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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2024. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, January-September, 2023 and 2024

	January-September 2023	January-September 2024 ¹
Arrivals by		
Air	1,206,483	1,299,254
Sea	25,748	64,159
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	21,986	58,207
Total	1,232,231	1,363,413
Departures by		
Air	1,234,574	1,320,716
Sea	24,766	62,741
Total	1,259,340	1,383,457

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2024

Compared to the period January to September 2023:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 1,232,231 to 1,363,413;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 901,126 to 971,800; those arriving by air rose from 892,633 to 949,481, while those arriving by sea increased from 8,493 to 22,319 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 16,517 to 31,619.

In the first nine months of 2024, 34 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 58,207 cruise travellers comprising 18,583 tourists, 20,042 excursionists, 242 Mauritian residents and 19,340 crew members.

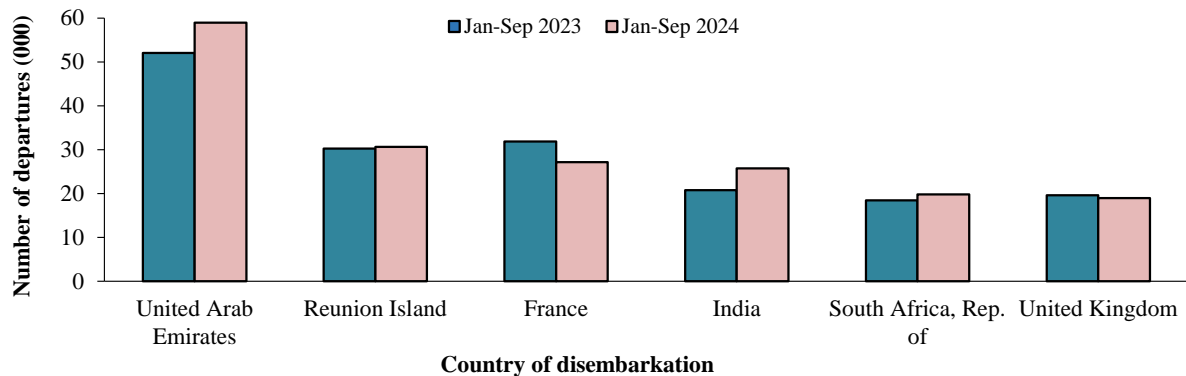
2.2 Departures in January to September 2024

Compared to the period January to September 2023:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 1,259,340 to 1,383,457; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose from 227,680 to 244,383 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2023 and 2024 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2024, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (58,956 or 24.1%), Reunion Island (30,673 or 12.6%), France (27,183 or 11.1%), India (25,732 or 10.5%), Republic of South Africa (19,824 or 8.1%) and United Kingdom (18,963 or 7.8%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2023 and January-September 2024



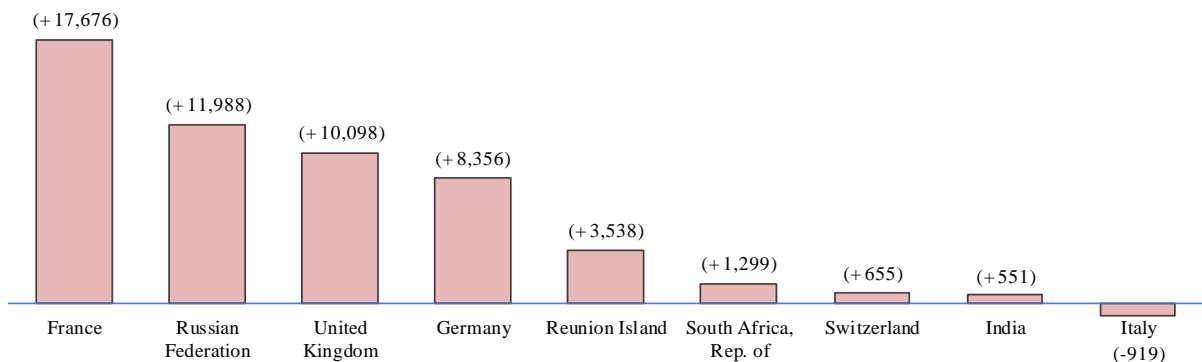
3. TOURISM

3.1 Tourist arrivals in January to September 2024

Tourist arrivals from selected markets were as follows:

France (228,745), United Kingdom (111,498), Reunion Island (98,036), Germany (89,391), Republic of South Africa (74,218), India (41,941), Russian Federation (22,681), Switzerland (21,141) and Italy (20,114) (Table 5).

Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2024 compared to January-September 2023



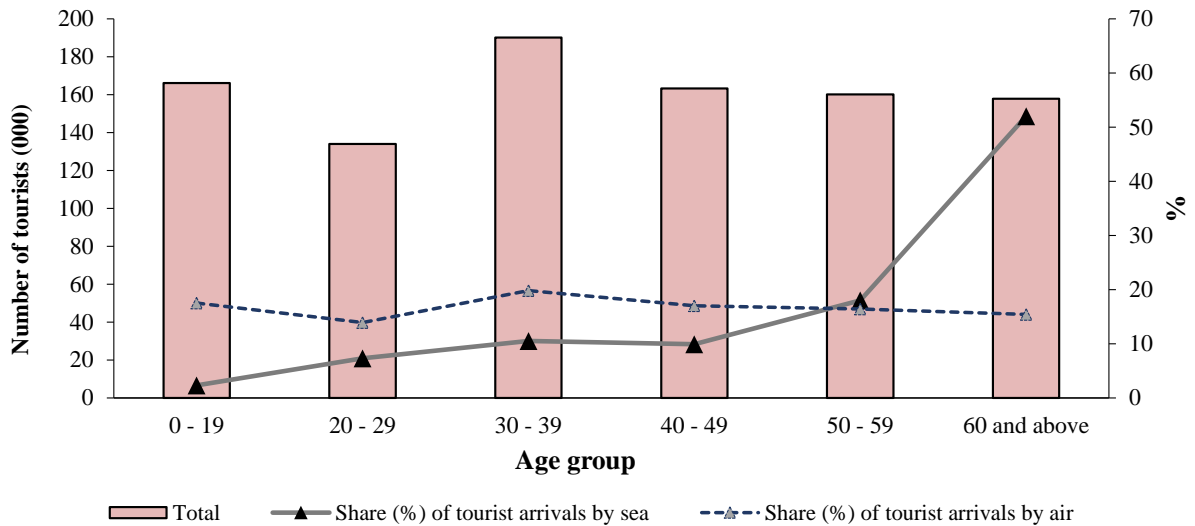
Compared to the first nine months of 2023, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 17,676 from 211,069 to 228,745. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other selected markets as follows:

Russian Federation (+11,988), United Kingdom (+10,098), Germany (+8,356), Reunion Island (+3,538), Republic of South Africa (+1,299), Switzerland (+655) and India (+551).

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age group

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 157,908 representing 16.2% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 52.0% (Table 6b).

Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, January-September 2024



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

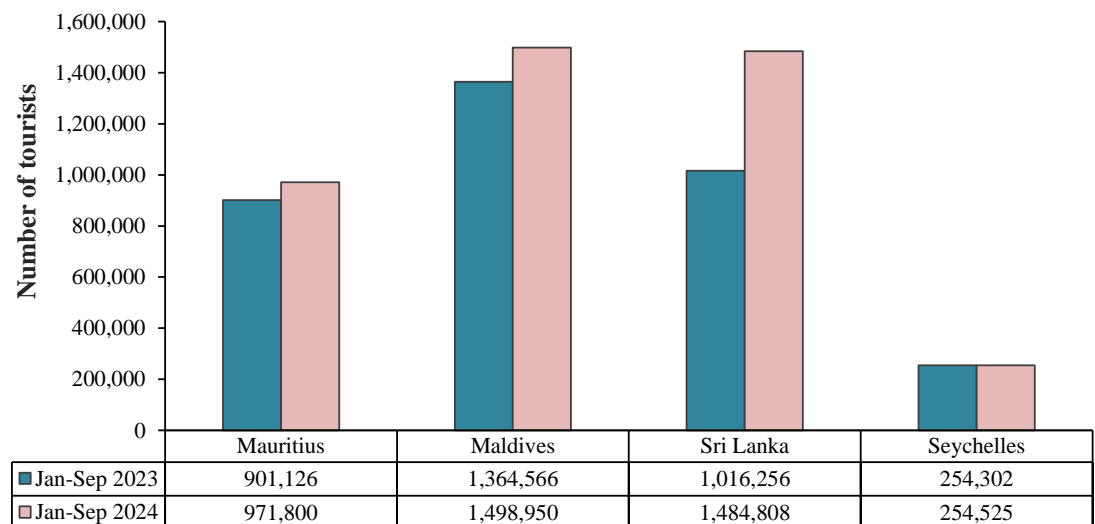
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2024, tourists from United Kingdom (58.1%), France (54.5%), Germany (39.4%) and Switzerland (36.2%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from People's Republic of China, Russian Federation and Netherlands travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from People's Republic of China, Russian Federation and Netherlands who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 54.3%, 45.9% and 45.6% respectively.

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

Compared to the first nine months of 2023, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first nine months of 2024:

Maldives (from 1,364,566 to 1,498,950), Sri Lanka (from 1,016,256 to 1,484,808), Mauritius (from 901,126 to 971,800) and Seychelles (from 254,302 to 254,525).

Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2023 and January-September 2024



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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January to September 2023:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2024 increased from 10,494,102 to 11,375,954; and
- the average length of stay increased from 11.4 to 11.6 (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 2024 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 1.5% to 28,445 as compared to 28,014 for March 2023 (Table 11).

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2024, there were 111 licensed hotels of which two were temporarily closed, three were closed due to renovation works and one is not yet operational. The total room capacity of the 105 hotels in operation was 13,453 with 30,127 bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2024,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 70%, lower compared to 73% in the first nine months of 2023; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 63%, lower compared to 65% in the first nine months of 2023 (Table 10).

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

At the end of September 2024, there were 57 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 57 'large' hotels was 10,775 with 24,460 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 54% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 80% of total room capacity and 81% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2024,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 72%, lower than the 75% registered in the first nine months of 2023; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, lower than the 68% recorded in the first nine months of 2023 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger traffic ¹ by month, 2022 - 2024

Month	2022		2023		2024 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	56,085	68,870	154,776	177,334	170,827	199,256
February	66,438	59,844	123,149	122,232	157,235	150,274
March	84,868	86,002	144,269	148,044	160,925	158,681
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>207,391</u>	<u>214,716</u>	<u>422,194</u>	<u>447,610</u>	<u>488,987</u>	<u>508,211</u>
April	104,081	103,812	145,348	144,220	153,437	157,926
May	93,573	101,112	132,636	143,444	144,698	155,058
June	88,408	87,104	113,612	112,653	124,431	119,457
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>286,062</u>	<u>292,028</u>	<u>391,596</u>	<u>400,317</u>	<u>422,566</u>	<u>432,441</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>493,453</i>	<i>506,744</i>	<i>813,790</i>	<i>847,927</i>	<i>911,553</i>	<i>940,652</i>
July	127,599	112,785	146,658	137,622	157,832	145,039
August	121,112	129,635	138,424	144,304	151,326	158,879
September	108,705	108,124	133,359	129,487	142,702	138,887
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>357,416</u>	<u>350,544</u>	<u>418,441</u>	<u>411,413</u>	<u>451,860</u>	<u>442,805</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>850,869</i>	<i>857,288</i>	<i>1,232,231</i>	<i>1,259,340</i>	<i>1,363,413</i>	<i>1,383,457</i>
October	149,070	137,924	161,611	151,942		
November	144,309	147,480	165,265	167,486		
December	183,134	160,276	203,070	174,206		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>476,513</u>	<u>445,680</u>	<u>529,946</u>	<u>493,634</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>833,929</i>	<i>796,224</i>	<i>948,387</i>	<i>905,047</i>		
Whole Year	1,327,382	1,302,968	1,762,177	1,752,974		

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, January-September, 2023 and 2024

Country of disembarkation	January-September 2023	January-September 2024 ²
EUROPE	64,949	63,557
Austria	420	492
France	31,914	27,183
Germany	2,721	4,676
Italy	244	85
Switzerland	913	1,674
Turkey	7,355	10,278
United Kingdom	19,652	18,963
Other European countries	1,730	206
AFRICA	65,971	67,270
Kenya	6,152	5,395
Malagasy Republic	7,789	7,995
Reunion Island	30,303	30,673
Seychelles	3,187	3,341
South Africa, Rep. of	18,450	19,824
Other African countries	90	42
ASIA	90,137	107,348
People's Rep. of China	n.ap	n.ap
Hong Kong SAR ³	n.ap	n.ap
India	20,777	25,732
Malaysia	10,014	11,561
Saudi Arabia	7,272	11,096
United Arab Emirates	52,069	58,956
Other Asian countries	5	3
OCEANIA	6,612	6,200
Australia	6,612	6,200
NOT STATED	11	8
All countries	227,680	244,383

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

n.ap: not applicable

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2022 - 2024

Month	2022	2023	2024 ¹
January	40,028	107,684	119,305
February	52,724	91,850	109,266
March	66,066	105,663	117,991
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>158,818</u>	<u>305,197</u>	<u>346,562</u>
April	84,268	109,031	105,619
May	70,462	100,030	104,952
June	63,008	82,208	88,416
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>217,738</u>	<u>291,269</u>	<u>298,987</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>376,556</i>	<i>596,466</i>	<i>645,549</i>
July	94,084	107,832	117,224
August	86,605	98,990	106,574
September	81,087	97,838	102,453
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>261,776</u>	<u>304,660</u>	<u>326,251</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>638,332</i>	<i>901,126</i>	<i>971,800</i>
October	117,323	125,645	
November	106,905	119,494	
December	134,730	149,145	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>358,958</u>	<u>394,284</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>620,734</i>	<i>698,944</i>	
Whole Year	997,290	1,295,410	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January-September, 2023 and 2024**

Purpose of visit	January-September 2023	January-September 2024 ¹
Holiday	853,469	917,338
Business	25,352	25,638
Transit	18,046	25,029
Conference	1,533	1,885
Sports	1,741	1,048
Other purposes	985	862
Total	901,126	971,800

¹ Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2023 and 2024

Country of residence	January-September 2023			January-September 2024 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	564,654	4,209	568,863	601,778	15,493	617,271
Austria	12,692	110	12,802	11,646	377	12,023
Belgium	13,393	35	13,428	12,720	22	12,742
Bulgaria	2,136	13	2,149	2,031	194	2,225
Czech Republic	11,626	9	11,635	10,110	40	10,150
Croatia	645	26	671	753	47	800
Denmark	6,290	39	6,329	5,878	30	5,908
Estonia	879	0	879	936	2	938
Finland	2,214	18	2,232	2,106	12	2,118
France	210,735	334	211,069	228,515	230	228,745
Germany	78,735	2,300	81,035	78,883	10,508	89,391
Greece	588	55	643	740	56	796
Hungary	3,336	2	3,338	2,885	67	2,952
Ireland	2,416	8	2,424	2,847	50	2,897
Italy	20,889	144	21,033	20,022	92	20,114
Latvia	516	10	526	661	11	672
Lithuania	1,191	1	1,192	1,286	19	1,305
Luxembourg	1,829	9	1,838	1,684	44	1,728
Netherlands	8,313	188	8,501	7,912	215	8,127
Norway	3,197	24	3,221	3,193	57	3,250
Poland	10,906	25	10,931	12,128	178	12,306
Portugal	4,030	19	4,049	4,457	34	4,491
Romania	4,867	48	4,915	5,000	68	5,068
Serbia	909	5	914	866	20	886
Slovakia	3,973	8	3,981	3,409	40	3,449
Slovenia	1,670	3	1,673	1,296	2	1,298
Spain	11,075	95	11,170	11,470	141	11,611
Sweden	5,677	14	5,691	5,697	45	5,742
Switzerland	20,388	98	20,486	20,915	226	21,141
Turkey	3,396	30	3,426	4,412	35	4,447
United Kingdom	101,071	329	101,400	109,228	2,270	111,498
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>13,269</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>13,467</i>	<i>26,414</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>26,741</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>690</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>694</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>391</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>441</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>10,591</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>10,693</i>	<i>22,521</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>22,681</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,313</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>1,405</i>	<i>1,979</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>2,141</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>524</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>525</i>	<i>784</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>784</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>1,803</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1,815</i>	<i>1,678</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>1,712</i>
AFRICA	203,218	442	203,660	214,058	317	214,375
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>109,858</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>109,885</i>	<i>116,805</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>116,825</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>605</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>607</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>595</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>11,364</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>11,387</i>	<i>14,573</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>14,590</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>94,497</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>94,498</i>	<i>98,036</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>98,036</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>3,392</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3,393</i>	<i>3,601</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3,604</i>
Algeria	242	0	242	412	3	415
Angola	255	14	269	292	5	297
Benin	43	0	43	113	1	114
Botswana	786	0	786	660	0	660
Burundi	89	0	89	124	0	124
Cameroon	392	0	392	407	0	407
Congo	239	0	239	450	0	450
Egypt	553	2	555	592	11	603
Ethiopia	214	1	215	249	5	254
Gabon	82	0	82	78	0	78
Ghana	857	12	869	1,054	15	1,069
Ivory Coast	320	10	330	482	12	494
Kenya	2,405	3	2,408	2,792	7	2,799
Lesotho	138	0	138	157	0	157
Malawi	339	0	339	296	1	297

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2023 and 2024

Country of residence	January-September 2023			January-September 2024 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	896	0	896	1,017	0	1,017
Morocco	641	0	641	589	0	589
Mozambique	544	6	550	534	5	539
Namibia	1,051	3	1,054	1,097	5	1,102
Niger	43	2	45	101	0	101
Nigeria	2,994	28	3,022	3,240	11	3,251
Rwanda	274	0	274	378	0	378
Senegal	194	13	207	247	10	257
South Africa, Rep. of	72,621	298	72,919	74,088	130	74,218
Sudan	37	0	37	21	0	21
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	249	0	249	322	0	322
Tanzania	685	4	689	758	12	770
Togo	66	0	66	116	0	116
Tunisia	337	3	340	426	1	427
Uganda	751	0	751	717	2	719
Zimbabwe	2,066	1	2,067	2,277	7	2,284
Zambia	972	0	972	688	0	688
Other African countries	1,985	15	2,000	2,479	54	2,533
ASIA	95,129	2,662	97,791	98,602	3,107	101,709
Afghanistan	141	0	141	154	7	161
Bangladesh	401	6	407	630	30	660
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	434	3	437	425	15	440
India	41,199	191	41,390	41,497	444	41,941
Indonesia	1,290	750	2,040	1,437	792	2,229
Israel	3,650	3	3,653	1,540	6	1,546
Japan	700	254	954	895	90	985
Korea Republic	2,340	86	2,426	2,849	85	2,934
Malaysia	993	12	1,005	918	49	967
Maldives	45	0	45	47	0	47
Nepal	521	4	525	1,364	5	1,369
Pakistan	478	50	528	451	11	462
People's Rep. of China	5,820	214	6,034	10,000	290	10,290
Philippines	1,597	878	2,475	2,093	1,051	3,144
Singapore	1,123	2	1,125	970	17	987
Sri Lanka	563	46	609	499	39	538
Taiwan, China	679	65	744	785	75	860
Thailand	340	4	344	529	7	536
Vietnam	236	65	301	256	34	290
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>32,446</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>32,451</i>	<i>31,102</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>31,128</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>178</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>178</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>282</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>179</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>793</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>793</i>	<i>645</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>650</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>261</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>262</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>173</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>164</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>311</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>18,023</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>18,024</i>	<i>19,134</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19,134</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>12,254</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12,254</i>	<i>9,906</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>9,916</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>52</i>
Other Asian countries	133	24	157	161	34	195
OCEANIA	13,622	725	14,347	16,110	696	16,806
Australia	12,863	556	13,419	14,945	476	15,421
New Zealand	500	158	658	794	112	906
Other Oceanian countries	259	11	270	371	108	479
AMERICA	15,639	448	16,087	18,479	2,650	21,129
Brazil	618	112	730	1,927	171	2,098
Canada	5,619	60	5,679	6,190	725	6,915
USA	8,109	226	8,335	8,650	1,643	10,293
Other American countries	1,293	50	1,343	1,712	111	1,823
Others & not stated	371	7	378	454	56	510
All countries	892,633	8,493	901,126	949,481	22,319	971,800

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

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age group and sex, January-September, 2023 and 2024

Age group (years)	January-September 2023			January-September 2024 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	18,076	17,738	35,814	18,602	18,836	37,438
5 - 9	20,152	20,035	40,187	22,104	21,860	43,964
10 - 14	20,952	20,846	41,798	22,771	22,993	45,764
15 - 19	16,354	19,101	35,455	17,906	21,136	39,042
20 - 24	17,202	25,017	42,219	19,534	27,802	47,336
25 - 29	35,583	47,241	82,824	37,949	48,733	86,682
30 - 34	47,182	50,271	97,453	48,024	51,061	99,085
35 - 39	43,320	42,357	85,677	45,862	45,226	91,088
40 - 44	40,035	38,933	78,968	42,700	41,589	84,289
45 - 49	37,212	36,764	73,976	39,551	39,474	79,025
50 - 54	38,823	38,802	77,625	41,063	40,992	82,055
55 - 59	36,645	35,789	72,434	39,037	39,087	78,124
60 - 64	29,040	27,490	56,530	32,616	31,336	63,952
65 - 69	19,341	18,644	37,985	22,223	21,432	43,655
70 & over	22,358	19,823	42,181	26,191	24,110	50,301
Total	442,275	458,851	901,126	476,133	495,667	971,800

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, January-September, 2023 and 2024**

Age group (years)	January-September 2023			January-September 2024 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	117,738	61	117,799	126,797	369	127,166
15 - 59	642,550	4,081	646,631	676,384	10,342	686,726
60 & over	132,345	4,351	136,696	146,300	11,608	157,908
Total	892,633	8,493	901,126	949,481	22,319	971,800

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January-September 2024 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	369,440	138,735	44,501	12,579	2,721	13,844	3,759	67,484	11,033	214	455	145	283	754
<i>of which:</i> France	161,797	124,440	3,876	3,231	1,632	3,224	16	1,641	108	135	63	35	79	344
Germany	43,784	4,195	31,115	528	317	1,325	29	625	54	4	15	14	13	27
Italy	3,145	6	6	3,047	1	44	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	16,670	3,051	1,850	331	132	7,581	3	189	32	2	5	4	1	13
Turkey	46,805	5,832	5,398	5,082	342	1,343	3,691	1,380	920	48	259	24	126	60
United Kingdom	70,248	846	149	279	239	125	18	63,475	35	25	109	62	60	263
AFRICA	316,638	67,454	5,794	2,120	1,508	2,003	211	7,950	992	95,314	71,467	2,252	2,097	2,442
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	18,842	2,697	269	96	234	71	15	1,189	92	102	576	456	571	287
Malagasy Republic	18,068	1,095	175	98	99	101	37	211	245	362	81	537	354	136
Reunion Island	169,161	62,068	2,128	285	227	1,098	22	743	75	94,038	595	281	589	302
Seychelles	6,427	339	225	47	34	61	11	176	150	69	35	108	150	150
South Africa, Rep. of	103,820	1,252	2,997	1,594	914	672	126	5,630	430	743	70,173	844	433	1,567
ASIA	249,733	22,039	28,503	5,302	3,671	5,040	442	33,244	10,491	2,325	890	39,085	7,612	1,349
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	40,343	214	112	25	24	29	2	335	70	202	284	35,462	99	111
Malaysia	7,272	620	39	6	7	30	2	99	58	1,121	119	26	1,798	165
People's Rep. of China	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Saudi Arabia	15,022	1,241	410	263	29	43	20	331	28	230	17	151	277	17
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	187,010	19,963	27,941	5,008	3,611	4,938	418	32,477	10,331	772	469	3,446	5,433	1,056
OCEANIA	13,670	287	85	21	12	28	0	550	5	183	1,276	15	8	10,400
<i>of which:</i> Australia	13,665	287	85	21	12	28	0	550	5	183	1,276	15	8	10,399
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	949,481	228,515	78,883	20,022	7,912	20,915	4,412	109,228	22,521	98,036	74,088	41,497	10,000	14,945
<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		54.5%	39.4%	15.2%	n.ap	36.2%	83.7%	58.1%	43.8%	95.9%	94.7%	85.5%	0.1%	69.6%
From United Arab Emirates		8.7%	35.4%	25.0%	45.6%	23.6%	9.5%	29.7%	45.9%	0.8%	0.6%	8.3%	54.3%	7.1%
From Turkey		2.6%	6.8%	25.4%	4.3%	6.4%		1.3%	4.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	1.3%	0.4%
From France			4.9%	16.1%	20.6%	15.4%	0.4%	1.5%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%	2.3%
From Reunion Island		27.2%	2.7%	1.4%	2.9%	5.2%	0.5%	0.7%	0.3%		0.8%	0.7%	5.9%	2.0%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	3.8%	8.0%	11.6%	3.2%	2.9%	5.2%	1.9%	0.8%		2.0%	4.3%	10.5%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

n.ap: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2021 - 2024

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2021 January-September	9,460	7,317	489,758	66.9	2,611
Year	179,780	147,443	2,168,241	14.7	15,253
2022 January-September	638,332	635,683	7,824,545	12.3	41,607
Year	997,290	960,146	11,363,042	11.8	64,845
2023 January-September	901,126	916,996	10,494,102	11.4	60,798
Year	1,295,410	1,268,995	14,384,016	11.3	85,993
2024 ³ January-September	971,800	977,540	11,375,954	11.6	65,379

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, 2021 - 2024

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All hotels			"Large" hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
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	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
2023	1st Qr.	105	13,022	29,591	56	10,338	23,836
	2nd Qr.	101	12,426	28,416	53	9,735	22,563
	3rd Qr.	102	12,502	28,450	56	9,961	23,014
	4th Qr.	107	13,387	30,752	60	10,804	25,193
2024 ²	1st Qr.	105	13,326	30,066	59	10,777	24,597
	2nd Qr.	102	13,011	29,382	56	10,441	23,903
	3rd Qr.	105	13,453	30,127	57	10,775	24,460

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

² Provisional

³ Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres

Table 10:- Monthly occupancy rates ¹ (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2022 - 2024

Month	All hotels						"Large" hotels					
	2022		2023		2024 ¹		2022		2023		2024 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	42	37	75	67	68	61	44	38	76	69	70	63
February	44	39	70	63	68	62	46	41	71	65	70	64
March	50	44	73	65	70	64	52	45	74	66	71	66
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>64</u>
April	63	57	78	72	70	65	67	61	80	76	72	67
May	58	50	76	67	73	66	61	52	78	69	76	69
June	51	44	65	57	63	56	53	45	67	60	66	59
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>
1st Semester	51	45	73	65	69	62	54	47	75	68	71	65
July	63	58	68	64	67	63	67	61	71	67	70	66
August	68	62	72	67	72	68	72	65	75	70	75	72
September	71	60	77	66	74	66	75	63	79	68	77	68
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>69</u>
Jan. to Sep.	57	50	73	65	70	63	60	52	75	68	72	66
October	78	69	77	69			81	71	79	71		
November	81	69	80	68			83	70	81	69		
December	78	70	73	65			80	71	75	67		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>67</u>			<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>		
2nd Semester	73	65	75	66			76	67	76	69		
Year	62	55	74	66			65	57	76	68		

¹ Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2020 - 2024

Activities \ Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ²
Food Service	3,583	3,369	2,992	2,932	3,007
Hotels	24,366	21,020	21,811	22,333	22,571
Travel and Other Services ³	3,552	2,702	2,736	2,749	2,867
Total	31,501	27,091	27,539	28,014	28,445

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

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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