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TOURISM - 1st Semester 1988

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals for the first six months of 1988 was about 107,000 representing an increase of 14% over the total of 93,530 for the same period of 1987.

In general, the number of tourist arrivals to Mauritius from the long-haul markets has been on the increase : thus Federal Republic of Germany, United Kingdom, France, Switzerland and Italy showed increases of about 21%, 16%, 14%, 12% and 12%.

Furthermore Réunion Island and the Republic of South Africa still dominate the short-haul markets registering increases of about 15% and 13% respectively.

On the basis of the recent trend, it is expected that the number of tourist arrivals for the calendar year 1988 will probably exceed 230,000.

Tourist nights

Assuming that the average length of stay per tourist has remained the same as that of 1987 for the period concerned, the total number of tourist nights estimated for the 1st Semester of 1988 amounted to about 1,220,000.

Occupancy rates

The room occupancy rate for large hotels increased from about 77% in the 1st Semester of 1987 to about 82% in the same period of 1988. The corresponding increase in bed occupancy was from 68% to 72%. It is to be noted that for large hotels, the number of rooms increased from 1,601 to 1,684 for the periods concerned while the corresponding increase in bed places was from 3,223 to 3,401.

Tourist receipts

It is estimated that receipt from tourism amounted to 1168.0 million rupees for the period concerned compared to 822.0 million rupees for the same period of 1987. The average amount spent by a tourist was therefore about 11000 rupees as compared with 8800 rupees for the corresponding period in the previous year, that is an increase of about 25%. If this trend persists, it is expected that tourist receipts will be around 2,500 million rupees.

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Table I - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1983 - 1988

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist earnings (Rs Mn)
1983	123,820	1.41	503
1984	139,670	1.54	630
1985	148,860	1.74	845
1986	165,310	1.88	1,190
1987	207,560	2.37	1,786
1987: 1st Quarter	<u>46,350</u>	<u>0.530</u>	<u>435.4</u>
2nd Quarter	<u>47,180</u>	<u>0.539</u>	<u>386.6</u>
1st Semester	<u><u>93,530</u></u>	<u><u>1.069</u></u>	<u><u>822.0</u></u>
3rd Quarter	<u>55,040</u>	<u>0.629</u>	<u>413.4</u>
4th Quarter	<u>58,990</u>	<u>0.674</u>	<u>550.3</u>
2nd Semester	<u><u>114,030</u></u>	<u><u>1.303</u></u>	<u><u>963.7</u></u>
1988: 1st Quarter	<u>57,410</u>	<u>0.655^{1/}</u>	<u>625.0^{1/}</u>
2nd Quarter	<u>49,500^{1/}</u>	<u>0.565^{1/}</u>	<u>543.0^{1/}</u>
1st Semester	<u><u>106,910^{1/}</u></u>	<u><u>1.220^{1/}</u></u>	<u><u>1168.0^{1/}</u></u>

^{1/} Provisional

Table II - Distribution of tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1986 - 1988

Country of Residence	NUMBER									
	1986	1987	1987			1988			1988	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st semester ^{1/}
France	32,370	44,200	10,580	10,000	20,580	9,360	14,260	12,840	10,700	23,540
Germany Fed Rep.	9,120	13,780	2,810	3,530	6,340	3,080	4,360	3,850	3,800	7,650
Italy	9,110	12,240	3,300	1,820	5,120	3,710	3,410	3,810	1,900	5,710
Switzerland	7,390	8,180	1,990	1,420	3,410	1,790	2,980	2,320	1,500	3,820
United Kingdom	8,500	11,790	2,390	2,360	4,750	3,130	3,910	2,990	2,500	5,490
Malagasy Republic	6,180	7,190	1,470	1,640	3,110	2,020	2,060	1,890	1,700	3,590
Réunion Island	40,810	47,960	11,560	11,300	22,860	15,560	9,540	14,380	11,800	26,180
Seychelles	790	1,090	200	260	460	280	350	230	300	530
Kenya	770	1,020	220	360	580	230	210	180	400	580
South Africa Rep of	26,680	30,960	6,430	7,150	13,580	7,920	9,460	7,950	7,400	15,350
Zambia	290	860	170	240	410	150	300	330	200	530
Zimbabwe	2,740	2,370	360	1,000	1,360	560	450	300	1,000	1,300
Australia	2,480	3,150	510	750	1,260	750	1,140	750	800	1,550
India	2,270	2,980	410	810	1,220	1,120	640	660	800	1,460
U.S.A.	1,780	1,880	250	470	720	510	650	360	500	860
Singapore	1,360	1,030	240	190	430	300	300	250	200	450
Other countries	12,670	16,880	3,460	3,880	7,340	4,570	4,970	4,320	4,000	8,320
All Countries	165,310	207,560	46,350	47,180	93,530	55,040	58,990	57,410	49,500	106,910

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Table III - Tourist arrivals by month, 1986 - 1988

Month	NUMBER		
	1986	1987	1988
January	16,450	18,930	23,070
February	11,520	13,950	16,330
March	13,880	13,470	18,010
1st Quarter	<u>41,850</u>	<u>46,350</u>	<u>57,410</u>
April	11,830	18,180	17,500 ^{1/}
May	13,090	14,730	18,000 ^{1/}
June	8,710	14,270	14,000 ^{1/}
2nd Quarter	<u>33,630</u>	<u>47,180</u>	<u>49,500^{1/}</u>
1st Semester	<u>75,480</u>	<u>93,530</u>	<u>106,910^{1/}</u>
July	12,540	15,730	
August	18,090	20,990	
September	12,100	18,320	
3rd Quarter	<u>42,730</u>	<u>55,040</u>	
October	12,630	18,920	
November	16,340	18,380	
December	18,130	21,690	
4th Quarter	<u>47,100</u>	<u>58,990</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>89,830</u>	<u>114,030</u>	
Whole Year	165,310	207,560	

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Table IV - Monthly room occupancy rate in large hotels, 1986 - 1988

Month	PERCENTAGE		
	1986	1987	1988
January	84.2	85.7	91.4
February	82.0	84.8	90.6
March	73.0	72.1	84.6
1st Quarter	<u>79.6</u>	<u>80.6</u>	<u>88.8</u>
April	72.0	83.2	80.5
May	63.5	75.1	79.4
June	47.6	63.1	66.0
2nd Quarter	<u>61.2</u>	<u>73.8</u>	<u>75.4</u>
1st Semester	<u>70.6</u>	<u>77.2</u>	<u>82.2</u>
July	61.8	74.8	
August	69.4	81.3	
September	66.8	82.9	
3rd Quarter	<u>66.1</u>	<u>79.7</u>	
October	68.4	89.8	
November	87.1*	91.0	
December	72.8	80.8	
4th Quarter	<u>76.3</u>	<u>87.1</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>71.4</u>	<u>83.4</u>	
Whole Year	71.0	80.7	

Table V - Monthly bed occupancy rate in large hotels, 1986 - 1988

Month	PERCENTAGE		
	1986	1987	1988
January	75.0	78.7	82.6
February	70.7	75.7	79.4
March	62.7	62.6	73.7
1st Quarter	<u>69.4</u>	<u>72.0</u>	<u>78.6</u>
April	62.0	74.5	71.9
May	55.1	64.2	68.4
June	38.9	54.7	57.3
2nd Quarter	<u>52.3</u>	<u>64.5</u>	<u>66.0</u>
1st Semester	<u>60.9</u>	<u>68.2</u>	<u>72.3</u>
July	53.5	67.1	
August	62.8	75.4	
September	56.8	74.4	
3rd Quarter	<u>57.8</u>	<u>72.3</u>	
October	58.2	79.8	
November	73.4	79.0	
December	66.1	72.3	
4th Quarter	<u>65.8</u>	<u>77.0</u>	
2nd Semester	<u>61.9</u>	<u>74.7</u>	
Whole Year	61.4	71.6	