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Passenger traffic

During the first quarter of 1993, some 117,500 arrivals and 131,200 departures were recorded in the Island of Mauritius, yielding a total volume of passenger traffic of 248,700 handled at the airport.

Compared to the corresponding period in 1992, the figures showed an increase of about 8% in arrivals, 9% in departures and about 9% in the overall volume of passenger traffic.

Tourist arrivals

Some 86,500 tourists visited the country during the first quarter, representing an increase of 9% over the corresponding quarter of 1992.

More than a quarter (27%) of the tourists came from Reunion Island which remains the most important short-haul market for Mauritius. The traditional European markets contributed 45% (38,500). Another 12% (10,500) tourists came from the Republic of South Africa, our major medium-haul market. Of the remaining, 1,800 came from the Malagasy Republic, 1,100 from Australia and an equal number from India, and 800 from Japan.

Nearly half of the European tourists (19,500) came from France, 7,400 (19%) from Germany, 5,000 (13%) from United Kingdom and the remaining 18% mainly from Italy, Switzerland and Belgium.

Tourist nights

The number of tourist nights spent during the first quarter of 1993 is estimated to be around 1,038,000, that is an increase of 7% over the figure for the same period last year.

Occupancy rates

At the end of the period under review there were 84 hotels licensed in the Island of Mauritius with a total room capacity of 5,271 and 10,917 bedplaces. The number of hotel rooms available for tourists has thus increased by 125 over the first quarter of 1992, with a corresponding increase of 271 in number of bedplaces.

The overall room occupancy rate for the first three months of 1993 was 55.3%, an improvement over the figure of 52.0% registered for the corresponding period of last year. Similarly, the bed occupancy rate rose from 46.0% to 49.3%.

Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts for the period is estimated at around 1,320 million rupees, that is an increase of some 5% over the figures for the first quarter of last year.

Forecasts for 1993

It is estimated that 360,000 tourists will visit the country during the year 1993 and total receipts from tourism will amount to 5,200 million rupees.

Employment

It is estimated that in March 1993 about 11,660 persons were employed in tourism establishments engaging 10 persons or more. This represents an increase of 4% over the corresponding figure for March 1992. Of these persons, 68% were employed in hotels, 26% in travel and tourism establishments and the remaining 6% in restaurants.

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Table 1:- Selected tourism statistics, 1988 - 1993

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces				
1988	64	3,399	7,005	239,300	3.000	2,381	
1989	67	3,605	7,374	262,790	3.200	2,796	
1990	75	4,603	9,572	291,550	3.560	3,630	
1991	80	5,064	10,482	300,670	3.700	3,940	
1992	84	5,271	10,917	335,400	4.097*	4,655	
1991:	1st Qr.	76	4,661	9,710	70,370	0.849	0,999
	2nd Qr.	77	4,700	9,800	65,040	0.798	0,889
	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>135,410</u>	<u>1.647</u>	<u>1,888</u>
	3rd Qr.	80	4,777	9,925	78,340	0.970	0,909
	4th Qr.	80	5,064	10,482	86,920	1.083	1,143
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>10,482</u>	<u>165,260</u>	<u>2.053</u>	<u>2,052</u>
1992:	1st Qr.	82	5,146	10,646	79,380	0.970*	1,258
	2nd Qr.	85	5,290	10,921	76,360	0.933*	0,997
	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,290</u>	<u>10,921</u>	<u>155,740</u>	<u>1.903*</u>	<u>2,255</u>
	3rd Qr.	84	5,266	10,895	82,910	1.013*	1,092
	4th Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	96,750	1.181*	1,308
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>179,660</u>	<u>2.194*</u>	<u>2,400</u>
1993* :	1st Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	86,510	1.038	1,320

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Table 2:- Passenger Traffic by month 1991 - 1993

Month	Number					
	1991		1992		1993	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	39,540	45,200	45,490	52,660	52,160	60,230
February	25,220	29,030	31,660	35,010	33,000*	38,000*
March	32,070	29,890	31,370	32,180	32,300*	33,000*
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>96,830</u>	<u>104,120</u>	<u>108,520</u>	<u>119,850</u>	<u>117,460*</u>	<u>131,230*</u>
April	31,340	33,590	41,390	40,280		
May	32,780	33,490	33,800	38,530		
June	28,730	31,060	34,060	30,470		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>92,850</u>	<u>98,140</u>	<u>109,250</u>	<u>109,280</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>189,680</i>	<i>202,260</i>	<i>217,770</i>	<i>229,130</i>		
July	36,070	29,680	39,290	31,920		
August	46,660	50,260	47,970	54,300		
September	30,730	32,020	34,150	33,680		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>113,460</u>	<u>111,960</u>	<u>121,410</u>	<u>119,900</u>		
October	37,080	34,750	40,400	40,190		
November	37,450	39,280	42,670	41,840		
December	49,010	37,370	53,670	40,950		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>123,540</u>	<u>111,400</u>	<u>136,740</u>	<u>122,980</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>237,000</i>	<i>223,360</i>	<i>258,150</i>	<i>242,880</i>		
Whole Year	426,680	425,620	475,920	472,010		

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Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1991 - 1993

Country of Residence	1991	1992				1992				1993* 1st Qr
		1992				1992				
		1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	2nd Semester			
France	58,370	74,330	18,390	15,380	33,770	15,530	25,030	40,560	19,500	
Germany	24,140	29,800	6,810	7,130	13,940	5,710	10,150	15,860	7,400	
Italy	13,240	14,990	4,120	2,860	6,980	4,020	3,990	8,010	3,800	
Switzerland	8,930	10,150	1,930	2,090	4,020	2,320	3,810	6,130	2,400	
United Kingdom	20,660	24,150	4,830	5,730	10,560	6,560	7,390	13,950	5,000	
Belgium	2,010	2,510	320	540	860	700	950	1,650	450	
Malagasy Rep	6,010	7,260	1,530	1,480	3,010	2,040	2,210	4,250	1,800	
Reunion Island	77,840	81,260	21,150	17,510	38,660	23,840	18,760	42,600	23,300	
Seychelles	3,420	4,710	620	1,100	1,720	1,390	1,600	2,990	700	
Kenya	1,240	1,720	280	640	920	400	400	800	250	
South Africa Rep	43,020	39,790	9,800	9,770	19,570	9,160	11,060	20,220	10,500	
Zambia	890	310	130	80	210	60	40	100	150	
Zimbabwe	3,580	2,990	480	940	1,420	720	850	1,570	600	
Australia	2,960	5,100	1,000	1,330	2,330	1,470	1,300	2,770	1,100	
India	8,490	8,200	1,070	2,960	4,030	2,270	1,900	4,170	1,100	
U.S.A	1,720	1,830	340	500	840	520	470	990	450	
Singapore	2,010	1,680	380	460	840	360	480	840	450	
Japan	3,750	3,520	950	920	1,870	840	810	1,650	800	
Other countries	18,390	21,100	5,250	4,940	10,190	5,000	5,550	10,550	6,760	
All Countries	300,670	335,400	79,380	76,360	155,740	82,910	96,750	179,660	86,510	

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Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1991 - 1993

Month	Number		
	1991	1992	1993
January	28,620	33,760	38,910
February	18,110	23,220	24,300*
March	23,640	22,400	23,300*
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>79,380</u>	<u>86,510*</u>
April	22,540	30,630	
May	23,790	23,800	
June	18,710	21,930	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>65,040</u>	<u>76,360</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>135,410</i>	<i>155,740</i>	
July	23,400	26,270	
August	33,410	33,270	
September	21,530	23,370	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>82,910</u>	
October	27,600	29,820	
November	26,600	30,760	
December	32,720	36,170	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>86,920</u>	<u>96,750</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>165,260</i>	<i>179,660</i>	
Whole Year	300,670	335,400	

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Table 5:- Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993*
January	55.0	56.4	59.5
February	48.9	51.0	54.3
March	48.1	48.9	52.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>50.7</u>	<u>52.0</u>	<u>55.3</u>
April	51.0	55.0	
May	51.3	52.0	
June	41.5	42.0	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>50.0</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>51.0</i>	
July	45.0	42.9	
August	60.4	51.0	
September	54.2	53.1	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>53.1</u>	<u>48.9</u>	
October	60.6	58.0	
November	63.3	64.6	
December	56.0	57.2	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>59.9</u>	<u>59.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>54.3</i>	
Whole Year	53.1	52.9	

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Table 6:-Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993*
January	50.3	50.8	54.5
February	43.0	44.7	48.3
March	41.1	41.8	44.9
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>46.0</u>	<u>49.3</u>
April	46.2	49.0	
May	45.0	45.5	
June	36.2	36.5	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>42.6</u>	<u>43.7</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>43.8</i>	<i>44.9</i>	
July	40.2	38.9	
August	56.4	48.1	
September	48.0	48.1	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>44.9</u>	
October	54.3	53.0	
November	52.3	55.9	
December	50.3	51.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>53.4</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>50.6</i>	<i>49.1</i>	
Whole Year	47.1	47.3	

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Table 7:-Monthly room occupancy rate for large hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993*
January	66.8	66.3	70.8
February	61.4	63.1	70.2
March	60.9	58.3	65.9
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>63.1</u>	<u>62.7</u>	<u>68.9</u>
April	66.8	68.9	
May	66.6	64.2	
June	52.4	52.5	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>62.2</u>	<u>61.9</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>62.6</i>	<i>62.3</i>	
July	58.7	52.1	
August	72.8	57.6	
September	63.9	67.9	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.1</u>	
October	74.6	68.0	
November	78.0	76.4	
December	69.1	66.8	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>73.8</u>	<u>70.4</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>69.6</i>	<i>64.9</i>	
Whole Year	66.1	63.6	

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Table 8:-Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1991 - 1993

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993*
January	61.6	61.0	65.3
February	54.8	57.0	64.3
March	53.8	52.5	58.4
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>56.8</u>	<u>56.0</u>	<u>63.0</u>
April	61.8	63.0	
May	59.8	57.0	
June	47.1	46.5	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>55.5</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>55.8</i>	
July	54.1	48.3	
August	67.5	53.1	
September	59.1	63.5	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>60.2</u>	<u>54.9</u>	
October	69.0	64.0	
November	65.0	68.6	
December	64.0	61.4	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>65.9</u>	<u>64.7</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>63.2</i>	<i>59.9</i>	
Whole Year	60.0	58.4	

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Table 9:- Employment in the tourist industry, 1989 - 1993

Period Establishments	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993*
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March
Restaurants	949	1,019	935	900	919	763	772	820	709
Hotels	4,379	4,600	5,581	5,995	6,422	6,860	7,592	7,800	7,884
Travel and Tourism	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,775	2,759	2,765	2,887	2,950	3,067
Total	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,670	10,100	10,388	11,251	11,570	11,660

Note: The above figures do not include foreign workers and refer to
 (1) Large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)
 (2) Island of Mauritius only.

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