

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2017. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, January-September 2016 and 2017

	January-September 2016	January-September 2017 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,139,863	1,223,266	+ 7.3
Sea	34,922	25,501	- 27.0
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>31,205</i>	<i>22,204</i>	<i>- 28.8</i>
Total	1,174,785	1,248,767	+ 6.3
Departures by			
Air	1,174,034	1,254,842	+ 6.9
Sea	33,308	26,907	-19.2
Total	1,207,342	1,281,749	+ 6.2

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2017

Compared to the period January to September 2016:

- total arrivals increased by 6.3% to 1,248,767, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 1,010;
- tourist arrivals increased by 6.1% to 934,679; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 17.6% from 23,774 to 19,585.

In the first nine months of 2017, 13 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 22,204 cruise travellers which include 9,813 tourists, 4,948 excursionists, 283 Mauritian residents and 7,160 crew members.

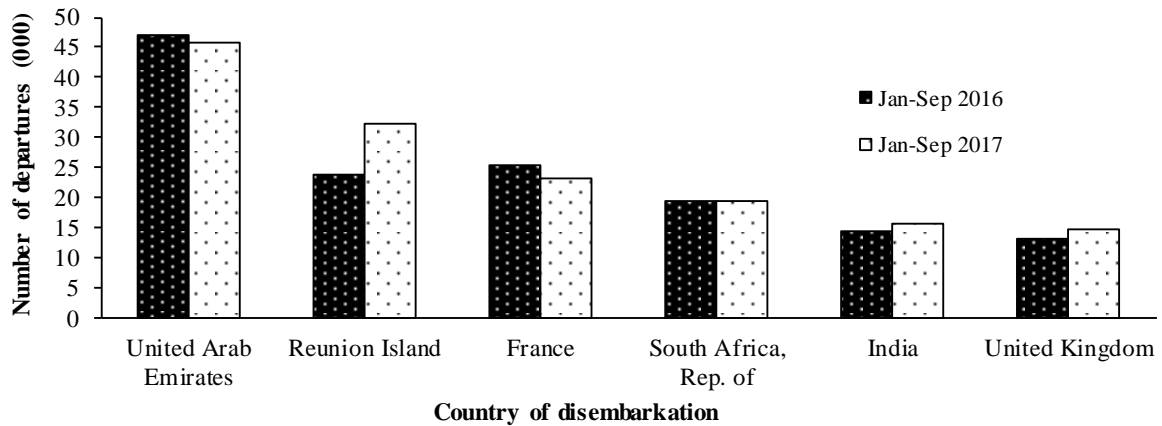
2.2 Departures in January to September 2017

Compared to the period January to September 2016:

- total departures increased by 6.2% to 1,281,749, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 1,131; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 9.7% to 204,426.

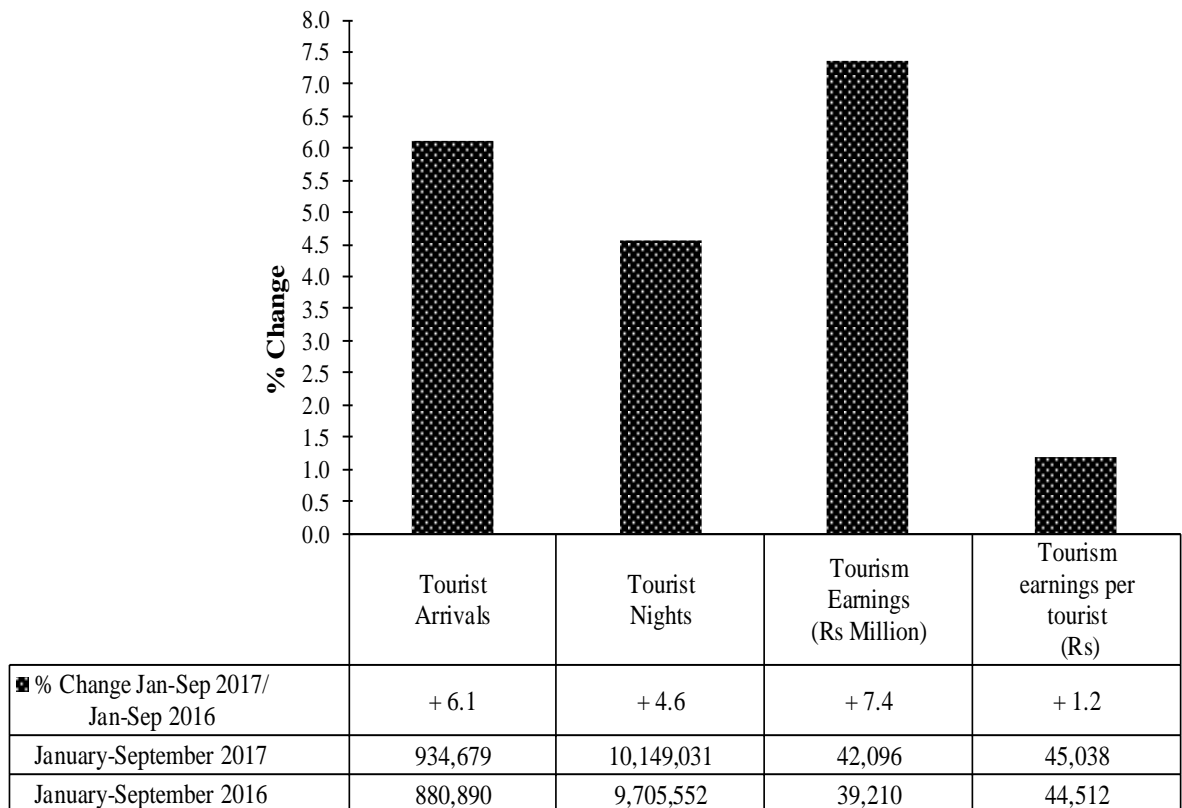
Comparative figures for first nine months of 2017 and 2016 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2017, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (45,853 or 22.4%), Reunion Island (32,095 or 15.7%), France (23,166 or 11.3%), South Africa, Rep. of (19,409 or 9.5%), India (15,438 or 7.6%) and United Kingdom (14,747 or 7.2%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2016 and January-September 2017



3. TOURISM

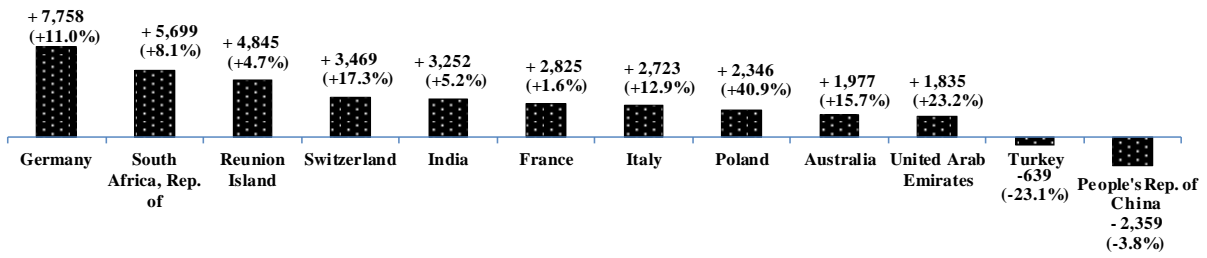
Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, January-September 2017 compared to January-September 2016



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

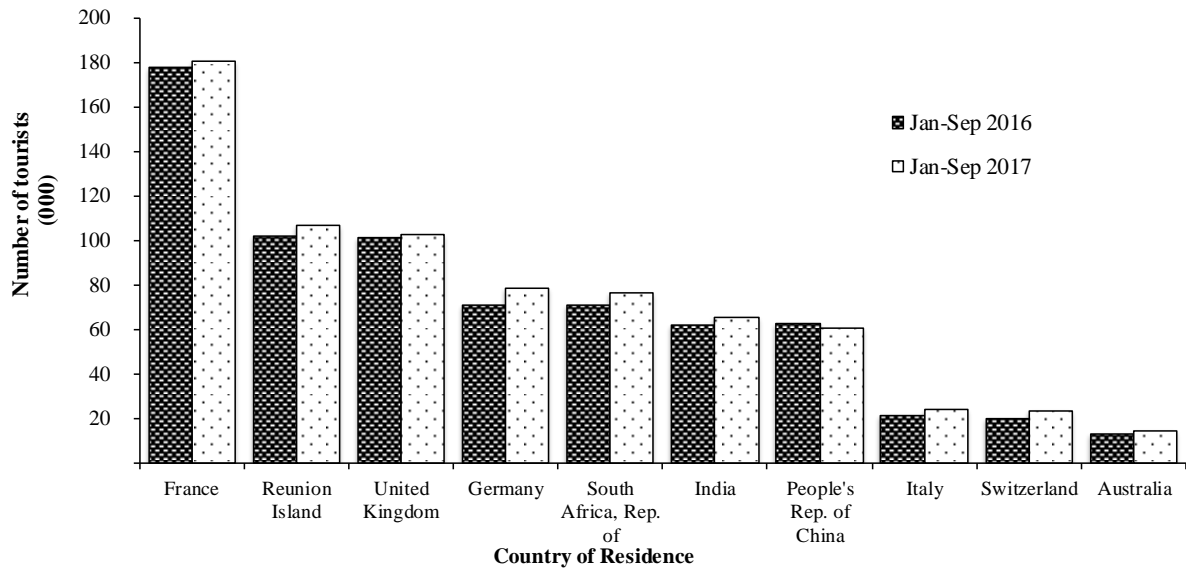
Compared to the first nine months of 2016, tourist arrivals increased by 53,789 or 6.1% to 934,679 in January to September 2017 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2017 compared to January-September 2016



In the first nine months of 2017, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 1.6%. However, it is worth noting that compared to the period January to September 2016, tourist arrivals from Poland increased by 40.9% as a result of direct flights. Among the emerging markets, India posted an increase of 5.2% whereas People’s Republic of China witnessed a decrease of 3.8%.

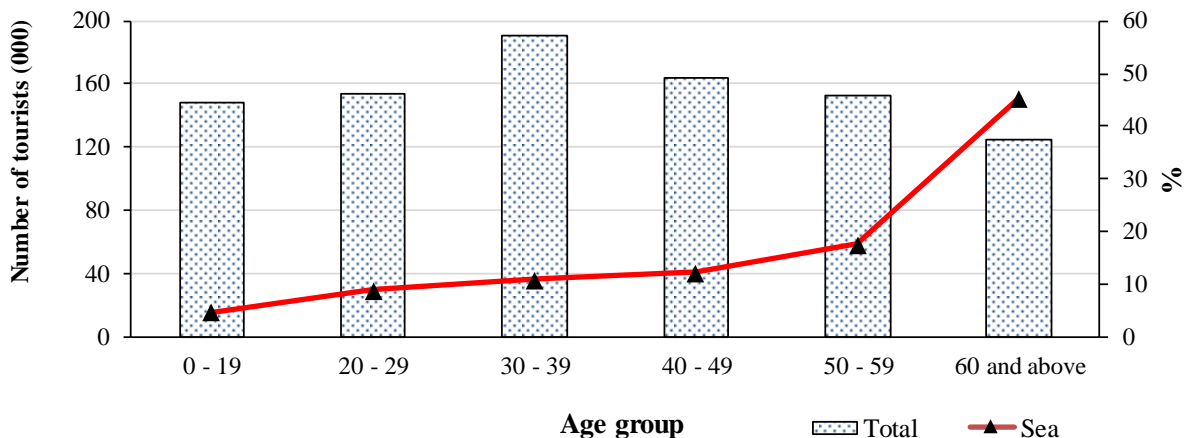
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, January-September 2016 and January-September 2017



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 125,035 or 13.4% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 45%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, January-September 2017



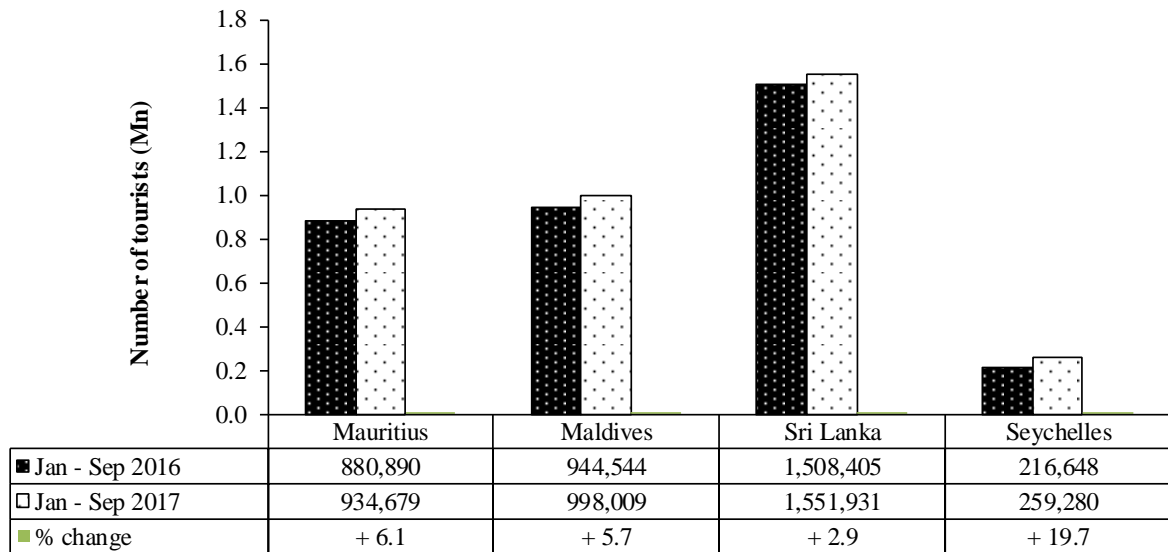
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2017, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the first nine months of 2017, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 62.4%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, 24.4% and 28.3% of tourists from Switzerland and Italy respectively travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mainly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During the first nine months of 2017, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 6.1%. This compares favorably with Maldives and Sri Lanka where growths of 5.7% and 2.9% were observed respectively. However, Seychelles registered a higher growth of 19.7%.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2016 and January-September 2017



Source: Maldives Statistics section - Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January to September 2016:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2017 increased by 4.6% from 9,705,552 to 10,149,031; and
- the average length of stay decreased marginally from 10.7 to 10.6 nights.

3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in food service, hotels and travel and other services establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2017 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 0.5% to 30,973 as compared to 30,806 for March 2016.

3.7 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2017, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 108 were in operation and 5 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 108 hotels was 12,875 with 28,252 bed places.

During the first nine months of 2017,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 74%, up from 70% in the first nine months of 2016; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, higher than the recorded 63% for the corresponding period of 2016.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of September 2017, 54 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 9,983 with 22,251 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 50% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 78% of total room capacity and 79% of total bed places.

During the first nine months of 2017,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 76% up from 73% in the first nine months of 2016;
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, higher than the 66% for the corresponding period of 2016.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2017 and 2018

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of 1,360,000 tourist arrivals for the year 2017 is maintained. This represents an increase of 6.6% over the figure of 1,275,227 in 2016. The forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2018 is 1,425,000.

Based on the forecast of tourist arrivals and on trends for the first nine months of 2017, the Bank of Mauritius is maintaining the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2017 at Rs 58.8 billion. This figure represents an increase of 5.2% over the Rs 55.9 billion for 2016. For the year 2018, tourism earnings are forecasted at Rs 61.6 billion.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2015 - 2017

Month	2015		2016		2017 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	139,076	164,024	157,574	182,555	166,017	193,128
February	116,453	114,890	133,906	136,073	138,288	141,162
March	130,539	135,445	142,232	142,346	146,494	150,720
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>386,068</u>	<u>414,359</u>	<u>433,712</u>	<u>460,974</u>	<u>450,799</u>	<u>485,010</u>
April	123,409	122,212	126,517	132,081	150,261	150,344
May	113,225	124,533	122,611	128,915	126,064	132,489
June	91,330	88,098	98,732	94,919	105,955	105,143
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>327,964</u>	<u>334,843</u>	<u>347,860</u>	<u>355,915</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>714,032</i>	<i>749,202</i>	<i>781,572</i>	<i>816,889</i>	<i>833,079</i>	<i>872,986</i>
July	128,120	114,026	143,129	127,740	150,429	136,886
August	124,102	135,486	129,965	143,246	137,706	146,592
September	111,049	110,025	120,119	119,467	127,553	125,285
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>363,271</u>	<u>359,537</u>	<u>393,213</u>	<u>390,453</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,077,303</i>	<i>1,108,739</i>	<i>1,174,785</i>	<i>1,207,342</i>	<i>1,248,767</i>	<i>1,281,749</i>
October	137,559	132,869	163,535	154,367		
November	135,816	133,874	151,934	156,444		
December	172,543	144,680	196,105	163,096		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>445,918</u>	<u>411,423</u>	<u>511,574</u>	<u>473,907</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>809,189</i>	<i>770,960</i>	<i>904,787</i>	<i>864,360</i>		
Whole Year	1,523,221	1,520,162	1,686,359	1,681,249		

¹ Excluding inter island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius and direct transit, but includes international traffic between Rodrigues and Reunion Island

² Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation ¹, January to September 2016 and 2017

Country of disembarkation	January - September 2016	January - September 2017 ²	% Change
EUROPE	43,045	46,651	+ 8.4
Austria	29	146	+ 403.4
France	25,222	23,166	- 8.2
Germany	1,871	2,594	+ 38.6
Italy	1,096	1,524	+ 39.1
Switzerland	0	188	-
Turkey	1,648 ³	4,260	+ 158.5
United Kingdom	13,170	14,747	+ 12.0
Other European	9	26	+ 188.9
AFRICA	59,241	67,947	+ 14.7
Kenya	2,039	1,934	- 5.1
Malagasy Republic	6,905	6,859	- 0.7
Mozambique	145	327	+ 125.5
Reunion Island	23,782	32,095	+ 35.0
Seychelles	7,157	7,097	- 0.8
South Africa, Rep. of	19,207	19,409	+ 1.1
Other African	6	226	+ 3666.7
ASIA	78,372	83,998	+ 7.2
People's Rep. of China	2,454	4,543	+ 85.1
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	3,337	3,320	- 0.5
India	14,434	15,438	+ 7.0
Malaysia	5,345	4,620	- 13.6
Singapore	5,614	10,184	+ 81.4
United Arab Emirates	47,165	45,853	- 2.8
Other Asian	23 ³	40	+ 73.9
OCEANIA	5,645	5,824	+ 3.2
Australia	5,645	5,824	+ 3.2
NOT STATED	11	6	- 45.5
All Countries	186,314	204,426	+ 9.7

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

² Provisional

³ Revised

⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2015 - 2017

Month	2015	2016	2017 ¹
January	103,556	118,426	124,362
February	91,066	100,706	105,049
March	96,425	108,704	110,271
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>291,047</u>	<u>327,836</u>	<u>339,682</u>
April	90,221	91,992	111,432
May	87,054	94,830	96,557
June	65,459	71,806	78,188
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>242,734</u>	<u>258,628</u>	<u>286,177</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>533,781</i>	<i>586,464</i>	<i>625,859</i>
July	95,694	108,122	112,347
August	89,422	94,920	100,191
September	84,456	91,384	96,282
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>269,572</u>	<u>294,426</u>	<u>308,820</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>803,353</i>	<i>880,890</i>	<i>934,679</i>
October	109,014	130,421	
November	106,204	115,782	
December	132,681	148,134	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>347,899</u>	<u>394,337</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>617,471</i>	<i>688,763</i>	
Whole Year	1,151,252	1,275,227	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January - September 2016 and 2017**

Purpose of visit	January - September 2016	January - September 2017 ¹	% Change
Holiday	825,457	875,444	+ 6.1
Business	32,641	34,385	+ 5.3
Transit	15,744	18,232	+ 15.8
Conference	4,343	3,699	-14.8
Sports	1,709	1,926	+ 12.7
Other	996	993	-0.3
Total	880,890	934,679	+ 6.1

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Table 5: - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January to September 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2016	2017 ¹										% Change Jan-Sep 2017/ Jan-Sep 2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
EUROPE	494,161	70,434	72,102	66,340	67,536	44,763	34,523	57,026	54,982	54,373	522,079	5.6
Austria	10,537	2,289	2,708	2,090	1,427	603	402	774	625	776	11,694	11.0
Belgium	10,285	886	912	1,058	1,647	870	940	2,278	1,156	1,281	11,028	7.2
Bulgaria	1,177	150	175	90	137	46	55	57	55	64	829	-29.6
Czech Republic	5,697	1,236	1,805	1,497	878	388	272	413	207	481	7,177	26.0
Croatia	301	83	40	45	44	36	35	57	37	44	421	39.9
Denmark	4,998	1,013	1,227	869	612	170	195	625	170	289	5,170	3.4
Estonia	293	115	64	73	32	16	8	12	5	19	344	17.4
Finland	2,955	899	926	505	100	83	89	82	58	104	2,846	-3.7
France	178,105	26,687	29,362	24,070	24,488	16,382	8,662	19,955	19,138	12,186	180,930	1.6
Germany	70,685	8,664	8,472	10,865	10,006	7,882	7,322	6,315	7,250	11,667	78,443	11.0
Greece	864	82	80	85	85	79	67	95	107	104	784	-9.3
Hungary	1,730	534	505	325	187	143	77	98	52	73	1,994	15.3
Ireland	2,421	269	124	257	381	294	407	435	368	405	2,940	21.4
Italy	21,107	3,989	2,782	2,432	2,971	1,814	1,540	1,995	3,404	2,903	23,830	12.9
Latvia	341	67	75	65	34	17	14	37	14	131	454	33.1
Lithuania	493	171	223	93	109	37	24	44	30	79	810	64.3
Luxemburg	1,119	98	96	103	248	73	63	97	298	161	1,237	10.5
Netherlands	7,200	719	730	686	1,083	775	903	1,634	1,402	1,069	9,001	25.0
Norway	3,437	334	536	295	390	114	398	930	177	261	3,435	-0.1
Poland	5,733	2,389	2,148	1,283	312	201	351	502	385	508	8,079	40.9
Portugal	3,238	142	245	246	342	408	298	496	640	528	3,345	3.3
Romania	2,098	287	250	245	157	112	187	124	151	252	1,765	-15.9
Serbia	322	66	85	33	32	38	40	26	25	35	380	18.0
Slovakia	2,137	457	853	476	363	147	85	66	39	112	2,598	21.6
Slovenia	639	126	165	126	124	50	60	90	44	101	886	38.7
Spain	11,894	525	420	585	699	864	996	2,116	2,899	2,279	11,383	-4.3
Sweden	9,594	3,142	2,974	2,058	451	260	376	487	174	345	10,267	7.0
Switzerland	20,084	2,811	3,250	2,823	5,121	1,608	1,109	2,879	1,115	2,837	23,553	17.3
Turkey	2,769	590	223	286	192	153	170	160	165	191	2,130	-23.1
United Kingdom	101,465	8,791	9,135	10,987	13,255	10,181	8,811	13,237	14,061	14,009	102,467	1.0
<i>CIS² countries</i>	<i>9,357</i>	<i>2,693</i>	<i>1,372</i>	<i>1,570</i>	<i>1,447</i>	<i>843</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>933</i>	<i>10,679</i>	<i>14.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>33.6</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>48.3</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>6,235</i>	<i>1,898</i>	<i>993</i>	<i>1,136</i>	<i>1,049</i>	<i>620</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>534</i>	<i>415</i>	<i>693</i>	<i>7,678</i>	<i>23.1</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>2,428</i>	<i>596</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>279</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>2,107</i>	<i>-13.2</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>5.3</i>
Other European	1,086	130	140	119	182	76	83	165	139	146	1,180	8.7

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² Commonwealth of Independent States

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January to September 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2016	2017 ¹										% Change Jan-Sep 2017/Jan-Sep 2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
AFRICA	201,594	31,580	12,808	24,630	26,136	26,375	16,690	31,766	23,588	20,648	214,221	6.3
<i>IOC³ countries</i>	<i>115,356</i>	<i>23,778</i>	<i>6,541</i>	<i>15,271</i>	<i>10,448</i>	<i>17,669</i>	<i>7,629</i>	<i>19,081</i>	<i>12,643</i>	<i>7,703</i>	<i>120,763</i>	<i>4.7</i>
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>654</i>	<i>8.6</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>8,476</i>	<i>918</i>	<i>889</i>	<i>806</i>	<i>1,086</i>	<i>713</i>	<i>616</i>	<i>1,332</i>	<i>1,587</i>	<i>1,009</i>	<i>8,956</i>	<i>5.7</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>102,043</i>	<i>22,417</i>	<i>5,201</i>	<i>14,028</i>	<i>8,501</i>	<i>16,476</i>	<i>6,370</i>	<i>17,288</i>	<i>10,467</i>	<i>6,140</i>	<i>106,888</i>	<i>4.7</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>4,235</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>742</i>	<i>429</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>534</i>	<i>455</i>	<i>4,265</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Algeria	222	12	16	27	29	63	11	74	56	32	320	44.1
Angola	347	20	62	43	55	42	34	44	25	21	346	-0.3
Benin	47	4	5	4	19	19	5	9	4	11	80	70.2
Botswana	775	56	39	65	84	70	71	145	100	54	684	-11.7
Burundi	53	4	2	2	10	10	6	21	15	10	80	50.9
Cameroon	208	42	19	29	29	26	24	37	30	30	266	27.9
Congo	506	56	63	69	61	64	39	55	68	61	536	5.9
Egypt	443	43	30	89	45	37	45	116	64	87	556	25.5
Ethiopia	160	11	26	53	23	8	18	36	38	81	294	83.8
Gabon	163	5	24	19	14	14	1	9	19	9	114	-30.1
Ghana	695	36	60	114	53	54	54	84	97	119	671	-3.5
Ivory Coast	242	31	40	20	28	39	37	60	33	50	338	39.7
Kenya	2,144	210	227	202	286	279	252	304	409	273	2,442	13.9
Lesotho	140	12	6	19	19	18	32	11	15	18	150	7.1
Malawi	264	10	17	42	28	23	31	61	37	24	273	3.4
Mayotte	833	37	129	134	223	94	26	135	43	49	870	4.4
Morocco	501	39	84	65	41	49	44	113	70	59	564	12.6
Mozambique	847	94	49	96	66	52	49	94	77	60	637	-24.8
Namibia	1,223	67	54	61	183	287	82	66	152	103	1,055	-13.7
Niger	125	10	15	14	11	13	8	19	9	21	120	-4.0
Nigeria	1,040	58	95	91	65	94	71	90	175	125	864	-16.9
Rwanda	149	8	18	8	16	17	6	45	25	21	164	10.1
Senegal	144	21	11	9	21	17	11	45	31	45	211	46.5
South Africa, Rep. of	70,749	6,522	4,754	7,456	13,348	6,988	7,558	10,277	8,619	10,926	76,448	8.1
Sudan	50	6	2	55	5	3	34	7	9	25	146	192.0
Swaziland	249	32	20	54	54	23	24	70	41	50	368	47.8
Tanzania	465	38	55	90	75	27	61	66	58	71	541	16.3
Togo	61	4	3	6	4	3	5	18	5	15	63	3.3
Tunisia	264	32	46	36	127	23	26	88	49	36	463	75.4
Uganda	320	16	24	58	44	31	43	57	50	80	403	25.9
Zimbabwe	1,421	121	138	176	364	130	197	174	343	189	1,832	28.9
Zambia	692	46	53	78	118	47	58	102	79	79	660	-4.6
Other African	696	99	81	75	140	42	98	153	100	111	899	29.2

¹ Provisional

³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, January to September 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2016	2017 ¹										% Change Jan-Sep 2017/ Jan-Sep 2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep	
ASIA	157,694	18,239	17,411	16,020	13,836	22,024	23,368	19,000	18,078	16,955	164,931	4.6
Afghanistan	548	56	50	62	62	67	52	64	62	63	538	-1.8
Bangladesh	574	102	57	134	68	79	62	68	36	136	742	29.3
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	985	109	84	94	233	95	99	174	116	108	1,112	12.9
India	62,015	5,136	6,991	5,122	5,547	12,221	12,491	6,637	5,681	5,441	65,267	5.2
Indonesia	1,774	139	269	571	111	165	176	69	252	420	2,172	22.4
Israel	756	124	186	132	92	127	72	118	135	147	1,133	49.9
Japan	1,905	187	156	239	232	148	189	141	248	188	1,728	-9.3
Korea Republic	3,736	462	496	552	657	589	519	278	277	705	4,535	21.4
Malaysia	2,015	436	476	627	244	421	495	207	434	234	3,574	77.4
Maldives	46	1	3	11	2	3	17	5	2	2	46	0.0
Nepal	414	40	27	24	17	17	20	42	12	59	258	-37.7
Pakistan	1,235	78	58	83	53	120	86	134	73	107	792	-35.9
People's Rep. of China	62,691	9,928	6,749	5,122	4,701	6,392	6,209	7,373	7,319	6,539	60,332	-3.8
Philippines	1,945	179	369	346	130	185	190	185	255	298	2,137	9.9
Singapore	1,733	187	203	237	227	241	462	253	231	187	2,228	28.6
Sri Lanka	258	21	42	42	36	21	30	40	36	75	343	32.9
Taiwan	1,187	113	215	143	78	118	93	106	151	274	1,291	8.8
Thailand	283	36	66	59	41	56	29	90	48	37	462	63.3
Vietnam	435	39	78	105	19	21	86	40	35	48	471	8.3
MIDDLE EAST Countries	12,961	850	822	2,293	1,252	877	1,962	2,932	2,636	1,860	15,484	19.5
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>-10.1</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>748</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>449</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>553</i>	<i>-26.1</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>20.3</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>479</i>	<i>28.1</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>283</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>322</i>	<i>13.8</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>-17.3</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>-43.6</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>2,776</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>234</i>	<i>696</i>	<i>726</i>	<i>942</i>	<i>3,689</i>	<i>32.9</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>7,925</i>	<i>470</i>	<i>576</i>	<i>1,401</i>	<i>782</i>	<i>668</i>	<i>1,547</i>	<i>1,977</i>	<i>1,636</i>	<i>703</i>	<i>9,760</i>	<i>23.2</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>4.0</i>
Other Asian	198	16	14	22	34	61	29	44	39	27	286	44.4
OCEANIA	13,616	1,670	967	1,232	2,116	1,565	1,702	2,120	1,793	2,543	15,708	15.4
Australia	12,597	1,567	857	1,131	2,007	1,427	1,569	1,944	1,664	2,408	14,574	15.7
New Zealand	598	57	55	66	62	89	87	120	93	101	730	22.1
Other Oceanian	421	46	55	35	47	49	46	56	36	34	404	-4.0
AMERICA	13,266	2,393	1,712	2,000	1,728	1,764	1,859	2,367	1,707	1,716	17,246	30.0
Brazil	1,674	531	214	375	360	431	319	304	215	466	3,215	92.1
Canada	4,201	528	412	530	421	482	537	868	571	407	4,756	13.2
USA	5,843	797	668	676	598	638	859	846	781	659	6,522	11.6
Other American	1,548	537	418	419	349	213	144	349	140	184	2,753	77.8
Others & not stated	559	46	49	49	80	66	46	68	43	47	494	-11.6
All countries	880,890	124,362	105,049	110,271	111,432	96,557	78,188	112,347	100,191	96,282	934,679	6.1

¹ Provisional⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, January - September 2016 and 2017

Age group (years)	January - September 2016			January - September 2017 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	16,452	16,106	32,558	17,584	17,461	35,045
5 - 9	19,300	19,076	38,376	20,582	20,238	40,820
10 - 14	18,393	18,829	37,222	19,813	19,917	39,730
15 - 19	14,285	16,735	31,020	15,172	17,654	32,826
20 - 24	16,433	26,184	42,617	17,237	27,295	44,532
25 - 29	47,856	57,970	105,826	48,953	59,975	108,928
30 - 34	49,885	47,500	97,385	52,973	51,151	104,124
35 - 39	41,804	38,399	80,203	44,854	41,739	86,593
40 - 44	40,611	36,948	77,559	41,310	38,282	79,592
45 - 49	41,417	39,289	80,706	43,098	41,196	84,294
50 - 54	40,864	38,993	79,857	43,317	41,647	84,964
55 - 59	32,428	30,630	63,058	35,064	33,132	68,196
60 - 64	25,135	23,235	48,370	26,768	25,234	52,002
65 - 69	18,239	16,183	34,422	19,149	17,530	36,679
70 & over	16,985	14,726	31,711	19,386	16,968	36,354
Total	440,087	440,803	880,890	465,260	469,419	934,679

¹ Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, January to September 2016 and 2017**

Age group (years)	January - September 2016			January - September 2017 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	107,349	807	108,156	115,171	424	115,595
15 - 59	650,743	7,488	658,231	687,659	6,390	694,049
60 & over	108,958	5,545	114,503	119,355	5,680	125,035
Total	867,050	13,840	880,890	922,185	12,494	934,679

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January - September 2017 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence											
		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	306,917	104,381	51,351	11,728	1,778	12,152	57,017	2,239	228	176	128	212	611
<i>of which:</i> France	136,284	97,446	6,900	2,886	13	3,927	4,399	996	179	75	45	88	289
Germany	55,629	3,749	40,194	516	34	1,498	922	123	11	12	6	25	67
Italy	6,810	68	12	6,397	0	91	14	8	9	0	1	6	9
Switzerland	8,269	646	565	115	0	5,611	169	190	5	3	0	4	3
Turkey	19,058	796	2,866	1,364	1,722	568	370	734	11	15	22	36	13
United Kingdom	57,957	1,446	285	341	8	256	51,011	51	11	70	53	52	187
AFRICA	312,384	53,413	7,324	2,056	123	2,702	7,662	380	104,158	74,042	6,226	3,479	2,374
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	4,439	101	43	21	7	30	303	12	50	56	109	312	110
Malagasy Republic	12,994	784	150	77	50	98	239	77	154	167	311	895	213
Reunion Island	163,684	45,895	2,520	267	23	1,344	1,008	74	103,436	888	597	1,020	286
Seychelles	19,019	5,572	760	95	16	254	512	68	39	237	4,811	185	123
South Africa, Rep. of	111,288	1,049	3,841	1,595	27	961	5,577	149	475	72,125	392	1,040	1,631
ASIA	291,317	19,909	17,959	8,770	220	8,100	37,258	4,836	1,885	1,525	58,705	56,362	2,038
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	10,144	74	19	21	0	7	67	22	32	18	13	8,039	41
India	54,159	128	52	21	0	12	226	11	156	935	50,662	36	72
Malaysia	10,291	352	79	18	1	27	153	84	871	98	196	3,099	602
People's Rep. of China	36,026	38	3	1	0	1	12	13	34	26	9	35,312	10
Singapore	6,707	308	41	23	0	17	136	49	512	124	92	266	459
United Arab Emirates	172,917	19,006	17,764	8,686	219	8,036	36,658	4,649	280	323	7,729	9,607	854
OCEANIA	11,567	247	37	15	0	8	212	1	324	620	13	24	9,447
<i>of which:</i> Australia	11,567	247	37	15	0	8	212	1	324	620	13	24	9,447
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i> USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	922,185	177,950	76,671	22,569	2,121	22,962	102,149	7,456	106,595	76,363	65,072	60,077	14,470
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		54.8%	52.4%	28.3%	81.2%	24.4%	49.9%	<i>Nap</i>	97.0%	94.5%	77.9%	58.8%	65.3%
From United Arab Emirates		10.7%	23.2%	38.5%	10.3%	35.0%	35.9%	62.4%	0.3%	0.4%	11.9%	16.0%	5.9%
From Turkey		0.4%	3.7%	6.0%		2.5%	0.4%	9.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
From France			9.0%	12.8%	0.6%	17.1%	4.3%	13.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	2.0%
From Reunion Island		25.8%	3.3%	1.2%	1.1%	5.9%	1.0%	1.0%		1.2%	0.9%	1.7%	2.0%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.6%	5.0%	7.1%	1.3%	4.2%	5.5%	2.0%	0.4%		0.6%	1.7%	11.3%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Nap: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2014 - 2017

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2014 January to September	725,055	751,393	8,402,173	11.2	32,232
Year	1,038,334	1,031,031	11,266,751	10.9	44,304
2015 January to September	803,353	827,538	8,926,401	10.8	35,169
Year	1,151,252	1,141,661	12,049,901	10.6	50,191⁴
2016 January to September	880,890	907,153	9,705,552	10.7	39,210
Year	1,275,227	1,260,125	13,117,907	10.4	55,867
2017³ January to September	934,679	959,672	10,149,031	10.6	42,096

¹ Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

⁴ As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2014 - 2017

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2014	1st Qr.	109	12,653	25,652	51	9,478	19,308
	2nd Qr.	105	12,307	25,308	51	9,310	19,308
	3rd Qr.	108	12,481	25,620	52	9,425	19,498
	4th Qr.	112	12,799	26,174	53	9,605	19,776
2015	1st Qr.	114	13,100	26,776	55	9,906	20,378
	2nd Qr.	107	12,264	25,085	51	9,267	19,020
	3rd Qr.	112	12,944	26,618	53	9,769	20,254
	4th Qr.	115	13,617	28,732	55	10,378	22,096
2016	1st Qr.	116	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247
	2nd Qr.	111	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105
	3rd Qr.	111	13,330	28,650	55	10,267	22,370
	4th Qr.	111	13,547	29,139	56	10,480	22,839
2017²	1st Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554
	2nd Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235
	3rd Qr.	108 ³	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251

¹ Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational

² Provisional

³ Excluding 5 hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2015 - 2017

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2015		2016		2017 ¹		2015		2016		2017 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	75	69	78	71	81	73	77	72	81	74	83	74
February	75	69	76	68	81	72	79	73	80	72	82	74
March	68	62	74	64	76	67	70	65	78	67	77	68
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>
April	68	63	69	62	78	68	71	66	73	67	80	71
May	66	60	67	60	68	61	68	63	69	62	69	64
June	51	46	54	48	60	52	52	48	56	51	61	55
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	67	62	70	62	74	66	69	64	73	66	76	68
July	61	58	65	60	73	66	65	62	68	64	76	69
August	66	63	70	64	75	67	70	67	74	68	79	71
September	70	64	75	65	77	67	74	68	78	68	79	69
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	67	62	70	63	74	66	70	65	73	66	76	68
October	74	65	81	72			77	69	84	75		
November	79	68	85	74			82	72	87	75		
December	78	71	81	73			81	74	82	75		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>			<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	72	65	76	68			75	69	79	71		
Year	70	63	73	65			72	67	76	68		

¹ Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2013 - 2017

Year Establishments	2013 ²	2014 ²	2015 ²	2016 ²	2017 ³
Food Service	3,027	3,167	3,249	3,348	3,138
Hotels	22,432	22,593	22,630	23,669	24,095
Travel and Other Services ⁴	3,865	3,817	3,804	3,789	3,740
Total	29,324	29,577	29,683	30,806	30,973

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

² Revised

³ Provisional

⁴ Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office, which maintains a database of all travellers entering and leaving the country. The data are collected from the passport of travellers, disembarkation cards filled in by non-residents and questions put to non-residents entering the country. At the end of every month, the electronic database of passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism within ten days. Additional data on cruises are obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius (BoM) is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks. As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

Monthly Occupancy Rates

All hotels are contacted by phone at the end of every month for data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates.

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

A Tourism Statistics Committee grouping various stakeholders of the tourism industry meet regularly under the chairmanship of Statistics Mauritius to discuss performance of the tourism sector and to provide information for short-term forecast of tourist arrivals.

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website at latest 10 working days after reference month
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Tourism statistics (Pamphlet)
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying overnight but less than a year, and who has no employer-employee relationship with a resident.

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 II: Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country overnight 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 depart on the same day they arrived.

4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" for year Y refer to nights spent by tourists who departed in year Y.

5. Large Hotels

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

6. Occupancy rate

The room/bed occupancy rate is the ratio of room/bed nights rented to the total number of room/bed nights available.

$$= \frac{\text{Total number of room/bed nights rented}}{\text{Total number of room/bed nights available}} \times 100$$