

## Tourism - 1st Quarter 1987

### Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals for the first quarter of 1987 was 44,300 representing an increase of about 6% over the total of 41,850 for the same period of 1986. Table II shows that in general the number of tourist arrivals to Mauritius has been on the increase : thus France, Fed. Republic of Germany, Italy, Switzerland and United Kingdom showed increases between 7% and 9% .

Furthermore the number of tourist arrivals from Réunion Island showed an increase of about 6% whilst that from the Republic of South Africa has remained more or less the same, i.e. 6,500 for the first quarter of 1987 as compared to 6,470 for the same period of 1986.

### Tourist nights

Assuming that the average length of stay per tourist has remained the same as that of 1986 for the period concerned, the total number of tourists nights estimated for the first quarter of 1987 amounted to about 491,000.

### Occupancy rate

The room occupancy rate for large hotels increased slightly from about 80% in the first quarter of 1986 to about 81% in the same period of 1987. The corresponding increase in bed occupancy was from 69% to 72%. It is to be noted that for large hotels the number of rooms increased from 1,526 to 1,601 for the periods concerned while the corresponding increase in bed places was from 3,078 to 3,223.

### Tourist receipts

It is estimated that receipt from tourism amounted to 375 million rupees for the period concerned compared to 315 million rupees for the same period in 1986. The average amount spent by a tourist was 8,465 rupees. Thus total receipt for the period under review increased by 19% whilst average expenditure per tourist increased by about 13% .

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Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1982 - 1987

Year	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
1986	165,000*	1.88*	1,187
1986 : 1st Qr.	41,850	0.464*	315.0
2nd Qr.	33,630	0.376*	251.6
1st Semester	<u>75,480</u>	<u>0.840*</u>	<u>566.6</u>
3rd Qr.	42,930*	0.501*	267.2
4th Qr.	46,590*	0.540*	353.3
2nd Semester	<u>89,520*</u>	<u>1.041*</u>	<u>620.5</u>
1987 : 1st Qr.	44,300*	0.491*	375.0*

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Table III - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1985 - 1987

Country of residence	N U M B E R							
	1985 Year	1986* Year	1986				1987 1st Qr.*	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.*	4th Qr.*		
France	27,470	31,010	7,880	5,840	7,730	9,560	8,400	
Germany, F. Rep. Republic	8,920	9,320	3,110	1,760	1,690	2,760	3,400	
Italy	6,830	8,280	2,520	1,730	1,430	2,600	2,730	
Switzerland	6,480	8,340	2,590	1,280	1,130	3,340	2,800	
United Kingdom	7,110	8,680	1,710	1,710	2,120	3,140	1,830	
Malagassy Republic	6,710	6,640	1,520	1,320	2,190	1,610	1,610	
Reunion Island	35,630	41,070	10,430	8,490	13,120	9,030	11,040	
Seychelles	770	790	100	130	430	130	110	
Kenya	780	930	160	230	220	320	170	
South Africa, Rep. of	27,410	26,710	6,470	5,840	6,570	7,830	6,500	
Zambia	400	180	70	30	60	20	90	
Zimbabwe	1,900	2,280	300	810	620	550	320	
Australia	2,460	2,630	520	520	800	790	550	
India	2,980	2,400	640	510	790	460	680	
U.S.A.	1,460	1,970	580	370	370	650	620	
Singapore	980	1,990	270	340	440	940	290	
Other countries	10,570	11,780	2,980	2,720	3,220	2,860	3,160	
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>148,860</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>41,850</b>	<b>33,630</b>	<b>42,930</b>	<b>46,590</b>	<b>44,300</b>	

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Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1985 - 1987

Month	NUMBER		
	1985	1986	1987
January	14,250	16,450	17,500*
February	10,620	11,520	13,200*
March	11,780	13,880	13,600*
1st Quarter	<u>36,650</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>44,300*</u>
April	11,480	11,830	
May	11,470	13,090	
June	8,380	8,710	
2nd Quarter	<u>31,330</u>	<u>33,630</u>	
1st Semester	<u><u>67,980</u></u>	<u><u>75,480</u></u>	
July	9,840	12,540	
August	17,410	18,090	
September	11,510	12,300*	
3rd Quarter	<u>33,760</u>	<u>42,930*</u>	
October	11,720	13,000*	
November	13,870	15,500*	
December	16,530	18,090*	
4th Quarter	42,120	46,590*	
2nd Semester	<u><u>80,880</u></u>	<u><u>89,520*</u></u>	
Whole Year	148,360	165,000*	

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Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1985 - 1987

Month	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6	1 9 8 7
January	79.4	84.2	85.7
February	80.6	82.0	84.8
March	75.6	73.0	73.0*
1st Quarter	<u>78.4</u>	<u>79.6</u>	<u>80.9*</u>
April	69.8	72.0	
May	61.1	63.5	
June	46.0	47.6	
2nd Quarter	<u>59.0</u>	<u>61.2</u>	
1st Semester	<u><u>68.6</u></u>	<u><u>70.6</u></u>	
July	51.8	61.8	
August	64.7	69.4	
September	61.9	66.8	
3rd Quarter	<u>59.4</u>	<u>66.1</u>	
October	69.5	68.4	
November	83.2	87.1	
December	73.4	72.8	
4th Quarter	<u>75.2</u>	<u>76.3</u>	
2nd Semester	<u><u>67.4</u></u>	<u><u>71.4</u></u>	
Whole Year	68.0	71.0	

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Table V - Monthly bed occupancy rate in large hotels, 1985 - 1987

Month	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 5	1 9 8 6	1 9 8 7
January	68.7	75.0	78.7
February	68.5	70.7	75.7
March	61.9	62.7	63.4*
1st Quarter	<u>66.3</u>	<u>69.4</u>	<u>72.3*</u>
April	59.2	62.0	
May	50.1	55.1	
June	36.3	38.9	
2nd Quarter	<u>48.5</u>	<u>52.3</u>	
1st Semester	<u>57.3</u>	<u>60.9</u>	
July	42.7	53.5	
August	55.9	62.8	
September	51.3	56.8	
3rd Quarter	<u>49.9</u>	<u>57.8</u>	
October	58.3	58.2	
November	68.9	73.4	
December	65.9	66.1	
4th Quarter	<u>64.3</u>	<u>65.8</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>57.2</u>	<u>61.9</u>	
Whole Year	57.2	61.4	

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