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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 year 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, 2023 and 2024

	2023	2024 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,716,933	1,837,288	+ 7.0
Sea	45,244	90,711	+ 100.5
<i>of which cruise travellers</i>	<i>40,403</i>	<i>83,459</i>	<i>+ 106.6</i>
Total	1,762,177	1,927,999	+ 9.4
Departures by			
Air	1,712,571	1,830,692	+ 6.9
Sea	40,403	85,801	+ 112.4
Total	1,752,974	1,916,493	+ 9.3

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 2024

Compared to 2023:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased by 9.4% from 1,762,177 to 1,927,999;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased by 6.7% from 1,295,410 to 1,382,177; those arriving by air rose by 5.7% from 1,275,263 to 1,348,400 and those arriving by sea increased by 67.7% from 20,147 to 33,777 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 28,960 were cruise tourists compared to 16,099, representing a growth of 79.9%.
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 89.0% from 21,871 to 41,344.

In 2024, 49 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 83,459 cruise travellers comprising 28,960 tourists, 25,107 excursionists, 426 Mauritian residents and 28,966 crew members.

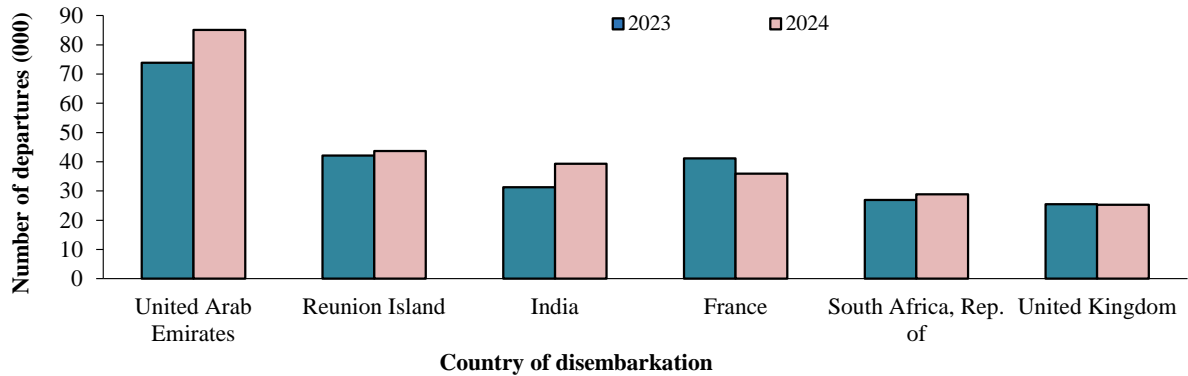
2.2 Departures in 2024

Compared to 2023:

- (i) total passenger departures increased by 9.3% from 1,752,974 to 1,916,493 and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose by 9.5% from 319,725 to 350,160 (Table 2).

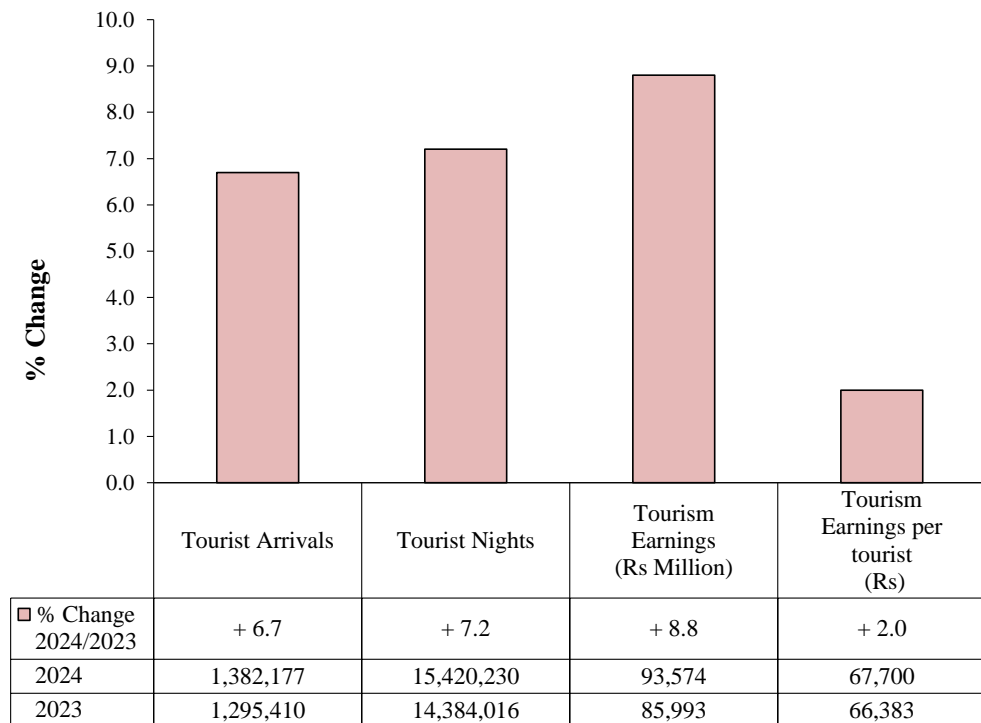
Comparative figures for 2023 and 2024 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2024, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (85,131 or 24.3%), Reunion Island (43,625 or 12.5%), India (39,354 or 11.2%), France (35,884 or 10.2%), Republic of South Africa (28,854 or 8.2%) and United Kingdom (25,294 or 7.2%).

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



3. TOURISM

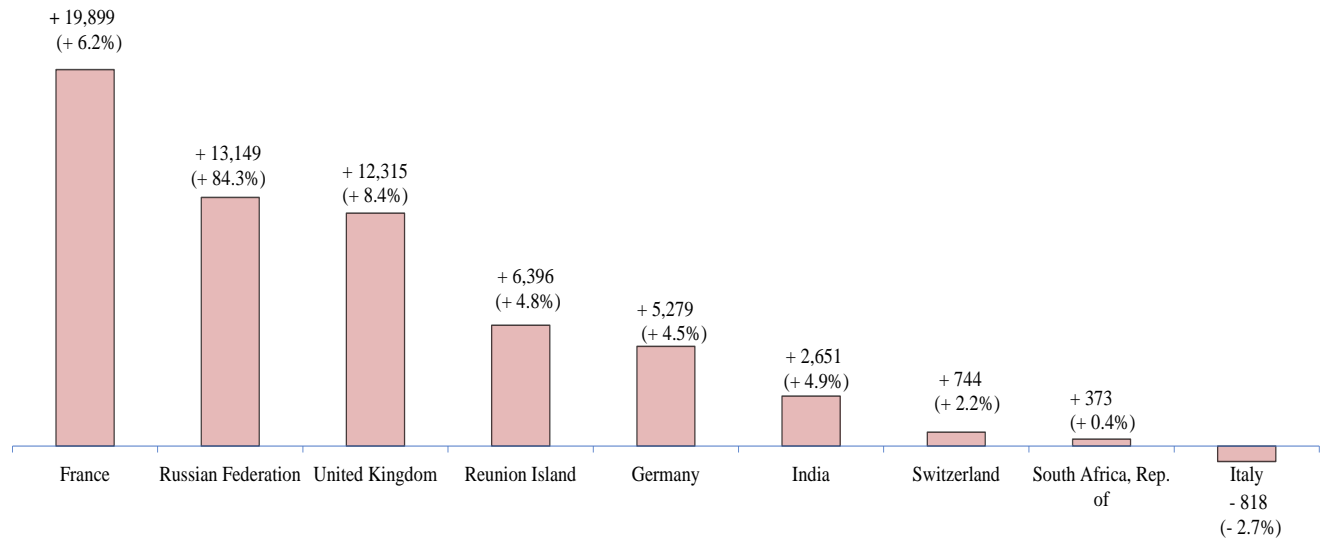
Figure 2 – Percentage change in main tourism indicators, 2024 compared to 2023



3.1 Tourist arrivals in 2024

Compared to year 2023, tourist arrivals increased by 86,767 or 6.7% to reach 1,382,177 in 2024 as a result of main changes in tourist arrivals from selected markets as shown in Figure 3.

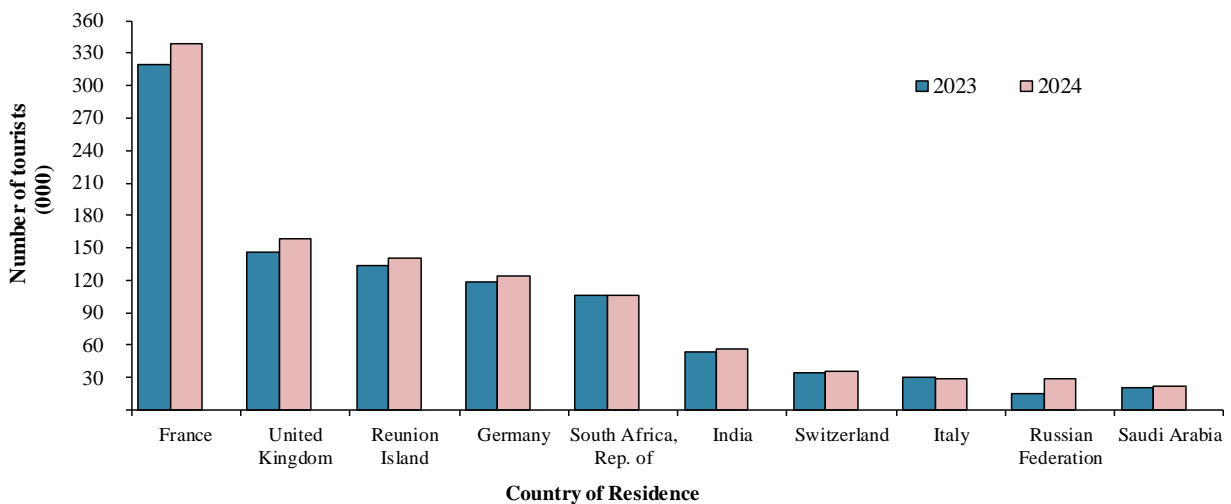
Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2024 compared to 2023



Compared to year 2023, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 19,899 from 319,522 to 339,421. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other selected markets as follows:

Russian Federation (+13,149 or +84.3%), United Kingdom (+12,315 or +8.4%), Reunion Island (+6,396 or +4.8%), Germany (+5,279 or +4.5%), India (+2,651 or +4.9%), Switzerland (+744 or +2.2%) and Republic of South Africa (+373 or +0.4%).

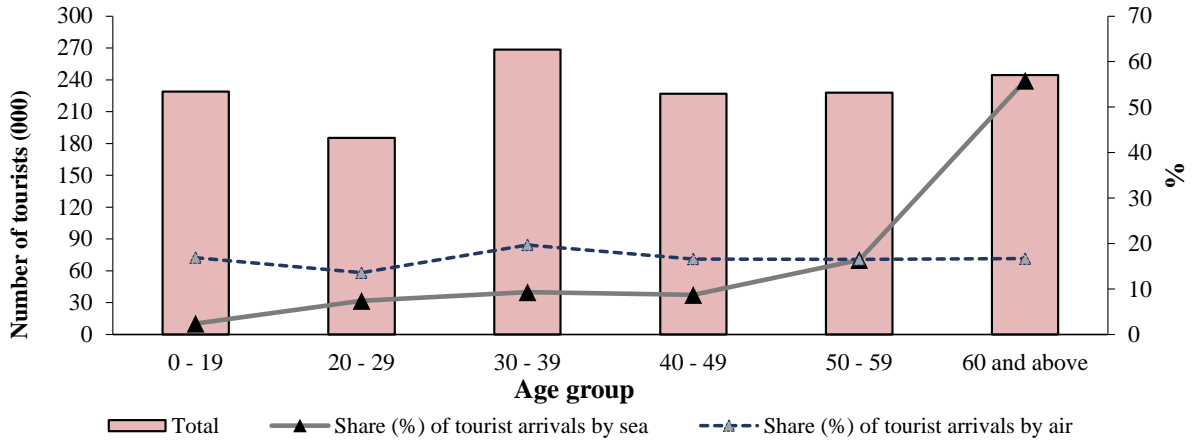
Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 2023 and 2024



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age group

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 244,508 representing 17.7% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 55.8% (Table 6b).

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 2024



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

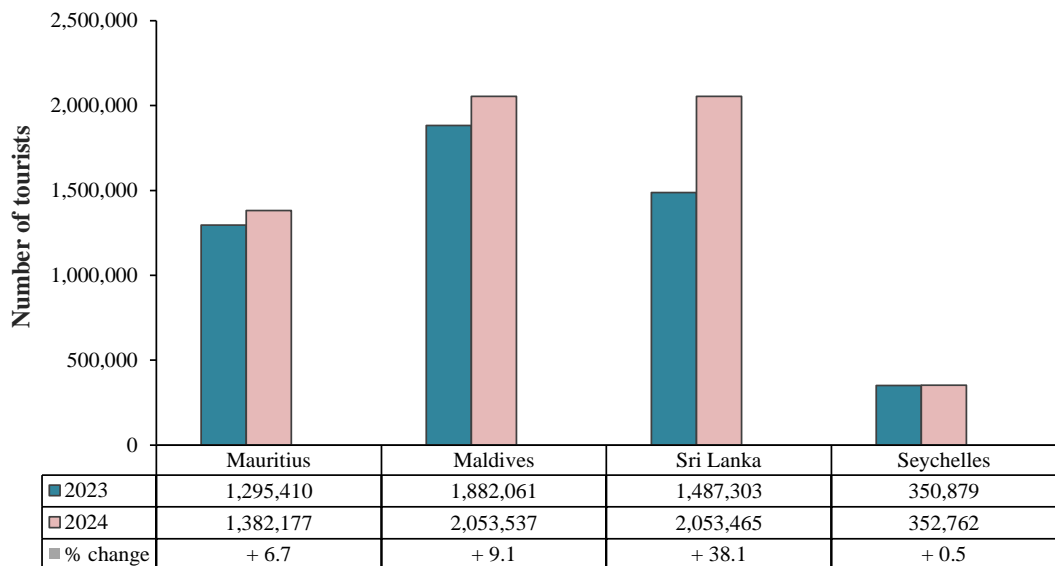
From Table 7, it is observed that during year 2024, tourists from United Kingdom (58.9%), France (54.5%), Switzerland (42.5%) and Germany (40.0%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from People’s Republic of China, Russian Federation and Netherlands travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, People’s Republic of China and Netherlands who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 54.0%, 52.3% and 43.5% respectively.

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

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

Maldives (from 1,882,061 to 2,053,537 or +9.1%), Sri Lanka (from 1,487,303 to 2,053,465 or +38.1%), Mauritius (from 1,295,410 to 1,382,177 or +6.7%) and Seychelles (from 350,879 to 352,762 or +0.5%).

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2023 and 2024



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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 2023:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2024 increased by 7.2% from 14,384,016 to 15,420,230; and
- the average length of stay increased marginally from 11.3 to 11.4 (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 December 2024, there were 111 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed and one was closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 109 hotels in operation was 14,059 with 31,484 bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2024,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 72%, lower compared to 74% in 2023; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, lower compared to 66% in 2023 (Table 10).

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

At the end of December 2024, 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 11,427 with 25,916 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 56% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 81% of total room capacity and 82% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2024,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 74%, lower than the 76% registered in 2023; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, same as recorded in 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	160,987 ³	158,739 ³
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>207,391</u>	<u>214,716</u>	<u>422,194</u>	<u>447,610</u>	<u>489,049</u> ³	<u>508,269</u> ³
April	104,081	103,812	145,348	144,220	154,231 ³	158,407 ³
May	93,573	101,112	132,636	143,444	145,496 ³	156,162 ³
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>424,158</u> ³	<u>434,026</u> ³
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>493,453</i>	<i>506,744</i>	<i>813,790</i>	<i>847,927</i>	<i>913,207</i> ³	<i>942,295</i> ³
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>1,365,067</i> ³	<i>1,385,100</i> ³
October	149,070	137,924	161,611	151,942	172,377	159,393
November	144,309	147,480	165,265	167,486	171,237	177,491
December	183,134	160,276	203,070	174,206	219,318	194,509
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>476,513</u>	<u>445,680</u>	<u>529,946</u>	<u>493,634</u>	<u>562,932</u>	<u>531,393</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>833,929</i>	<i>796,224</i>	<i>948,387</i>	<i>905,047</i>	<i>1,014,792</i>	<i>974,198</i>
Year	1,327,382	1,302,968	1,762,177	1,752,974	1,927,999	1,916,493

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

³ Revised

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, 2023 and 2024

Country of disembarkation	2023	2024 ²	% Change
EUROPE	85,453	85,865	+ 0.5
Austria	725	958	+ 32.1
France	41,187	35,884	- 12.9
Germany	3,838	6,276	+ 63.5
Italy	301	172	- 42.9
Switzerland	2,080	2,945	+ 41.6
Turkey	10,091	14,119	+ 39.9
United Kingdom	25,488	25,294	- 0.8
Other European countries	1,743	217	- 87.6
AFRICA	91,975	95,459	+ 3.8
Kenya	8,444	7,157	- 15.2
Malagasy Republic	10,072	10,945	+ 8.7
Reunion Island	42,127	43,625	+ 3.6
Seychelles	4,314	4,825	+ 11.8
South Africa, Rep. of	26,918	28,854	+ 7.2
Other African countries	100	53	- 47.0
ASIA	133,024	159,612	+ 20.0
People's Rep. of China	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
Hong Kong SAR ³	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
India	31,260	39,354	+ 25.9
Malaysia	14,420	17,507	+ 21.4
Saudi Arabia	13,450	17,617	+ 31.0
United Arab Emirates	73,888	85,131	+ 15.2
Other Asian countries	6	3	- 50.0
OCEANIA	9,262	9,214	- 0.5
Australia	9,262	9,214	- 0.5
NOT STATED	11	10	- 9.1
All countries	319,725	350,160	+ 9.5

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

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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	133,065
November	106,905	119,494	123,104
December	134,730	149,145	154,208
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>358,958</u>	<u>394,284</u>	<u>410,377</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>620,734</i>	<i>698,944</i>	<i>736,628</i>
Year	997,290	1,295,410	1,382,177

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

Purpose of visit	2023	2024 ¹	% Change
Holiday	1,229,869	1,311,374	+ 6.6
Business	34,929	34,193	- 2.1
Transit	24,525	31,663	+ 29.1
Conference	2,323	2,547	+ 9.6
Sports	2,453	1,276	- 48.0
Other purposes	1,311	1,124	- 14.3
Total	1,295,410	1,382,177	+ 6.7

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

Country of residence	2023			2024 ¹			% Change 2024 / 2023		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	823,581	11,244	834,825	868,566	22,015	890,581	5.5	95.8	6.7
Austria	19,664	337	20,001	18,032	508	18,540	-8.3	50.7	-7.3
Belgium	19,457	74	19,531	18,687	88	18,775	-4.0	18.9	-3.9
Bulgaria	2,882	168	3,050	2,920	228	3,148	1.3	35.7	3.2
Czech Republic	15,565	25	15,590	14,881	48	14,929	-4.4	92.0	-4.2
Croatia	913	49	962	1,202	74	1,276	31.7	51.0	32.6
Denmark	8,689	64	8,753	7,959	59	8,018	-8.4	-7.8	-8.4
Estonia	1,325	5	1,330	1,359	4	1,363	2.6	-20.0	2.5
Finland	3,363	20	3,383	3,397	22	3,419	1.0	10.0	1.1
France	318,801	721	319,522	339,008	413	339,421	6.3	-42.7	6.2
Germany	111,459	7,087	118,546	109,079	14,746	123,825	-2.1	108.1	4.5
Greece	908	70	978	1,103	76	1,179	21.5	8.6	20.6
Hungary	4,742	25	4,767	4,362	84	4,446	-8.0	236.0	-6.7
Ireland	3,358	20	3,378	4,020	82	4,102	19.7	310.0	21.4
Italy	30,044	263	30,307	29,333	156	29,489	-2.4	-40.7	-2.7
Latvia	861	15	876	959	17	976	11.4	13.3	11.4
Lithuania	1,608	10	1,618	1,723	24	1,747	7.2	140.0	8.0
Luxembourg	2,466	21	2,487	2,369	45	2,414	-3.9	114.3	-2.9
Netherlands	10,906	302	11,208	10,634	371	11,005	-2.5	22.8	-1.8
Norway	4,250	47	4,297	4,534	72	4,606	6.7	53.2	7.2
Poland	14,380	144	14,524	17,337	223	17,560	20.6	54.9	20.9
Portugal	5,091	42	5,133	5,548	58	5,606	9.0	38.1	9.2
Romania	6,254	87	6,341	6,771	83	6,854	8.3	-4.6	8.1
Serbia	1,104	12	1,116	1,234	22	1,256	11.8	83.3	12.5
Slovakia	5,187	19	5,206	4,910	41	4,951	-5.3	115.8	-4.9
Slovenia	2,276	10	2,286	1,858	2	1,860	-18.4	-80.0	-18.6
Spain	13,265	148	13,413	13,692	227	13,919	3.2	53.4	3.8
Sweden	9,356	22	9,378	9,807	115	9,922	4.8	422.7	5.8
Switzerland	34,222	363	34,585	34,931	398	35,329	2.1	9.6	2.2
Turkey	4,289	147	4,436	5,479	108	5,587	27.7	-26.5	25.9
United Kingdom	145,304	569	145,873	155,049	3,139	158,188	6.7	451.7	8.4
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>18,987</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>19,326</i>	<i>33,744</i>	<i>425</i>	<i>34,169</i>	<i>77.7</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>76.8</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>609</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>612</i>	<i>864</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>868</i>	<i>41.9</i>	<i>33.3</i>	<i>41.8</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>488</i>	<i>657</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>660</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>-25.0</i>	<i>35.2</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>15,391</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>15,601</i>	<i>28,551</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>28,750</i>	<i>85.5</i>	<i>-5.2</i>	<i>84.3</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,784</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>1,903</i>	<i>2,653</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>2,869</i>	<i>48.7</i>	<i>81.5</i>	<i>50.8</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>719</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>722</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,022</i>	<i>41.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>41.6</i>
Other European countries	2,605	19	2,624	2,645	57	2,702	1.5	200.0	3.0
AFRICA	288,867	3,636	292,503	303,639	550	304,189	5.1	-84.9	4.0
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>156,767</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>156,818</i>	<i>165,694</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>165,719</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>-51.0</i>	<i>5.7</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>788</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>790</i>	<i>764</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>764</i>	<i>-3.0</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-3.3</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>16,738</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>16,777</i>	<i>19,130</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>19,152</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>-43.6</i>	<i>14.2</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>134,220</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>134,222</i>	<i>140,618</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>140,618</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>4.8</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>5,021</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5,029</i>	<i>5,182</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5,185</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>-62.5</i>	<i>3.1</i>
Algeria	317	0	317	504	4	508	59.0	n.ap	60.3
Angola	425	18	443	362	6	368	-14.8	-66.7	-16.9
Benin	63	1	64	140	1	141	122.2	0.0	120.3
Botswana	1,115	15	1,130	1,071	0	1,071	-3.9	-100.0	-5.2
Burundi	117	0	117	174	0	174	48.7	n.ap	48.7
Cameroon	520	0	520	574	0	574	10.4	n.ap	10.4
Congo	364	1	365	582	0	582	59.9	-100.0	59.5
Egypt	788	4	792	734	18	752	-6.9	350.0	-5.1
Ethiopia	283	1	284	319	6	325	12.7	500.0	14.4
Gabon	114	0	114	122	0	122	7.0	n.ap	7.0
Ghana	1,236	15	1,251	1,378	18	1,396	11.5	20.0	11.6
Ivory Coast	494	22	516	621	15	636	25.7	-31.8	23.3
Kenya	3,388	4	3,392	4,126	15	4,141	21.8	275.0	22.1
Lesotho	201	13	214	246	0	246	22.4	-100.0	15.0
Malawi	474	4	478	475	1	476	0.2	-75.0	-0.4

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

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

Country of residence	2023			2024 ¹			% Change 2024 / 2023		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1,370	0	1,370	1,306	0	1,306	-4.7	n.ap	-4.7
Morocco	845	1	846	789	1	790	-6.6	0.0	-6.6
Mozambique	807	24	831	761	11	772	-5.7	-54.2	-7.1
Namibia	1,523	31	1,554	1,694	8	1,702	11.2	-74.2	9.5
Niger	67	2	69	124	0	124	85.1	-100.0	79.7
Nigeria	3,866	32	3,898	3,962	36	3,998	2.5	12.5	2.6
Rwanda	353	0	353	514	0	514	45.6	n.ap	45.6
Senegal	290	25	315	324	17	341	11.7	-32.0	8.3
South Africa, Rep. of	102,867	3,302	106,169	106,261	281	106,542	3.3	-91.5	0.4
Sudan	44	0	44	22	0	22	-50.0	n.ap	-50.0
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	335	4	339	479	1	480	43.0	-75.0	41.6
Tanzania	977	4	981	1,069	13	1,082	9.4	225.0	10.3
Togo	89	1	90	144	0	144	61.8	-100.0	60.0
Tunisia	502	3	505	558	3	561	11.2	0.0	11.1
Uganda	1,076	0	1,076	1,007	5	1,012	-6.4	n.ap	-5.9
Zimbabwe	3,084	28	3,112	3,403	7	3,410	10.3	-75.0	9.6
Zambia	1,340	2	1,342	1,029	0	1,029	-23.2	-100.0	-23.3
Other African countries	2,766	28	2,794	3,071	58	3,129	11.0	107.1	12.0
ASIA	120,246	3,178	123,424	127,078	5,813	132,891	5.7	82.9	7.7
Afghanistan	186	2	188	239	7	246	28.5	250.0	30.9
Bangladesh	507	6	513	700	35	735	38.1	483.3	43.3
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	602	5	607	569	15	584	-5.5	200.0	-3.8
India	53,836	301	54,137	56,120	668	56,788	4.2	121.9	4.9
Indonesia	1,524	867	2,391	1,796	909	2,705	17.8	4.8	13.1
Israel	3,893	3	3,896	2,095	14	2,109	-46.2	366.7	-45.9
Japan	987	259	1,246	1,218	1,360	2,578	23.4	425.1	106.9
Korea Republic	3,502	96	3,598	4,216	165	4,381	20.4	71.9	21.8
Malaysia	1,294	21	1,315	1,140	96	1,236	-11.9	357.1	-6.0
Maldives	59	0	59	63	0	63	6.8	n.ap	6.8
Nepal	910	5	915	1,953	6	1,959	114.6	20.0	114.1
Pakistan	615	51	666	552	16	568	-10.2	-68.6	-14.7
People's Rep. of China	7,708	258	7,966	12,462	633	13,095	61.7	145.3	64.4
Philippines	1,993	1,044	3,037	2,746	1,367	4,113	37.8	30.9	35.4
Singapore	1,683	4	1,687	1,447	87	1,534	-14.0	2,075.0	-9.1
Sri Lanka	804	60	864	614	43	657	-23.6	-28.3	-24.0
Taiwan, China	832	71	903	967	233	1,200	16.2	228.2	32.9
Thailand	454	6	460	651	33	684	43.4	450.0	48.7
Vietnam	290	79	369	296	48	344	2.1	-39.2	-6.8
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>38,368</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>38,374</i>	<i>37,028</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>37,063</i>	<i>-3.5</i>	<i>483.3</i>	<i>-3.4</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>-24.5</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>-24.5</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>23.3</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>231</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>231</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>7.4</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>718</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>723</i>	<i>-18.0</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>-17.5</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>21.4</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>233.3</i>	<i>3.8</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>16.0</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>21,121</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>21,122</i>	<i>22,168</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>22,171</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>200.0</i>	<i>5.0</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>14,687</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14,687</i>	<i>12,364</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12,374</i>	<i>-15.8</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>-15.7</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>-29.1</i>	<i>400.0</i>	<i>-23.8</i>
Other Asian countries	199	34	233	206	43	249	3.5	26.5	6.9
OCEANIA	19,919	1,204	21,123	22,207	839	23,046	11.5	-30.3	9.1
Australia	18,763	924	19,687	20,634	594	21,228	10.0	-35.7	7.8
New Zealand	779	262	1,041	1,041	132	1,173	33.6	-49.6	12.7
Other Oceanian countries	377	18	395	532	113	645	41.1	527.8	63.3
AMERICA	22,086	873	22,959	26,242	4,498	30,740	18.8	415.2	33.9
Brazil	1,115	194	1,309	2,508	218	2,726	124.9	12.4	108.3
Canada	7,983	170	8,153	9,083	1,016	10,099	13.8	497.6	23.9
USA	11,211	408	11,619	12,364	3,086	15,450	10.3	656.4	33.0
Other American countries	1,777	101	1,878	2,287	178	2,465	28.7	76.2	31.3
Others & not stated	564	12	576	668	62	730	18.4	416.7	26.7
All countries	1,275,263	20,147	1,295,410	1,348,400	33,777	1,382,177	5.7	67.7	6.7

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

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

Age group (years)	2023			2024 ¹			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	25,711	25,272	50,983	26,508	26,479	52,987	+ 3.1	+ 4.8	+ 3.9
5 - 9	28,336	28,197	56,533	30,396	30,219	60,615	+ 7.3	+ 7.2	+ 7.2
10 - 14	29,337	29,067	58,404	31,261	31,341	62,602	+ 6.6	+ 7.8	+ 7.2
15 - 19	22,729	26,038	48,767	24,310	28,478	52,788	+ 7.0	+ 9.4	+ 8.2
20 - 24	23,915	34,184	58,099	26,747	37,571	64,318	+ 11.8	+ 9.9	+ 10.7
25 - 29	49,953	66,200	116,153	52,756	68,237	120,993	+ 5.6	+ 3.1	+ 4.2
30 - 34	66,468	70,717	137,185	67,902	72,410	140,312	+ 2.2	+ 2.4	+ 2.3
35 - 39	61,128	60,010	121,138	64,466	63,772	128,238	+ 5.5	+ 6.3	+ 5.9
40 - 44	56,147	54,773	110,920	59,389	58,106	117,495	+ 5.8	+ 6.1	+ 5.9
45 - 49	52,180	51,869	104,049	54,733	54,770	109,503	+ 4.9	+ 5.6	+ 5.2
50 - 54	55,273	55,938	111,211	57,185	57,918	115,103	+ 3.5	+ 3.5	+ 3.5
55 - 59	53,660	53,279	106,939	55,868	56,847	112,715	+ 4.1	+ 6.7	+ 5.4
60 - 64	44,358	42,919	87,277	48,821	47,919	96,740	+ 10.1	+ 11.6	+ 10.8
65 - 69	30,752	29,629	60,381	34,757	33,597	68,354	+ 13.0	+ 13.4	+ 13.2
70 & over	35,716	31,655	67,371	41,478	37,936	79,414	+ 16.1	+ 19.8	+ 17.9
Total	635,663	659,747	1,295,410	676,577	705,600	1,382,177	+ 6.4	+ 7.0	+ 6.7

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

Age group (years)	2023			2024 ¹			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	165,174	746	165,920	175,679	525	176,204	+ 6.4	- 29.6	+ 6.2
15 - 59	904,785	9,676	914,461	947,063	14,402	961,465	+ 4.7	+ 48.8	+ 5.1
60 & over	205,304	9,725	215,029	225,658	18,850	244,508	+ 9.9	+ 93.8	+ 13.7
Total	1,275,263	20,147	1,295,410	1,348,400	33,777	1,382,177	+ 5.7	+ 67.7	+ 6.7

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 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	540,835	208,668	63,387	18,833	3,971	24,216	4,620	97,576	11,605	275	554	180	343	901
<i>of which:</i> France	236,079	184,805	4,858	4,942	2,389	4,675	23	2,566	134	166	86	44	103	371
Germany	62,390	6,261	43,661	927	461	1,859	35	825	68	5	18	16	17	35
Italy	5,801	9	11	4,795	3	69	0	14	1	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	31,166	5,839	3,590	608	212	14,840	4	373	61	4	11	4	6	27
Turkey	65,306	9,123	7,087	6,947	506	2,077	4,525	2,132	1,404	63	292	29	141	82
United Kingdom	100,635	1,245	237	401	289	219	27	91,348	50	35	139	81	72	310
AFRICA	450,767	96,075	8,951	2,970	1,940	3,544	297	11,064	1,282	137,203	102,998	2,879	2,839	3,192
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	24,903	3,240	382	124	288	125	20	1,586	118	120	754	607	766	340
Malagasy Republic	23,818	1,418	235	129	139	145	45	320	318	410	110	679	443	218
Reunion Island	243,954	89,169	3,546	374	307	1,994	23	1,050	104	135,604	907	350	807	409
Seychelles	9,168	518	357	58	39	107	22	247	194	102	50	144	185	209
South Africa, Rep. of	148,577	1,721	4,426	2,284	1,167	1,173	187	7,860	548	967	101,170	1,073	638	2,016
ASIA	338,628	33,906	36,645	7,500	4,706	7,124	562	45,725	15,658	2,919	1,220	53,040	9,264	2,332
<i>of which:</i> India	54,947	292	163	39	39	48	2	516	103	226	352	48,282	119	156
Malaysia	9,504	833	53	9	7	39	4	142	74	1,435	162	33	2,291	366
People's Rep. of China	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Saudi Arabia	19,627	2,028	658	625	36	92	28	609	56	287	21	192	319	24
United Arab Emirates	254,453	30,752	35,770	6,827	4,624	6,945	528	44,452	15,421	971	684	4,533	6,523	1,786
OCEANIA	18,120	359	96	30	17	47	0	684	6	221	1,489	21	16	14,159
<i>of which:</i> Australia	18,115	359	96	30	17	47	0	684	6	221	1,489	21	16	14,158
AMERICA	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Total arrivals by air	1,348,400	339,008	109,079	29,333	10,634	34,931	5,479	155,049	28,551	140,618	106,261	56,120	12,462	20,634
<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%	40.0%	16.3%	n.ap	42.5%	82.6%	58.9%	34.5%	96.4%	95.2%	86.0%	0.1%	68.6%
From United Arab Emirates		9.1%	32.8%	23.3%	43.5%	19.9%	9.6%	28.7%	54.0%	0.7%	0.6%	8.1%	52.3%	8.7%
From Turkey		2.7%	6.5%	23.7%	4.8%	5.9%		1.4%	4.9%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	1.1%	0.4%
From France			4.5%	16.8%	22.5%	13.4%	0.4%	1.7%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%	1.8%
From Reunion Island		26.3%	3.3%	1.3%	2.9%	5.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%		0.9%	0.6%	6.5%	2.0%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	4.1%	7.8%	11.0%	3.4%	3.4%	5.1%	1.9%	0.7%		1.9%	5.1%	9.8%

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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					
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					
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
Year	997,290	960,146	11,363,042	11.8	64,845
2023					
1st Semester	596,466	620,304	7,089,989	11.4	41,701
2nd Semester	698,944	648,691	7,294,027	11.2	44,292
Year	1,295,410	1,268,995	14,384,016	11.3	85,993
2024 ³					
1st Quarter	346,562	356,657	4,236,631	11.9	23,981
2nd Quarter	298,987	304,394	3,430,636	11.3	20,421
3rd Quarter	326,251	316,489	3,708,687	11.7	20,977
4th Quarter	410,377	369,338	4,044,276	11.0	28,195
Year	1,382,177	1,346,878	15,420,230	11.4	93,574

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

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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
4th Qr.	109	14,059	31,484	61	11,427	25,916

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 (%) 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>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>65</i>
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>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>66</i>
October	78	69	77	69	77	70	81	71	79	71	79	72
November	81	69	80	68	81	70	83	70	81	69	82	71
December	78	70	73	65	75	69	80	71	75	67	77	71
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>70</i>
Year	62	55	74	66	72	65	65	57	76	68	74	68

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Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2020 - 2024

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ²
Activities					
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

² Provisional

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 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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