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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 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, January-September, 2024 and 2025

	January- September 2024	January- September 2025 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,299,254	1,367,087	+ 5.2
Sea	65,813	67,866	+ 3.1
of which cruise travellers	59,861	63,207	+ 5.6
Total	1,365,067	1,434,953	+ 5.1
Departures by			
Air	1,320,716	1,385,785	+ 4.9
Sea	64,384	66,368	+ 3.1
Total	1,385,100	1,452,153	+ 4.8

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2025

Compared to the period January to September 2024:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased by 5.1% from 1,365,067 to 1,434,953;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased by 3.7% from 971,800 to 1,008,098; those arriving by air increased by 4.5% from 949,481 to 991,793 and those arriving by sea decreased by 26.9% from 22,319 to 16,305 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 12,392 were cruise tourists compared to 18,583, representing a decline of 33.3%.
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 30.6% from 31,619 to 41,295.

In the first nine months of 2025, 29 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 63,207 cruise travellers comprising 12,392 tourists, 30,202 excursionists, 207 Mauritian residents and 20,406 crew members.

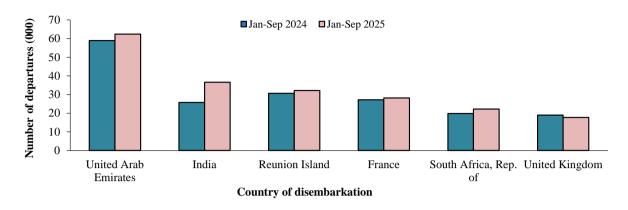
2.2 Departures in January to September 2025

Compared to the period January to September 2024:

- (i) total passenger departures increased by 4.8% from 1,385,100 to 1,452,153 and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose by 8.4% from 244,383 to 264,819 (Table 2).

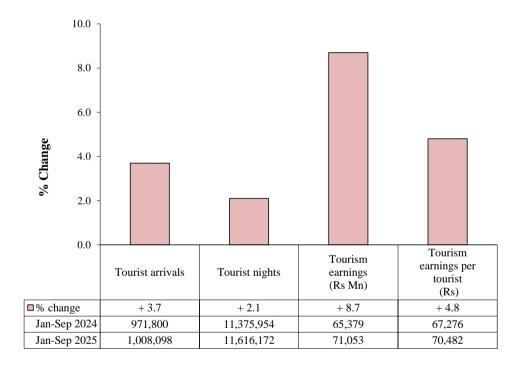
Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2024 and 2025 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2025, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (62,383 or 23.6%), India (36,599 or 13.8%), Reunion Island (32,176 or 12.2%), France (28,156 or 10.6%), Republic of South Africa (22,239 or 8.4%) and United Kingdom (17,701 or 6.7%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2024 and January-September 2025



3. TOURISM

Figure 2 - Main tourism indicators, January-September 2024 and January-September 2025



3.1 Tourist arrivals in January-September 2025

Compared to the first nine months of 2024, tourist arrivals increased by 36,298 (+3.7%) to reach 1,008,098 in first nine months 2025 as a result of main changes in tourist arrivals from selected markets as shown in Figure 3.

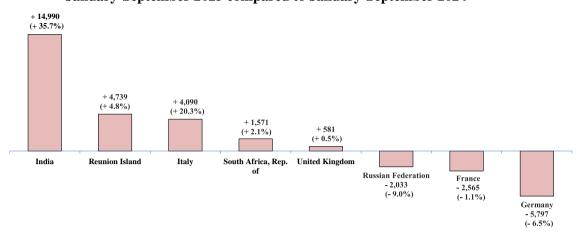


Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2025 compared to January-September 2024

Compared to the first nine months of 2024, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, decreased by 1.1% (or - 2,565) from 228,745 to 226,180. Among the main markets, increases were observed for India (+14,990 or +35.7%), Reunion Island (+4,739 or +4.8%), Italy (+4,090 or +20.3%), Republic of South Africa (+1,571 or +2.1%) and United Kingdom (+581 or +0.5%) while decreases were observed in the other selected markets as follows:

Russian Federation (-2,033 or -9.0%) and Germany (-5,797 or -6.5%).

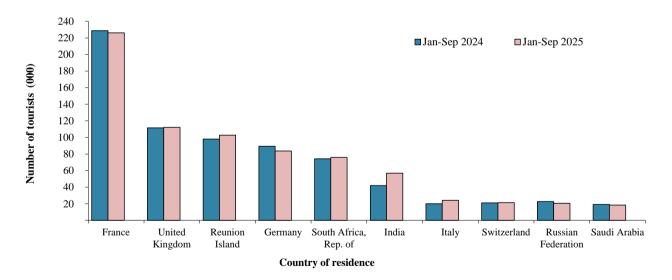


Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, January-September 2024 and January-September 2025

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age group

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 163,128 representing 16.2% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 39.1% (Table 6b).

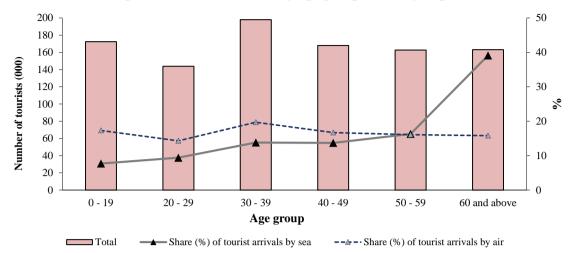


Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age group, January-September 2025

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

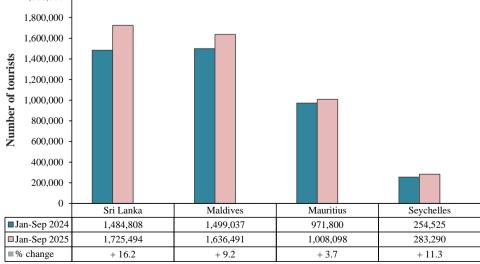
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2025, tourists from United Kingdom (57.1%), France (54.0%), Germany (43.0%) and Switzerland (31.3%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and People's Republic of China travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and People's Republic of China who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 83.1%, 47.5% and 45.1% respectively.

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

Compared to the first nine months of 2024, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first nine months of 2025:

Sri Lanka (from 1,484,808 to 1,725,494 or +16.2%), Maldives (from 1,499,037 to 1,636,491 or +9.2%), Mauritius (from 971,800 to 1,008,098 or +3.7%) and Seychelles (from 254,525 to 283,290 or +11.3%).





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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January-September 2024:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during the first nine months of 2025 increased by 2.1% from 11,375,954 to 11,616,172; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 11.6 to 11.4 nights (Table 8).

3.6 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2025, there were 111 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed and four were closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 106 hotels in operation was 13,555 with 30,330 bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2025,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 72%, higher compared to 70% in first nine months 2024; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, higher compared to 63% in first nine months 2024 (Table 10).

(ii) <u>'Large' hotels in the Island of Mauritius</u>

At the end of September 2025, there were 59 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 59 'large' hotels was 10,913 with 24,726 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 first nine months 2025,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 74%, higher than the 72% registered in first nine months 2024; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 68% higher than the 66% recorded in first nine months 2024 (Table 10).

3.7 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 2025 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 2.2% to 28,834 as compared to 28,217 for March 2024 (Table 11).

4. Survey of Inbound Tourism

The primary objective of the survey is to gather information on tourists visiting Mauritius, mainly on their spending pattern, purpose and frequency of visits, place of stay and rating of the Mauritian destination. During the survey, data was collected from departing tourists at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport.

4.1 Around seven out of 10 tourists preferred to stay in hotels than in non-hotel accommodations

During the first semester of 2025, some 73.4% of tourists preferred to stay in hotels rather than in non-hotel accommodations compared to 77.2% of tourists who stayed in hotels during the first semester of 2024. Among the non-hotel accommodations, 13.7% of tourists stayed with friends and/or relatives, 9.4% stayed in tourist residence and some 2.3% in guest house (Table 12).

4.2 Tourists travelling on package tour

For the first semester of 2025, 41.5% of tourists travelled on package tour compared to 62.2% in the first semester of 2024. Among the tourists staying in hotels, 55.7% of them were on package tour compared to 79.0% for the corresponding period of 2024 (Table 13).

4.3 Average expenditure per tourist

For the first semester of 2025, the average expenditure per tourist amounted to Rs 74,600, that is around Rs 6,500 higher compared to Rs 68,100 in the same period of 2024. On average, a European tourist spent Rs 79,800 during the first semester of 2025 compared to Rs 73,300 in the first semester of 2024. Tourists from France, our leading market spent an average of Rs 71,400 per person in the first semester of 2025, higher compared to Rs 68,900 in the corresponding period of 2024 (Table 14).

Average expenditure for those staying in hotels was Rs 87,600 in the first semester of 2025, compared to Rs 75,100 in the first semester of 2024. Those staying in non-hotel accommodations spent on average Rs 38,700 in the first semester of 2025 compared to Rs 44,600 for the same period of 2024 (Table 13).

The average expenditure per tourist per night for the first semester of 2025 amounted to Rs 6,600, higher than the figure of Rs 5,900 in the first semester of 2024 (Table 14).

A tourist staying in hotels spent on average Rs 10,700 per night in the first semester of 2025 which was nearly sixfold the amount spent by a tourist staying in non-hotel accommodations (Rs 1,900 per night). Corresponding figures for the first semester of 2024 were Rs 8,000 for hotels and Rs 2,300 for non-hotel accommodations (Table 13).

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

Month	20	23	20)24	20	25 ²
Month	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
1st Quarter	422,194	447,610	489,049	508,269	486,584	505,353
April	145,348	144,220	154,231	158,407	166,265	166,849
May	132,636	143,444	145,496	156,162	162,351	170,129
June	113,612	112,653	124,431	119,457	138,815	135,047
2nd Quarter	391,596	400,317	424,158	434,026	467,431	472,025
1st Semester	813,790	847,927	913,207	942,295	954,015	977,378
July	146,658	137,622	157,832	145,039	171,180	160,864
August	138,424	144,304	151,326	158,879	163,700	170,939
September	133,359	129,487	142,702	138,887	146,058	142,972
3rd Quarter	418,441	411,413	451,860	442,805	480,938	474,775
Jan. to Sep.	1,232,231	1,259,340	1,365,067	1,385,100	1,434,953	1,452,153
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		
4th Quarter	529,946	493,634	562,932	531,393		
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, January-September, 2024 and 2025

Country of disembarkation	January-September 2024	January-September 2025 ²	% Change
EUROPE	63,557	63,227	- 0.5
Austria	492	588	+ 19.5
France	27,183	28,156	+ 3.6
Germany	4,676	4,164	- 10.9
Italy	85	153	+ 80.0
Switzerland	1,674	1,462	- 12.7
Turkey	10,278	10,924	+ 6.3
United Kingdom	18,963	17,701	- 6.7
Other European countries	206	79	- 61.7
AFRICA	67,270	73,534	+ 9.3
Kenya	5,395	5,600	+ 3.8
Malagasy Republic	7,995	9,414	+ 17.7
Reunion Island	30,673	32,176	+ 4.9
Seychelles	3,341	4,083	+ 22.2
South Africa, Rep. of	19,824	22,239	+ 12.2
Other African countries	42	22	- 47.6
ASIA	107,353 4	121,464	+ 13.1
People's Rep. of China	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
Hong Kong SAR ³	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
India	25,732	36,599	+ 42.2
Malaysia	11,561	12,826	+ 10.9
Saudi Arabia	11,096	9,653	- 13.0
United Arab Emirates	58,956	62,383	+ 5.8
Other Asian countries	8 4	3	- 62.5
OCEANIA	6,200	6,588	+ 6.3
Australia	6,200	6,588	+ 6.3
NOT STATED	3 4	6	+ 100.0
All countries	244,383	264,819	+ 8.4

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

n.ap: not applicable

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 $^{^3}$ Special Administrative Region of China

⁴ Revised

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	120,157
May	100,030	104,952	115,090
June	82,208	88,416	97,273
2nd Quarter	<u>291,269</u>	<u>298,987</u>	<u>332,520</u>
1st Semester	596,466	645,549	658,909
July	107,832	117,224	129,206
August	98,990	106,574	115,491
September	97,838	102,453	104,492
3rd Quarter	<u>304,660</u>	<u>326,251</u>	<u>349,189</u>
Jan. to Sep.	901,126	971,800	1,008,098
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, January-September, 2024 and 2025

Purpose of visit	January-September 2024	January-September 2025 ¹	% Change
Holiday	917,338	956,324	+ 4.2
Business	25,638	26,852	+ 4.7
Transit	25,029	20,870	- 16.6
Conference	1,885	1,626	- 13.7
Sports	1,048	1,467	+ 40.0
Other purposes	862	959	+ 11.3
Total	971,800	1,008,098	+ 3.7

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2024 and 2025

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Belgium		Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
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Creatia	Bulgaria	2,031	194	2,225		82	1,983	-6.4	-57.7	-10.9
Demmark	Czech Republic	- , -	40		12,549				-57.5	23.8
Estonia	Croatia				1,188	33		57.8	-29.8	52.6
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² Commonwealth of Independent States

³ Indian Ocean Commission

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

Country of residence	Januar	y-Septembe	r 2024	January	-September	· 2025 ¹		% Change y-September ry-Septembe	
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1,017	0	1,017	1,460	0	1,460	43.6	n.ap	43.6
Morocco	589	0	589	675	4	679	14.6	n.ap	15.3
Mozambique	534	5	539	592	67	659	10.9	1,240.0	22.3
Namibia	1,097	5	1,102	1,299	13	1,312	18.4	160.0	19.1
Niger	101	0	101	65	0	65	-35.6	n.ap	-35.6
Nigeria	3,240	11	3,251	2,144	55	2,199	-33.8	400.0	-32.4
Rwanda	378	0	378	377	0	377	-0.3	n.ap	-0.3
Senegal	247	10	257	214	10	224	-13.4	0.0	-12.8
South Africa, Rep. of	74,088	130	74,218	73,092	2,697	75,789	-1.3	1,974.6	2.1
Sudan Kingdom of Eswatini	21 322	0	21 322	327	0	220	-47.6	n.ap	-47.6 2.2
Tanzania	758	12	770	813	2	329 814	1.6 7.3	n.ap -91.7	5.7
Togo	116	0	116	73	2	75	-37.1		-35.3
Tunisia	426	1	427	414	0	414	-2.8	n.ap -100.0	-33.3
Uganda	717	2	719	755	1	756	5.3	-50.0	5.1
Zimbabwe	2,277	7	2,284	2,508	44	2,552	10.1	528.6	11.7
Zambia	688	0	688	1,067	2	1,069	55.1	n.ap	55.4
Other African countries	2,479	54	2,533	3,361	5	3,366	35.6	-90.7	32.9
ASIA	98,602	3,107	101,709	115,940	3,325	119,265	17.6	7.0	17.3
Afghanistan	154	7	161	142	2	144	-7.8	-71.4	-10.6
Bangladesh	630	30	660	333	21	354	-47.1	-30.0	-46.4
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	425	15	440	417	0	417	-1.9	-100.0	-5.2
India	41,497	444	41,941 2,229	56,375	556	56,931	35.9	25.2 -4.4	35.7 -11.6
Indonesia Israel	1,437 1,540	792	1,546	1,213 3,236	757 37	1,970 3,273	-15.6 110.1	516.7	111.7
	895	6 90	985	903	43	946	0.9	-52.2	-4.0
Japan Korea Republic	2,849	85	2,934	3,458	83	3,541	21.4	-32.2	20.7
Malaysia	918	49	967	1,084	15	1,099	18.1	-69.4	13.7
Maldives	47	0	47	45	0	45	-4.3	n.ap	-4.3
Nepal	1,364	5	1,369	1,067	5	1,072	-21.8	0.0	-21.7
Pakistan	451	11	462	372	9	381	-17.5	-18.2	-17.5
People's Rep. of China	10,000	290	10,290	10,544	585	11,129	5.4	101.7	8.2
Philippines	2,093	1,051	3,144	2,391	978	3,369	14.2	-6.9	7.2
Singapore	970	17	987	1,133	8	1,141	16.8	-52.9	15.6
Sri Lanka	499	39	538	476	19	495	-4.6	-51.3	-8.0
Taiwan, China	785	75	860	895	34	929	14.0	-54.7	8.0
Thailand	529	7	536	552	11	563	4.3	57.1	5.0
Vietnam	256	34	290	175	106	281	-31.6	211.8	-3.1
MIDDLE EAST countries	31,102	26	31,128	30,858	22	30,880	-0.8	-15.4	-0.8
of which:									
Bahrain	178	0	178	186	1	187	4.5	n.ap	5.1
Iran	282	0	282	156	0	156	-44.7	n.ap	-44.7
Jordan	179	0	179	232	2	234	29.6	n.ap	30.7
Kuwait	645	5	650	681	0	681	5.6	-100.0	4.8
Lebanon	261	1	262	256	0	256	-1.9	-100.0	-2.3
Oman	159	5	164	176	15	191	10.7	200.0	16.5
Qatar	311	0	311	322	0	322	3.5	n.ap	3.5
Saudi Arabia	19,134	0	19,134	18,421	3	18,424	-3.7	n.ap	-3.7
United Arab Emirates	9,906	10	9,916	10,402	0	10,402	5.0	-100.0	4.9
Other Middle East countries	47	5	52	26	1	27	-44.7	-80.0	-48.1
Other Asian countries	161	34	195	271	34	305	68.3	0.0	56.4
OCEANIA	16,110	696	16,806	13,891	360	14,251	-13.8	-48.3	-15.2
Australia	14,945	476	15,421	12,622	279	12,901	-15.5	-41.4	-16.3
New Zealand	794 371	112	906 479	850	74	924	7.1	-33.9	2.0
Other Oceanian countries AMERICA	18,479	108 2,650	21,129	419	7 2 170	426 22,602	12.9 10.6	-93.5 -18.1	-11.1 7.0
Brazil	1,927	2,050 171	2,098	20,432 1,870	2,170 205	2,002	-3.0	19.9	-1.1
Canada	6,190	725	6,915	6,876	541	7,417	-3.0 11.1	-25.4	7.3
USA	8,650	1,643	10,293	9,812	1,224	11,036	13.4	-25.5	7.3
Other American countries	1,712	1,043	1,823	1,874	200	2,074	9.5	80.2	13.8
Others & not stated	454	56	510	472	14	486	4.0	-75.0	-4.7
All countries	949,481	22,319	971,800	991,793	16,305				

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¹ Provisional ⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age group and sex, January-September, 2024 and 2025

Age group	Janua	ary-September	2024	Janua	ry-September	2025 1	% Change			
(years)	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Under 5	18,602	18,836	37,438	19,861	19,633	39,494	+ 6.8	+ 4.2	+ 5.5	
5 - 9	22,104	21,860	43,964	22,485	22,310	44,795	+ 1.7	+ 2.1	+ 1.9	
10 - 14	22,771	22,993	45,764	22,924	23,056	45,980	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	
15 - 19	17,906	21,136	39,042	19,612	22,535	42,147	+ 9.5	+ 6.6	+ 8.0	
20 - 24	19,534	27,802	47,336	21,535	30,299	51,834	+ 10.2	+ 9.0	+ 9.5	
25 - 29	37,949	48,733	86,682	40,169	51,845	92,014	+ 5.8	+ 6.4	+ 6.2	
30 - 34	48,024	51,061	99,085	49,554	53,136	102,690	+ 3.2	+ 4.1	+ 3.6	
35 - 39	45,862	45,226	91,088	47,833	47,472	95,305	+ 4.3	+ 5.0	+ 4.6	
40 - 44	42,700	41,589	84,289	43,755	42,920	86,675	+ 2.5	+ 3.2	+ 2.8	
45 - 49	39,551	39,474	79,025	40,429	40,955	81,384	+ 2.2	+ 3.8	+ 3.0	
50 - 54	41,063	40,992	82,055	41,451	42,131	83,582	+ 0.9	+ 2.8	+ 1.9	
55 - 59	39,037	39,087	78,124	39,248	39,822	79,070	+ 0.5	+ 1.9	+ 1.2	
60 - 64	32,616	31,336	63,952	33,955	33,058	67,013	+ 4.1	+ 5.5	+ 4.8	
65 - 69	22,223	21,432	43,655	23,459	22,185	45,644	+ 5.6	+ 3.5	+ 4.6	
70 & over	26,191	24,110	50,301	26,301	24,170	50,471	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	
Total	476,133	495,667	971,800	492,571	515,527	1,008,098	+ 3.5	+ 4.0	+ 3.7	

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Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, January-September, 2024 and 2025

Age group	Janua	ary-September	2024	Janua	ry-September	% Change			
(years)	Air	Sea	Total	Air Sea Total		Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	126,797	369	127,166	129,442	827	130,269	+ 2.1	+ 124.1	+ 2.4
15 - 59	676,384	10,342	686,726	705,594	9,107	714,701	+ 4.3	- 11.9	+ 4.1
60 & over	146,300	11,608	157,908	156,757	6,371	163,128	+ 7.1	- 45.1	+ 3.3
Total	949,481	22,319	971,800	991,793	16,305	1,008,098	+ 4.5	- 26.9	+ 3.7

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

								of	which, arr	ivals from	selected co	untry of resid	lence				
Countr	ry of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	Austria	France	Germany	Italy	Nether- lands	Spain	Switzer- land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE		376,718	7,074	136,101	49,540	14,490	2,886	10,008	13,987	3,775	68,264	1,980	220	414	133	320	472
of which:	Austria	14,111	4,413	725	2,297	151	37	25	240	7	159	15	0	0	0	8	69
	France	160,507	452	122,090	3,513	4,268	1,765	1.464	3,451	24	2,176	66	144	48	37	74	154
	Germany	46,517	600	3,982	34,661	654	335	83	1,635	45	184	46	8	17	10	17	27
	Italy	5,198	0	9	3	3,850	1	10	41	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Spain	8,638	1	53	20	22	17	7,199	24	1	43	3	0	3	1	4	4
	Switzerland	14,706	290	2,823	2,454	184	69	53	6,642	10	169	17	8	6	3	6	17
	Turkey	55,837	1,290	5,632	6,449	5,078	563	972	1,801	3,685	2,610	1,791	43	258	33	164	54
	United Kingdom	69,476	28	770	139	279	99	202	153	3	62,913	39	17	82	48	47	147
AFRICA		321,255	737	64,721	5,815	1,857	1,809	1,760	1,890	245	7,746	1,189	99,636	71,519	1,723	2,963	2,202
of which:	Kenya	14,648	28	2,291	182	71	175	261	61	11	776	74	108	249	332	443	221
	Malagasy Republic	20,488	47	1,114	218	80	130	101	99	37	241	341	543	107	468	617	143
	Reunion Island	170,884	335	59,673	1,960	240	275	446	1,007	17	617	59	97,867	463	324	957	232
	Seychelles	7,840	27	372	235	33	46	75	61	34	234	202	135	41	126	367	140
	South Africa, Rep. of	107,284	300	1,267	3,219	1,432	1,182	876	662	146	5,875	513	983	70,659	473	574	1,461
ASIA		283,810	4,886	24,943	25,277	7,740	4,449	2,190	5,284	480	33,717	17,260	2,603	961	54,512	7,254	1,706
of which:	India	57,829	11	326	158	42	29	38	33	4	469	174	277	400	50,889	738	187
	Malaysia	7,711	3	728	45	8	7	14	10	1	108	38	1,540	103	27	1,645	218
	People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Saudi Arabia	16,431	16	2,540	264	1,002	65	609	53	29	580	79	99	13	123	110	6
OCEANI	United Arab Emirates	201,760	4,856	21,348	24,809	6,688	4,348	1,528	5,188	446	32,556	16,969	687	445	3,473	4,757	1,295
OCEANIA		10,000	29	248	43	15	11	6	27	0	359	3	316	198	7	7	8,237
of which:	Australia	10,000	29	248	43	15	11	6	27	0	359	3	316	198	7	7	8,237
AMERICA	A	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Total arriv	vals by air	991,793	12,726	226,013	80,675	24,102	9,155	13,964	21,188	4,500	110,086	20,432	102,775	73,092	56,375	10,544	12,622
of wh	ich:		Austria	France	Germany	Italy	Nether- lands	Spain	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		34.7%	54.0%	43.0%	16.0%	0.0%	51.6%	31.3%	81.9%	57.1%	0.0%	95.2%	96.7%	90.3%	0.0%	65.3%
	From United Arab Emira	ites	38.2%	9.4%	30.8%	27.7%	47.5%	10.9%	24.5%	9.9%	29.6%	83.1%	0.7%	0.6%	6.2%	45.1%	10.3%
	From Turkey		10.1%	2.5%	8.0%	21.1%	6.1%	7.0%	8.5%		2.4%	8.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%	1.6%	0.4%
	From France		3.6%		4.4%	17.7%	19.3%	10.5%	16.3%	0.5%	2.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%	1.2%
	From Reunion Island		2.6%	26.4%	2.4%	1.0%	3.0%	3.2%	4.8%	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%		0.6%	0.6%	9.1%	1.8%
	From South Africa, Rep.	of	2.4%	0.6%	4.0%	5.9%	12.9%	6.3%	3.1%	3.2%	5.3%	2.5%	1.0%		0.8%	5.4%	11.6%

¹ Provisional

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	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	January-September	971,800	977,540	11,375,954	11.6	65,379
	Year	1,382,177	1,346,878	15,420,230	11.4	93,574
2025 ³	January-September	1,008,098	1,021,221	11,616,172	11.4	71,053

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

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2022 - 2025

		Number as at end of period										
	Year		All hotels		"Large" hotels							
2022		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					
	2nd Qr.	105	13,470	30,043	59	10,876	24,554					
	3rd Qr.	106	13,555	30,330	59	10,913	24,726					

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

² Provisional

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

			All h	otels			"Large" hotels						
Month	2023		20	2024		25 ¹	2023		2024		202	25 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	
1st Quarter	<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	75	70	80	76	72	67	78	74	
May	76	67	73	66	74	66	78	69	76	69	75	68	
June	65	57	63	56	67	59	67	60	66	59	69	62	
2nd Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	
1 st Semester	73	65	69	62	70	63	75	68	71	65	72	66	
July	68	64	67	63	73	69	71	67	70	66	77	74	
August	72	67	72	68	76	71	75	70	75	72	79	75	
September	77	66	74	66	78	68	79	68	77	68	81	71	
3rd Quarter	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	
Jan. to Sep.	73	65	70	63	72	65	75	68	72	66	74	68	
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			
4th Quarter	<u>77</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>			<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>			
2 nd Semester	75	66	74	68			76	69	77	70			
Year	74	66	72	65		_	76	68	74	68			

¹ Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2021 - 2025

Activities	Year 2021 ²	2022 2	2023 ²	2024 ²	2025 ³
Food Service	3,289	2,909	2,833	2,908	3,465
Hotels	20,919	21,710	22,214	22,442	22,337
Travel and Other Services ⁴	2,702	2,736	2,749	2,867	3,032
Total	26,910	27,355	27,796	28,217	28,834

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large establishments

² Revised

³ Provisional

⁴ Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental.

Table 12:- Percentage distribution of tourists by type of accommodation, Year 2018, 2023-2024 and $1^{\rm st}$ Semester, 2024 and 2025

	% of tourists									
Type of accommodation	2018	2023	2024	1 st Semester 2024	1 st Semester 2025					
Hotel	78.2	77.0	75.4	77.2	73.4					
Guest House	4.8	2.2	3.3	3.1	2.3					
In own villas/houses/bungalow/IRS	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1					
Tourist residence	10.8	12.8	8.7	9.9	9.4					
With friends and /or relatives	5.3	6.7	12.2	9.4	13.7					
Other types of accommodation	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.2	1.1					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0					

Note: Figures in shaded cells should be treated with caution; they are subject to low reliability since they are based on fewer than 30 observations in the sample.

Source: Survey of Inbound Tourism conducted by Statistics Mauritius

Table 13:- Selected tourism statistics by type of accommodation (hotel/non-hotel), Year 2018, 2023-2024 and 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

	2018		2023		2024			1 ^s	^t Semester 20	24	1 st Semester 2025				
	Hotel	Non-hotel	All tourists	Hotel	Non-hotel	All tourists	Hotel	Non-hotel	All tourists	Hotel	Non-hotel	All tourists	Hotel	Non-hotel	All tourists
Average party size	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.1
Average length of stay (in nights)	9.0	15.5	10.4	9.8	16.5	11.3	9.1	18.7	11.4	9.4	19.0	11.6	8.2	19.9	11.3
Travel arrangement (%)															
Package	79.2	6.2	63.3	62.3	4.7	49.1	77.0	6.0	59.5	79.0	5.2	62.2	55.7	2.2	41.5
Non-package	20.8	93.8	36.7	37.7	95.3	50.9	23.0	94.0	40.5	21.0	94.8	37.8	44.3	97.8	58.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Expenditure (Rs)															
Average expenditure per tourist	49,400	36,100	46,500	75,600	46,100	68,800	81,300	39,600	71,000	75,100	44,600	68,100	87,600	38,700	74,600
Average expenditure per tourist per night	5,500	2,300	4,500	7,700	2,800	6,100	9,000	2,100	6,200	8,000	2,300	5,900	10,700	1,900	6,600

Source: Survey of Inbound Tourism conducted by Statistics Mauritius

Table 14:- Average expenditure (Rs) by country of residence, Year 2018, 2023-2024 and 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

	2018		2023		20)24	1 st Seme	ster 2024	1 st Semester 2025		
Country of residence	Average expenditure per tourist	Average expenditure per tourist per night	Average expenditure per tourist	Average expenditure per tourist per night	•	Average expenditure per tourist per night		Average expenditure per tourist per night	Average expenditure per tourist	Average expenditure per tourist per night	
Europe	48,700	4,300	74,500	6,300	74,700	6,400	73,300	6,200	79,800	6,800	
of which: France	46,200	3,900	66,700	5,500	63,800	5,300	68,900	5,600	71,400	5,700	
Germany	46,400	4,300	75,900	6,300	65,800	5,500	75,000	6,400	91,300	7,800	
Italy	43,300	4,400	74,700	7,500	87,600	8,700	73,600	7,300	101,800	10,500	
Switzerland	59,800	5,200	91,600	7,400	79,600	6,400	55,700	4,300	106,400	8,500	
United Kingdom	53,300	4,600	82,500	7,000	62,800	5,400	55,800	4,800	85,900	7,700	
Africa	31,400	3,900	41,600	4,600	38,100	4,100	34,400	3,600	47,300	5,200	
of which: Reunion Island	22,800	3,300	31,800	4,600	30,400	4,500	29,500	4,200	32,800	4,800	
South Africa, Rep. of	33,900	4,300	44,600	4,700	45,300	4,900	39,800	4,300	70,300	7,900	
Asia	59,200	5,900	85,300	6,900	101,500	7,500	98,700	7,300	105,900	8,100	
of which: India	47,700	4,700	72,200	4,700	84,400	5,000	81,300	5,100	75,700	5,300	
People's Rep. of China	56,200	7,100	149,100	9,700	196,000	12,900	197,100	13,100	188,400	13,200	
United Arab Emirates	66,900	10,400	70,800	10,800	70,800	9,000	62,100	9,000	92,900	12,600	
Oceania	50,000	3,900	74,400	5,300	122,000	8,900	107,900	7,600	34,400	2,300	
of which: Australia	49,400	3,800	74,400	5,300	122,000	8,900	107,900	7,600	34,400	2,300	
Total	46,500	4,500	68,800	6,100	71,000	6,200	68,100	5,900	74,600	6,600	

Note:- Figures in shaded cells should be treated with caution; they are subject to low reliability since they are based on fewer than 30 observations in the sample.

Source: Survey of Inbound Tourism conducted by Statistics Mauritius

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.

= Total number of room/bed nights rented x 100 Total number of room/bed nights available

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