

## Tourism - 1984

The number of tourists visiting Mauritius reached the record figure of 139,900 in 1984 as against 123,820 in 1983. France remains the most important long-haul market with 18% of total tourist arrivals while Réunion and South Africa continue to be the main short-haul markets with about 23% of total tourist arrivals each.

A fact worth noting is that for the first time the number of tourists coming to Mauritius in a month exceeded 15,000. This happened in December.

The average length of stay per tourist in Mauritius has more or less remained the same as in the previous year : 11.4 nights in 1983 and 11.5 nights in 1984.

It is estimated that gross earnings from the tourism sector amounted to Rs. 630 million in 1984 as compared with Rs 503 million in 1983.

The room occupancy rate for large hotels rose from 62.3% in 1983 to 70.6% in 1984 representing an increase of about 13%.

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Table I

	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist earnings (Rs Mn)
1980	115,080	1.30	361
1981	121,620	1.36	421
1982	118,360	1.39	450
1983	123,820	1.41	503
1984	139,900	1.61	630

Table II - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1983-84

<u>Country of Residence</u>	1 9 8 3		1 9 8 4*	
	No.	%	No.	%
France	22,050	17.8	25,275	18.1
Germany, Fed. Rep.	6,960	5.6	7,740	5.5
Italy	5,520	4.5	6,600	4.7
Switzerland	2,570	2.1	5,100	3.6
United Kingdom	5,860	4.7	5,600	4.0
Malagasy Republic	8,110	6.5	7,790	5.6
Reunion Island	30,180	24.4	32,270	23.1
Seychelles	560	0.4	350	0.3
Kenya	690	0.6	700	0.5
South Africa, Republic of	27,210	22.0	31,970	22.8
Zambia	720	0.6	700	0.5
Zimbabwe	1,730	1.4	1,800	1.3
Australia	1,680	1.3	1,500	1.1
India	1,710	1.4	2,500	1.8
U.S.A.	1,020	0.8	1,100	0.8
Other countries	7,250	5.9	8,900	6.3
All countries	123,820	100	139,900	100
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\*Estimate based on figures available for last ten months

Table III - Tourist arrivals by month 1983 - 84

<u>Month</u>	<u>1983</u> (Number)	<u>1984</u>
January	13,130	14,200
February	9,190	10,900
March	9,780	11,100
April	8,570	11,100
May	9,550	11,100
June	6,370	7,600
July	9,790	10,400
August	12,970	13,600
September	10,070	11,000
October	10,020	11,200
November	10,450	12,500
December	<u>13,930</u>	<u>15,200</u>
Whole Year	123,820	139,900

Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels

1983/84

<u>Month</u>	<u>1983</u>	(%)	<u>1984</u>
January	67.9		79.3
February	69.5		80.9
March	66.3		78.0
April	57.5		74.0
May	50.4		69.2
June	44.9		51.3
July	49.8		56.1
August	57.7		65.7
September	60.9		65.9
October	66.8		73.5
November	82.3		81.5
December	<u>73.2</u>		<u>72.3</u>