France	46,369	34,244	1,175	876	451	830	4	2,235	384	9	23	27	90	8
Germany	15,620	1,785	10,740	319	113	255	4	313	51	0	7	5	4	12
Italy	206	0	0	192	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	6,730	765	874	124	17	3,696	0	217	49	0	4	1	2	3
Turkey	8,446	1,156	653	862	66	289	301	633	745	4	19	7	20	3
United Kingdom	22,146	277	50	81	26	41	0	20,909	17	0	27	6	18	12
AFRICA	28,111	8,855	553	75	65	254	4	375	62	5,237	7,761	162	50	23
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	2,166	271	18	7	10	23	1	130	23	5	160	51	26	4
Malagasy Republic	716	27	5	2	1	0	0	5	1	26	21	14	7	1
Reunion Island	15,420	8,439	403	39	30	167	0	53	15	5,181	169	4	2	3
Seychelles	1,247	62	34	5	2	26	1	21	19	6	13	84	2	2
South Africa, Rep. of	8,513	48	93	22	22	35	2	159	4	19	7,398	9	13	13
ASIA	40,015	3,726	2,551	1,354	342	1,405	45	9,312	1,222	37	212	2,606	307	223
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	1,397	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	4	1,360	0	1
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
People's Rep. of China	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0
Saudi Arabia	3,709	19	4	3	1	3	1	28	7	2	4	7	0	0
Singapore	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	34,807	3,702	2,545	1,351	341	1,402	44	9,274	1,215	34	204	1,228	258	222
OCEANIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i> Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i> USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	178,733	51,520	18,523	3,939	1,200	7,007	360	34,169	2,662	5,288	8,053	2,814	491	313
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		66.5%	58.0%	4.9%	Napp	52.7%	83.6%	61.2%	Napp	98.0%	91.9%	48.3%	10.0%	Napp
From United Arab Emirates		7.2%	13.7%	34.3%	28.4%	20.0%	12.2%	27.1%	45.6%	0.6%	2.5%	43.6%	52.5%	70.9%
From Turkey		2.2%	3.5%	21.9%	5.5%	4.1%		1.9%	28.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	4.1%	1.0%
From France			6.3%	22.2%	37.6%	11.8%	1.1%	6.5%	14.4%	0.2%	0.3%	1.0%	18.3%	2.6%
From Reunion Island		16.4%	2.2%	1.0%	2.5%	2.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%		2.1%	0.1%	0.4%	1.0%
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		0.1%	0.5%	0.6%	1.8%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%		0.3%	2.6%	4.2%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: Not Applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2018 - 2021

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)	
2018	1st Semester	646,865	681,859	7,123,373	10.4	33,460
	2nd Semester	752,543	695,119	7,172,901	10.3	30,578
	Year	1,399,408	1,376,978	14,296,274	10.4	64,037
2019	1st Semester	650,082	676,309	7,145,889	10.6	31,052
	2nd Semester	733,406	683,997	7,319,976	10.7	32,055
	Year	1,383,488	1,360,306	14,465,865	10.6	63,107
2020	1st Semester	304,881	352,225	4,085,138	11.6	16,083
	2nd Semester	4,099	3,065	400,119	130.5	1,581
	Year	308,980	355,290	4,485,257	12.6	17,664
2021 ³	1st Quarter	2,772	1,989	153,588	77.2	522
	2nd Quarter	453	1,264	146,216	115.7	385
	3rd Quarter	6,235	4,064	189,954	46.7	1,704
	4th Quarter	170,320	140,126	1,678,483	12.0	12,642
	Year	179,780	147,443	2,168,241	14.7	15,253

¹ Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2018 - 2021

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2018	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
2019	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
2020	1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
	2nd Qr.	91 ³	10,537	24,214	44 ³	7,972	18,801
	3rd Qr.	74 ³	8,171	19,091	32 ³	5,898	14,283
	4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905
2021 ²	1st Qr.	93 ³	10,837	24,895	49 ³	8,470	19,730
	2nd Qr.	81 ³	9,358	20,663	39 ³	7,057	15,761
	3rd Qr.	92 ³	10,810	24,824	45 ³	8,243	19,311
	4th Qr.	111	13,902	32,157	61	11,178	26,261

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

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³ Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates ¹ (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2019 - 2021

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2019		2020		2021 ²		2019		2020		2021 ²	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	72	64	73	64	18	15	74	66	75	65	18	15
February	76	67	70	61	15	11	77	69	72	63	14	11
March	71	62	42	34	8	6	72	64	43	35	9	6
1st Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
April	69	64	1	0	2	1	71	67	0	0	1	1
May	66	57	0	0	3	2	67	58	0	0	3	2
June	64	55	1	1	6	4	65	57	1	1	6	4
2nd Quarter	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
1 st Semester	69	62	34	30	9	7	71	63	35	31	9	7
July	69	62	2	2	8	6	70	64	1	1	8	6
August	73	66	5	5	16	13	75	69	5	4	16	13
September	75	63	9	9	12	9	77	65	8	8	11	9
3rd Quarter	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
Jan. to Sep.	70	62	26	22	10	8	72	65	26	23	10	8
October	75	66	16	12	37	33	76	68	16	12	38	33
November	84	69	17	12	57	48	85	70	17	12	59	49
December	78	68	21	17	40	36	79	70	21	17	42	36
4th Quarter	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>
2 nd Semester	76	66	12	10	31	26	77	68	12	9	32	27
Year	73	64	24	20	21	17	74	66	24	20	21	18

¹ For the periods March 2020 to end of September 2020 and March 2021 to end of December 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

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Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2017 - 2021

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 ²
Activities					
Food Service	3,238	3,351	3,526	3,662	3,463
Hotels	24,183	24,412	24,510	25,039	21,693
Travel and Other Services ³	3,664	3,604	3,514	3,552	2,702
Total	31,085	31,367	31,550	32,253	27,858

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

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³ Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

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

Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius (BoM) is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks. As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

Monthly Occupancy Rates

Survey questionnaires are emailed to all hotels at the end of every month to collect data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates. Non-responses are contacted by phone.

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
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Yearly Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (iv) Yearly Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (v) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism (last publication- Year 2018)

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.

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