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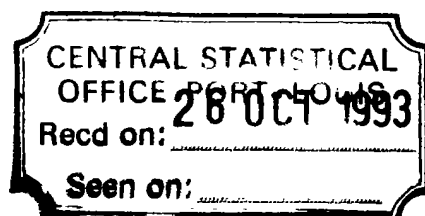
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## International Travel and Tourism - 1st Semester 1993

### Passenger Traffic

Total passenger traffic during the second quarter of 1993 numbered 233,700, comprising 116,500 arrivals and 117,200 departures. Consequently during the first semester of 1993, the country has registered 236,360 arrivals and 250,790 departures, resulting in an increase of 9% compared to the first semester of last year.

### Tourist arrivals

It is estimated that 82,800 tourists visited Mauritius during the second quarter of 1993. Tourist arrivals during the first six months of the year thus stood at 171,800, that is an increase of the order of 10% when compared to the first semester of 1992.

The main tourist generating countries during the first semester were Reunion Island, France, the Republic of South Africa and Germany with respectively 42,700, 39,400, 18,600 and 17,600 tourist arrivals. These four countries have contributed nearly 70% of tourist arrivals.

Tourist arrivals from Europe grew by 18% over the corresponding semester of 1992 to reach 83,500, accounting for nearly half of all tourists arrivals. Of the whole European market, France alone contributed 47%, followed by Germany (21%) and the United Kingdom (15%). The remaining 17% came mostly from Italy, Switzerland and Belgium. The German market is gaining in importance with an increase of about 27% over the first semester of last year.

A quarter of all tourist arrivals (42,700) originated from Reunion Island, representing an increase of 10% over the corresponding period of last year.

The Republic of South Africa with 18,600 tourist arrivals was still the most important medium-haul market. However, compared to the first semester of 1992, the number of tourists from this country registered a fall of about 5%. Besides its share of the total market has also decreased from 13% to 11%.

#### Tourist nights

The number of tourist nights spent in this country during the first semester of 1993 is estimated to be around 2.1 million, that is an increase of the order of 9% when compared to the corresponding period of 1992.

#### Occupancy rates

Hotel capacity has not changed over the period. At the end of the first semester of 1993, there were 5,271 rooms and 10,917 bedplaces available in the 84 hotels licensed in Mauritius.

The room occupancy rate for the first six months of the year rose from 51% in 1992 to about 56% in 1993, with a corresponding increase in bed occupancy rate from 45% to about 50%.

#### Tourist receipts

Gross tourists receipts during the period is estimated at 2,500 million rupees, representing an increase of about 10% over the corresponding period of last year. This amounts to an average receipt of 14,500 rupees per tourist.

#### Forecasts for 1993

Based on the trend shown by the figures for the first semester, it is very likely that the figure of 360,000 tourist arrivals for 1993, as forecast at the beginning of the year, will be exceeded. Total receipts from tourism is estimated to be of the order of 5,200 million rupees for the year.

Employment

The number of persons employed in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons as at the end of March 1993 was 11,660, which represents an increase of 4% over the corresponding figure of March 1992. The hotel industry employed 68% of this workforce, followed by travel and tourism establishments (26%) and restaurants the remaining 6%.

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Table 1:- Selected tourism statistics, 1988 - 1993

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	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	4,110	4,655	
1992:	1st Qr.	82	5,146	10,646	79,380	973	1,258
	2nd Qr.	85	5,290	10,921	76,360	936	997
	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,290</u>	<u>10,921</u>	<u>155,740</u>	<u>1,909</u>	<u>2,255</u>
	3rd Qr.	84	5,266	10,895	82,910	1,016	1,092
	4th Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	96,750	1,185	1,308
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>179,660</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>2,400</u>
1993*:	1st Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	89,000	1,079	1,379**
	2nd Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	82,830	1,004	1,114
	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>171,830</u>	<u>2,083</u>	<u>2,493</u>

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\*\* Revised estimates

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	34,520	39,370
March	32,070	29,890	31,370	32,180	33,180	33,970
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>96,830</u>	<u>104,120</u>	<u>108,520</u>	<u>119,850</u>	<u>119,860</u>	<u>133,570</u>
April	31,340	33,590	41,390	40,280	44,740	44,930
May	32,780	33,490	33,800	38,530	38,660	37,490
June	28,730	31,060	34,060	30,470	33,100*	34,800*
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>92,850</u>	<u>98,140</u>	<u>109,250</u>	<u>109,280</u>	<u>116,500*</u>	<u>117,220*</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>189,680</i>	<i>202,260</i>	<i>217,770</i>	<i>229,130</i>	<i>236,360*</i>	<i>250,790*</i>
July	36,070	29,580	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	42,870	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>122,960</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*			
	1991	1992	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	2nd Semester	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester		
France	58,370	74,330	18,390	15,380	33,770	15,530	25,030	40,560	22,390	16,990	39,380	22,390	16,990	39,380		
Germany	24,140	29,800	6,810	7,130	13,940	5,710	10,150	15,860	10,200	7,450	17,650	10,200	7,450	17,650		
Italy	13,240	14,990	4,120	2,860	6,980	4,020	3,990	8,010	4,000	3,020	7,020	4,000	3,020	7,020		
Switzerland	8,930	10,150	1,930	2,090	4,020	2,320	3,810	6,130	2,440	2,500	4,940	2,440	2,500	4,940		
United Kingdom	20,660	24,510	4,830	5,730	10,560	6,560	7,390	13,950	6,040	6,630	12,670	6,040	6,630	12,670		
Belgium	2,010	2,510	320	540	860	700	950	1,650	500	720	1,220	500	720	1,220		
Spain	1,630	1,650	370	300	670	670	310	980	260	370	630	260	370	630		
Malagasy Rep.	6,010	7,260	1,530	1,480	3,010	2,040	2,210	4,250	1,800	1,770	3,570	1,800	1,770	3,570		
Reunion Island	77,840	81,260	21,150	17,510	38,660	23,840	18,760	42,600	22,100	20,580	42,680	22,100	20,580	42,680		
Seychelles	3,420	4,710	620	1,100	1,720	1,390	1,600	2,990	560	1,200	1,760	560	1,200	1,760		
Kenya	1,240	1,720	280	640	920	400	400	800	200	420	620	200	420	620		
South Africa Rep.	43,020	39,790	9,800	9,770	19,570	9,160	11,060	20,220	9,230	9,390	18,620	9,230	9,390	18,620		
Zambia	890	310	130	80	210	60	40	100	30	80	110	30	80	110		
Zimbabwe	3,580	2,990	480	940	1,420	720	850	1,570	410	1,100	1,510	410	1,100	1,510		
Australia	2,960	5,100	1,000	1,330	2,330	1,470	1,300	2,770	930	1,030	1,960	930	1,030	1,960		
India	8,490	8,200	1,070	2,960	4,030	2,270	1,900	4,170	1,820	3,290	5,110	1,820	3,290	5,110		
U.S.A	1,720	1,830	340	500	840	520	470	990	420	390	810	420	390	810		
Singapore	2,010	1,680	380	460	840	360	480	840	400	540	940	400	540	940		
Japan	3,750	3,520	950	920	1,870	840	810	1,650	610	830	1,440	610	830	1,440		
Hong Kong	1,960	1,740	470	360	830	540	370	910	210	370	580	210	370	580		
Other countries	14,800	17,350	4,410	4,280	8,690	3,790	4,870	8,660	4,450	4,160	8,610	4,450	4,160	8,610		
All Countries	300,670	335,400	79,380	76,360	155,740	82,910	96,750	179,660	89,000	82,830	171,830	89,000	82,830	171,830		

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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	25,920
March	23,640	22,400	24,170
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>79,380</u>	<u>89,000</u>
April	22,540	30,630	32,580
May	23,790	23,800	28,250
June	18,710	21,930	22,000*
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>65,040</u>	<u>76,360</u>	<u>82,830*</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>135,410</i>	<i>155,740</i>	<i>171,830*</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	64.5 *
February	48.9	51.0	58.5 *
March	48.1	48.9	56.8 *
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>50.7</u>	<u>52.0</u>	<u>60.0</u> *
April	51.0	55.0	60.1 **
May	51.3	52.0	51.4 **
June	41.5	42.0	43.0 **
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>51.6</u> **
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>55.9</i> **
July	45.0	42.9	
August	60.4	51.0	
September	54.2	53.1	
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>53.1</u>	<u>48.9</u>	
October	60.6	58.0	
November	63.3	64.6	
December	56.0	57.2	
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<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	59.6 *
February	43.0	44.7	52.6 *
March	41.1	41.8	49.4 *
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>46.0</u>	<u>54.0</u> *
April	46.2	49.0	53.8 **
May	45.0	45.5	47.6 **
June	36.2	36.5	38.6 **
<i>1st Semester</i>	<u>42.6</u>	<u>43.7</u>	<u>46.8</u> **
	<i>43.8</i>	<i>44.9</i>	<i>50.5</i> **
July	40.2	38.9	
August	56.4	48.1	
September	48.0	48.1	
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>44.9</u>	
October	54.3	53.0	
November	52.3	55.9	
December	50.3	51.5	
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<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
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>63.1</u>	<u>62.7</u>	<u>68.9</u>
April	66.8	68.9	71.0
May	66.6	64.2	59.6
June	52.4	52.5	51.7
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>62.2</u>	<u>61.9</u>	<u>60.9</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>62.6</i>	<i>62.3</i>	<i>64.0</i>
July	58.7	52.1	
August	72.8	57.6	
September	63.9	67.9	
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>59.1</u>	
October	74.6	68.0	
November	78.0	76.4	
December	69.1	66.8	
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<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	

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

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1991	1992	1993
January	61.6	61.0	66.3
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	63.9
May	59.8	57.0	54.4
June	47.1	46.5	47.0
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>55.5</u>	<u>55.2</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>55.8</i>	<i>58.2</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	

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

Period	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>7,684</b>	<b>8,902</b>	<b>9,670</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>10,388</b>	<b>11,251</b>	<b>11,570</b>	<b>11,660</b>

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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