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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Quarter 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2025. 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, 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025

	1 st Quarter 2024	1 st Quarter 2025 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	445,224	443,560	-0.4
Sea	43,825	43,024	-1.8
<i>of which cruise travellers</i>	<i>41,560</i>	<i>41,299</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
Total	489,049	486,584	-0.5
Departures by			
Air	463,986	463,014	-0.2
Sea	44,283	42,339	-4.4
Total	508,269	505,353	-0.6

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Quarter 2025

Compared to 1st Quarter 2024:

- (i) total passenger arrivals decreased by 0.5% from 489,049 to 486,584;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals decreased by 5.8% from 346,562 to 326,389; those arriving by air decreased by 3.6% from 328,477 to 316,604 and those arriving by sea decreased by 45.9% from 18,085 to 9,785 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 8,309 were cruise tourists compared to 16,857, representing a decline of 50.7%.
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 59.0% from 15,002 to 23,854.

In the first quarter of 2025, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 41,299 cruise travellers comprising 8,309 tourists, 19,063 excursionists, 190 Mauritian residents and 13,737 crew members.

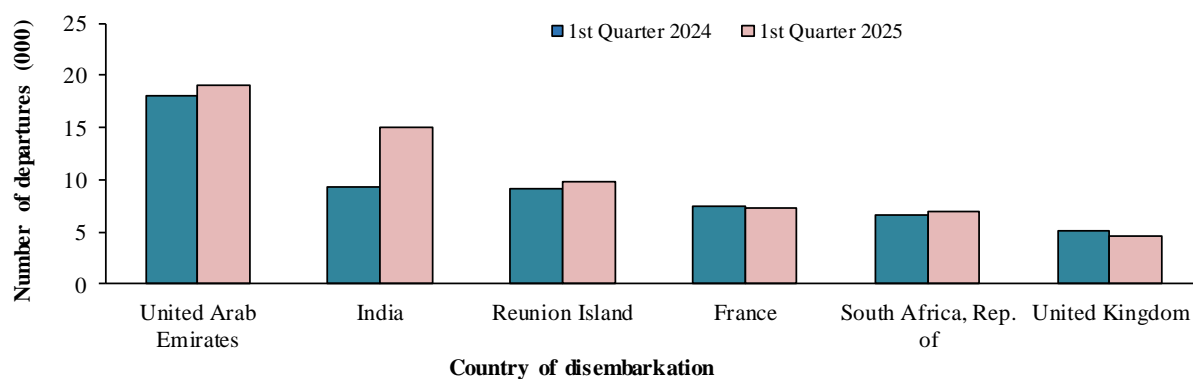
2.2 Departures in 1st Quarter 2025

Compared to 1st Quarter 2024:

- (i) total passenger departures decreased by 0.6% from 508,269 to 505,353 and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose by 6.8% from 76,645 to 81,866 (Table 2).

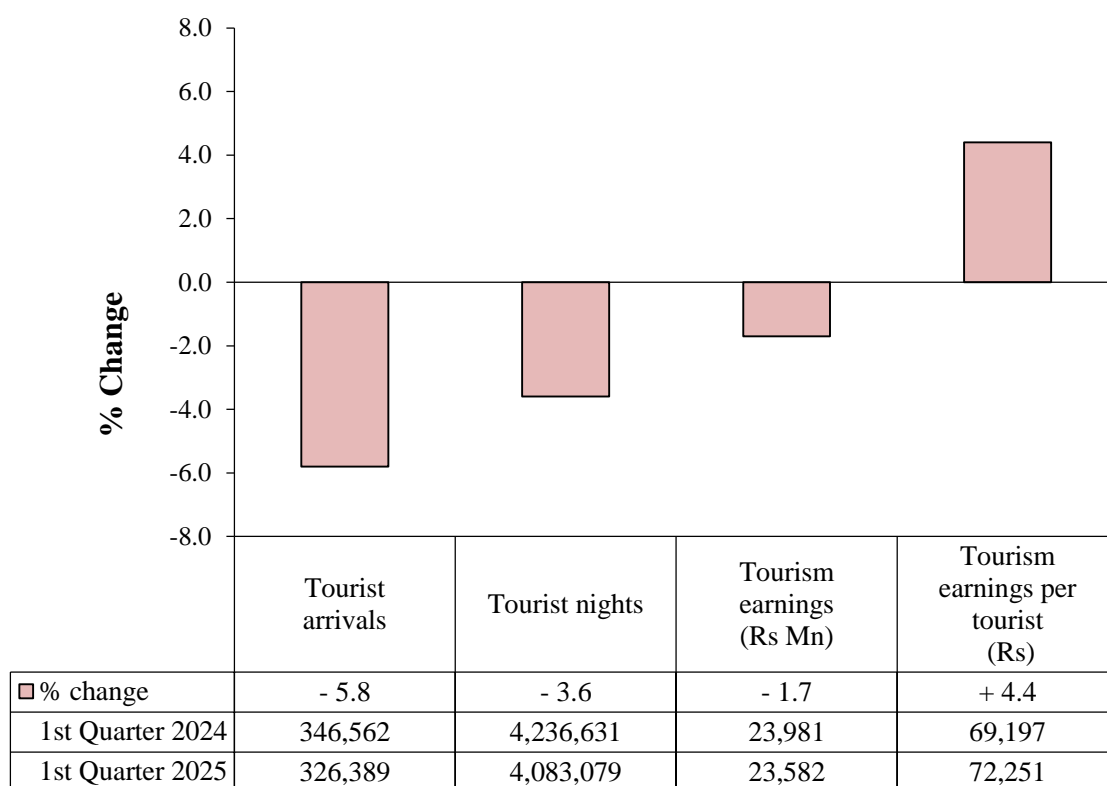
Comparative figures for the first quarters of 2024 and 2025 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first quarter of 2025, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (19,016 or 23.2%), India (15,015 or 18.3%), Reunion Island (9,878 or 12.1%), France (7,246 or 8.9%), Republic of South Africa (6,994 or 8.5%) and United Kingdom (4,676 or 5.7%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Quarter 2024 and 1st Quarter 2025



3. TOURISM

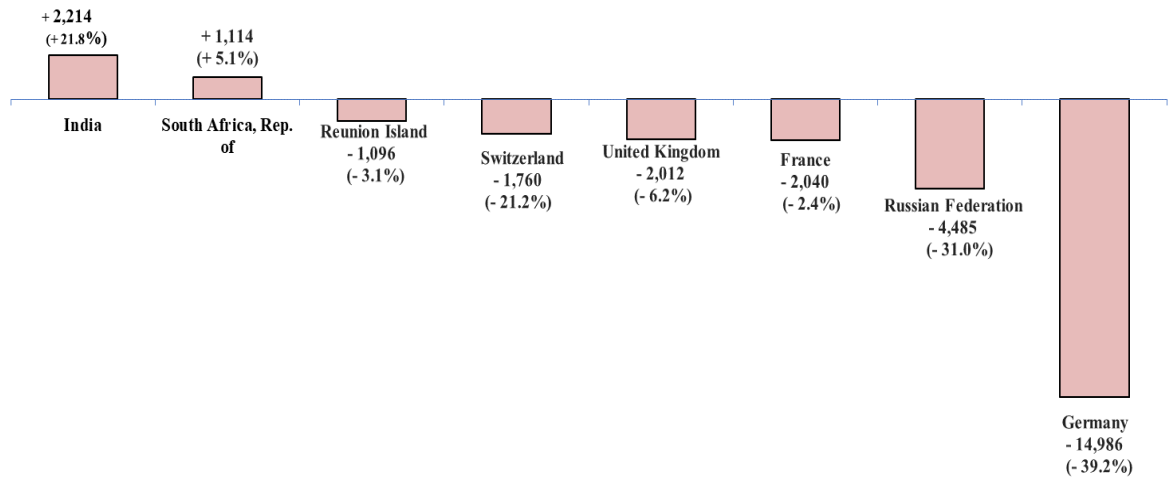
Figure 2 –Main tourism indicators, 1st Quarter 2024 and 1st Quarter 2025



3.1 Tourist arrivals in 1st Quarter 2025

Compared to the first quarter of 2024, tourist arrivals decreased by 20,173 (-5.8%) to reach 326,389 in first quarter 2025 as a result of main changes in tourist arrivals from selected markets as shown in Figure 3.

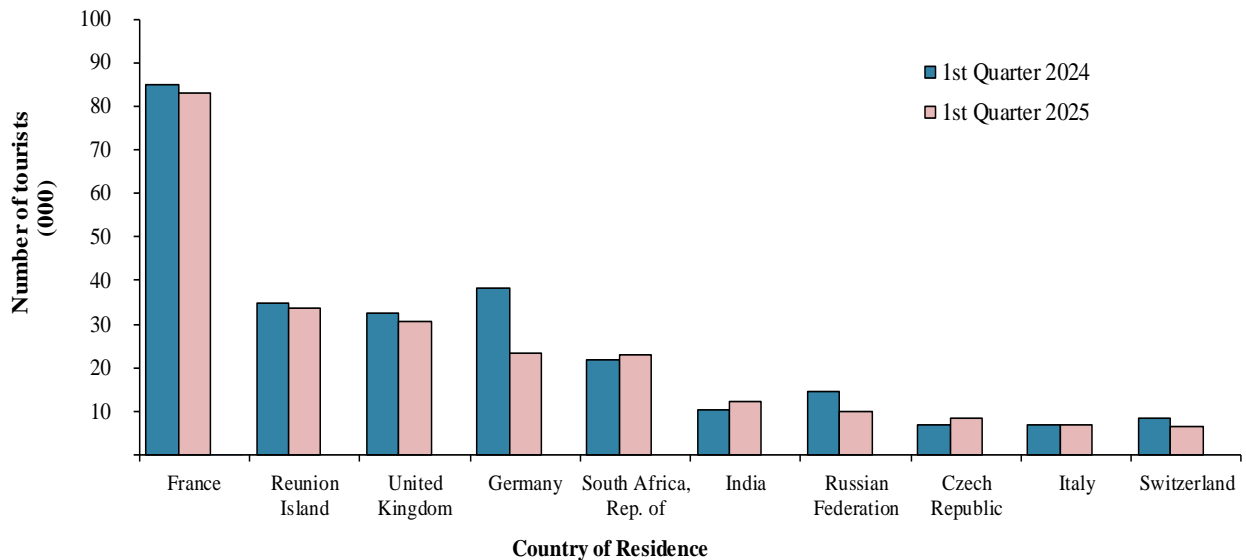
**Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence,
1st Quarter 2025 compared to 1st Quarter 2024**



Compared to the first quarter of 2024, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, decreased by 2,040 from 85,024 to 82,984. Among the main markets, increases were observed for India (+2,214 or +21.8%) and Republic of South Africa (+1,114 or +5.1%) while decreases were observed in the other selected markets as follows:

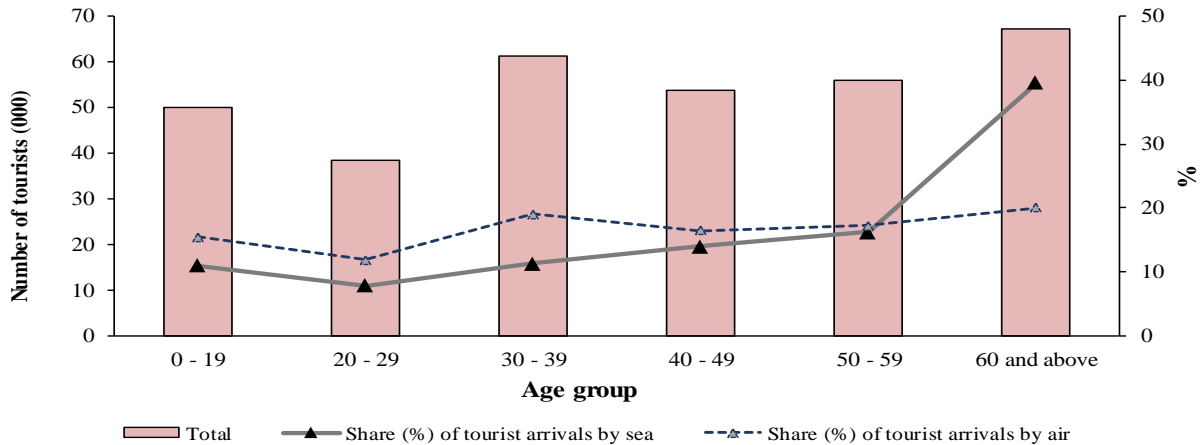
Germany (-14,986 or -39.2%), Russian Federation (-4,485 or -31.0%), United Kingdom (-2,012 or -6.2%), Switzerland (-1,760 or -21.2%) and Reunion Island (-1,096 or -3.1%).

Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 1st Quarter 2024 and 1st Quarter 2025



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age group

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 67,113 representing 20.6% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 39.6% (Table 6b).

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 1st Quarter 2025

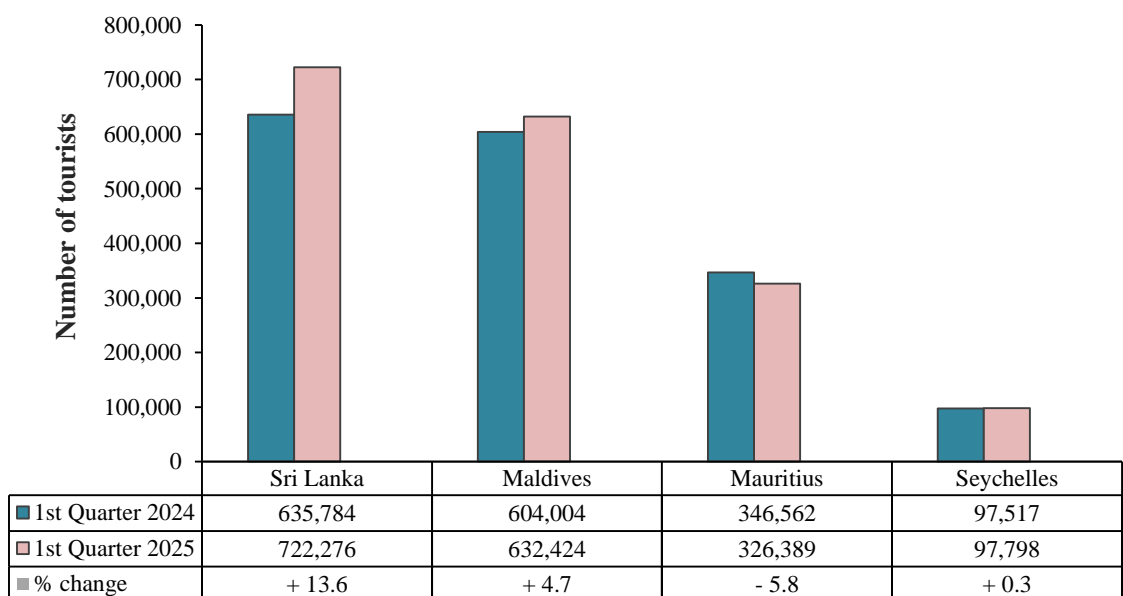
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From Table 7, it is observed that during the first quarter of 2025, tourists from United Kingdom (65.6%), France (61.4%), Switzerland (57.2%) and Germany (53.1%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation, People's Republic of China 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 84.3%, 58.9% and 48.9% respectively.

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

Compared to the first quarter of 2024, tourist arrivals in Mauritius during the first quarter of 2025 decreased by 5.8% from 346,562 to 326,389 while increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region:

Sri Lanka (from 635,784 to 722,276 or +13.6%), Maldives (from 604,004 to 632,424 or +4.7%) and Seychelles (from 97,517 to 97,798 or +0.3%).

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Quarter 2024 and 1st Quarter 2025

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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Quarter 2024:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during the first quarter of 2025 decreased by 3.6% from 4,236,631 to 4,083,079; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 11.9 to 11.7 nights (Table 8).

3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings, relate to employment in food service, hotels and travel and other services establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 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 March 2025, there were 111 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed. The total room capacity of the 110 hotels in operation was 14,059 with 31,486 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1st Quarter 2025,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 68%, lower compared to 69% in first quarter 2024; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 61%, lower compared to 62% in first quarter 2024 (Table 10).

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

At the end of March 2025, 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 11,331 with 25,750 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 55% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 81% of total room capacity and 82% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1st Quarter 2025,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 70%, lower than the 71% registered in first quarter 2024; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 63% lower than the 64% recorded in first quarter 2024 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger traffic ¹ by month, 2023 - 2025

Month	2023		2024		2025 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	154,776	177,334	170,827	199,256	180,139	202,802
February	123,149	122,232	157,235	150,274	132,101	126,512
March	144,269	148,044	160,987	158,739	174,344	176,039
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>422,194</u>	<u>447,610</u>	<u>489,049</u>	<u>508,269</u>	<u>486,584</u>	<u>505,353</u>
April	145,348	144,220	154,231	158,407		
May	132,636	143,444	145,496	156,162		
June	113,612	112,653	124,431	119,457		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>391,596</u>	<u>400,317</u>	<u>424,158</u>	<u>434,026</u>		
1st Semester	813,790	847,927	913,207	942,295		
July	146,658	137,622	157,832	145,039		
August	138,424	144,304	151,326	158,879		
September	133,359	129,487	142,702	138,887		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>418,441</u>	<u>411,413</u>	<u>451,860</u>	<u>442,805</u>		
Jan. to Sep.	1,232,231	1,259,340	1,365,067	1,385,100		
October	161,611	151,942	172,377	159,393		
November	165,265	167,486	171,237	177,491		
December	203,070	174,206	219,318	194,509		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>529,946</u>	<u>493,634</u>	<u>562,932</u>	<u>531,393</u>		
2nd Semester	948,387	905,047	1,014,792	974,198		
Year	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

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025

Country of disembarkation	1 st Quarter 2024	1 st Quarter 2025 ²	% Change
EUROPE	18,589	17,018	- 8.5
Austria	470	459	- 2.3
France	7,425	7,246	- 2.4
Germany	1,929	1,421	- 26.3
Italy	81	124	+ 53.1
Switzerland	1,090	973	- 10.7
Turkey	2,445	2,094	- 14.4
United Kingdom	5,015	4,676	- 6.8
Other European countries	134	25	- 81.3
AFRICA	21,156	22,125	+ 4.6
Kenya	1,680	1,388	- 17.4
Malagasy Republic	2,637	2,803	+ 6.3
Reunion Island	9,139	9,878	+ 8.1
Seychelles	983	1,056	+ 7.4
South Africa, Rep. of	6,692	6,994	+ 4.5
Other African countries	25	6	- 76.0
ASIA	34,649	40,292	+ 16.3
People's Rep. of China	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
Hong Kong SAR ³	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
India	9,276	15,015	+ 61.9
Malaysia	3,271	3,475	+ 6.2
Saudi Arabia	4,102	2,785	- 32.1
United Arab Emirates	17,994	19,016	+ 5.7
Other Asian countries	6	1	- 83.3
OCEANIA	2,251	2,427	+ 7.8
Australia	2,251	2,427	+ 7.8
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All countries	76,645	81,866	+ 6.8

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, 2023 - 2025

Month	2023	2024	2025 ¹
January	107,684	119,305	116,926
February	91,850	109,266	95,991
March	105,663	117,991	113,472
1st Quarter	<u>305,197</u>	<u>346,562</u>	<u>326,389</u>
April	109,031	105,619	
May	100,030	104,952	
June	82,208	88,416	
2nd Quarter	<u>291,269</u>	<u>298,987</u>	
1st Semester	596,466	645,549	
July	107,832	117,224	
August	98,990	106,574	
September	97,838	102,453	
3rd Quarter	<u>304,660</u>	<u>326,251</u>	
Jan. to Sep.	901,126	971,800	
October	125,645	133,065	
November	119,494	123,104	
December	149,145	154,208	
4th Quarter	<u>394,284</u>	<u>410,377</u>	
2nd Semester	698,944	736,628	
Year	1,295,410	1,382,177	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025**

Purpose of visit	1 st Quarter 2024	1 st Quarter 2025 ¹	% Change
Holiday	327,836	309,947	- 5.5
Business	7,983	8,008	+ 0.3
Transit	9,994	7,463	- 25.3
Conference	347	285	- 17.9
Sports	74	293	+ 295.9
Other purposes	328	393	+ 19.8
Total	346,562	326,389	- 5.8

¹ Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2024			1 st Quarter 2025 ¹			% Change 1 st Quarter 2025 / 1 st Quarter 2024		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	226,059	13,950	240,009	215,291	3,558	218,849	-4.8	-74.5	-8.8
Austria	6,284	361	6,645	5,728	61	5,789	-8.8	-83.1	-12.9
Belgium	2,833	21	2,854	2,775	19	2,794	-2.0	-9.5	-2.1
Bulgaria	1,554	191	1,745	1,346	46	1,392	-13.4	-75.9	-20.2
Czech Republic	6,747	38	6,785	8,452	2	8,454	25.3	-94.7	24.6
Croatia	336	24	360	501	8	509	49.1	-66.7	41.4
Denmark	3,654	19	3,673	3,277	10	3,287	-10.3	-47.4	-10.5
Estonia	807	2	809	542	1	543	-32.8	-50.0	-32.9
Finland	1,443	9	1,452	1,430	18	1,448	-0.9	100.0	-0.3
France	84,860	164	85,024	82,900	84	82,984	-2.3	-48.8	-2.4
Germany	28,380	9,896	38,276	22,338	952	23,290	-21.3	-90.4	-39.2
Greece	263	15	278	260	31	291	-1.1	106.7	4.7
Hungary	2,012	67	2,079	1,988	29	2,017	-1.2	-56.7	-3.0
Ireland	904	33	937	932	36	968	3.1	9.1	3.3
Italy	6,674	85	6,759	6,825	78	6,903	2.3	-8.2	2.1
Latvia	509	5	514	411	5	416	-19.3	0.0	-19.1
Lithuania	743	15	758	875	7	882	17.8	-53.3	16.4
Luxembourg	415	44	459	282	9	291	-32.0	-79.5	-36.6
Netherlands	1,766	207	1,973	2,010	76	2,086	13.8	-63.3	5.7
Norway	1,548	46	1,594	1,381	44	1,425	-10.8	-4.3	-10.6
Poland	4,161	143	4,304	6,382	63	6,445	53.4	-55.9	49.7
Portugal	1,373	27	1,400	967	21	988	-29.6	-22.2	-29.4
Romania	2,173	38	2,211	2,309	126	2,435	6.3	231.6	10.1
Serbia	423	18	441	694	12	706	64.1	-33.3	60.1
Slovakia	2,438	39	2,477	3,293	2	3,295	35.1	-94.9	33.0
Slovenia	598	2	600	558	9	567	-6.7	350.0	-5.5
Spain	1,881	93	1,974	1,257	66	1,323	-33.2	-29.0	-33.0
Sweden	4,110	41	4,151	4,477	105	4,582	8.9	156.1	10.4
Switzerland	8,075	208	8,283	6,395	128	6,523	-20.8	-38.5	-21.2
Turkey	1,491	21	1,512	2,047	32	2,079	37.3	52.4	37.5
United Kingdom	30,606	1,933	32,539	29,449	1,078	30,527	-3.8	-44.2	-6.2
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>16,420</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>16,542</i>	<i>12,633</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>13,008</i>	<i>-23.1</i>	<i>207.4</i>	<i>-21.4</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>401</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>403</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>348</i>	<i>-13.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-13.6</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>434</i>	<i>50.2</i>	<i>12,800.0</i>	<i>112.7</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>14,390</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>14,455</i>	<i>9,860</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>9,970</i>	<i>-31.5</i>	<i>69.2</i>	<i>-31.0</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,048</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>1,102</i>	<i>1,723</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>1,847</i>	<i>64.4</i>	<i>129.6</i>	<i>67.6</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>8.2</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>578</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>577</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>
AFRICA	68,502	182	68,684	65,878	2,893	68,771	-3.8	1,489.6	0.1
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>40,985</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>40,989</i>	<i>39,355</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>39,358</i>	<i>-4.0</i>	<i>-25.0</i>	<i>-4.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>-11.4</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>-11.4</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>4,921</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4,923</i>	<i>4,480</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4,483</i>	<i>-9.0</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>-8.9</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>34,924</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>34,924</i>	<i>33,828</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33,828</i>	<i>-3.1</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>-3.1</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>947</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>949</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>-7.5</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-7.7</i>
Algeria	68	0	68	52	0	52	-23.5	n.ap	-23.5
Angola	118	2	120	88	1	89	-25.4	-50.0	-25.8
Benin	21	0	21	32	0	32	52.4	n.ap	52.4
Botswana	168	0	168	146	14	160	-13.1	n.ap	-4.8
Burundi	30	0	30	50	0	50	66.7	n.ap	66.7
Cameroon	108	0	108	114	0	114	5.6	n.ap	5.6
Congo	91	0	91	120	0	120	31.9	n.ap	31.9
Egypt	111	3	114	152	17	169	36.9	466.7	48.2
Ethiopia	59	1	60	55	10	65	-6.8	900.0	8.3
Gabon	26	0	26	21	0	21	-19.2	n.ap	-19.2
Ghana	306	4	310	213	19	232	-30.4	375.0	-25.2
Ivory Coast	94	0	94	106	2	108	12.8	n.ap	14.9
Kenya	594	4	598	837	8	845	40.9	100.0	41.3
Lesotho	32	0	32	62	9	71	93.8	n.ap	121.9
Malawi	59	1	60	92	0	92	55.9	-100.0	53.3

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

n.ap: not applicable

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2024			1 st Quarter 2025 ¹			% Change 1 st Quarter 2025 / 1 st Quarter 2024		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	219	0	219	277	0	277	26.5	n.ap	26.5
Morocco	122	0	122	170	1	171	39.3	n.ap	40.2
Mozambique	164	0	164	219	65	284	33.5	n.ap	73.2
Namibia	232	1	233	259	8	267	11.6	700.0	14.6
Niger	22	0	22	22	0	22	0.0	n.ap	0.0
Nigeria	681	4	685	668	18	686	-1.9	350.0	0.1
Rwanda	75	0	75	59	0	59	-21.3	n.ap	-21.3
Senegal	60	2	62	70	0	70	16.7	-100.0	12.9
South Africa, Rep. of	21,658	98	21,756	20,202	2,668	22,870	-6.7	2,622.4	5.1
Sudan	5	0	5	6	0	6	20.0	n.ap	20.0
Kingdom of Eswatini	86	0	86	72	2	74	-16.3	n.ap	-14.0
Tanzania	179	3	182	176	0	176	-1.7	-100.0	-3.3
Togo	22	0	22	14	0	14	-36.4	n.ap	-36.4
Tunisia	111	1	112	93	0	93	-16.2	-100.0	-17.0
Uganda	121	2	123	161	1	162	33.1	-50.0	31.7
Zimbabwe	519	4	523	474	44	518	-8.7	1,000.0	-1.0
Zambia	164	0	164	214	2	216	30.5	n.ap	31.7
Other African countries	1,192	48	1,240	1,227	1	1,228	2.9	-97.9	-1.0
ASIA	23,009	1,403	24,412	25,716	1,444	27,160	11.8	2.9	11.3
Afghanistan	59	7	66	42	2	44	-28.8	-71.4	-33.3
Bangladesh	389	4	393	82	6	88	-78.9	50.0	-77.6
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	97	11	108	92	0	92	-5.2	-100.0	-14.8
India	10,030	132	10,162	12,184	192	12,376	21.5	45.5	21.8
Indonesia	783	406	1,189	510	454	964	-34.9	11.8	-18.9
Israel	339	6	345	887	28	915	161.7	366.7	165.2
Japan	261	50	311	242	11	253	-7.3	-78.0	-18.6
Korea Republic	810	29	839	917	29	946	13.2	0.0	12.8
Malaysia	196	29	225	170	4	174	-13.3	-86.2	-22.7
Maldives	6	0	6	8	0	8	33.3	n.ap	33.3
Nepal	419	3	422	301	2	303	-28.2	-33.3	-28.2
Pakistan	118	1	119	80	3	83	-32.2	200.0	-30.3
People's Rep. of China	2,985	148	3,133	2,855	260	3,115	-4.4	75.7	-0.6
Philippines	794	453	1,247	836	341	1,177	5.3	-24.7	-5.6
Singapore	204	11	215	230	7	237	12.7	-36.4	10.2
Sri Lanka	157	16	173	129	4	133	-17.8	-75.0	-23.1
Taiwan, China	267	36	303	237	13	250	-11.2	-63.9	-17.5
Thailand	77	4	81	71	3	74	-7.8	-25.0	-8.6
Vietnam	152	20	172	77	63	140	-49.3	215.0	-18.6
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>4,816</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4,832</i>	<i>5,696</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5,701</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>-68.8</i>	<i>18.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>63.2</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>68.4</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>-33.0</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>-33.0</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>205.0</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>205.0</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>98.1</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>81.4</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>-3.2</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-4.8</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>54.2</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>58.3</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>24.4</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>24.4</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>2,554</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,554</i>	<i>2,587</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2,590</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>1.4</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,924</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1,934</i>	<i>2,683</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,683</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>38.7</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-33.3</i>	<i>n.ap</i>	<i>-33.3</i>
Other Asian countries	50	21	71	70	17	87	40.0	-19.0	22.5
OCEANIA	4,887	234	5,121	3,091	215	3,306	-36.8	-8.1	-35.4
Australia	4,517	106	4,623	2,786	195	2,981	-38.3	84.0	-35.5
New Zealand	211	23	234	166	17	183	-21.3	-26.1	-21.8
Other Oceanian countries	159	105	264	139	3	142	-12.6	-97.1	-46.2
AMERICA	5,849	2,264	8,113	6,454	1,673	8,127	10.3	-26.1	0.2
Brazil	678	119	797	656	136	792	-3.2	14.3	-0.6
Canada	1,888	702	2,590	2,168	443	2,611	14.8	-36.9	0.8
USA	2,691	1,344	4,035	2,878	940	3,818	6.9	-30.1	-5.4
Other American countries	592	99	691	752	154	906	27.0	55.6	31.1
Others & not stated	171	52	223	174	2	176	1.8	-96.2	-21.1
All countries	328,477	18,085	346,562	316,604	9,785	326,389	-3.6	-45.9	-5.8

¹ Provisional ⁴ Special Administrative Region of China n.ap: not applicable

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age group and sex, 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2024			1 st Quarter 2025 ¹			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	6,922	7,157	14,079	6,893	6,959	13,852	- 0.4	- 2.8	- 1.6
5 - 9	7,890	7,873	15,763	6,826	6,707	13,533	- 13.5	- 14.8	- 14.1
10 - 14	7,461	7,607	15,068	6,078	6,375	12,453	- 18.5	- 16.2	- 17.4
15 - 19	4,925	6,028	10,953	4,686	5,471	10,157	- 4.9	- 9.2	- 7.3
20 - 24	5,801	8,022	13,823	5,849	8,013	13,862	+ 0.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
25 - 29	10,933	13,871	24,804	10,767	13,847	24,614	- 1.5	- 0.2	- 0.8
30 - 34	14,523	16,206	30,729	14,180	15,991	30,171	- 2.4	- 1.3	- 1.8
35 - 39	15,607	15,836	31,443	15,334	15,610	30,944	- 1.7	- 1.4	- 1.6
40 - 44	14,995	14,535	29,530	14,159	13,734	27,893	- 5.6	- 5.5	- 5.5
45 - 49	13,888	14,180	28,068	12,901	12,886	25,787	- 7.1	- 9.1	- 8.1
50 - 54	14,874	15,193	30,067	13,634	14,133	27,767	- 8.3	- 7.0	- 7.6
55 - 59	14,970	15,592	30,562	13,839	14,404	28,243	- 7.6	- 7.6	- 7.6
60 - 64	13,599	13,414	27,013	12,957	13,041	25,998	- 4.7	- 2.8	- 3.8
65 - 69	10,270	9,876	20,146	9,731	9,304	19,035	- 5.2	- 5.8	- 5.5
70 & over	12,973	11,541	24,514	11,778	10,302	22,080	- 9.2	- 10.7	- 9.9
Total	169,631	176,931	346,562	159,612	166,777	326,389	- 5.9	- 5.7	- 5.8

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025**

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2024			1 st Quarter 2025 ¹			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	44,553	357	44,910	39,132	706	39,838	- 12.2	+ 97.8	- 11.3
15 - 59	222,288	7,691	229,979	214,238	5,200	219,438	- 3.6	- 32.4	- 4.6
60 & over	61,636	10,037	71,673	63,234	3,879	67,113	+ 2.6	- 61.4	- 6.4
Total	328,477	18,085	346,562	316,604	9,785	326,389	- 3.6	- 45.9	- 5.8

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Quarter 2025 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	147,795	56,755	17,370	5,036	810	5,112	1,777	20,870	1,010	72	134	31	108	152
<i>of which:</i> France	63,644	50,880	805	1,246	538	650	8	660	32	56	10	8	23	20
Germany	16,544	1,709	11,851	166	82	336	20	62	21	0	3	4	8	14
Italy	3,791	4	3	2,602	1	37	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	9,553	1,990	1,798	129	53	3,655	9	69	13	7	5	2	5	11
Turkey	19,626	1,484	1,153	789	92	228	1,735	728	912	4	93	6	53	12
United Kingdom	21,780	273	36	56	19	72	2	19,316	17	5	23	11	14	29
AFRICA	93,016	19,871	1,488	234	197	437	86	1,591	438	32,651	19,457	471	547	527
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	3,288	437	45	10	25	9	0	97	20	48	27	43	106	39
Malagasy Republic	5,416	301	47	7	7	17	4	23	61	173	14	153	90	6
Reunion Island	53,411	18,592	358	45	28	177	7	137	35	32,035	73	99	181	71
Seychelles	1,940	130	59	6	4	15	6	74	78	32	13	33	30	48
South Africa, Rep. of	28,884	407	978	166	132	219	69	1,258	244	363	19,330	143	139	363
ASIA	73,323	6,165	3,453	1,551	999	833	184	6,817	8,411	949	492	11,679	2,199	412
<i>of which:</i> India	13,085	126	50	8	4	12	3	150	67	114	295	10,859	172	55
Malaysia	2,011	240	23	1	1	3	0	24	16	473	53	7	306	24
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	2,323	181	28	53	11	2	6	70	18	60	3	27	39	0
United Arab Emirates	55,894	5,618	3,352	1,489	983	816	175	6,573	8,310	302	141	786	1,682	333
OCEANIA	2,470	109	27	4	4	13	0	171	1	156	119	3	1	1,695
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,470	109	27	4	4	13	0	171	1	156	119	3	1	1,695
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	316,604	82,900	22,338	6,825	2,010	6,395	2,047	29,449	9,860	33,828	20,202	12,184	2,855	2,786
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		61.4%	53.1%	38.1%	0.0%	57.2%	84.8%	65.6%	0.0%	94.7%	95.7%	89.1%	0.0%	60.8%
From United Arab Emirates		6.8%	15.0%	21.8%	48.9%	12.8%	8.5%	22.3%	84.3%	0.9%	0.7%	6.5%	58.9%	12.0%
From Turkey		1.8%	5.2%	11.6%	4.6%	3.6%		2.5%	9.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	1.9%	0.4%
From France			3.6%	18.3%	26.8%	10.2%	0.4%	2.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%	0.7%
From Reunion Island		22.4%	1.6%	0.7%	1.4%	2.8%	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%		0.4%	0.8%	6.3%	2.5%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	4.4%	2.4%	6.6%	3.4%	3.4%	4.3%	2.5%	1.1%		1.2%	4.9%	13.0%

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Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2022 - 2025

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2022	1st Quarter	158,818	161,973	2,188,334	13.5	12,539
	2nd Quarter	217,738	218,721	2,531,533	11.6	12,733
	3rd Quarter	261,776	254,989	3,104,678	12.2	16,335
	4th Quarter	358,958	324,463	3,538,497	10.9	23,238
	Year	997,290	960,146	11,363,042	11.8	64,845
2023	1st Quarter	305,197	327,235	3,907,503	11.9	22,281
	2nd Quarter	291,269	293,069	3,182,486	10.9	19,420
	3rd Quarter	304,660	296,692	3,404,113	11.5	19,097
	4th Quarter	394,284	351,999	3,889,914	11.1	25,195
	Year	1,295,410	1,268,995	14,384,016	11.3	85,993
2024	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
2025 ³	1st Quarter	326,389	348,831	4,083,079	11.7	23,582

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, 2022 - 2025

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All hotels			"Large" hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
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	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
2025 ²	1st Qr.	110	14,059	31,486	61	11,331	25,750

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

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Table 10:- Monthly occupancy rates (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2023 - 2025

Month	All hotels						"Large" hotels					
	2023		2024		2025 ¹		2023		2024		2025 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	75	67	68	61	70	64	76	69	70	63	72	66
February	70	63	68	62	66	60	71	65	70	64	68	62
March	73	65	70	64	66	59	74	66	71	66	68	62
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>
April	78	72	70	65			80	76	72	67		
May	76	67	73	66			78	69	76	69		
June	65	57	63	56			67	60	66	59		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>			<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>		
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>			<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>		
July	68	64	67	63			71	67	70	66		
August	72	67	72	68			75	70	75	72		
September	77	66	74	66			79	68	77	68		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>			<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>69</u>		
<u>Jan. to Sep.</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>			<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>		
October	77	69	77	70			79	71	79	72		
November	80	68	81	70			81	69	82	71		
December	73	65	75	69			75	67	77	71		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>			<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>		
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>76</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>		
Year	74	66	72	65			76	68	74	68		

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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 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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