

Tourism - Third Quarter 1986

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals for the third quarter of 1986 was 43,940 representing an increase of about 13% over the total of 38,760 for the same period of 1985 (Table I). This rate of increase is slightly higher than that noted between the third quarter of 1984 and the third quarter of 1985 (11%). On the present trend it is estimated that the number of tourist arrivals during the year 1986 will be 165,000.

The number of tourist arrivals from most of the tourist generating countries for Mauritius has, in general, been on the increase: thus France, United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany and Italy showed increases of 23%, 22%, 15% and 9% respectively between the third quarter of 1985 and the third quarter of 1986. The number of tourist arrivals from the Republic of South Africa seems to have stopped declining during the third quarter of 1986 (6,730) when compared with the same period in 1985 (6,380). France continues to be the most important long-haul market with about 18% of total arrivals. The short-haul markets are still dominated by Réunion Island with a 31% share of the total arrivals followed by the Republic of South Africa with about 15%.

Tourist nights

The average number of nights spent by a tourist in Mauritius was about 11.4 for the third quarter of 1985. Assuming that this average length holds also for the third quarter of 1986, the number of tourist nights for this period is estimated at about 501,000, representing an increase of about 13% over the 1985 figure of 444,000.

Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rate for large hotels increased from 59% in the third quarter of 1985 to 66% in the same period of 1986. The corresponding increase in bed occupancy was from 50% to 58%. However it must be noted that the number of rooms increased by 180 from 1,290 as at 30th September 1985 to 1,470 at the end of the third quarter of this year whilst the number of bed places increased by 381 from 2,585 to 2,966. Hence the percentage figures underestimate the actual increase, the extent of the underestimate being larger for the bed occupancy rate.

Tourist receipts

It is estimated that tourist receipts amounted to 240 million rupees for the period under review as compared to 198 million rupees for the corresponding period in 1985. The average amount spent by a tourist was 5,500 rupees against 5,100 rupees in 1985 representing an increase of about 8%.

Tourist receipts for the year 1986 are estimated at about 1,100 million rupees.

Central Statistical Office
Rose Hill

November 1986

Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1982 - 1986

| Y e a r | Tourist arrivals (Number) | Tourist nights (Million) | Tourist earnings (Rs Mn) |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1982 | 118,360 | 1.39 | 450 |
| 1983 | 123,820 | 1.41 | 503 |
| 1984 | 139,670 | 1.54 | 630 |
| 1985 | 148,860 | 1.74 | 845+ |
| 1985 : 1st Qr. | 36,650 | 0.439 | 222.1 |
| 2nd Qr. | 31,330 | 0.375 | 187.9 |
| 1st Semester | <u>67,980</u> | <u>0.814</u> | <u>410.0</u> |
| 3rd Qr. | 38,760 | 0.444 | 197.9 |
| 4th Qr. | 42,120 | 0.482 | 236.6 |
| 2nd Semester | 80,880 | 0.926 | 434.5 |
| 1986 : 1st Qr. | 41,850 | 0.501* | 315.0 |
| 2nd Qr. | 33,630 | 0.406* | 251.6 |
| 1st Semester | <u>75,480</u> | <u>0.907*</u> | <u>566.6</u> |
| 3rd Qr. | 43,940* | 0.501* | 240.0* |

* Provisional

+ Rounded figure

Table II - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1984 - 1986

| Country of Residence | Number | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------|----------|
| | 1984 | | 1985 | | 1985 | | | | | | 1986 | | 3rd Qr.* |
| | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 1st semester | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | 2nd semester | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 1st semester | 2nd Qr. | 1st semester | | |
| France | 24,460 | 27,470 | 6,880 | 5,770 | 12,450 | 6,440 | 8,580 | 15,020 | 7,880 | 5,840 | 13,720 | 7,920 | |
| Germany | 7,890 | 8,920 | 2,580 | 1,860 | 4,710 | 1,510 | 2,700 | 4,210 | 3,110 | 1,760 | 4,870 | 1,730 | |
| Italy | 6,170 | 6,830 | 2,400 | 1,030 | 3,430 | 1,340 | 2,060 | 3,400 | 2,520 | 1,730 | 4,250 | 1,460 | |
| Switzerland | 5,440 | 6,480 | 1,670 | 1,040 | 2,710 | 1,150 | 2,620 | 3,770 | 2,590 | 1,280 | 3,870 | 1,150 | |
| United Kingdom | 5,760 | 7,110 | 1,420 | 1,340 | 2,760 | 1,780 | 2,570 | 4,350 | 1,710 | 1,710 | 3,420 | 2,170 | |
| Malagassy Republic | 7,780 | 6,710 | 1,460 | 1,380 | 2,840 | 2,120 | 1,750 | 3,870 | 1,520 | 1,320 | 2,840 | 2,240 | |
| Reunion | 32,300 | 35,630 | 8,390 | 7,570 | 15,960 | 11,710 | 7,960 | 19,670 | 10,430 | 8,490 | 18,920 | 13,430 | |
| Seychelles | 340 | 770 | 90 | 130 | 220 | 370 | 180 | 550 | 100 | 130 | 230 | 440 | |
| Kenya | 700 | 780 | 180 | 170 | 350 | 170 | 260 | 430 | 160 | 230 | 390 | 230 | |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 31,560 | 27,410 | 7,100 | 5,890 | 12,990 | 6,380 | 8,040 | 14,420 | 6,470 | 5,840 | 12,310 | 6,730 | |
| Zambia | 680 | 400 | 60 | 200 | 260 | 110 | 30 | 140 | 70 | 30 | 100 | 60 | |
| Zimbabwe | 1,800 | 1,900 | 400 | 510 | 910 | 570 | 420 | 990 | 300 | 810 | 1,110 | 640 | |
| Australia | 1,580 | 2,460 | 230 | 580 | 860 | 800 | 800 | 1,600 | 520 | 520 | 1,040 | 810 | |
| India | 2,540 | 2,980 | 600 | 980 | 1,580 | 800 | 600 | 1,400 | 640 | 510 | 1,150 | 800 | |
| USA | 1,130 | 1,460 | 330 | 390 | 720 | 260 | 480 | 740 | 580 | 370 | 950 | 380 | |
| Singapore | 90 | 980 | 60 | 150 | 210 | 330 | 440 | 770 | 270 | 340 | 610 | 450 | |
| Other countries | 8,450 | 10,570 | 2,480 | 2,540 | 5,020 | 2,920 | 2,630 | 5,550 | 2,980 | 2,720 | 5,700 | 3,300 | |
| All Countries | 139,670 | 148,860 | 36,650 | 31,330 | 67,980 | 38,760 | 42,120 | 80,880 | 41,850 | 33,630 | 75,480 | 43,940 | |

* Provisional

Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1984 - 1986

| Month | NUMBER | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 |
| January | 14,180 | 14,250 | 16,450 |
| February | 10,850 | 10,620 | 11,520 |
| March | 11,130 | 11,780 | 13,880 |
| 1st Quarter | <u>36,160</u> | <u>36,650</u> | <u>41,850</u> |
| April | 11,080 | 11,480 | 11,830 |
| May | 11,080 | 11,470 | 13,090 |
| June | 7,590 | 8,380 | 8,710 |
| 2nd Quarter | <u>29,750</u> | <u>31,330</u> | <u>33,630</u> |
| 1st Semester | <u>65,910</u> | <u>67,980</u> | <u>75,480</u> |
| July | 10,430 | 9,840 | 12,540 |
| August | 13,650 | 17,410 | 17,800 |
| September | 10,980 | 11,510 | 13,600* |
| 3rd Quarter | <u>35,060</u> | <u>38,760</u> | <u>43,940*</u> |
| October | 11,360 | 11,720 | |
| November | 12,420 | 13,870 | |
| December | 14,920 | 16,530 | |
| 4th Quarter | <u>38,700</u> | <u>42,120</u> | |
| 2nd Semester | <u>73,760</u> | <u>80,880</u> | |
| Whole Year | 139,670 | 148,860 | |

* Provisional

Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1984 - 1986

| M o n t h | P E R C E N T A G E | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1 9 8 4 | 1 9 8 5 | 1 9 8 6 |
| January | 79.3 | 79.4 | 84.2 |
| February | 80.9 | 80.6 | 82.0 |
| March | 78.0 | 75.6 | 73.0 |
| 1st Quarter | <u>79.4</u> | <u>78.4</u> | <u>79.6</u> |
| April | 74.0 | 69.8 | 72.0 |
| May | 69.2 | 61.1 | 63.5 |
| June | 51.9 | 46.0 | 47.6 |
| 2nd Quarter | <u>65.1</u> | <u>59.0</u> | <u>61.2</u> |
| 1st Semester | <u><u>72.3</u></u> | <u><u>68.6</u></u> | <u><u>70.6</u></u> |
| July | 56.1 | 51.8 | 61.8 |
| August | 65.7 | 64.7 | 69.4 |
| September | 65.9 | 61.9 | 66.8* |
| 3rd Quarter | <u>62.4</u> | <u>59.4</u> | <u>66.1*</u> |
| October | 73.9 | 69.5 | |
| November | 81.5 | 83.2 | |
| December | 72.3 | 73.4 | |
| 4th Quarter | <u>75.8</u> | <u>75.2</u> | |
| 2nd Semester | <u><u>69.2</u></u> | <u><u>67.4</u></u> | |
| Whole Year | 70.7 | 68.0 | |

* Provisional

Table V - Monthly bed occupancy rate in large hotels, 1984 - 1986

| Month | P E R C E N T A G E | | |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 1 9 8 4 | 1 9 8 5 | 1 9 8 6 |
| January | 69.9 | 68.7 | 75.0 |
| February | 68.5 | 68.5 | 70.7 |
| March | 64.4 | 61.9 | 62.7 |
| 1st Quarter | <u>67.6</u> | <u>66.3</u> | <u>69.4</u> |
| April | 64.6 | 59.2 | 62.0 |
| May | 57.3 | 50.1 | 55.1 |
| June | 41.8 | 36.3 | 38.9 |
| 2nd Quarter | <u>54.7</u> | <u>48.5</u> | <u>52.3</u> |
| 1st Semester | <u>61.2</u> | <u>57.3</u> | <u>60.9</u> |
| July | 47.4 | 42.7 | 53.5 |
| August | 56.6 | 55.9 | 62.8 |
| September | 55.9 | 51.3 | 56.8* |
| 3rd Quarter | <u>53.2</u> | <u>49.9</u> | <u>57.8*</u> |
| October | 62.1 | 58.3 | |
| November | 67.9 | 68.9 | |
| December | 62.8 | 65.9 | |
| 4th Quarter | <u>64.3</u> | <u>64.3</u> | |
| 2nd Semester | 58.8 | 57.2 | |
| Whole Year | 60.0 | 57.2 | |

* Provisional