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# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2023. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

## 2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

### Passenger traffic, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2022 and 2023

	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 <sup>1</sup>
Arrivals by		
Air	491,655	789,529
Sea	1,798	24,261
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	353	21,986
<b>Total</b>	<b>493,453</b>	<b>813,790</b>
Departures by		
Air	504,741	824,102
Sea	2,003	23,825
<b>Total</b>	<b>506,744</b>	<b>847,927</b>

<sup>1</sup> *Provisional*

### 2.1 Arrivals in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 493,453 to 813,790;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 376,556 to 596,466; those arriving by air rose from 375,246 to 589,305, while those arriving by sea increased from 1,310 to 7,161 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 1,134 to 13,484.

In the first semester of 2023, 14 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 21,986 cruise travellers comprising 5,280 tourists, 9,204 excursionists, 29 Mauritian residents and 7,473 crew members.

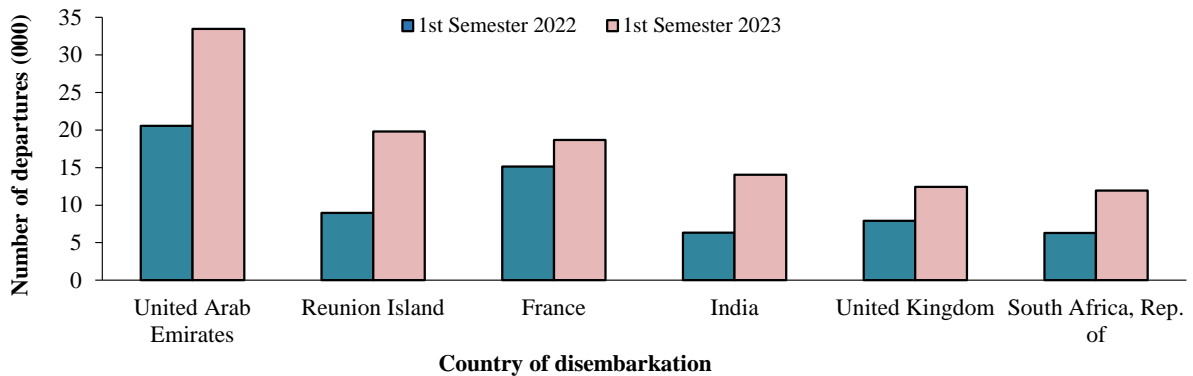
### 2.2 Departures in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 506,744 to 847,927; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose from 80,168 to 145,368 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first semesters of 2022 and 2023 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first semester of 2023, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (33,469 or 23.0%), Reunion Island (19,788 or 13.6%), France (18,686 or 12.9%), India (14,044 or 9.7%), United Kingdom (12,438 or 8.6%) and Republic of South Africa (11,937 or 8.2%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023**



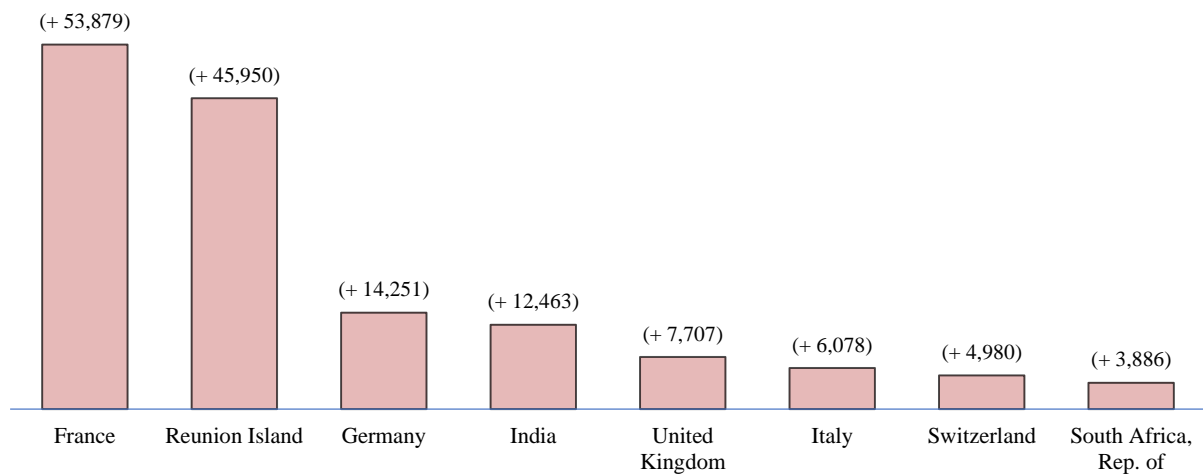
### 3. TOURISM

#### 3.1 Tourist arrivals in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023

Tourist arrivals from main markets were as follows:

France (147,325), United Kingdom (63,424), Reunion Island (62,440), Germany (54,085), Republic of South Africa (45,908), India (27,522), Switzerland (14,110) and Italy (12,932) (Table 5).

**Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022**



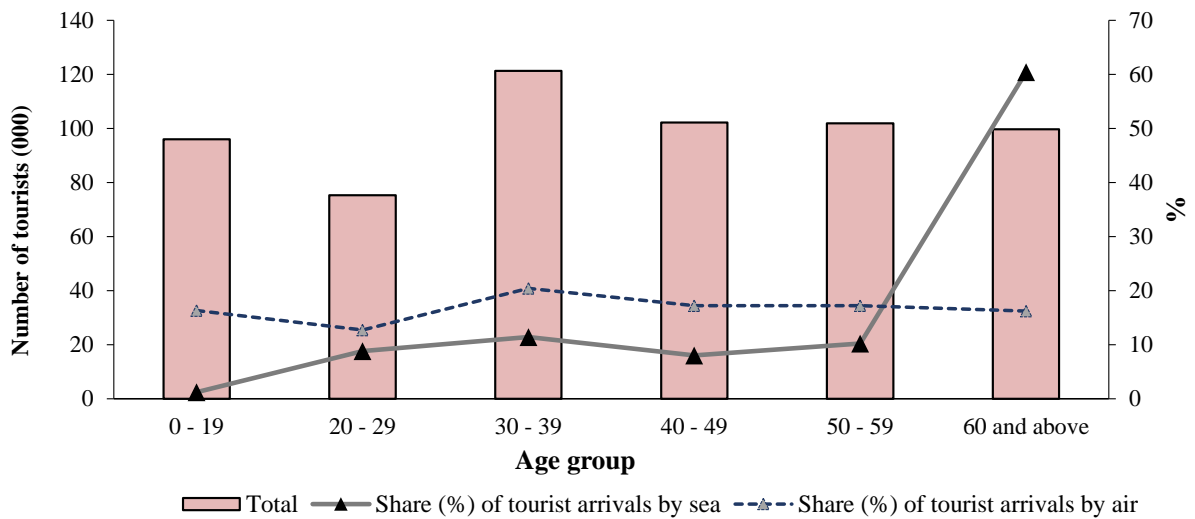
Compared to first semester of 2022, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 53,879 from 93,446 to 147,325. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

Reunion Island (+45,950), Germany (+14,251), India (+12,463), United Kingdom (+7,707), Italy (+6,078), Switzerland (+4,980) and Republic of South Africa (+3,886).

### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 99,709 representing 16.7% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 60.4% (Table 6b).

**Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023**



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

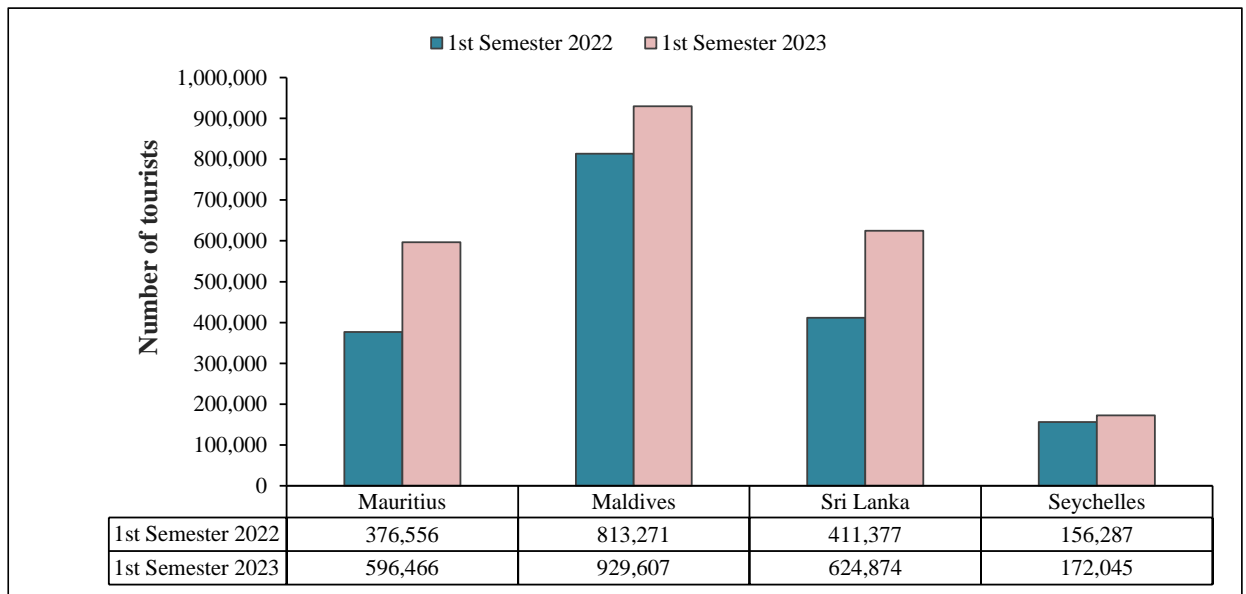
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first semester of 2023, tourists from United Kingdom (60.2%), France (58.3%) and Germany (49.7%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Switzerland travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Switzerland who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 85.7%, 50.8% and 31.4% respectively.

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

Compared to the first semester of 2022, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first semester of 2023:

Maldives (from 813,271 to 929,607), Sri Lanka (from 411,377 to 624,874), Mauritius (from 376,556 to 596,466) and Seychelles (from 156,287 to 172,045).

**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023**



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

### 3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 increased from 4,719,867 to 7,089,989; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 12.4 to 11.4 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 June 2023, there were 108 licensed hotels of which 7 were closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 101 hotels in operation was 12,426 with 28,416 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, higher compared to 51% in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, higher compared to 45% in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2022 (Table 10).

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

At the end of June 2023, there were 53 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 53 'large' hotels was 9,735 with 22,563 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 52% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 78% of total room capacity and 79% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 75%, higher than the 54% registered in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, higher than the 47% recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of 2022 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2021 - 2023

Month	2021		2022		2023 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	3,512	3,570	56,085	68,870	154,776	177,334
February	3,225	3,006	66,438	59,844	123,149	122,232
March	1,219	3,601	84,868	86,002	144,269	148,044
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>	<u>207,391</u>	<u>214,716</u>	<u>422,194</u>	<u>447,610</u>
April	1,163	3,145	104,081	103,812	145,348	144,220
May	1,064	3,339	93,573	101,112	132,636	143,444
June	1,844	4,228	88,408	87,104	113,612	112,653
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>286,062</u>	<u>292,028</u>	<u>391,596</u>	<u>400,317</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>12,027</i></b>	<b><i>20,889</i></b>	<b><i>493,453</i></b>	<b><i>506,744</i></b>	<b><i>813,790</i></b>	<b><i>847,927</i></b>
July	3,740	4,751	127,599	112,785		
August	6,575	7,417	121,112	129,635		
September	4,586	7,458	108,705	108,124		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>357,416</u>	<u>350,544</u>		
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>26,928</i></b>	<b><i>40,515</i></b>	<b><i>850,869</i></b>	<b><i>857,288</i></b>		
October	70,979	44,584	149,070	137,924		
November	81,884	81,215	144,309	147,480		
December	66,469	61,230	183,134	160,276		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>219,332</u>	<u>187,029</u>	<u>476,513</u>	<u>445,680</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>234,233</i></b>	<b><i>206,655</i></b>	<b><i>833,929</i></b>	<b><i>796,224</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>246,260</b>	<b>227,544</b>	<b>1,327,382</b>	<b>1,302,968</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 Islands of Rodrigues and Reunion.

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation<sup>1</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2022 and 2023**

Country of disembarkation	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 <sup>2</sup>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>31,097</b>	<b>39,656</b>
Austria	282	420
France	15,149	18,686
Germany	1,179	1,914
Italy	0	244
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	682	659
Turkey	4,883	4,445
United Kingdom	7,931	12,438
Other European countries	991	850
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>21,293</b>	<b>42,198</b>
Kenya	2,671	3,867
Malagasy Republic	2,182	4,485
Reunion Island	8,967	19,788
Seychelles	1,142	2,050
South Africa, Rep. of	6,312	11,937
Other African countries	19	71
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>27,778</b>	<b>58,878</b>
People's Rep. of China	0	0
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	0	0
India	6,332	14,044
Malaysia	0	6,608
Saudi Arabia	887	4,753
Singapore	1	0
United Arab Emirates	20,556	33,469
Other Asian countries	2	4
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,627</b>
Australia	0	4,627
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>80,168</b>	<b>145,368</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, 2021 - 2023**

Month	2021	2022	2023 <sup>1</sup>
January	1,232	40,028	107,684
February	1,229	52,724	91,850
March	311	66,066	105,663
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2,772</u>	<u>158,818</u>	<u>305,197</u>
April	58	84,268	109,031
May	115	70,462	100,030
June	280	63,008	82,208
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>217,738</u>	<u>291,269</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>3,225</i></b>	<b><i>376,556</i></b>	<b><i>596,466</i></b>
July	1,242	94,084	
August	2,499	86,605	
September	2,494	81,087	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>6,235</u>	<u>261,776</u>	
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>9,460</i></b>	<b><i>638,332</i></b>	
October	54,434	117,323	
November	65,922	106,905	
December	49,964	134,730	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>170,320</u>	<u>358,958</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>176,555</i></b>	<b><i>620,734</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>179,780</b>	<b>997,290</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2022 and 2023**

Purpose of visit	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 <sup>1</sup>
Holiday	356,073	566,413
Business	12,095	16,666
Transit	6,382	10,960
Conference	372	654
Sports	1,041	1,115
Other purposes	593	658
<b>Total</b>	<b>376,556</b>	<b>596,466</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2022 and 2023

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2022			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>267,022</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>267,237</b>	<b>384,160</b>	<b>3,993</b>	<b>388,153</b>
Austria	7,161	0	7,161	9,881	110	9,991
Belgium	5,765	0	5,765	7,633	35	7,668
Bulgaria	1,080	1	1,081	2,012	13	2,025
Czech Republic	7,492	0	7,492	10,123	8	10,131
Croatia	199	4	203	532	14	546
Denmark	3,591	0	3,591	4,788	38	4,826
Estonia	815	0	815	825	0	825
Finland	750	0	750	1,966	18	1,984
France	93,413	33	93,446	146,998	327	147,325
Germany	39,834	0	39,834	51,810	2,275	54,085
Greece	271	17	288	435	40	475
Hungary	1,486	0	1,486	2,918	2	2,920
Ireland	1,157	0	1,157	1,476	6	1,482
Italy	6,854	0	6,854	12,788	144	12,932
Latvia	327	2	329	456	7	463
Lithuania	582	7	589	1,000	1	1,001
Luxembourg	704	0	704	1,095	9	1,104
Netherlands	2,863	0	2,863	4,781	181	4,962
Norway	1,874	4	1,878	2,118	24	2,142
Poland	3,100	6	3,106	7,667	21	7,688
Portugal	2,025	4	2,029	2,485	18	2,503
Romania	3,380	5	3,385	3,876	36	3,912
Serbia	470	0	470	734	5	739
Slovakia	2,184	0	2,184	3,693	8	3,701
Slovenia	550	1	551	1,336	3	1,339
Spain	2,813	25	2,838	4,443	74	4,517
Sweden	2,437	0	2,437	5,024	14	5,038
Switzerland	9,130	0	9,130	14,012	98	14,110
Turkey	1,738	6	1,744	2,614	21	2,635
United Kingdom	55,709	8	55,717	63,104	320	63,424
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>6,523</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>6,613</i>	<i>10,314</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>10,428</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>269</i>	<i>382</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>383</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>329</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>4,400</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>4,453</i>	<i>8,102</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>8,157</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,465</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>1,498</i>	<i>1,077</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>1,132</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>426</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>427</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>747</i>	<i>1,223</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1,232</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>70,675</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>70,760</b>	<b>129,103</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>129,507</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>20,532</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>20,573</i>	<i>71,383</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>71,400</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>414</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,869</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>2,907</i>	<i>6,381</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>6,395</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>16,490</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>16,490</i>	<i>62,439</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>62,440</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>971</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>974</i>	<i>2,151</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,151</i>
Algeria	71	0	71	141	0	141
Angola	59	0	59	157	8	165
Benin	36	1	37	19	0	19
Botswana	305	0	305	418	0	418
Burundi	18	0	18	58	0	58
Cameroon	209	1	210	238	0	238
Congo	121	0	121	116	0	116
Egypt	333	1	334	361	1	362
Ethiopia	132	0	132	104	1	105
Gabon	23	0	23	38	0	38
Ghana	273	1	274	515	12	527
Ivory Coast	148	8	156	203	10	213
Kenya	1,098	4	1,102	1,404	3	1,407
Lesotho	50	0	50	90	0	90
Malawi	104	0	104	215	0	215

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

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2022 and 2023

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2022			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	243	0	243	572	0	572
Morocco	251	0	251	382	0	382
Mozambique	179	0	179	328	1	329
Namibia	600	1	601	689	1	690
Niger	42	0	42	26	2	28
Nigeria	881	6	887	1,810	27	1,837
Rwanda	114	0	114	135	0	135
Senegal	90	10	100	108	12	120
South Africa, Rep. of	42,014	8	42,022	45,616	292	45,908
Sudan	25	0	25	29	0	29
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	95	0	95	155	0	155
Tanzania	228	3	231	331	4	335
Togo	19	0	19	23	0	23
Tunisia	204	0	204	188	3	191
Uganda	245	0	245	373	0	373
Zimbabwe	734	0	734	1,125	1	1,126
Zambia	319	0	319	515	0	515
Other African countries	880	0	880	1,238	9	1,247
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>30,094</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>31,061</b>	<b>57,857</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>59,478</b>
Afghanistan	117	0	117	87	0	87
Bangladesh	271	0	271	257	3	260
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	87	0	87	225	3	228
India	15,024	35	15,059	27,384	138	27,522
Indonesia	990	408	1,398	818	405	1,223
Israel	1,239	0	1,239	2,054	3	2,057
Japan	131	0	131	384	254	638
Korea Republic	191	16	207	1,547	79	1,626
Malaysia	123	7	130	527	10	537
Maldives	29	1	30	24	0	24
Nepal	95	1	96	212	4	216
Pakistan	249	1	250	301	9	310
People's Rep. of China	593	1	594	2,617	89	2,706
Philippines	986	398	1,384	957	489	1,446
Singapore	244	0	244	629	1	630
Sri Lanka	168	10	178	359	26	385
Taiwan, China	133	19	152	441	33	474
Thailand	77	0	77	200	4	204
Vietnam	147	51	198	166	53	219
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>9,182</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9,182</i>	<i>18,583</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>18,585</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>154</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>148</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>139</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>324</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>161</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>103</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>4,013</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,013</i>	<i>9,419</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9,420</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>4,398</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,398</i>	<i>7,932</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7,932</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>38</i>
Other Asian countries	18	19	37	85	16	101
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>8,036</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>8,739</b>
Australia	1,452	13	1,465	7,545	549	8,094
New Zealand	109	14	123	327	143	470
Other Oceanian countries	134	0	134	164	11	175
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>5,569</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5,583</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>10,345</b>
Brazil	212	0	212	354	104	458
Canada	2,084	5	2,089	3,630	59	3,689
USA	2,865	2	2,867	5,063	222	5,285
Other American countries	408	7	415	863	50	913
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>375,246</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>376,556</b>	<b>589,305</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>596,466</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 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2022 and 2023**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2022			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	8,632	8,272	16,904	12,740	12,598	25,338
5 - 9	8,392	8,243	16,635	13,131	13,094	26,225
10 - 14	7,769	7,726	15,495	12,573	12,623	25,196
15 - 19	5,228	6,213	11,441	8,723	10,489	19,212
20 - 24	6,343	9,492	15,835	9,872	14,635	24,507
25 - 29	15,558	20,648	36,206	21,554	29,269	50,823
30 - 34	21,584	22,910	44,494	30,179	33,257	63,436
35 - 39	19,576	18,412	37,988	28,951	28,896	57,847
40 - 44	17,604	16,042	33,646	26,989	26,244	53,233
45 - 49	16,207	15,182	31,389	24,704	24,292	48,996
50 - 54	16,581	16,142	32,723	25,829	26,085	51,914
55 - 59	15,409	14,680	30,089	25,091	24,939	50,030
60 - 64	11,862	10,887	22,749	20,591	19,712	40,303
65 - 69	7,990	7,069	15,059	14,232	13,666	27,898
70 & over	8,713	7,190	15,903	16,856	14,652	31,508
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,448</b>	<b>189,108</b>	<b>376,556</b>	<b>292,015</b>	<b>304,451</b>	<b>596,466</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2022 and 2023**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2022			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	49,034	0	49,034	76,700	59	76,759
15 - 59	272,528	1,283	273,811	417,222	2,776	419,998
60 & over	53,684	27	53,711	95,383	4,326	99,709
<b>Total</b>	<b>375,246</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>376,556</b>	<b>589,305</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>596,466</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> Semester 2023 <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>259,649</b>	<b>94,525</b>	<b>38,763</b>	<b>8,676</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>8,548</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>43,062</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>260</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	120,981	85,669	5,070	2,032	783	2,364	2	3,744	36	76	31	21	44	88
Germany	35,231	3,302	25,727	198	165	804	9	253	27	4	5	6	6	7
Italy	4,554	8	5	4,441	3	51	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Switzerland	10,033	1,604	1,857	140	102	3,886	3	191	16	0	2	5	0	6
Turkey	26,411	2,303	3,682	1,621	241	1,140	2,392	675	407	11	12	10	58	22
United Kingdom	42,065	606	73	98	68	72	5	37,982	11	3	40	17	57	79
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>188,118</b>	<b>41,423</b>	<b>2,744</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3,534</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>61,423</b>	<b>44,475</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>1,165</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	9,122	2,210	98	50	150	43	6	673	63	20	131	324	216	56
Malagasy Republic	8,639	657	71	33	72	38	14	100	67	467	110	440	199	84
Reunion Island	106,581	37,918	1,234	125	91	521	7	441	62	60,791	830	277	48	183
Seychelles	3,803	165	84	6	13	30	12	75	122	10	29	33	34	50
South Africa, Rep. of	59,491	464	1,255	586	298	379	24	2,244	217	133	43,362	465	174	792
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>134,970</b>	<b>10,881</b>	<b>10,272</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>4,437</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>16,348</b>	<b>7,050</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>25,775</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>1,132</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	23,007	62	16	10	9	6	0	142	33	35	52	21,748	7	49
Malaysia	2,807	197	23	4	4	10	3	43	41	427	40	13	159	196
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	7,286	202	126	36	0	21	6	79	28	36	2	156	64	17
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	101,685	10,420	10,106	3,251	2,427	4,400	120	16,084	6,947	307	175	3,858	1,531	870
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>6,568</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4,988</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	6,568	169	31	9	10	11	1	160	0	116	778	6	3	4,988
<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>
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>589,305</b>	<b>146,998</b>	<b>51,810</b>	<b>12,788</b>	<b>4,781</b>	<b>14,012</b>	<b>2,614</b>	<b>63,104</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>62,439</b>	<b>45,616</b>	<b>27,384</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>7,545</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		58.3%	49.7%	34.7%	Napp	27.7%	91.5%	60.2%	Napp	97.4%	95.1%	79.4%	Napp	66.1%
From United Arab Emirates		7.1%	19.5%	25.4%	50.8%	31.4%	4.6%	25.5%	85.7%	0.5%	0.4%	14.1%	58.5%	11.5%
From Turkey		1.6%	7.1%	12.7%	5.0%	8.1%		1.1%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.3%
From France			9.8%	15.9%	16.4%	16.9%	0.1%	5.9%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.7%	1.2%
From Reunion Island		25.8%	2.4%	1.0%	1.9%	3.7%	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%		1.8%	1.0%	1.8%	2.4%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.3%	2.4%	4.6%	6.2%	2.7%	0.9%	3.6%	2.7%	0.2%		1.7%	6.6%	10.5%

<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, 2020 - 2023**

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)
<b>2020</b>					
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
<b>Year</b>	<b>308,980</b>	<b>355,290</b>	<b>4,485,257</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>17,664</b>
<b>2021</b>					
1st Semester	3,225	3,253	299,804	92.2	907
2nd Semester	176,555	144,190	1,868,437	13.0	14,346
<b>Year</b>	<b>179,780</b>	<b>147,443</b>	<b>2,168,241</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15,253</b>
<b>2022</b>					
1st Semester	376,556	380,694	4,719,867	12.4	25,272
2nd Semester	620,734	579,452	6,643,175	11.5	39,573
<b>Year</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>960,146</b>	<b>11,363,042</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>64,845</b>
<b>2023</b> <sup>3</sup>					
1st Semester	596,466	620,304	7,089,989	11.4	41,701

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

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2020 - 2023**

Year	Number as at end of period					
	All hotels			"Large" hotels		
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
<b>2020</b>						
1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
2nd Qr.	91 <sup>3</sup>	10,537	24,214	44 <sup>3</sup>	7,972	18,801
3rd Qr.	74 <sup>3</sup>	8,171	19,091	32 <sup>3</sup>	5,898	14,283
4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905
<b>2021</b>						
1st Qr.	93 <sup>3</sup>	10,837	24,895	49 <sup>3</sup>	8,470	19,730
2nd Qr.	81 <sup>3</sup>	9,358	20,663	39 <sup>3</sup>	7,057	15,761
3rd Qr.	92 <sup>3</sup>	10,810	24,824	45 <sup>3</sup>	8,243	19,311
4th Qr.	111	13,902	32,157	61	11,178	26,261
<b>2022</b>						
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
<b>2023</b> <sup>2</sup>						
1st Qr.	105	13,022	29,591	56	10,338	23,836
2nd Qr.	101	12,426	28,416	53	9,735	22,563

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres



**Table 10:- Monthly occupancy rates <sup>1</sup> (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2021 - 2023**

Month	All hotels						"Large" hotels					
	2021		2022		2023 <sup>2</sup>		2021		2022		2023 <sup>2</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	18	15	42	37	75	67	18	15	44	38	76	69
February	15	11	44	39	70	63	14	11	46	41	71	65
March	8	6	50	44	73	65	9	6	52	45	74	66
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>
April	2	1	63	57	78	72	1	1	67	61	80	76
May	3	2	58	50	76	67	3	2	61	52	78	69
June	6	4	51	44	65	57	6	4	53	45	67	60
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>
July	8	6	63	58			8	6	67	61		
August	16	13	68	62			16	13	72	65		
September	12	9	71	60			11	9	75	63		
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>			<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>		
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>		
October	37	33	78	69			38	33	81	71		
November	57	48	81	69			59	49	83	70		
December	40	36	78	70			42	36	80	71		
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>			<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>			<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>67</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>		

<sup>1</sup> For the period March 2021 to end of December 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 11:- Employment in large <sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2018 - 2022**

Activities	Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>2</sup>
	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 <sup>3</sup>		3,604	3,514	3,552	2,702	2,736
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,367</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>32,253</b>	<b>27,858</b>	<b>27,626</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

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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