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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 2022. 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 in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from 01 January to 09 March, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. The national borders were once more closed down from 10 March to 14 July. Afterwards, as from 15 July to 30 September, 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, 2021 and 2022

	2021	2022 ¹
Arrivals by		
Air	244,918	1,314,166
Sea	1,342	13,216
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	359	9,602
Total	246,260	1,327,382
Departures by		
Air	225,725	1,290,465
Sea	1,819	12,503
Total	227,544	1,302,968

¹ *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in 2022

Compared to 2021:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 246,260 to 1,327,382;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 179,780 to 997,290; those arriving by air rose from 178,733 to 990,099, while those arriving by sea increased from 1,047 to 7,191 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 535 to 5,851.

In 2022, 8 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 9,602 cruise travellers comprising 4,003 tourists, 1,786 excursionists, 3 Mauritian residents and 3,810 crew members.

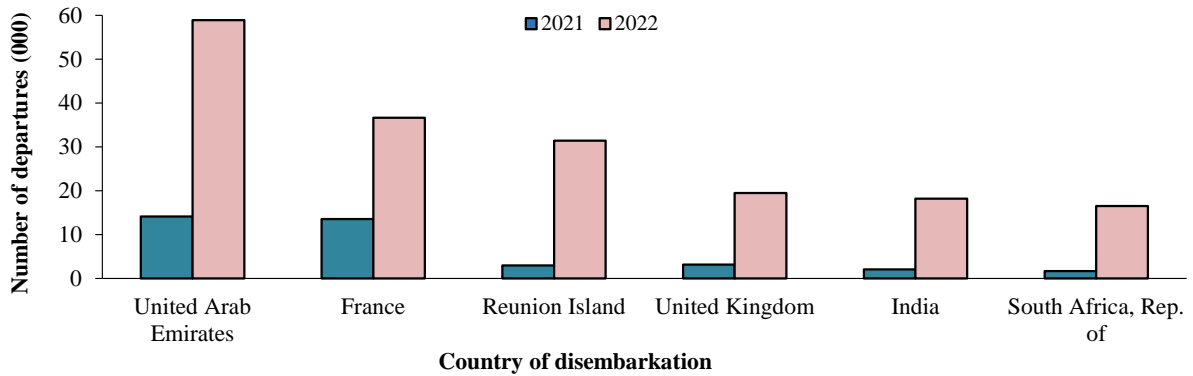
2.2 Departures in 2022

Compared to 2021:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 227,544 to 1,302,968; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose from 42,446 to 229,268 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for 2021 and 2022 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2022, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (58,948 or 25.7%), France (36,667 or 16.0%), Reunion Island (31,464 or 13.7%), United Kingdom (19,471 or 8.5%), India (18,187 or 7.9%) and Republic of South Africa (16,539 or 7.2%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2021 and 2022



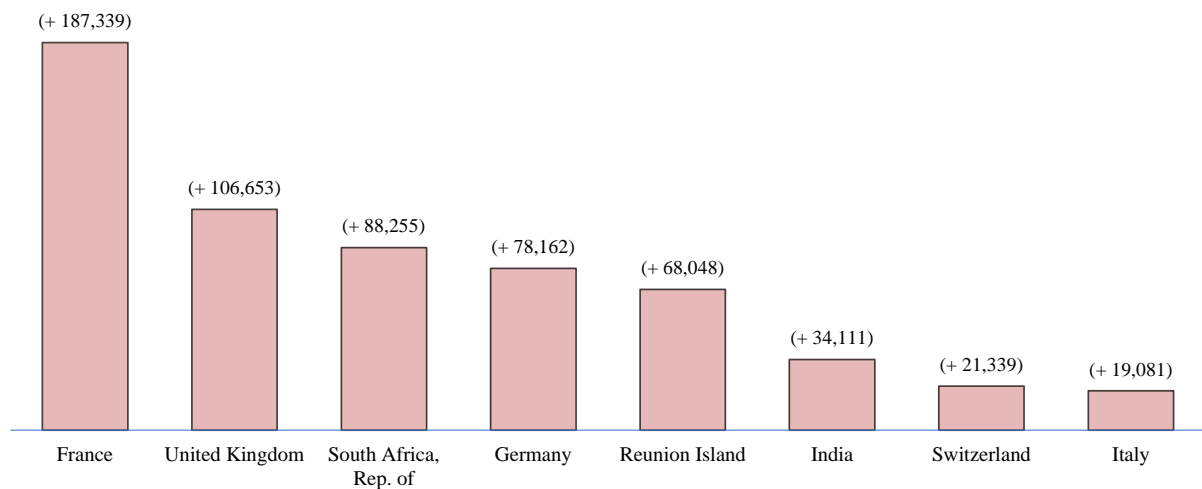
3. TOURISM

3.1 Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals in 2022 from main markets were as follows:

France (238,864), United Kingdom (140,847), Germany (96,767), Republic of South Africa (96,316), Reunion Island (73,336), India (36,956), Switzerland (28,350) and Italy (23,035) (Table 5).

Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2022 compared to 2021



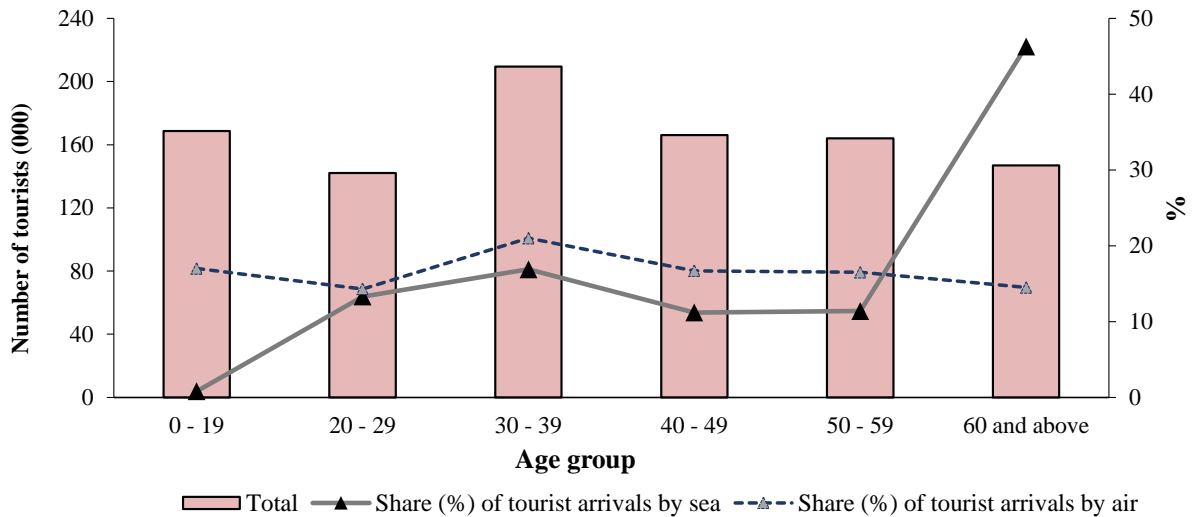
Compared to year 2021, tourist arrivals in year 2022 from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 187,339 from 51,525 to 238,864. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

United Kingdom (+106,653), Republic of South Africa (+88,255), Germany (+78,162), Reunion Island (+68,048), India (+34,111), Switzerland (+21,339) and Italy (+19,081).

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 146,861 representing 14.7% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 46.3% (Table 6b).

Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 2022



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

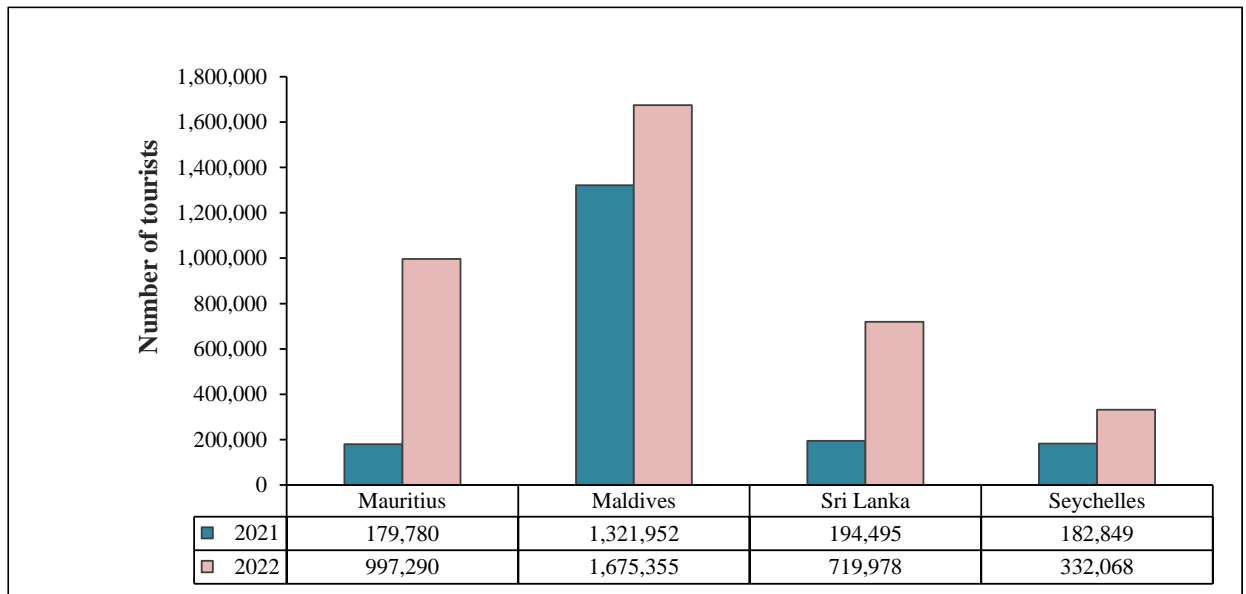
From Table 7, it is observed that during year 2022, tourists from France (59.9%), United Kingdom (52.3%), Germany (45.3%) and Switzerland (37.0%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Italy travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Italy who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 66.4%, 43.7% and 39.7% respectively.

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

Compared to 2021, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during 2022:

Maldives (from 1,321,952 to 1,675,355), Mauritius (from 179,780 to 997,290), Sri Lanka (from 194,495 to 719,978) and Seychelles (from 182,849 to 332,068).

Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2021 and 2022



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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 2021:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2022 increased from 2,168,241 to 11,363,042; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 14.7 to 11.8 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 2022 indicate that employment in these establishments decreased by 0.8% to 27,626 as compared to 27,858 for March 2021 (Table 11).

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2022, there were 110 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed and 4 were closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 105 hotels in operation was 13,017 with 30,145 bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 62%, higher compared to 21% in 2021; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 55%, higher compared to 17% in 2021 (Table 10).

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

At the end of December 2022, there were 56 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 56 'large' hotels was 10,326 with 24,408 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 53% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 79% of total room capacity and 81% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 65%, higher than the 21% registered in 2021; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 57%, higher than the 18% recorded in 2021 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger traffic ¹ by month, 2020 - 2022

Month	2020		2021		2022 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	191,197	212,224	3,512	3,570	56,085	68,870
February	148,144	151,092	3,225	3,006	66,438	59,844
March	82,391	106,167	1,219	3,601	84,868	86,002
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>	<u>207,391</u>	<u>214,716</u>
April	260	932	1,163	3,145	104,081	103,812
May	647	1,702	1,064	3,339	93,573	101,112
June	1,488	2,633	1,844	4,228	88,408	87,104
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>286,062</u>	<u>292,028</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>424,127</i>	<i>474,750</i>	<i>12,027</i>	<i>20,889</i>	<i>493,453</i>	<i>506,744</i>
July	1,623	2,689	3,740	4,751	127,599	112,785
August	2,569	1,914	6,575	7,417	121,112	129,635
September	3,224	2,952	4,586	7,458	108,705	108,124
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>357,416</u>	<u>350,544</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>431,543</i>	<i>482,305</i>	<i>26,928</i>	<i>40,515</i>	<i>850,869</i>	<i>857,288</i>
October	3,964	2,640	70,979	44,584	149,070	137,924
November	3,648	2,786	81,884	81,215	144,309	147,480
December	3,594	4,118	66,469	61,230	183,134	160,276
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>	<u>219,332</u>	<u>187,029</u>	<u>476,513</u>	<u>445,680</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>18,622</i>	<i>17,099</i>	<i>234,233</i>	<i>206,655</i>	<i>833,929</i>	<i>796,224</i>
Whole Year	442,749	491,849	246,260	227,544	1,327,382	1,302,968

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, 2021 and 2022

Country of disembarkation	2021	2022 ²
EUROPE	19,355	74,382
Austria	134	595
France	13,540	36,667
Germany	369	2,660
Italy	0	14
Netherlands	0	1
Switzerland	201	1,715
Turkey	1,756	10,737
United Kingdom	3,171	19,471
Other European countries	184	2,522
AFRICA	6,675	65,047
Kenya	741	7,071
Malagasy Republic	479	6,824
Reunion Island	2,991	31,464
Seychelles	639	3,075
South Africa, Rep. of	1,724	16,539
Other African countries	101	74
ASIA	16,415	87,417
People's Rep. of China	43	1
Hong Kong SAR ³	0	0
India	2,087	18,187
Malaysia	0	3,428
Saudi Arabia	159	6,832
Singapore	0	17
United Arab Emirates	14,126	58,948
Other Asian countries	0	4
OCEANIA	0	2,412
Australia	0	2,412
NOT STATED	1	10
All countries	42,446	229,268

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2020 - 2022

Month	2020	2021	2022 ¹
January	137,419	1,232	40,028
February	111,560	1,229	52,724
March	55,863	311	66,066
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>304,842</u>	<u>2,772</u>	<u>158,818</u>
April	10	58	84,268
May	20	115	70,462
June	9	280	63,008
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>217,738</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>304,881</i>	<i>3,225</i>	<i>376,556</i>
July	45	1,242	94,084
August	317	2,499	86,605
September	369	2,494	81,087
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>6,235</u>	<u>261,776</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>305,612</i>	<i>9,460</i>	<i>638,332</i>
October	1,149	54,434	117,323
November	1,177	65,922	106,905
December	1,042	49,964	134,730
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>3,368</u>	<u>170,320</u>	<u>358,958</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>4,099</i>	<i>176,555</i>	<i>620,734</i>
Whole Year	308,980	179,780	997,290

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2021 and 2022**

Purpose of visit	2021	2022 ¹
Holiday	168,246	948,818
Business	6,504	27,261
Transit	4,304	15,840
Conference	308	1,308
Sports	34	2,713
Other purposes	384	1,350
Total	179,780	997,290

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	2021			2022 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	145,555	257	145,812	670,592	3,919	674,511
Austria	4,104	7	4,111	16,355	136	16,491
Belgium	4,817	0	4,817	17,766	25	17,791
Bulgaria	253	0	253	2,041	40	2,081
Czech Republic	2,561	0	2,561	12,444	11	12,455
Croatia	120	11	131	448	27	475
Denmark	1,720	0	1,720	8,159	33	8,192
Estonia	317	1	318	1,359	2	1,361
Finland	365	0	365	2,420	9	2,429
France	51,520	5	51,525	238,568	296	238,864
Germany	18,523	82	18,605	95,298	1,469	96,767
Greece	168	6	174	718	48	766
Hungary	589	0	589	2,956	10	2,966
Ireland	580	2	582	3,202	31	3,233
Italy	3,939	15	3,954	22,859	176	23,035
Latvia	167	1	168	613	6	619
Lithuania	172	2	174	983	14	997
Luxembourg	412	0	412	2,046	13	2,059
Netherlands	1,200	12	1,212	9,026	140	9,166
Norway	549	1	550	4,548	121	4,669
Poland	1,952	3	1,955	8,159	38	8,197
Portugal	690	4	694	4,476	90	4,566
Romania	1,275	3	1,278	5,668	41	5,709
Serbia	117	0	117	990	32	1,022
Slovakia	657	0	657	3,492	7	3,499
Slovenia	235	0	235	1,310	2	1,312
Spain	1,433	24	1,457	11,529	116	11,645
Sweden	1,784	0	1,784	7,023	9	7,032
Switzerland	7,007	4	7,011	28,110	240	28,350
Turkey	360	1	361	3,727	22	3,749
United Kingdom	34,169	25	34,194	140,369	478	140,847
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>3,508</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>3,556</i>	<i>11,847</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>12,059</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>427</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>429</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>167</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>2,662</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2,686</i>	<i>8,730</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>8,831</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>542</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>2,009</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>2,115</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>517</i>
Other European countries	292	0	292	2,083	25	2,108
AFRICA	17,255	48	17,303	206,502	508	207,010
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>6,599</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6,609</i>	<i>88,026</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>88,096</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>602</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>744</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>753</i>	<i>10,700</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>10,752</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>5,288</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5,288</i>	<i>73,336</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>73,336</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>482</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>483</i>	<i>3,388</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>3,406</i>
Algeria	20	0	20	223	0	223
Angola	26	3	29	210	5	215
Benin	8	0	8	77	3	80
Botswana	45	0	45	897	0	897
Burundi	4	0	4	71	0	71
Cameroon	103	0	103	490	1	491
Congo	73	0	73	320	0	320
Egypt	112	0	112	752	12	764
Ethiopia	24	0	24	320	0	320
Gabon	15	0	15	88	1	89
Ghana	104	8	112	737	7	744
Ivory Coast	64	5	69	475	14	489
Kenya	539	2	541	2,930	7	2,937
Lesotho	16	0	16	120	0	120
Malawi	26	0	26	334	1	335

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	2021			2022 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	110	0	110	1,042	0	1,042
Morocco	108	0	108	667	6	673
Mozambique	48	2	50	635	4	639
Namibia	71	5	76	1,273	4	1,277
Niger	16	0	16	71	0	71
Nigeria	264	0	264	2,857	11	2,868
Rwanda	43	0	43	280	0	280
Senegal	29	1	30	201	20	221
South Africa, Rep. of	8,053	8	8,061	96,026	290	96,316
Sudan	8	0	8	64	0	64
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	23	0	23	215	0	215
Tanzania	99	4	103	754	5	759
Togo	9	0	9	67	0	67
Tunisia	143	0	143	444	3	447
Uganda	77	0	77	705	1	706
Zimbabwe	167	0	167	2,077	1	2,078
Zambia	74	0	74	895	0	895
Other African countries	135	0	135	2,159	42	2,201
ASIA	12,812	714	13,526	88,789	2,171	90,960
Afghanistan	84	0	84	192	0	192
Bangladesh	112	0	112	653	1	654
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	18	0	18	298	9	307
India	2,814	31	2,845	36,799	157	36,956
Indonesia	1,052	353	1,405	1,514	821	2,335
Israel	418	0	418	4,406	2	4,408
Japan	81	5	86	465	3	468
Korea Republic	110	26	136	1,109	62	1,171
Malaysia	99	5	104	595	9	604
Maldives	9	0	9	44	1	45
Nepal	36	2	38	276	2	278
Pakistan	145	0	145	525	12	537
People's Rep. of China	491	8	499	1,691	43	1,734
Philippines	678	255	933	1,753	844	2,597
Singapore	99	0	99	1,028	5	1,033
Sri Lanka	63	9	72	437	33	470
Taiwan, China	63	13	76	371	45	416
Thailand	49	0	49	284	0	284
Vietnam	50	5	55	229	79	308
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>6,316</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6,316</i>	<i>36,016</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>36,033</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>295</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>197</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>852</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>852</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>213</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>168</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>258</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>4,028</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,028</i>	<i>19,388</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19,388</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,931</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,931</i>	<i>14,414</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>14,416</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>80</i>
Other Asian countries	25	2	27	104	26	130
OCEANIA	421	19	440	7,638	156	7,794
Australia	313	8	321	6,895	91	6,986
New Zealand	49	11	60	418	34	452
Other Oceanian countries	59	0	59	325	31	356
AMERICA	2,566	9	2,575	16,117	413	16,530
Brazil	91	0	91	667	100	767
Canada	991	2	993	6,160	90	6,250
USA	1,327	1	1,328	8,192	165	8,357
Other American countries	157	6	163	1,098	58	1,156
Others & not stated	124	0	124	461	24	485
All countries	178,733	1,047	179,780	990,099	7,191	997,290

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

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 2021 and 2022

Age group (years)	2021			2022 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	3,632	3,629	7,261	20,483	19,942	40,425
5 - 9	3,658	3,549	7,207	22,701	22,015	44,716
10 - 14	3,454	3,191	6,645	22,830	22,694	45,524
15 - 19	2,528	2,752	5,280	17,857	20,170	38,027
20 - 24	3,086	4,096	7,182	18,115	26,836	44,951
25 - 29	7,709	9,614	17,323	41,696	55,524	97,220
30 - 34	11,030	10,927	21,957	56,070	58,583	114,653
35 - 39	9,217	7,940	17,157	48,637	46,215	94,852
40 - 44	8,094	7,112	15,206	43,761	41,335	85,096
45 - 49	7,786	6,809	14,595	41,180	39,796	80,976
50 - 54	8,297	7,796	16,093	42,985	42,348	85,333
55 - 59	7,939	7,347	15,286	40,325	38,331	78,656
60 - 64	6,314	5,618	11,932	31,559	29,522	61,081
65 - 69	4,313	3,641	7,954	21,433	19,401	40,834
70 & over	4,861	3,841	8,702	24,306	20,640	44,946
Total	91,918	87,862	179,780	493,938	503,352	997,290

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 2021 and 2022**

Age group (years)	2021			2022 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	21,113	0	21,113	130,630	35	130,665
15 - 59	129,138	941	130,079	715,941	3,823	719,764
60 & over	28,482	106	28,588	143,528	3,333	146,861
Total	178,733	1,047	179,780	990,099	7,191	997,290

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 2022 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	460,195	158,488	72,118	11,625	3,704	17,307	3,424	92,415	2,260	127	249	157	273	217
<i>of which:</i> France	214,501	142,895	15,928	4,996	1,996	4,344	9	13,574	423	78	76	48	123	71
Germany	57,885	4,818	43,171	521	281	1,043	14	981	68	1	13	21	14	18
Italy	609	1	0	583	0	17	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	23,306	3,302	2,886	393	129	10,408	2	820	59	0	25	12	11	14
Turkey	44,505	4,017	6,207	4,811	359	893	3,392	2,740	1,346	38	51	26	39	23
United Kingdom	78,162	777	132	149	92	158	0	73,350	28	9	74	43	84	38
AFRICA	303,070	64,465	5,519	2,007	1,320	2,381	81	6,963	548	72,776	95,226	2,673	659	816
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	16,564	1,913	245	111	140	103	7	1,199	185	38	1,533	326	248	54
Malagasy Republic	14,871	1,092	121	41	98	59	50	159	82	1,313	347	691	103	70
Reunion Island	149,845	60,585	3,075	267	303	1,512	8	832	34	71,295	3,041	1,069	71	160
Seychelles	6,071	260	151	53	15	57	6	234	142	10	70	83	32	53
South Africa, Rep. of	115,094	607	1,890	1,534	764	645	10	4,526	105	120	90,224	500	193	477
ASIA	223,993	15,577	17,658	9,227	4,002	8,420	222	40,964	5,914	387	485	33,968	759	3,291
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	29,574	51	26	15	35	16	1	168	12	44	40	28,079	3	90
Malaysia	1,148	45	5	5	1	5	0	20	4	45	3	4	7	233
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	12,606	1,225	349	136	22	87	38	184	85	29	10	80	22	9
Singapore	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	180,040	14,255	17,278	9,071	3,944	8,312	183	40,591	5,800	269	429	5,805	727	2,959
OCEANIA	2,833	38	3	0	0	2	0	27	0	46	66	1	0	2,571
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,833	38	3	0	0	2	0	27	0	46	66	1	0	2,571
AMERICA	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	990,099	238,568	95,298	22,859	9,026	28,110	3,727	140,369	8,730	73,336	96,026	36,799	1,691	6,895
<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		59.9%	45.3%	2.6%	Napp	37.0%	91.0%	52.3%	0.2%	97.2%	94.0%	76.3%	Napp	37.3%
From United Arab Emirates		6.0%	18.1%	39.7%	43.7%	29.6%	4.9%	28.9%	66.4%	0.4%	0.4%	15.8%	43.0%	42.9%
From Turkey		1.7%	6.5%	21.0%	4.0%	3.2%		2.0%	15.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	2.3%	0.3%
From France			16.7%	21.9%	22.1%	15.5%	0.2%	9.7%	4.8%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	7.3%	1.0%
From Reunion Island		25.4%	3.2%	1.2%	3.4%	5.4%	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%		3.2%	2.9%	4.2%	2.3%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.3%	2.0%	6.7%	8.5%	2.3%	0.3%	3.2%	1.2%	0.2%		1.4%	11.4%	6.9%

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² Special Administrative Region of China

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2019 - 2022

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
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 1st Semester	3,225	3,253	299,804	92.2	907
2nd Semester	176,555	144,190	1,868,437	13.0	14,346
Year	179,780	147,443	2,168,241	14.7	15,253
2022 ³ 1st Quarter	158,818	161,973	2,188,334	13.5	12,539
2nd Quarter	217,738	218,721	2,531,533	11.6	12,733
3rd Quarter	261,776	254,989	3,104,678	12.2	16,335
4th Quarter	358,958	324,463	3,538,497	10.9	23,238
Year	997,290	960,146	11,363,042	11.8	64,845

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, 2019 - 2022

Year	Number as at end of period					
	All hotels			"Large" hotels		
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
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 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
2022 ² 1st Qr.	111	13,917	32,244	61	11,171	26,295
2nd Qr.	106	13,649	31,745	58	10,965	25,928
3rd Qr.	105	13,508	31,338	58	10,847	25,616
4th Qr.	105	13,017	30,145	56	10,326	24,408

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, 2020 - 2022

Month	All hotels						"Large" hotels					
	2020		2021		2022 ²		2020		2021		2022 ²	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	73	64	18	15	42	37	75	65	18	15	44	38
February	70	61	15	11	44	39	72	63	14	11	46	41
March	42	34	8	6	50	44	43	35	9	6	52	45
1st Quarter	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>
April	1	0	2	1	63	57	0	0	1	1	67	61
May	0	0	3	2	58	50	0	0	3	2	61	52
June	1	1	6	4	51	44	1	1	6	4	53	45
2nd Quarter	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>
1st Semester	34	30	9	7	51	45	35	31	9	7	54	47
July	2	2	8	6	63	58	1	1	8	6	67	61
August	5	5	16	13	68	62	5	4	16	13	72	65
September	9	9	12	9	71	60	8	8	11	9	75	63
3rd Quarter	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>
Jan. to Sep.	26	22	10	8	57	50	26	23	10	8	60	52
October	16	12	37	33	78	69	16	12	38	33	81	71
November	17	12	57	48	81	69	17	12	59	49	83	70
December	21	17	40	36	78	70	21	17	42	36	80	71
4th Quarter	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>
2nd Semester	12	10	31	26	73	65	12	9	32	27	76	67
Year	24	20	21	17	62	55	24	20	21	18	65	57

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, 2018 - 2022

Activities	Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ²
	Food Service		3,351	3,526	3,662	3,463
Hotels		24,412	24,510	25,039	21,693	21,809
Travel and Other Services ³		3,604	3,514	3,552	2,702	2,736
Total		31,367	31,550	32,253	27,858	27,626

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) Fortnightly tourist arrivals by air uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website
- (iii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iv) Yearly Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (v) Yearly Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (vi) 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.

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

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