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### **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM**

## January to September 2002

### 1. Passenger Traffic

# 1.1 Total Passenger Traffic

Total passenger traffic for the period January to September 2002, totalled 1,287,278, consisting of 635,975 arrivals and 651,303 departures. Compared to the same period of 2001, these figures represent increases of 1.9% and 2.1% in arrivals and departures respectively. Movements by sea accounted for 4.4% of both arrivals and departures. Further details on monthly trends are given in Table 1.

### 1.2 Excursionists

Total arrivals by air included 6,624 "excursionists", i.e. visitors arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 2,039 (30.8%) came from Reunion Island while 1,244 (18.8%) came from France. Total arrivals by sea included 15,002 "cruise excursionists" (8,589 passengers and 6,413 crews) aboard 18 cruise ships, which visited our port during the first nine months of 2002.

#### 1.3 Mauritian Residents

During the period under review, the number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad went down by 2.0% to stand at 121,705 against 124,196 for the same period in 2001. Departures of these residents represented 18.7% of total departures. The following changes were observed in the number of Mauritians visiting the major destinations: Hong Kong (+34.5%), Republic of South Africa (+25.0%), Seychelles (+24.2%), Australia (+11.6%), Singapore (+5.8%), France (+3.9%), United Kingdom (+3.0%), Reunion Island (-11.9%), India (-14.5%), Saudi Arabia (-23.8%), Malaysia (-54.7%) and Malagasy Republic (-58.3%). A more detailed distribution of countries visited is presented in Table 2.

### 1.4 Tourist Arrivals

During the first nine months of the year 2002, tourist arrivals registered a growth of 1.6% to attain a figure of 482,585 against 474,939 for the same period in 2001. Further details on tourist arrivals are given in Tables 3 to 6.

Around 91% of the tourists came mainly for holidays while 4% were on business/conference trips, and another 4% were in transit (Table 4).

Arrivals from Europe, which accounts for 65.2% of total tourist arrivals, rose by 1.7% to 314,863 during the first nine months of 2002 against 309,626 in the corresponding period of 2001. Arrivals from France, our leading market, representing 28.7% of total tourist arrivals and 44.0% of the European market, grew by 1.3% to reach 138,527 at the end of September 2002. Growths were also recorded in arrivals from the other major generating countries, namely Germany (+7.3%) and United Kingdom (+2.6%). On the other hand, arrivals from Italy went down by 4.3%. Trends among the other countries were as follows: Spain (+8.5%), Austria (+2.4%), Belgium (+0.7%), Netherlands (-5.5%), Switzerland (-13.4%) and Sweden (-16.8%).

For the first nine months of 2002, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 26.2% of total tourist arrivals registered an increase of 2.5% to attain 126,529. Arrivals from Reunion Island, the major market of the region, increased by 3.8% while those from Republic of South Africa regressed by 10.5%. Changes in arrivals from other African countries were as follows: Seychelles (+55.8%), Malagasy Republic (+28.7%), Zimbabwe (-2.2%), Kenya (-6.2%) and Comoros (-7.8%).

Tourist arrivals from the Asian market increased by 3.3% for the reference period and constituted 6.1% of total tourist arrivals. Arrivals from India, our major source on this continent, went up by 3.6% to 15,516. The performance of other Asian countries was as follows: United Arab Emirates

(+828.6%), People's Republic of China (+14.5%), Japan (+8.8%), Hong Kong (-16.3%), Singapore (-18.1%) and Malaysia (-19.9%).

Arrivals from Oceania fell by 10.5%, mainly because of a drop of 11.6% in arrivals from Australia.

Arrivals from the continent of America decreased by 15.3%, being the result of declines from USA (-3.7%), Canada (-9.4%) and other American countries (-39.4%).

### 2. Tourist Nights

Total tourist nights spent in the country during the period January to September 2002 is estimated at 4.8 million, that is 1.6 % higher than the corresponding figure of 2001.

#### 3. Hotel Statistics

At the end of September 2002, there were 92 registered hotels in operation. Owing to renovation, four registered hotels were not operational and two were partly operational. The total room capacity for these registered hotels was 8,317 with 16,875 bedplaces (Table 7). The room occupancy rate for all hotels for the first nine months of 2002 averaged 65% while the bed occupancy rate was 58% (Table 8).

"Large" hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 31 (around 34% of all registered hotels). These "Large" hotels had a room capacity of 5,797 with 11,652 bedplaces, representing 69.7% of total room capacity and 69.0% of total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate for these hotels for the first nine months of 2002 was of the order of 71% while bed occupancy rate averaged 63% (Table 8).

## 4. Gross Tourism Receipts

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the first nine months of 2002 were of the order of Rs 13,329 million, which is 3.6% more than the figure of Rs 12,869 million registered for the same period of 2001(Table 6). The average receipt per tourist during that period was Rs 27,620 against Rs 27,096 in 2001.

## 5. Employment

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings, direct employment in travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more stood at 21,115 at the end of March 2002, that is 5.9% higher than the preceding year. Of this number, 75.3% or 15,890 were engaged in hotels (Table 9).

### 6. Forecast Year 2002

The three additional weekly flights from Dubai have not brought in the expected increase in visitors whilst expected increase in room capacity has been delayed. The number of tourist arrivals is now most likely to be around 680,000 in 2002, representing an increase of about 3% over last year. Tourist earnings is forecast at around Rs19,000 million.

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## **Explanatory Notes**

#### 1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying for more than 24 hours but less than a year, who is not involved in any gainful occupation in the country during his/her stay.

#### 2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

Type I: Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or

the harbour.

**Type 11**: Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country for more than 24 hours but only for flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

# 3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who stay in the country for less than 24 hours. They also include passengers as well as crews of *cruise ships*.

## 4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" means the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists, as defined above, during the period under review.

### 5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

#### 6. CIS

**CIS** denotes the **C**ommonwealth of **I**ndependent **S**tates, which consists of the states of the former Soviet Union.

Table 1:- Passenger Traffic by month, 2000 - 2002

Month	20	000	20	01	200	02
Month	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	81,209	88,227	83,006	96,568	82,203	98,297
February	66,835	68,718	62,662	63,034	63,657	63,562
March	71,630	71,610	73,365	74,278	89,745	86,466
1st Quarter	<u>219,674</u>	<u>228,555</u>	219,033	233,880	<u>235,605</u>	248,325
April	74,386	72,319	70,185	68,642	63,961	69,431
May	65,261	64,174	65,600	69,705	67,030	69,414
June	55,850	57,364	54,696	51,854	54,781	51,274
2nd Quarter	<u>195,497</u>	<u>193,857</u>	190,481	190,201 185,772		190,119
1st Semester	415,171	422,412	409,514	424,081	421,377	438,444
July	72,579	58,928	77,552	63,875	75,786	62,403
August	80,378	88,587	72,980	83,574	73,431	84,849
September	62,100	64,646	63,876	66,230	65,381	65,607
3rd Quarter	<u>215,057</u>	212,161	<u>214,408</u>	213,679	<u>214,598</u>	212,859
Jan. to Sep.	630,228	634,573	623,922	637,760	635,975	651,303
October	76,488	66,158	73,660	70,007		
November	73,915	78,612	72,147	70,362		
December	84,591	66,696	88,453	72,167		
4th Quarter	234,994	211,466	234,260	<u>212,536</u>		
2nd Semester	450,051	423,627	448,668	426,215		
Whole Year 865,222		846,039	858,182	850,296		

Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation, January - September of 2001 and 2002

Country of disembarkation	Jan - Sep 2001	Jan - Sep 2002	% Change	
EUROPE	43,676	44,882	2.8	
Belgium	537	412	-23.3	
France	20,187	20,980	3.9	
Germany	1,948	1,761	-9.6	
Italy	2,608	2,618	0.4	
Switzerland	1,840	2,029	10.3	
United Kingdom	16,295	16,781	3.0	
Other European	261	301	15.3	
AFRICA	47,694	43,816	-8.1	
Kenya	158	833	427.2	
Malagasy Republic	4,948	2,064	-58.3	
Reunion	30,333	26,715	-11.9	
Seychelles	2,199	2,732	24.2	
S. Africa, Rep. of	8,463	10,579	25.0	
Zimbabwe	917	780	-14.9	
Other African	676	113	-83.3	
ASIA	28,554	28,750	0.7	
Hong Kong SAR*	4,162	5,597	34.5	
India	11,656	9,963	-14.5	
Malaysia	2,989	1,353	-54.7	
Singapore	7,776	8,228	5.8	
Saudi Arabia	1,934	1,473	-23.8	
Other Asian	37	2,136	5,673.0	
OCEANIA	3,150	3,515	11.6	
Australia	3,149	3,515	11.6	
Other Oceanian	1	0	-	
AMERICA	80	85	6.3	
U.S.A	17	16	-5.9	
Canada	63	69	9.5	
Other American	-	0	-	
NOT STATED	1,042	657	-36.9	
All Countries	124,196	121,705	-2.0	

<sup>\*</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2000 - 2002

Month =		Number	
Wonth	2000	2001	2002*
January	62,355	65,122	63,551
February	50,466	49,464	50,554
March	54,872	55,944	67,554
1st Quarter	<u>167,693</u>	170,530	181,659
April	56,353	54,794	48,187
May	49,960	51,969	53,813
June	39,885	38,496	39,048
2nd Quarter	<u>146,198</u>	145,259	<u>141,048</u>
1st Semester	313,891	315,789	322,707
July	51,577	57,274	56,709
August	59,731	52,923	53,395
September	47,634	48,953	49,774
3rd Quarter	<u>158,942</u>	<u>159,150</u>	<u>159,878</u>
Jan. to Sep.	472,833	474,939	482,585
October	61,526	59,325	
November	57,334	57,326	
December	64,760	68,728	
4th Quarter	<u>183,620</u>	185,379	
2nd Semester	342,562	344,529	
Whole Year	656,453	660,318	

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional

Table 4 :- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January - September of 2001 and 2002

Purpose of visit	Jan - Sep 2001	Jan - Sep 2002	% Change
Holiday	433,888	437,621	0.9
Business	17,214	17,371	0.9
Transit	14,419	17,620	22.2
Conference	2,700	3,320	23.0
Sports	940	707	-24.8
Other & Not Stated	5,778	5,946	2.9
Total	474,939	482,585	1.6

Table 5 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January - September of 2001 and 2002

Country of	Jan -					20	02 <sup>1</sup>					O/ Change
Country of residence	Sep 2001	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	% Change 2002/2001
EUROPE	309,626	39,501	40,004	47,331	34,224	32,330	25,206	32,757	30,316	33,194	314,863	1.7
Austria	6,148	865	991	982	695	616	419	606	531	590	6,295	2.4
Belgium	7,364	712	811	992	956	855	706	724	631	1,029	7,416	0.7
France	136,695	19,356	18,831	21,779	14,987	15,531	9,924	14,447	12,579	11,093	138,527	1.3
Germany	35,719	5,463	5,103	6,449	3,817	3,879	3,036	2,732	3,311	4,532	38,322	7.3
Italy	29,195	4,058	3,863	3,863	3,928	2,221	1,859	2,088	3,316	2,736	27,932	-4.3
Netherlands	3,634	301	372	436	539	281	329	493	243	439	3,433	-5.5
Spain	5,282	208	519	765	436	675	822	597	920	788	5,730	8.5
Sweden	3,310	452	628	640	279	161	181	149	109	155	2,754	-16.8
Switzerland	12,281	1,326	1,508	1,706	1,280	831	763	1,049	547	1,626	10,636	-13.4
United Kingdom	56,653	4,262	5,253	6,805	5,990	5,967	5,971	8,415	6,916	8,524	58,103	2.6
CIS	1,654	733	175	309	283	368	87	103	115	115	2,288	38.3
Other European	11,691	1,765	1,950	2,605	1,034	945	1,109	1,354	1,098	1,567	13,427	14.8
AFRICA	123,432	21,068	6,587	15,996	10,352	16,254	8,598	18,927	18,078	10,669	126,529	2.5
Comoros	682	51	34	45	64	92	90	76	67	110	629	-7.8
Kenya	1,184	213	140	90	124	126	103	80	132	103	1,111	-6.2
Malagasy Rep.	4,938	329	431	528	793	730	753	906	1,228	659	6,357	28.7
Reunion	68,637	15,864	2,641	9,041	3,440	10,375	2,695	12,445	10,941	3,815	71,257	3.8
Seychelles	6,263	688	691	939	1,242	1,123	1,208	1,101	1,561	1,203	9,756	55.8
S/ Africa Rep. of	34,873	3,361	2,110	4,500	3,833	3,111	3,230	3,436	3,412	4,218	31,211	-10.5
Zimbabwe	2,598	229	229	480	482	283	192	216	254	175	2,540	-2.2
Other African	4,257	333	311	373	374	414	327	667	483	386	3,668	-13.8
ASIA	28,655	1,856	2,905	2,948	2,465	4,023	3,950	3,342	3,843	4,255	29,587	3.3
Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	1,123	91	218	115	77	74	78	83	107	97	940	-16.3
India	14,976	855	1,142	1,463	1,187	2,669	2,462	1,645	2,205	1,888	15,516	3.6
Japan	1,221	69	386	146	134	62	76	114	192	150	1,329	8.8
Malaysia	1,736	108	204	150	125	174	187	122	130	190	1,390	-19.9
P. Rep. of China	2,635	272	273	240	328	183	215	321	415	771	3,018	14.5
Singapore	2,657	149	245	272	171	318	405	208	194	213	2,175	-18.1
United Arab Emirates	84	9	59	47	37	34	47	186	116	245	780	828.6
Other Asian	4,223	303	378	515	406	509	480	663	484	701	4,439	5.1
OCEANIA	6,981	573	553	622	701	600	618	876	584	1,122	6,249	-10.5
Australia	6,488	543	503	596	665	534	585	754	549	1,006	5,735	-11.6

Other Oceanian	493	30	50	26	36	66	33	122	35	116	514	4.3
AMERICA	6,160	546	497	645	444	580	665	782	558	501	5,218	-15.3
USA	3,013	286	291	362	252	281	382	419	354	274	2,901	-3.7
Canada	1,370	113	121	137	101	145	155	233	162	74	1,241	-9.4
Other American	1,777	147	85	146	91	154	128	130	42	153	1,076	-39.4
OTHER & N.STATED	85	7	8	12	1	26	11	25	16	33	139	63.5
AII Countries	474,939	63,551	50,554	67,554	48,187	53,813	39,048	56,709	53,395	49,774	482,585	1.6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6 :- Selected Tourism Statistics, 1999 - 2002

,	/ear	Tourist arrivals	Tourist nights	Tourism receipts <sup>1</sup>
		(Number)	(000)	(Rs million)
	1999	578,085	5,729	13,668
	2000	656,453	6,500	14,234
	2001	660,318	6,528	18,166
2000	1st Qr.	167,693	1,628	3,985
	2nd Qr.	146,198	1,431	3,132
	1st Semester	313,891	3,059	7,117
	3rd Qr.	158,942	1,559	3,085
	4th Qr.	183,620	1,795	4,032
	2nd Semester	342,562	3,354	7,117
2001	1st Qr.	170,530	1,682	4,584
	2nd Qr.	145,259	1,442	3,825
	1st Semester	315,789	3,124	8,409
	3rd Qr.	159,150	1,572	4,460
	4th Qr.	185,379	1,832	5,297
	2nd Semester	344,529	3,404	9,757
2002*	1st Qr.	181,659	1,790	5,005
	2nd Qr.	141,048	1,400	4,283
	1st Semester	322,707	3,190	9,288
	3rd Qr.	159,878	1,580	4,041

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius

Table 7:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 1999 - 2002

V	ear	Nun	mber as at end of per	riod
T ·	eai	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
	1999	92	8,255	16,947
	2000	95	8,657	17,776
	2001	95	9,024	18,350
2000	1st Qr.	92	8,269	16,975
	2nd Qr.	92	8,307	17,048
	3rd Qr.	93	8,388	17,238
	4th Qr.	95	8,657	17,776
2001	1st Qr.	95	8,667	17,796
	2nd Qr.	95	8,715	17,972
	3rd Qr.	95	8,640	17,718
	4th Qr.	95	9,024	18,350
2002 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr.	94	8,770	17,846
	2nd Qr.	89	8,136	16,588
	3rd Qr.	92 <sup>2</sup>	8,317	16,875

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Provisional  $^{2}$  Excluding four hotels not operational because of renovation works.

Table 8 :- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2000 - 2002

			All H	otels			"Large" Hotels					
Month	20	00	20	2001		)2*	20	00	2001		2002*	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	73	64	74	65	71	63	75	67	78	69	76	68
February	73	64	67	59	69	62	77	68	70	63	74	66
March	71	62	68	60	75	66	72	64	72	64	81	72
1st Quarter	<u>72</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>
April	73	64	66	57	62	56	77	68	70	62	68	61
May	67	58	64	56	67	59	71	63	68	61	73	65
June	58	51	50	43	50	45	62	55	51	46	53	47
2nd Quarter	<u>66</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>58</u>
1st Semester	69	61	66	58	66	59	72	64	70	62	71	64
July	61	53	55	48	59	52	64	57	57	51	62	56
August	71	62	62	55	63	56	73	65	65	58	69	62
September	73	64	68	60	69	62	76	67	74	66	76	68
3rd Quarter	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>
Jan. to Sep.	69	60	64	56	65	58	72	64	68	60	71	63
October	77	67	70	62			79	70	76	67		
November	80	70	73	64			83	74	78	70		
December	69	60	69	61			71	63	72	64		
4th Quarter	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>			<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>		
2nd Semester	72	63	66	58			74	66	70	63		
Whole Year	70	62	66	58			73	65	70	62		

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional

Table 9 :- Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 1998 - 2002

Year \ Establishments	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2001	2002 <sup>2</sup>
Restaurants	1,389	1,168	1,256	1,269	1,252
Hotels	11,177	11,835	13,239	15,023	15,890
Travel and Tourism	3,924	3,232	3,316	3,652	3,973
Total	16,490	16,235	17,811	19,944	21,115

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Revised in the light of new classification based on International Standard Industrial Classification Rev. 3

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments (i.e employing 10 or more persons)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Provisional

Chart 1 - Monthly Distribution of Tourist Arrivals, January - September of 2001 and 2002

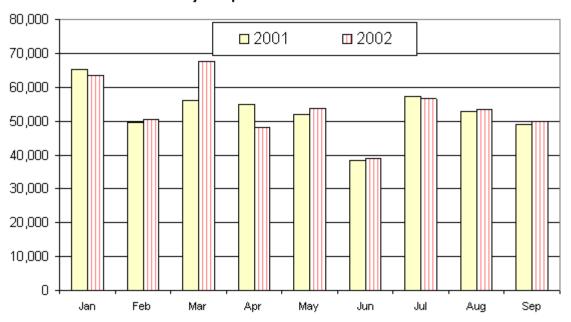
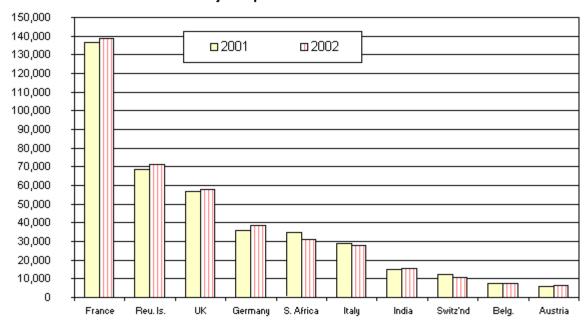


Chart 2 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets, January - September of 2001 and 2002



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