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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2026. 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, 2025 and 2026

	January-September 2025	January-September 2026 [1]	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,367,087	1,401,424	+ 2.5
Sea	67,866	54,787	- 19.3
of which cruise travellers	*63,207*	*49,328*	*- 22.0*
Total	**1,434,953**	**1,456,211**	**+ 1.5**
Departures by			
Air	1,385,785	1,416,043	+ 2.2
Sea	66,368	56,799	- 14.4
Total	**1,452,153**	**1,472,842**	**+ 1.4**

[1] *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2026

Compared to the period January to September 2025:

(i) total passenger arrivals increased by 1.5% from 1,434,953 to 1,456,211;

(ii) total tourist arrivals increased by 3.4% from 1,008,098 to 1,042,241; those arriving by air increased by 2.6% from 991,793 to 1,017,442 and those arriving by sea increased by 52.1% from 16,305 to 24,799 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 20,682 were cruise tourists compared to 12,392, representing an increase of 66.9%.

(iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 39.8% from 41,295 to 24,873.

In the first nine months of 2026, 25 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 49,328 cruise travellers comprising 20,682 tourists, 13,473 excursionists, 119 Mauritian residents and 15,054 crew members.

2.2 Departures in January to September 2026

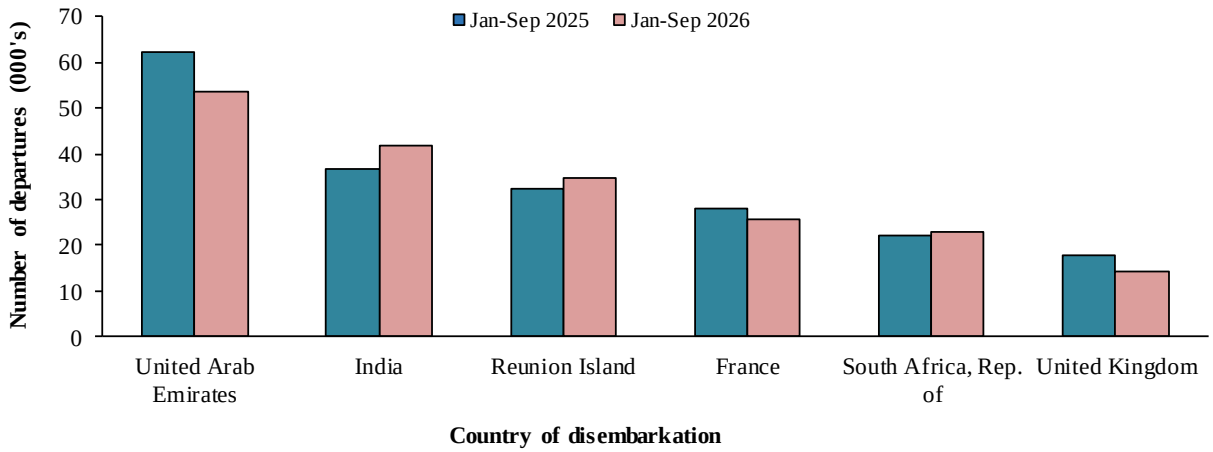
Compared to the period January to September 2025:

(i) total passenger departures increased by 1.4% from 1,452,153 to 1,472,842 and

(ii) departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 1.8% from 264,819 to 259,973 (Table 2).

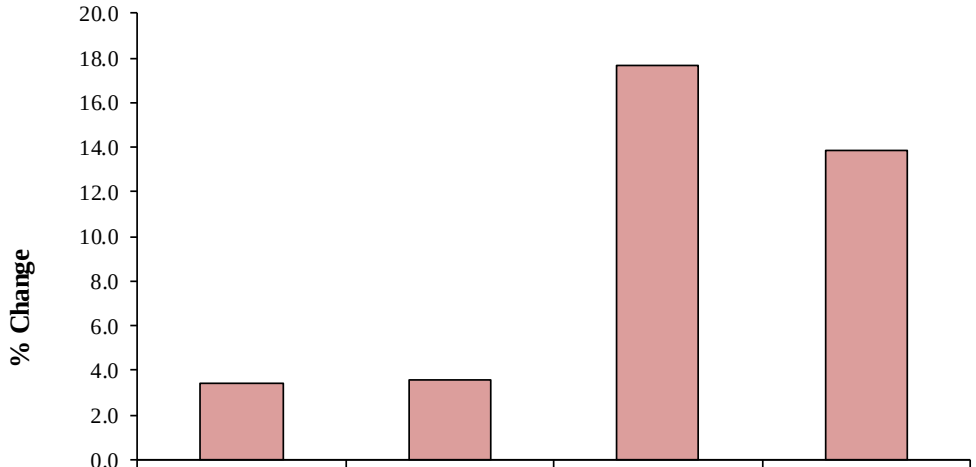
Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2025 and 2026 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2026, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (53,478 or 20.6%), India (41,729 or 16.1%), Reunion Island (34,569 or 13.3%), France (25,772 or 9.9%), Republic of South Africa (22,841 or 8.8%) and United Kingdom (14,231 or 5.5%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September, 2025 and 2026



3. TOURISM

Figure 2 – Main tourism indicators, January-September, 2025 and 2026

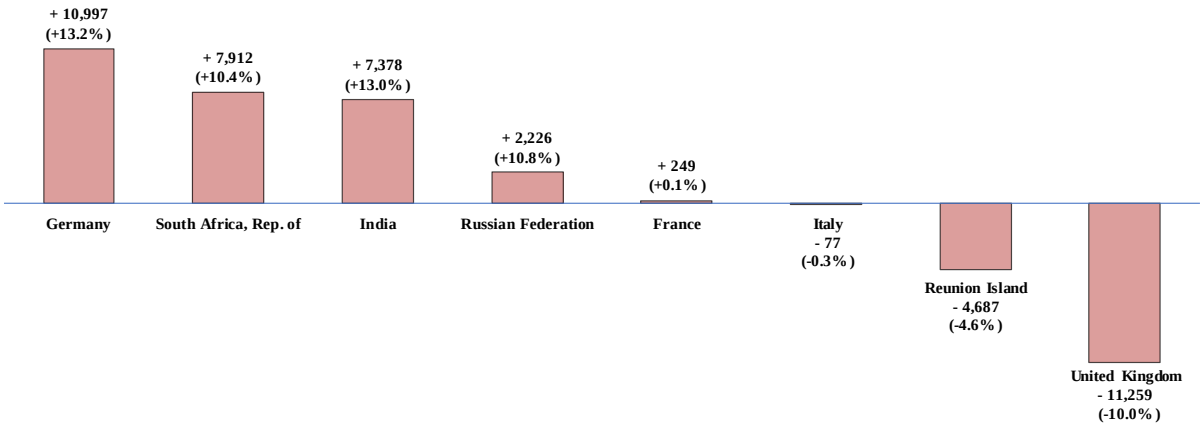


	Tourist arrivals	Tourist nights	Tourism earnings (Rs Mn)	Tourism earnings per tourist (Rs)
% change	+ 3.4	+ 3.6	+ 17.7	+ 13.8
Jan-Sep 2025	1,008,098	11,616,172	71,053	70,482
Jan-Sep 2026	1,042,241	12,028,886	83,627	80,238

3.1 Tourist arrivals in January-September 2026

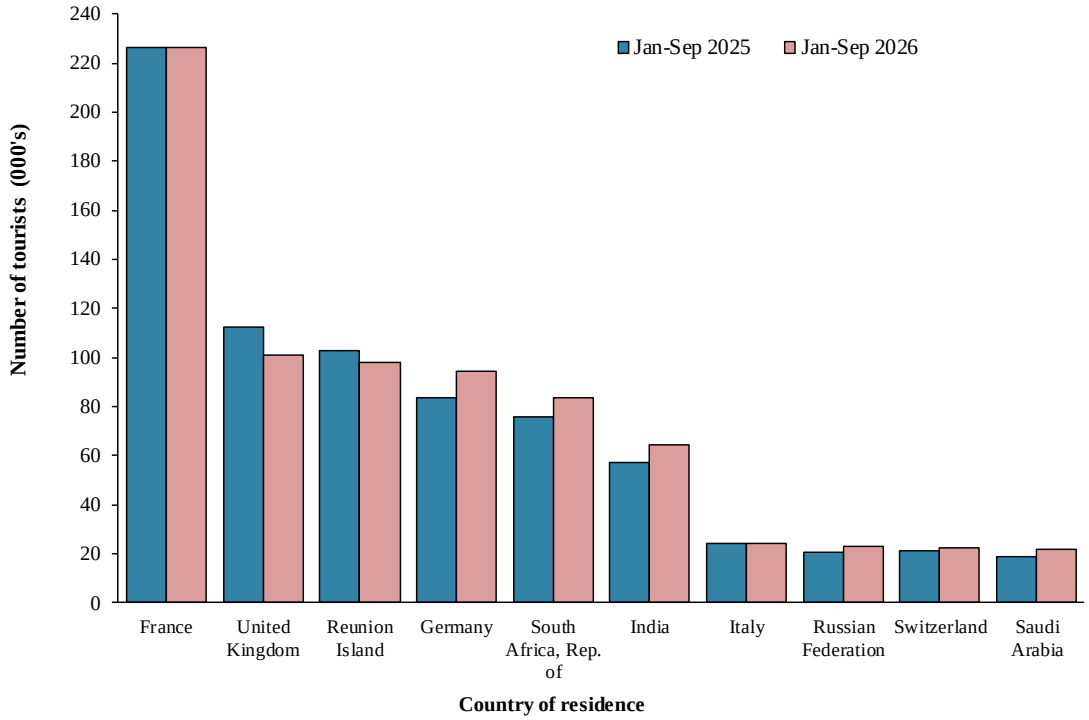
Compared to the first nine months of 2025, tourist arrivals increased by 34,143 (+3.4%) to reach 1,042,241 in the first nine months 2026 as a result of main changes in tourist arrivals from selected markets as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2026 compared to January-September 2025



Compared to the first nine months of 2025, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 0.1% (or +249) from 226,180 to 226,429. Among the main markets, increases were observed for Germany (+10,997 or +13.2%), Republic of South Africa (+7,912 or +10.4%) and India (+7,378 or +13.0%) while decreases were observed in the other selected markets as follows:
United Kingdom (-11,259 or -10.0%), Reunion Island (-4,687 or -4.6%) and Italy (-77 or -0.3%).

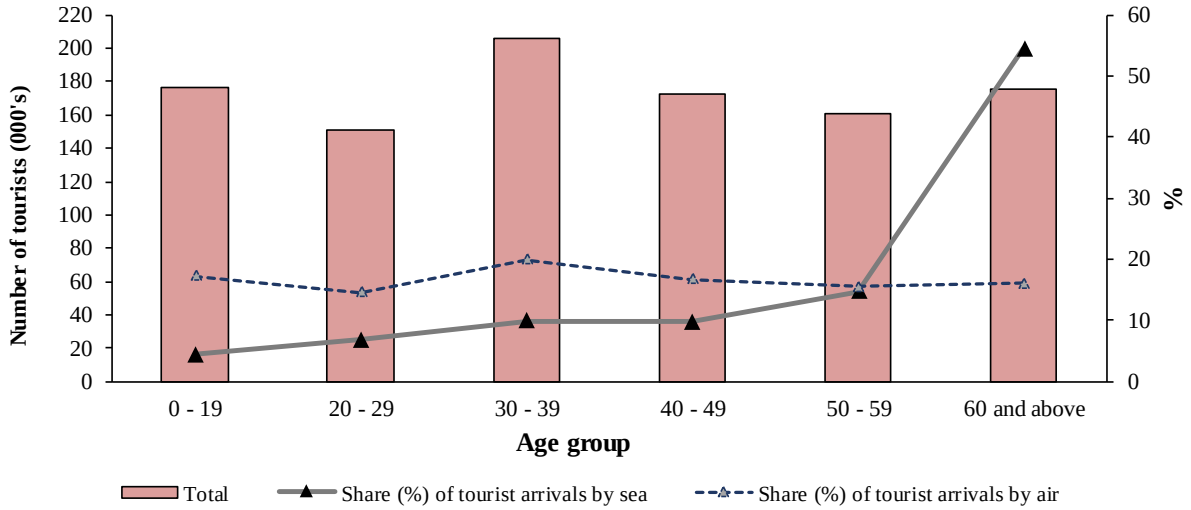
Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, January-September, 2025 and 2026



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age group

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 175,936 representing 16.9% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 54.5% (Figure 5 and Table 6b).

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age group, January-September 2026



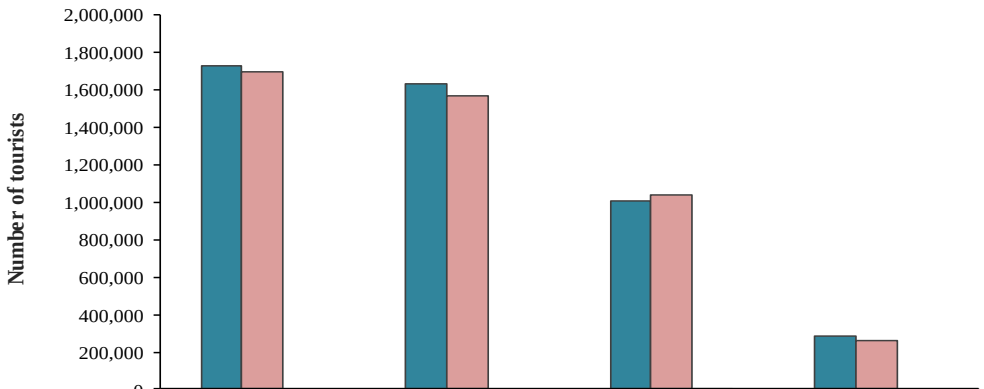
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2026, tourists from United Kingdom (57.2%), France (52.4%), Germany (46.5%) and Austria (40.5%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation 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 who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates was 69.8%.

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

Compared to the first nine months of 2025, an increase in tourist arrivals was observed for Mauritius (from 1,008,098 to 1,042,241 or +3.4%), while the other tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region registered declines during the first nine months of 2026:
Sri Lanka (from 1,725,494 to 1,693,679 or -1.8%), Maldives (from 1,636,489 to 1,571,977 or -3.9%) and Seychelles (from 283,290 to 263,887 or -6.8%).

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius & Seychelles, January-September, 2025 and 2026



	Sri Lanka	Maldives	Mauritius	Seychelles
Jan-Sep 2025	1,725,494	1,636,489	1,008,098	283,290
Jan-Sep 2026	1,693,679	1,571,977	1,042,241	263,887
% change	- 1.8	- 3.9	+ 3.4	- 6.8

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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January-September 2025:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during the first nine months of 2026 increased by 3.6% from 11,616,172 to 12,028,886; and
- the average length of stay remained the same at 11.4 nights (Table 8).

3.6 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2026, there were 111 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed and three were closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 107 hotels in operation was 13,740 with 30,804 bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2026,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 72%, same as in the first nine months of 2025; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, same as in the first nine months of 2025 (Table 10).

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

At the end of September 2026, 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 11,118 with 25,233 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 57% 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 of 2026,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 74%, same as in the first nine months of 2025; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 67% lower than the 68% recorded in the first nine months of 2025 (Table 10).

3.7 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings, relate to employment in establishments with 10 or more workers in food service, hotels and travel and other services. Latest available data indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 1.8% from 28,812 in March 2025 to 29,337 in March 2026 (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, 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 Nearly seven out of 10 tourists preferred to stay in hotels than in non-hotel accommodations

In 2025, 67.0% of tourists preferred to stay in hotels rather than in non-hotel accommodations compared to 75.4% of tourists who stayed in hotels in 2024. Among the non-hotel accommodations, 19.6% of tourists stayed with friends and/or relatives, 10.9% in tourist residence and some 2.0% in guest house (Table 12).

4.2 Tourists travelling on package tour

In 2025, 38.7% of tourists travelled on package tour, compared to 59.5% in 2024, indicating a decline in the proportion of tourists opting for organised travel arrangements. Among tourists staying in hotels in 2025, 56.8% of them travelled on package tour, compared to 77.0% in 2024 (Table 13).

4.3 Average expenditure per tourist increased

In 2025, the average expenditure per tourist amounted to Rs 74,200, that is around Rs 3,200 higher compared to Rs 71,000 in 2024. On average, in 2025, a European tourist spent Rs 76,500, higher than the figure of Rs 74,700 in 2024. Tourists from France, our leading market spent an average of Rs 65,100 per person, higher compared to Rs 63,800 in 2024 (Table 14).

Average expenditure for those staying in hotels was Rs 93,900 in 2025, higher compared to Rs 81,300 in 2024. Those staying in non-hotel accommodations spent on average Rs 34,300 in 2025 compared to Rs 39,600 in 2024 (Table 13).

The average expenditure per tourist per night for 2025 amounted to Rs 6,600, higher than the figure of Rs 6,200 in 2024 (Table 14).

A tourist staying in hotels spent on average Rs 11,700 per night in 2025 which was more than sixfold the amount spent by a tourist staying in non-hotel accommodations (Rs 1,900 per night). Corresponding figures for 2024 were Rs 9,000 for hotels and Rs 2,100 for non-hotel accommodations (Table 13).

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ANNEX

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II	Glossary of terms

Table 1:- Passenger traffic [1] by month, 2024-2026

Month	2024		2025		2026 [2]	
	Arrivals	**Departures**	**Arrivals**	**Departures**	**Arrivals**	**Departures**
January	170,827	199,256	180,139	202,802	187,991	210,000
February	157,235	150,274	132,101	126,512	148,457	144,232
March	160,987	158,739	174,344	176,039	157,061	162,805
1st Quarter	489,049	508,269	486,584	505,353	493,509	517,037
April	154,231	158,407	166,265	166,849	166,885	167,395
May	145,496	156,162	162,351	170,129	159,209	165,534
June	124,431	119,457	138,815	135,047	125,620	121,920
2nd Quarter	424,158	434,026	467,431	472,025	451,714	454,849
1st Semester	***913,207***	***942,295***	***954,015***	***977,378***	***945,223***	***971,886***
July	157,832	145,039	171,180	160,864	179,526	167,092
August	151,326	158,879	163,700	170,939	173,876	180,285
September	142,702	138,887	146,058	142,972	157,586	153,579
3rd Quarter	451,860	442,805	480,938	474,775	510,988	500,956
Jan. to Sep.	***1,365,067***	***1,385,100***	***1,434,953***	***1,452,153***	***1,456,211***	***1,472,842***
October	172,377	159,393	180,986	173,259		
November	171,237	177,491	183,257	187,645		
December	219,318	194,509	226,578	201,805		
4th Quarter	562,932	531,393	590,821	562,709		
2nd Semester	***1,014,792***	***974,198***	***1,071,759***	***1,037,484***		
Year	**1,927,999**	**1,916,493**	**2,025,774**	**2,014,862**		

[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 disembarkation[1], January-September, 2025 and 2026

Country of disembarkation	January-September 2025	January-September 2026 [2]	% Change January-September 2026 / January-September 2025
EUROPE	**63,227**	**59,319**	**- 6.2**
Austria	588	427	- 27.4
France	28,156	25,772	- 8.5
Germany	4,164	4,137	- 0.6
Italy	153	294	+ 92.2
Switzerland	1,462	1,227	- 16.1
Turkey	10,924	13,154	+ 20.4
United Kingdom	17,701	14,231	- 19.6
Other European countries	79	77	- 2.5
AFRICA	**73,534**	**76,685**	**+ 4.3**
Kenya	5,600	5,495	- 1.9
Malagasy Republic	9,414	8,599	- 8.7
Reunion Island	32,176	34,569	+ 7.4
Seychelles	4,083	4,470	+ 9.5
South Africa, Rep. of	22,239	22,841	+ 2.7
Other African countries	22	711	+ 3,131.8
ASIA	**121,464**	**117,409**	**- 3.3**
India	36,599	41,729	+ 14.0
Malaysia	12,826	12,681	- 1.1
Saudi Arabia	9,653	9,517	- 1.4
United Arab Emirates	62,383	53,478	- 14.3
Other Asian countries	3	4	+ 33.3
OCEANIA	**6,588**	**6,546**	**- 0.6**
Australia	6,588	6,546	- 0.6
NOT STATED	**6**	**14**	**+ 133.3**
All countries	**264,819**	**259,973**	**- 1.8**

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

[2] *Provisional*

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2024-2026

Month	2024	2025	2026 [1]
January	119,305	116,926	125,871
February	109,266	95,991	107,650
March	117,991	113,472	114,924
1st Quarter	346,562	326,389	348,445
April	105,619	120,157	115,763
May	104,952	115,090	115,165
June	88,416	97,273	89,098
2nd Quarter	298,987	332,520	320,026
1st Semester	***645,549***	***658,909***	***668,471***
July	117,224	129,206	136,162
August	106,574	115,491	123,102
September	102,453	104,492	114,506
3rd Quarter	326,251	349,189	373,770
Jan. to Sep.	***971,800***	***1,008,098***	***1,042,241***
October	133,065	137,809	
November	123,104	128,903	
December	154,208	161,440	
4th Quarter	410,377	428,152	
2nd Semester	***736,628***	***777,341***	
Year	**1,382,177**	**1,436,250**	

[1] *Provisional*

Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January-September, 2025 and 2026

Purpose of visit	January-September 2025	January-September 2026 [1]	% Change January-September 2026 / January-September 2025
Holiday	956,324	989,879	+ 3.5
Business	26,852	27,778	+ 3.4
Transit	20,870	20,744	- 0.6
Conference	1,626	1,593	- 2.0
Sports	1,467	1,209	- 17.6
Other purposes	959	1,038	+ 8.2
Total	**1,008,098**	**1,042,241**	**+ 3.4**

[1] *Provisional*

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2025 and 2026

Country of residence	January-September 2025			January-September 2026 [1]			% Change January-September 2026 / January-September 2025		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	**620,395**	**7,388**	**627,783**	**622,778**	**15,058**	**637,836**	**0.4**	**103.8**	**1.6**
Austria	12,726	92	12,818	13,401	449	13,850	5.3	388.0	8.1
Belgium	12,052	30	12,082	11,579	130	11,709	-3.9	333.3	-3.1
Bulgaria	1,901	82	1,983	1,793	68	1,861	-5.7	-17.1	-6.2
Czech Republic	12,549	17	12,566	9,086	23	9,109	-27.6	35.3	-27.5
Croatia	1,188	33	1,221	1,343	103	1,446	13.0	212.1	18.4
Denmark	6,230	24	6,254	6,088	69	6,157	-2.3	187.5	-1.6
Estonia	678	1	679	933	9	942	37.6	800.0	38.7
Finland	2,020	22	2,042	2,271	25	2,296	12.4	13.6	12.4
France	226,013	167	226,180	225,351	1,078	226,429	-0.3	545.5	0.1
Germany	80,675	2,919	83,594	85,844	8,747	94,591	6.4	199.7	13.2
Greece	681	75	756	829	99	928	21.7	32.0	22.8
Hungary	3,498	32	3,530	3,928	48	3,976	12.3	50.0	12.6
Ireland	3,120	71	3,191	3,062	21	3,083	-1.9	-70.4	-3.4
Italy	24,102	102	24,204	23,623	504	24,127	-2.0	394.1	-0.3
Latvia	681	14	695	908	31	939	33.3	121.4	35.1
Lithuania	1,551	11	1,562	2,073	14	2,087	33.7	27.3	33.6
Luxembourg	1,677	11	1,688	1,890	27	1,917	12.7	145.5	13.6
Netherlands	9,155	137	9,292	7,866	169	8,035	-14.1	23.4	-13.5
Norway	3,482	72	3,554	4,021	62	4,083	15.5	-13.9	14.9
Poland	15,536	106	15,642	15,965	124	16,089	2.8	17.0	2.9
Portugal	4,542	54	4,596	4,485	88	4,573	-1.3	63.0	-0.5
Romania	5,109	201	5,310	5,758	83	5,841	12.7	-58.7	10.0
Serbia	1,283	14	1,297	1,269	3	1,272	-1.1	-78.6	-1.9
Slovakia	4,585	5	4,590	3,863	11	3,874	-15.7	120.0	-15.6
Slovenia	1,292	9	1,301	1,304	8	1,312	0.9	-11.1	0.8
Spain	13,964	119	14,083	16,358	548	16,906	17.1	360.5	20.0
Sweden	6,734	110	6,844	6,812	62	6,874	1.2	-43.6	0.4
Switzerland	21,188	183	21,371	21,941	557	22,498	3.6	204.4	5.3
Turkey	4,500	60	4,560	5,153	35	5,188	14.5	-41.7	13.8
United Kingdom	110,086	1,993	112,079	99,461	1,359	100,820	-9.7	-31.8	-10.0
CIS [2] countries	*25,790*	*585*	*26,375*	*30,808*	*448*	*31,256*	*19.5*	*-23.4*	*18.5*
of which:									
Belarus	*683*	*3*	*686*	*645*	*3*	*648*	*-5.6*	*0.0*	*-5.5*
Kazakhstan	*744*	*129*	*873*	*1,766*	*2*	*1,768*	*137.4*	*-98.4*	*102.5*
Russian Federation	*20,432*	*216*	*20,648*	*22,607*	*267*	*22,874*	*10.6*	*23.6*	*10.8*
Ukraine	*3,041*	*223*	*3,264*	*4,433*	*167*	*4,600*	*45.8*	*-25.1*	*40.9*
Other CIS countries	*890*	*14*	*904*	*1,357*	*9*	*1,366*	*52.5*	*-35.7*	*51.1*
Other European countries	1,807	37	1,844	3,712	56	3,768	105.4	51.4	104.3
AFRICA	**220,663**	**3,048**	**223,711**	**226,374**	**2,210**	**228,584**	**2.6**	**-27.5**	**2.2**
IOC [3] countries	*122,491*	*37*	*122,528*	*118,168*	*42*	*118,210*	*-3.5*	*13.5*	*-3.5*
of which:									
Comoros	*553*	*0*	*553*	*551*	*0*	*551*	*-0.4*	*n.ap*	*-0.4*
Malagasy Republic	*15,510*	*35*	*15,545*	*14,411*	*33*	*14,444*	*-7.1*	*-5.7*	*-7.1*
Reunion Island	*102,775*	*0*	*102,775*	*98,088*	*0*	*98,088*	*-4.6*	*n.ap*	*-4.6*
Seychelles	*3,653*	*2*	*3,655*	*5,118*	*9*	*5,127*	*40.1*	*350.0*	*40.3*
Algeria	563	1	564	853	3	856	51.5	200.0	51.8
Angola	313	4	317	311	7	318	-0.6	75.0	0.3
Benin	116	1	117	88	1	89	-24.1	0.0	-23.9
Botswana	787	14	801	789	6	795	0.3	-57.1	-0.7
Burundi	139	0	139	90	0	90	-35.3	n.ap	-35.3
Cameroon	468	0	468	573	0	573	22.4	n.ap	22.4
Congo	604	0	604	343	0	343	-43.2	n.ap	-43.2
Egypt	545	18	563	593	6	599	8.8	-66.7	6.4
Ethiopia	234	11	245	496	0	496	112.0	-100.0	102.4
Gabon	129	0	129	86	0	86	-33.3	n.ap	-33.3
Ghana	796	29	825	842	11	853	5.8	-62.1	3.4
Ivory Coast	522	11	533	525	11	536	0.6	0.0	0.6
Kenya	3,139	10	3,149	3,535	10	3,545	12.6	0.0	12.6
Lesotho	173	9	182	195	22	217	12.7	144.4	19.2
Malawi	397	0	397	322	2	324	-18.9	n.ap	-18.4

[1] Provisional *[2] Commonwealth of Independent States* *[3] Indian Ocean Commission* *n.ap: not applicable*

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2025 and 2026

Country of residence	January-September 2025			January-September 2026 [1]			% Change January-September 2026 / January-September 2025		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1,460	0	1,460	1,782	0	1,782	22.1	n.ap	22.1
Morocco	675	4	679	733	2	735	8.6	-50.0	8.2
Mozambique	592	67	659	589	6	595	-0.5	-91.0	-9.7
Namibia	1,299	13	1,312	1,381	31	1,412	6.3	138.5	7.6
Niger	65	0	65	79	0	79	21.5	n.ap	21.5
Nigeria	2,144	55	2,199	2,601	40	2,641	21.3	-27.3	20.1
Rwanda	377	0	377	335	0	335	-11.1	n.ap	-11.1
Senegal	214	10	224	191	10	201	-10.7	0.0	-10.3
South Africa, Rep. of	73,092	2,697	75,789	81,748	1,953	83,701	11.8	-27.6	10.4
Sudan	11	0	11	10	1	11	-9.1	n.ap	0.0
Kingdom of Eswatini	327	2	329	391	2	393	19.6	0.0	19.5
Tanzania	813	1	814	997	3	1,000	22.6	200.0	22.9
Togo	73	2	75	89	1	90	21.9	-50.0	20.0
Tunisia	414	0	414	479	1	480	15.7	n.ap	15.9
Uganda	755	1	756	642	0	642	-15.0	-100.0	-15.1
Zimbabwe	2,508	44	2,552	2,989	15	3,004	19.2	-65.9	17.7
Zambia	1,067	2	1,069	1,094	6	1,100	2.5	200.0	2.9
Other African countries	3,361	5	3,366	2,435	18	2,453	-27.6	260.0	-27.1
ASIA	**115,940**	**3,325**	**119,265**	**133,547**	**4,988**	**138,535**	**15.2**	**50.0**	**16.2**
Afghanistan	142	2	144	338	0	338	138.0	-100.0	134.7
Bangladesh	333	21	354	422	23	445	26.7	9.5	25.7
Hong Kong SAR [4]	417	0	417	427	1	428	2.4	n.ap	2.6
India	56,375	556	56,931	63,636	673	64,309	12.9	21.0	13.0
Indonesia	1,213	757	1,970	1,410	681	2,091	16.2	-10.0	6.1
Israel	3,236	37	3,273	3,806	4	3,810	17.6	-89.2	16.4
Japan	903	43	946	854	1,289	2,143	-5.4	2,897.7	126.5
Korea Republic	3,458	83	3,541	3,258	129	3,387	-5.8	55.4	-4.3
Malaysia	1,084	15	1,099	1,210	95	1,305	11.6	533.3	18.7
Maldives	45	0	45	31	0	31	-31.1	n.ap	-31.1
Nepal	1,067	5	1,072	1,328	2	1,330	24.5	-60.0	24.1
Pakistan	372	9	381	345	12	357	-7.3	33.3	-6.3
People's Rep. of China	10,544	585	11,129	13,065	572	13,637	23.9	-2.2	22.5
Philippines	2,391	978	3,369	2,505	1,189	3,694	4.8	21.6	9.6
Singapore	1,133	8	1,141	1,096	36	1,132	-3.3	350.0	-0.8
Sri Lanka	476	19	495	745	44	789	56.5	131.6	59.4
Taiwan, China	895	34	929	893	111	1,004	-0.2	226.5	8.1
Thailand	552	11	563	623	31	654	12.9	181.8	16.2
Vietnam	175	106	281	374	43	417	113.7	-59.4	48.4
MIDDLE EAST countries	*30,858*	*22*	*30,880*	*36,954*	*8*	*36,962*	*19.8*	*-63.6*	*19.7*
of which:									
Bahrain	*186*	*1*	*187*	*191*	*0*	*191*	*2.7*	*-100.0*	*2.1*
Iran	*156*	*0*	*156*	*66*	*0*	*66*	*-57.7*	*n.ap*	*-57.7*
Jordan	*232*	*2*	*234*	*200*	*0*	*200*	*-13.8*	*-100.0*	*-14.5*
Kuwait	*681*	*0*	*681*	*406*	*0*	*406*	*-40.4*	*n.ap*	*-40.4*
Lebanon	*256*	*0*	*256*	*234*	*1*	*235*	*-8.6*	*n.ap*	*-8.2*
Oman	*176*	*15*	*191*	*203*	*4*	*207*	*15.3*	*-73.3*	*8.4*
Qatar	*322*	*0*	*322*	*364*	*0*	*364*	*13.0*	*n.ap*	*13.0*
Saudi Arabia	*18,421*	*3*	*18,424*	*21,501*	*0*	*21,501*	*16.7*	*-100.0*	*16.7*
United Arab Emirates	*10,402*	*0*	*10,402*	*13,744*	*2*	*13,746*	*32.1*	*n.ap*	*32.1*
Other Middle East countries	*26*	*1*	*27*	*45*	*1*	*46*	*73.1*	*0.0*	*70.4*
Other Asian countries	271	34	305	227	45	272	-16.2	32.4	-10.8
OCEANIA	**13,891**	**360**	**14,251**	**14,619**	**508**	**15,127**	**5.2**	**41.1**	**6.1**
Australia	12,622	279	12,901	13,345	422	13,767	5.7	51.3	6.7
New Zealand	850	74	924	696	81	777	-18.1	9.5	-15.9
Other Oceanian countries	419	7	426	578	5	583	37.9	-28.6	36.9
AMERICA	**20,432**	**2,170**	**22,602**	**19,622**	**2,020**	**21,642**	**-4.0**	**-6.9**	**-4.2**
Brazil	1,870	205	2,075	1,819	123	1,942	-2.7	-40.0	-6.4
Canada	6,876	541	7,417	6,434	504	6,938	-6.4	-6.8	-6.5
USA	9,812	1,224	11,036	9,352	1,277	10,629	-4.7	4.3	-3.7
Other American countries	1,874	200	2,074	2,017	116	2,133	7.6	-42.0	2.8
Others & not stated	**472**	**14**	**486**	**502**	**15**	**517**	**6.4**	**7.1**	**6.4**
All countries	**991,793**	**16,305**	**1,008,098**	**1,017,442**	**24,799**	**1,042,241**	**2.6**	**52.1**	**3.4**

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

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age group and sex, January-September, 2025 and 2026

Age group (years)	January-September 2025			January-September 2026 [1]			% Change January-September 2026 / January-September 2025		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	19,861	19,633	39,494	20,664	20,435	41,099	+ 4.0	+ 4.1	+ 4.1
5 - 9	22,485	22,310	44,795	23,134	22,567	45,701	+ 2.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.0
10 - 14	22,924	23,056	45,980	23,491	23,664	47,155	+ 2.5	+ 2.6	+ 2.6
15 - 19	19,612	22,535	42,147	19,815	22,891	42,706	+ 1.0	+ 1.6	+ 1.3
20 - 24	21,535	30,299	51,834	21,981	30,503	52,484	+ 2.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
25 - 29	40,169	51,845	92,014	42,863	55,173	98,036	+ 6.7	+ 6.4	+ 6.5
30 - 34	49,554	53,136	102,690	51,936	55,013	106,949	+ 4.8	+ 3.5	+ 4.1
35 - 39	47,833	47,472	95,305	49,345	49,347	98,692	+ 3.2	+ 3.9	+ 3.6
40 - 44	43,755	42,920	86,675	45,146	43,997	89,143	+ 3.2	+ 2.5	+ 2.8
45 - 49	40,429	40,955	81,384	41,428	41,917	83,345	+ 2.5	+ 2.3	+ 2.4
50 - 54	41,451	42,131	83,582	40,677	41,332	82,009	- 1.9	- 1.9	- 1.9
55 - 59	39,248	39,822	79,070	39,276	39,710	78,986	+ 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.1
60 - 64	33,955	33,058	67,013	34,674	34,782	69,456	+ 2.1	+ 5.2	+ 3.6
65 - 69	23,459	22,185	45,644	25,117	24,336	49,453	+ 7.1	+ 9.7	+ 8.3
70 & over	26,301	24,170	50,471	29,626	27,401	57,027	+ 12.6	+ 13.4	+ 13.0
Total	**492,571**	**515,527**	**1,008,098**	**509,173**	**533,068**	**1,042,241**	**+ 3.4**	**+ 3.4**	**+ 3.4**

[1] *Provisional*

Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, January-September, 2025 and 2026

Age group (years)	January-September 2025			January-September 2026 [1]			% Change January-September 2026 / January-September 2025		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	129,442	827	130,269	133,178	777	133,955	+ 2.9	- 6.0	+ 2.8
15 - 59	705,594	9,107	714,701	721,853	10,497	732,350	+ 2.3	+ 15.3	+ 2.5
60 & over	156,757	6,371	163,128	162,411	13,525	175,936	+ 3.6	+ 112.3	+ 7.9
Total	**991,793**	**16,305**	**1,008,098**	**1,017,442**	**24,799**	**1,042,241**	**+ 2.6**	**+ 52.1**	**+ 3.4**

[1] *Provisional*

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January-September 2026 [1]

Country of last embarkation		Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence														
			Austria	France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Poland	Spain	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE		**402,500**	**9,078**	**133,879**	**59,342**	**17,301**	**3,466**	**10,832**	**12,200**	**15,164**	**4,199**	**64,766**	**3,886**	**200**	**241**	**120**	**561**	**562**
of which:	Austria	17,929	5,421	786	3,796	151	99	1,133	38	430	5	181	42	3	3	10	10	170
	France	161,587	725	118,058	4,042	3,446	1,695	2,710	1,867	3,966	16	3,413	68	129	65	35	79	166
	Germany	54,525	1,074	3,956	39,889	839	362	908	190	2,172	63	166	52	1	14	10	2	15
	Italy	7,244	25	486	197	5,589	50	15	46	257	0	97	25	0	1	0	12	3
	Poland	1,741	0	0	1	0	0	1,593	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Spain	9,257	1	101	37	26	13	48	8,010	9	2	19	2	1	1	0	2	0
	Switzerland	12,917	320	1,395	2,586	199	69	459	103	6,219	8	204	19	8	5	0	6	10
	Turkey	74,029	1,457	7,983	8,569	6,841	1,001	3,678	1,608	1,951	4,096	3,809	3,655	48	69	38	421	72
	United Kingdom	63,234	55	1,113	225	210	177	286	338	160	9	56,875	23	10	82	25	29	126
AFRICA		**347,515**	**1,036**	**68,511**	**8,326**	**2,555**	**2,117**	**1,258**	**2,381**	**2,510**	**356**	**9,399**	**2,418**	**95,790**	**80,142**	**1,475**	**5,100**	**2,316**
of which:	Kenya	15,451	36	1,920	294	101	250	45	354	82	13	961	81	122	239	227	535	218
	Malagasy Republic	19,284	32	1,014	269	71	137	218	104	105	109	213	490	285	123	252	945	215
	Reunion Island	174,533	337	63,234	2,275	336	297	349	659	1,156	13	854	47	94,546	447	321	1,944	311
	Seychelles	12,696	96	776	1,548	122	116	146	89	232	41	329	537	132	59	181	651	238
	South Africa, Rep. of	119,977	473	1,384	3,853	1,422	1,309	132	1,059	870	175	6,983	701	699	79,244	385	849	1,330
ASIA		**256,366**	**3,259**	**22,719**	**18,110**	**3,749**	**2,278**	**3,871**	**1,768**	**4,235**	**596**	**24,836**	**16,300**	**1,911**	**1,289**	**62,035**	**7,391**	**1,151**
of which:	India	71,793	23	655	231	40	76	69	52	69	10	700	414	184	800	60,033	1,412	228
	Malaysia	9,225	3	677	34	22	18	11	10	26	2	140	61	1,105	78	36	2,670	256
	People's Rep. of China	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
	Saudi Arabia	18,794	25	825	155	306	203	74	275	24	21	337	43	70	15	202	77	33
	United Arab Emirates	156,476	3,208	20,561	17,689	3,381	1,981	3,717	1,431	4,116	563	23,657	15,782	552	396	1,764	3,217	634
OCEANIA		**11,046**	**28**	**242**	**66**	**18**	**5**	**4**	**9**	**32**	**2**	**460**	**3**	**187**	**76**	**6**	**13**	**9,313**
of which:	Australia	11,046	28	242	66	18	5	4	9	32	2	460	3	187	76	6	13	9,313
AMERICA		**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**
Total arrivals by air		**1,017,442**	**13,401**	**225,351**	**85,844**	**23,623**	**7,866**	**15,965**	**16,358**	**21,941**	**5,153**	**99,461**	**22,607**	**98,088**	**81,748**	**63,636**	**13,065**	**13,345**

of which:	Austria	France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Poland	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	40.5%	52.4%	46.5%	23.7%	0.0%	10.0%	49.0%	28.3%	79.5%	57.2%	0.0%	96.4%	96.9%	94.3%	0.1%	69.8%
From United Arab Emirates	23.9%	9.1%	20.6%	14.3%	25.2%	23.3%	8.7%	18.8%	10.9%	23.8%	69.8%	0.6%	0.5%	2.8%	24.6%	4.8%
From Turkey	10.9%	3.5%	10.0%	29.0%	12.7%	23.0%	9.8%	8.9%		3.8%	16.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	3.2%	0.5%
From France	5.4%		4.7%	14.6%	21.5%	17.0%	11.4%	18.1%	0.3%	3.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.6%	1.2%
From Reunion Island	2.5%	28.1%	2.7%	1.4%	3.8%	2.2%	4.0%	5.3%	0.3%	0.9%	0.2%		0.5%	0.5%	14.9%	2.3%
From South Africa, Rep. of	3.5%	0.6%	4.5%	6.0%	16.6%	0.8%	6.5%	4.0%	3.4%	7.0%	3.1%	0.7%		0.6%	6.5%	10.0%

[1] *Provisional*

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2023-2026

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights [1]	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings [2] (Rs Mn)
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	January-September	1,008,098	1,021,221	11,616,172	11.4	71,053
	Year	**1,436,250**	**1,408,326**	**15,876,593**	**11.3**	**103,351**
2026 [3]	January-September	1,042,241	1,056,404	12,028,886	11.4	83,627

[1] *Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period*
[2] *Source: Bank of Mauritius* [3] *Provisional*

Table 9:- Hotels [1], rooms and bedplaces, 2023-2026

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All hotels			of which "Large" hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
2023	1st Quarter	105	13,022	29,591	56	10,338	23,836
	2nd Quarter	101	12,426	28,416	53	9,735	22,563
	3rd Quarter	102	12,502	28,450	56	9,961	23,014
	4th Quarter	107	13,387	30,752	60	10,804	25,193
2024	1st Quarter	105	13,326	30,066	59	10,777	24,597
	2nd Quarter	102	13,011	29,382	56	10,441	23,903
	3rd Quarter	105	13,453	30,127	57	10,775	24,460
	4th Quarter	109	14,059	31,484	61	11,427	25,916
2025	1st Quarter	110	14,059	31,486	61	11,331	25,750
	2nd Quarter	105	13,470	30,043	59	10,876	24,554
	3rd Quarter	106	13,555	30,330	59	10,913	24,726
	4th Quarter	109	14,112	31,952	61	11,389	26,155
2026 [2]	1st Quarter	109	14,110	31,755	61	11,384	25,953
	2nd Quarter	106	13,477	30,179	59	10,809	24,492
	3rd Quarter	107	13,740	30,804	61	11,118	25,233

[1] *Refers to hotels in the Island of Mauritius which were operational*
[2] *Provisional*

Table 10:- Monthly occupancy rates (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2024-2026

Month	All hotels						of which "Large" hotels					
	2024		2025		2026 [1]		2024		2025		2026 [1]	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	68	61	70	64	73	65	70	63	72	66	74	67
February	68	62	66	60	69	61	70	64	68	62	70	63
March	70	64	66	59	68	60	71	66	68	62	69	62
1st Quarter	69	62	68	61	70	62	71	64	70	63	71	64
April	70	65	75	70	68	63	72	67	78	74	70	65
May	73	66	74	66	73	65	76	69	75	68	76	68
June	63	56	67	59	62	55	66	59	69	62	64	57
2nd Quarter	69	62	72	65	68	61	71	65	74	68	70	64
1st Semester	***69***	***62***	***70***	***63***	***69***	***62***	***71***	***65***	***72***	***66***	***70***	***64***
July	67	63	73	69	77	72	70	66	77	74	79	75
August	72	68	76	71	80	74	75	72	79	75	83	78
September	74	66	78	68	80	69	77	68	81	71	82	71
3rd Quarter	71	65	76	70	79	72	74	69	79	73	81	75
Jan. to Sep.	***70***	***63***	***72***	***65***	***72***	***65***	***72***	***66***	***74***	***68***	***74***	***67***
October	77	70	78	71			79	72	80	74		
November	81	70	82	69			82	71	84	71		
December	75	69	78	70			77	71	80	72		
4th Quarter	78	69	79	70			80	72	81	72		
2nd Semester	***74***	***68***	***78***	***70***			***77***	***70***	***80***	***73***		
Year	**72**	**65**	**74**	**67**			**74**	**68**	**76**	**69**		

[1] *Provisional*

Table 11:- Employment in large [1] establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2022-2026

Activities \ Year	2022	2023	2024	2025 [2]	2026 [3]
Food Service	2,909	2,833	2,908	3,465	3,563
Hotels	21,710	22,214	22,442	22,316	22,632
Travel and Other Services [4]	2,736	2,749	2,867	3,031	3,142
Total	**27,355**	**27,796**	**28,217**	**28,812**	**29,337**

[1] *Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons*

[2] *Revised*

[3] *Provisional*

[4] *Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental*

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large establishments

Table 12:- Percentage distribution of tourists by type of accommodation, Year 2018 and 2023-2025

Type of accommodation	% of tourists			
	2018	2023	2024	2025
Hotel	78.2	77.0	75.4	67.0
Guest House	4.8	2.2	3.3	2.0
In own villas/houses/bungalow/IRS	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0
Tourist residence	10.8	12.8	8.7	10.9
With friends and /or relatives	5.3	6.7	12.2	19.6
Other types of accommodation	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6
Total	**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

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

Selected indicators	2018			2023			2024			2025		
	Hotel	Non-hotel	All	Hotel	Non-hotel	All	Hotel	Non-hotel	All	Hotel	Non-hotel	All
Average party size	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0	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	8.0	17.8	11.3
Travel arrangement (%)												
Package	*79.2*	*6.2*	*63.3*	*62.3*	*4.7*	*49.1*	*77.0*	*6.0*	*59.5*	*56.8*	*2.0*	*38.7*
Non-package	*20.8*	*93.8*	*36.7*	*37.7*	*95.3*	*50.9*	*23.0*	*94.0*	*40.5*	*43.2*	*98.0*	*61.3*
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***
Expenditure (Rs)												
Average expenditure per tourist	*49,400*	*36,100*	*46,500*	*75,600*	*46,100*	*68,800*	*81,300*	*39,600*	*71,000*	*93,900*	*34,300*	*74,200*
Average expenditure per tourist per night	*5,500*	*2,300*	*4,500*	*7,700*	*2,800*	*6,100*	*9,000*	*2,100*	*6,200*	*11,700*	*1,900*	*6,600*

Source: Survey of Inbound Tourism

Table 14:- Average expenditure (Rs) by country of residence, Year 2018 and 2023-2025 **(Rs)**

Country of residence	2018		2023		2024		2025	
	Average expenditure per tourist	Average expenditure per tourist per night	Average expenditure per tourist	Average expenditure per tourist per night	Average expenditure per tourist	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**	**76,500**	**6,600**
of which: France	46,200	3,900	66,700	5,500	63,800	5,300	65,100	5,300
Germany	46,400	4,300	75,900	6,300	65,800	5,500	67,400	5,800
Italy	43,300	4,400	74,700	7,500	87,600	8,700	104,100	10,500
Switzerland	59,800	5,200	91,600	7,400	79,600	6,400	85,500	6,900
United Kingdom	53,300	4,600	82,500	7,000	62,800	5,400	79,600	6,900
Africa	**31,400**	**3,900**	**41,600**	**4,600**	**38,100**	**4,100**	**47,700**	**5,200**
of which: Reunion Island	22,800	3,300	31,800	4,600	30,400	4,500	32,000	4,700
South Africa, Rep. of	33,900	4,300	44,600	4,700	45,300	4,900	69,900	7,900
Asia	**59,200**	**5,900**	**85,300**	**6,900**	**101,500**	**7,500**	**119,300**	**9,100**
of which: India	47,700	4,700	72,200	4,700	84,400	5,000	84,000	5,800
People's Rep. of China	56,200	7,100	149,100	9,700	196,000	12,900	224,300	15,000
United Arab Emirates	66,900	10,400	70,800	10,800	70,800	9,000	106,000	13,100
Oceania	**50,000**	**3,900**	**74,400**	**5,300**	**122,000**	**8,900**	**43,200**	**3,000**
of which: Australia	49,400	3,800	74,400	5,300	122,000	8,900	43,200	3,000
Total	**46,500**	**4,500**	**68,800**	**6,100**	**71,000**	**6,200**	**74,200**	**6,600**

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Source: Survey of Inbound Tourism

ANNEX I

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

ANNEX II

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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