

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2021

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2021. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

It is to be noted that following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide in 2020, the national borders of Mauritius were closed down as from 20 March 2020 to 30 September 2020. As from 01 October 2020 to 09 March 2021, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. In 2021, the national borders were once more closed down as from 10 March to 14 July. Afterwards, as from 15 July to 30 September 2021, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed.

### 2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

#### Passenger traffic, January-September, 2020 and 2021

	January-September 2020	January-September 2021 <sup>1</sup>
Arrivals by		
Air	388,192	26,384
Sea	43,351	544
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>41,582</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>431,543</b>	<b>26,928</b>
Departures by		
Air	440,767	40,030
Sea	41,538	485
<b>Total</b>	<b>482,305</b>	<b>40,515</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

#### 2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2021

Compared to the period January to September 2020:

- (i) total arrivals decreased by 93.8% from 431,543 to 26,928;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals dropped by 96.9% from 305,612 to 9,460; those arriving by air decreased by 96.8% from 276,130 to 8,919, while those arriving by sea declined by 98.2% from 29,482 to 541 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 99.6% from 6,641 to 28.

In the first nine months of 2021, there were no cruise ships that arrived in the country.

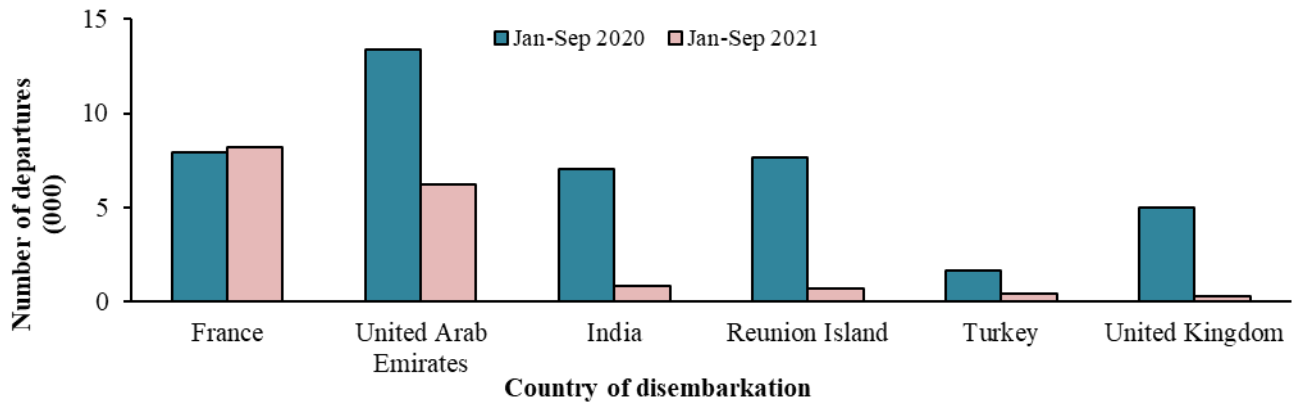
#### 2.2 Departures in January to September 2021

Compared to the period January to September 2020:

- (i) total departures declined by 91.6% from 482,305 to 40,515; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 72.3% from 62,308 to 17,288 (Table 2).

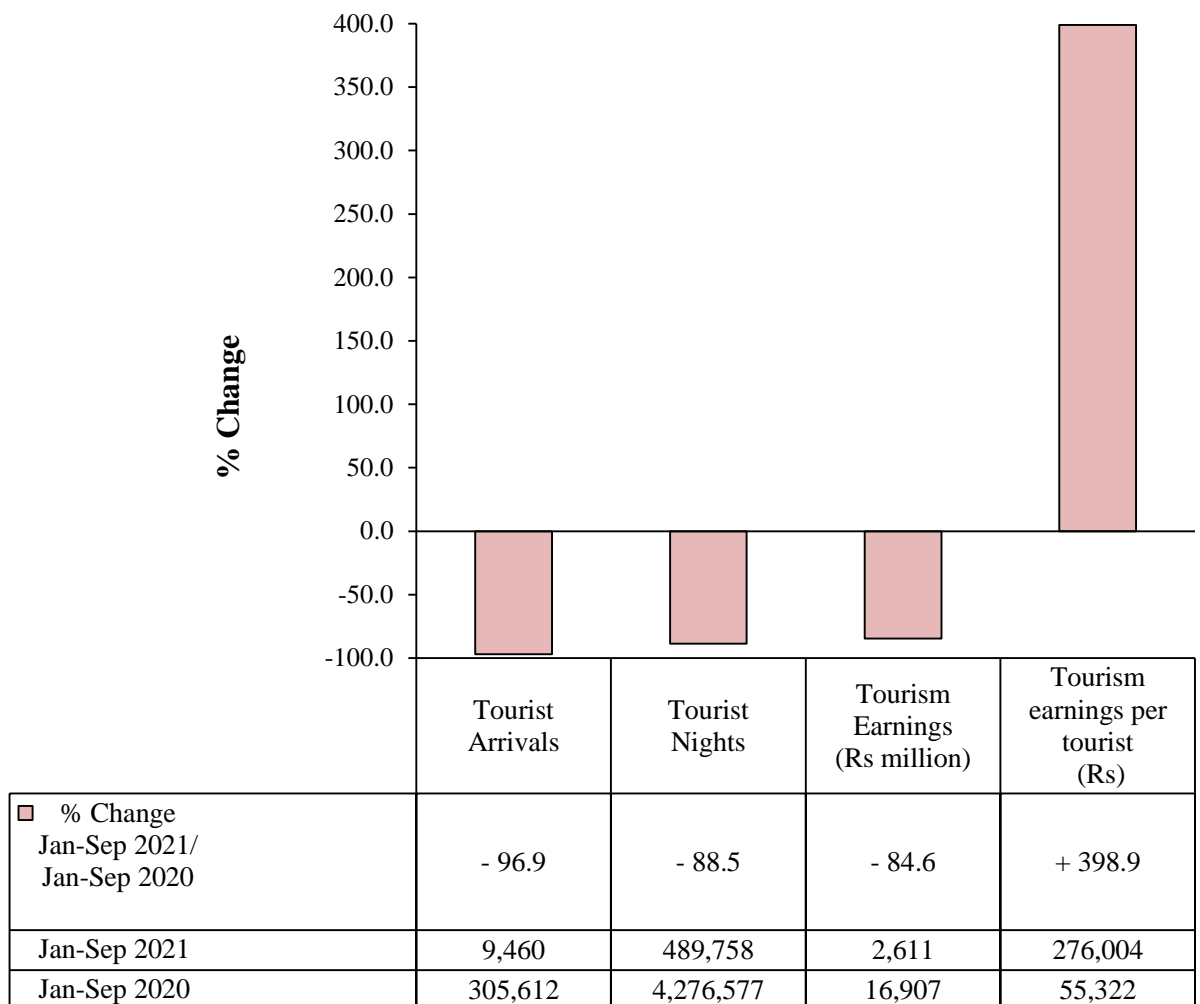
Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2020 and 2021 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2021, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were France (8,221 or 47.6%), United Arab Emirates (6,200 or 35.9%), India (855 or 4.9%), Reunion Island (684 or 4.0%), Turkey (391 or 2.3%) and United Kingdom (282 or 1.6%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2020 and January-September 2021**



### 3. TOURISM

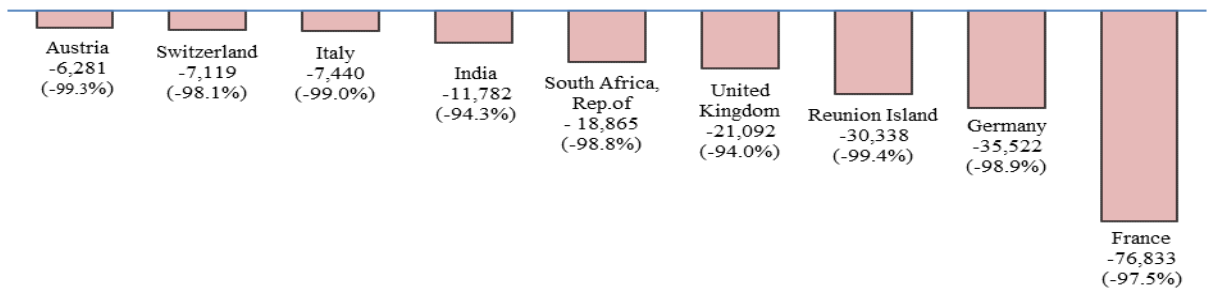
**Figure 2 - Percentage change in main tourism indicators, January-September 2021 compared to January-September 2020**



#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

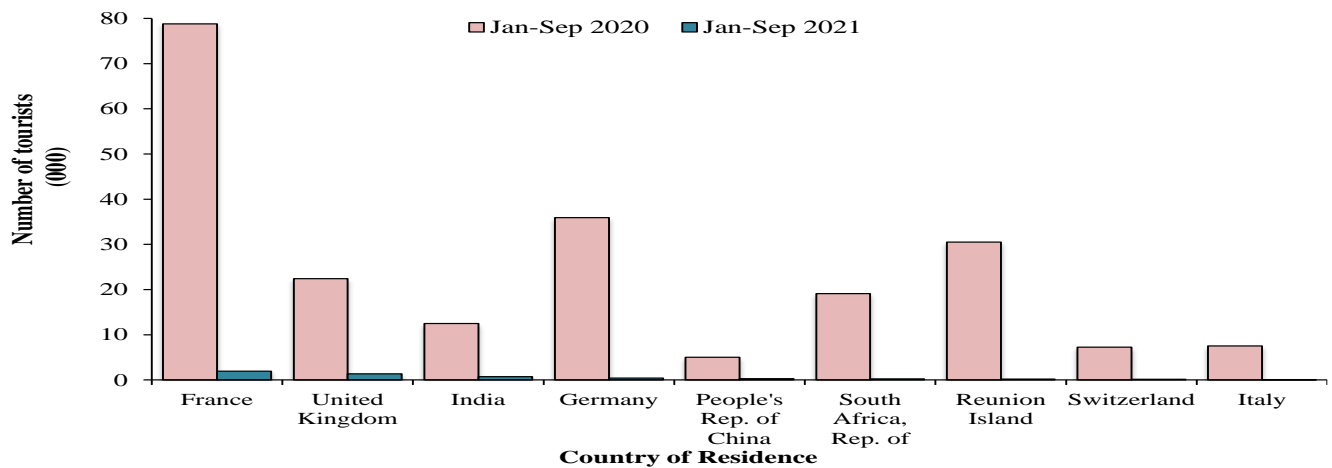
Compared to the first nine months of 2020, tourist arrivals decreased by 296,152 or 96.9% to reach 9,460 for the corresponding period of 2021 as a result of main changes shown in Figure 3.

**Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January- September 2020 compared to January to September 2021**



In the first nine months of 2021, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a decrease of 97.5%, representing a drop of 76,833 tourist arrivals compared to period January to September 2020. Decreases were also observed among the main markets as follows: Reunion Island (-99.4%), Italy (-99.0%), Germany (-98.9%), Republic of South Africa (-98.8%), India (-94.3%) and United Kingdom (-94.0%).

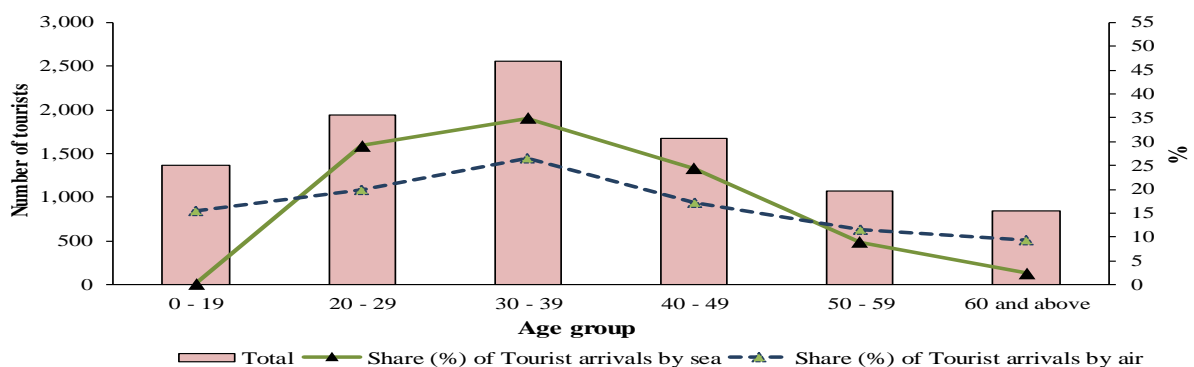
**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main markets, January- September 2020 and January- September 2021**



### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first nine months of 2021, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 840 representing 8.9% of tourist arrivals and of whom 2.4% arrived by sea (Tables 6a and 6b).

**Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, January- September 2021**



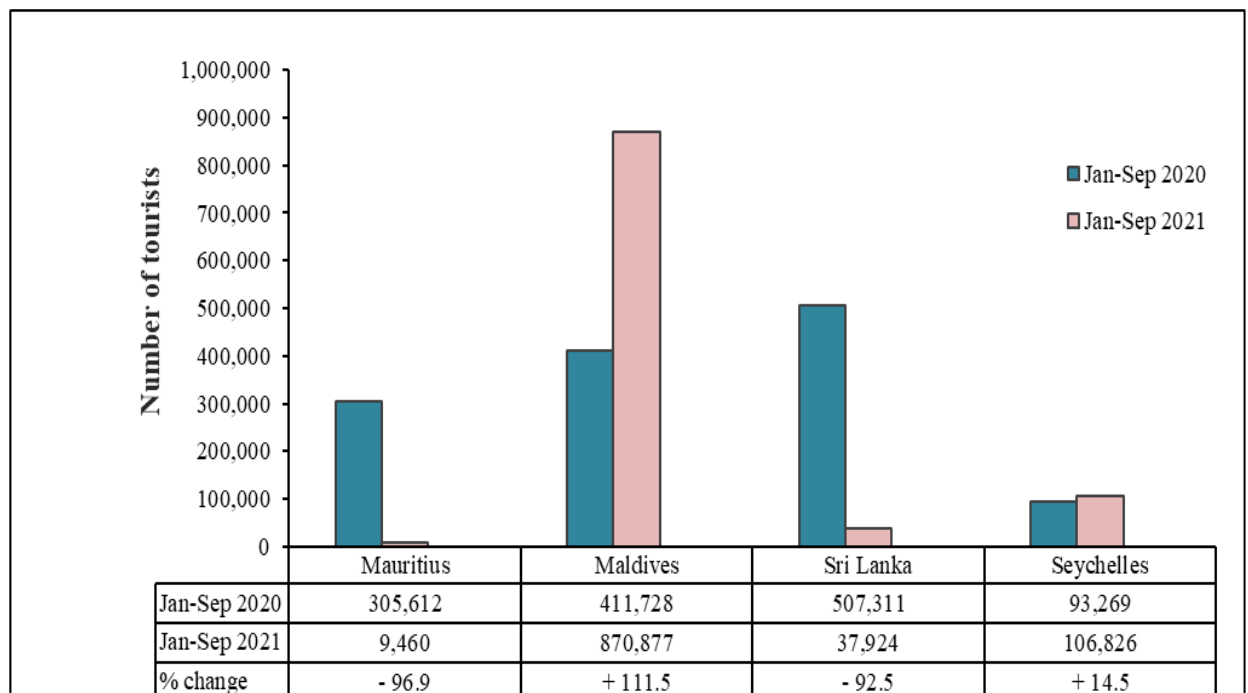
### 3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2021, tourists from France (78.2%) and United Kingdom (51.8%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Russian Federation and Australia travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates and France which were the most used transiting ports. For the first nine months of 2021, the proportion of tourists from Australia, Switzerland and Germany who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 81.1%, 61.4%, 47.7% respectively while the proportion of tourists from Netherlands, Italy and Russian Federation who travelled to Mauritius from France stood at 80.0%, 57.9% and 41.7% respectively.

### 3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region

During the first nine months of 2021, while tourist arrivals in Mauritius dropped by 96.9% compared to the first nine months of 2020, growths were observed for Maldives (+111.5%) and Seychelles (+14.5%). On the other hand, Sri Lanka witnessed a decrease of 92.5% in tourist arrivals (Figure 6).

**Figure 6- Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2020 and January-September 2021**



Source: Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Maldives; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

### 3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January to September 2020:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2021 decreased by 88.5% from 4,276,577 to 489,758; and
- the average length of stay increased from 12.1 to 66.9 nights (Table 8).

### 3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector 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 2021 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments decreased by 13.6% to 27,858 as compared to 32,253 for March 2020.

### 3.7 Accommodation

#### (i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2021, there were 111 licensed hotels of which 5 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 14 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 92 hotels was 10,810 with 24,824 bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 10%, lower compared to 26% in the first nine months of 2020; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 8%, lower compared to 22% in the first nine months of 2020 (Table 10).

#### (ii) 'Large' hotels in the Island of Mauritius

At the end of September 2021, there were 60 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) of which 6 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 9 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 45 'large' hotels was 8,243 with 19,311 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 49% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 76% of total room capacity and 78% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 10%, lower than the 26% registered in the first nine months of 2020;
- the bed occupancy rate was 8%, lower than the 23% recorded in the first nine months of 2020 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2019 - 2021

Month	2019		2020		2021 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	172,994	205,730	191,197	212,224	3,512	3,570
February	151,189	146,918	148,144	151,092	3,225	3,006
March	156,692	167,093	82,391	106,167	1,219	3,601
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>
April	150,580	145,505	260	932	1,163	3,145
May	130,455	135,632	647	1,702	1,064	3,339
June	125,877	124,918	1,488	2,633	1,844	4,228
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>887,787</i></b>	<b><i>925,796</i></b>	<b><i>424,127</i></b>	<b><i>474,750</i></b>	<b><i>12,027</i></b>	<b><i>20,889</i></b>
July	156,090	146,256	1,623	2,689	3,740	4,751
August	151,291	157,037	2,569	1,914	6,575	7,417
September	135,043	135,444	3,224	2,952	4,586	7,458
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>1,330,211</i></b>	<b><i>1,364,533</i></b>	<b><i>431,543</i></b>	<b><i>482,305</i></b>	<b><i>26,928</i></b>	<b><i>40,515</i></b>
October	164,647	156,298	3,964	2,640		
November	176,223	181,227	3,648	2,786		
December	205,655	180,307	3,594	4,118		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>988,949</i></b>	<b><i>956,569</i></b>	<b><i>18,622</i></b>	<b><i>17,099</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,876,736</b>	<b>1,882,365</b>	<b>442,749</b>	<b>491,849</b>		

<sup>1</sup> 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 Islands of Rodrigues and Reunion.

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation<sup>1</sup>, January-September, 2020 and 2021

Country of disembarkation	January-September 2020	January-September 2021 <sup>2</sup>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>16,668</b>	<b>8,894</b>
Austria	149	0
France	7,930	8,221
Germany	647	0
Italy	576	0
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	744	0
Turkey	1,624	391
United Kingdom	4,997	282
Other European countries	1	0
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>20,384</b>	<b>1,296</b>
Kenya	1,491	81
Malagasy Republic	2,330	72
Reunion Island	7,680	684
Seychelles	1,933	175
South Africa, Rep. of	6,851	275
Other African countries	99	9
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>23,214</b>	<b>7,098</b>
People's Rep. of China	144	43
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	307	0
India	7,031	855
Malaysia	354	0
Saudi Arabia	548	0
Singapore	1,430	0
United Arab Emirates	13,397	6,200
Other Asian countries	3	0
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>0</b>
Australia	2,042	0
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>62,308</b>	<b>17,288</b>

<sup>1</sup> Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China



**Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2019 - 2021**

Month	2019	2020	2021 <sup>1</sup>
January	122,273	137,419	1,232
February	115,613	111,560	1,229
March	114,419	55,863	311
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>352,305</u>	<u>304,842</u>	<u>2,772</u>
April	108,565	10	58
May	96,814	20	115
June	92,398	9	280
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>297,777</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>453</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>650,082</i></b>	<b><i>304,881</i></b>	<b><i>3,225</i></b>
July	115,448	45	1,242
August	107,275	317	2,499
September	100,837	369	2,494
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>323,560</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>6,235</u>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>973,642</i></b>	<b><i>305,612</i></b>	<b><i>9,460</i></b>
October	129,018	1,149	
November	128,730	1,177	
December	152,098	1,042	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>409,846</u>	<u>3,368</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>733,406</i></b>	<b><i>4,099</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,383,488</b>	<b>308,980</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January-September, 2020 and 2021**

Purpose of visit	January-September 2020	January-September 2021 <sup>1</sup>
Holiday	287,172	5,621
Business	9,459	1,475
Transit	8,092	2,230
Conference	510	0
Sports	91	0
Other purposes	288	134
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,612</b>	<b>9,460</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	January-September 2020			January-September 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>182,795</b>	<b>23,215</b>	<b>206,010</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4,942</b>
Austria	5,602	723	6,325	44	0	44
Belgium	2,147	103	2,250	96	0	96
Bulgaria	690	117	807	1	0	1
Czech Republic	5,864	183	6,047	49	0	49
Croatia	302	51	353	8	3	11
Denmark	2,314	118	2,432	9	0	9
Estonia	414	3	417	2	0	2
Finland	1,520	36	1,556	9	0	9
France	74,623	4,152	78,775	1,939	3	1,942
Germany	23,593	12,336	35,929	405	2	407
Greece	223	43	266	28	1	29
Hungary	1,759	242	2,001	11	0	11
Ireland	590	18	608	34	1	35
Italy	6,598	919	7,517	76	1	77
Latvia	221	10	231	11	1	12
Lithuania	363	19	382	13	2	15
Luxembourg	280	61	341	12	0	12
Netherlands	2,073	112	2,185	45	0	45
Norway	1,036	135	1,171	7	0	7
Poland	3,582	551	4,133	59	1	60
Portugal	673	138	811	43	3	46
Romania	2,207	440	2,647	24	1	25
Serbia	348	55	403	3	0	3
Slovakia	2,093	208	2,301	7	0	7
Slovenia	603	26	629	12	0	12
Spain	1,316	133	1,449	84	11	95
Sweden	5,481	247	5,728	7	0	7
Switzerland	6,562	697	7,259	140	0	140
Turkey	891	81	972	30	1	31
United Kingdom	21,900	533	22,433	1,328	13	1,341
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>6,467</i>	<i>708</i>	<i>7,175</i>	<i>341</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>353</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>4,626</i>	<i>507</i>	<i>5,133</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>266</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,328</i>	<i>187</i>	<i>1,515</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>62</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>
Other European countries	460	17	477	9	0	9
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>55,192</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>58,387</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>955</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>34,090</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>34,297</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>269</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,522</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2,537</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>74</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>30,328</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>30,517</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>179</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,074</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,077</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>
Algeria	70	0	70	2	0	2
Angola	112	12	124	8	2	10
Benin	17	1	18	0	0	0
Botswana	174	4	178	0	0	0
Burundi	13	0	13	1	0	1
Cameroon	92	2	94	45	0	45
Congo	112	0	112	10	0	10
Egypt	190	0	190	23	0	23
Ethiopia	49	0	49	7	0	7
Gabon	30	1	31	2	0	2
Ghana	120	4	124	20	3	23
Ivory Coast	56	7	63	1	4	5
Kenya	724	2	726	67	2	69
Lesotho	34	15	49	0	0	0
Malawi	61	0	61	1	0	1

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States<sup>3</sup> Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	January-September 2020			January-September 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	227	0	227	6	0	6
Morocco	161	3	164	22	0	22
Mozambique	253	104	357	4	0	4
Namibia	177	18	195	10	5	15
Niger	25	4	29	1	0	1
Nigeria	593	10	603	47	0	47
Rwanda	52	0	52	12	0	12
Senegal	43	2	45	8	1	9
South Africa, Rep. of	16,342	2,759	19,101	232	4	236
Sudan	16	0	16	1	0	1
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	43	4	47	4	0	4
Tanzania	175	0	175	18	4	22
Togo	13	0	13	0	0	0
Tunisia	119	2	121	32	0	32
Uganda	151	0	151	18	0	18
Zimbabwe	323	18	341	37	0	37
Zambia	156	5	161	2	0	2
Other African countries	379	11	390	20	0	20
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>30,020</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>31,366</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>3,189</b>
Afghanistan	164	11	175	1	0	1
Bangladesh	231	1	232	29	0	29
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	103	2	105	7	0	7
India	12,294	204	12,498	707	9	716
Indonesia	818	135	953	805	290	1,095
Israel	1,234	501	1,735	30	0	30
Japan	367	10	377	19	0	19
Korea Republic	762	13	775	21	3	24
Malaysia	282	4	286	28	0	28
Maldives	8	0	8	0	0	0
Nepal	98	0	98	8	2	10
Pakistan	163	7	170	36	0	36
People's Rep. of China	4,849	168	5,017	261	3	264
Philippines	795	201	996	423	105	528
Singapore	251	1	252	19	0	19
Sri Lanka	117	11	128	8	9	17
Taiwan, China	236	27	263	44	6	50
Thailand	76	6	82	15	0	15
Vietnam	160	20	180	31	4	35
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>6,936</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>6,954</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>255</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>4,978</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,978</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,543</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,549</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>199</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Other Asian countries	76	6	82	9	2	11
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>86</b>
Australia	2,897	147	3,044	37	6	43
New Zealand	164	30	194	29	10	39
Other Oceanian countries	158	56	214	4	0	4
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>4,760</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>270</b>
Brazil	766	100	866	8	0	8
Canada	1,452	301	1,753	65	2	67
USA	1,638	934	2,572	148	0	148
Other American countries	904	116	1,020	44	3	47
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>276,130</b>	<b>29,482</b>	<b>305,612</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>9,460</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>4</sup> Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland<sup>5</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, January-September, 2020 and 2021**

Age group (years)	January-September 2020			January-September 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	5,876	5,753	11,629	223	189	412
5 - 9	6,229	6,168	12,397	186	204	390
10 - 14	5,608	5,922	11,530	154	154	308
15 - 19	3,917	4,817	8,734	143	119	262
20 - 24	4,805	7,499	12,304	460	232	692
25 - 29	11,144	13,700	24,844	868	381	1,249
30 - 34	13,903	14,269	28,172	975	427	1,402
35 - 39	13,270	13,070	26,340	820	339	1,159
40 - 44	12,481	11,518	23,999	654	288	942
45 - 49	12,985	12,641	25,626	506	227	733
50 - 54	13,987	14,530	28,517	361	215	576
55 - 59	13,870	14,239	28,109	304	191	495
60 - 64	11,630	11,834	23,464	220	138	358
65 - 69	9,382	9,125	18,507	144	113	257
70 & over	11,605	9,835	21,440	125	100	225
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,692</b>	<b>154,920</b>	<b>305,612</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>9,460</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, January-September, 2020 and 2021**

Age group (years)	January-September 2020			January-September 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	33,595	1,961	35,556	1,110	0	1,110
15 - 59	191,822	14,823	206,645	6,982	528	7,510
60 & over	50,713	12,698	63,411	827	13	840
<b>Total</b>	<b>276,130</b>	<b>29,482</b>	<b>305,612</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>9,460</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals <sup>1</sup>by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January-September 2021

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>3,974</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	2,947	1,517	165	44	36	47	1	245	110	0	4	17	58	6
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	277	15	29	0	1	3	13	7	38	0	3	4	6	0
United Kingdom	750	27	0	4	0	0	0	688	3	0	0	0	4	0
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	156	3	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	0	12	1	2	1
Malagasy Republic	59	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Reunion Island	364	166	17	2	0	3	0	0	1	161	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0
South Africa, Rep. of	125	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	0	0	0
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>4,153</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>30</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	229	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	225	0	0
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
People's Rep. of China	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	3,858	205	193	26	7	86	16	370	109	18	95	369	142	30
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>of which:</i> USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>37</b>
<i>of which:</i>		<b>France</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Nether-lands</b>	<b>Switzer-land</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Reunion Island</b>	<b>South Africa, Rep. of</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>People's Rep. of China</b>	<b>Australia</b>
Direct from own country of residence		78.2%	Napp	Napp	Napp	Napp	43.3%	51.8%	Napp	89.9%	50.0%	31.8%	18.8%	Napp
From United Arab Emirates		10.6%	47.7%	34.2%	15.6%	61.4%	53.3%	27.9%	41.3%	10.1%	40.9%	52.2%	54.4%	81.1%
From Turkey		0.8%	7.2%	0.0%	2.2%	2.1%		0.5%	14.4%	0.0%	1.3%	0.6%	2.3%	0.0%
From France			40.7%	57.9%	80.0%	33.6%	3.3%	18.4%	41.7%	0.0%	1.7%	2.4%	22.2%	16.2%
From Reunion Island		8.6%	4.2%	2.6%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
From Netherlands		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: Not Applicable

**Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2018 - 2021**

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)
<b>2018</b> January-September	975,066	1,003,414	10,605,289	10.6	46,256
<b>Year</b>	<b>1,399,408</b>	<b>1,376,978</b>	<b>14,296,274</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>64,037</b>
<b>2019</b> January-September	973,642	995,188	10,745,832	10.8	45,104
<b>Year</b>	<b>1,383,488</b>	<b>1,360,306</b>	<b>14,465,865</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>63,107</b>
<b>2020</b> January-September	305,612	353,535	4,276,577	12.1	16,907
<b>Year</b>	<b>308,980</b>	<b>355,290</b>	<b>4,485,257</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>17,664</b>
<b>2021</b> <sup>3</sup> January-September	9,460	7,317	489,758	66.9	2,611

<sup>1</sup> Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2018 - 2021**

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
<b>2018</b>	1st Qr.	113	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413
	2nd Qr.	107	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638
	3rd Qr.	108	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676
	4th Qr.	113	13,574	30,427	57	10,585	24,218
<b>2019</b>	1st Qr.	110	13,456	30,228	57	10,564	24,200
	2nd Qr.	109	13,336	30,068	58	10,533	24,192
	3rd Qr.	110	13,248	30,623	57	10,370	24,437
	4th Qr.	112	13,489	31,024	58	10,539	24,743
<b>2020</b>	1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
	2nd Qr.	91 <sup>3</sup>	10,537	24,214	44 <sup>3</sup>	7,972	18,801
	3rd Qr.	74 <sup>3</sup>	8,171	19,091	32 <sup>3</sup>	5,898	14,283
	4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905
<b>2021</b> <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr.	93 <sup>3</sup>	10,837	24,895	49 <sup>3</sup>	8,470	19,730
	2nd Qr.	81 <sup>3</sup>	9,358	20,663	39 <sup>3</sup>	7,057	15,761
	3rd Qr.	92 <sup>3</sup>	10,810	24,824	45 <sup>3</sup>	8,243	19,311

<sup>1</sup> Refers to hotels in the Island of Mauritius which were operational and excluding hotels not operational because of renovation works

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres

**Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates <sup>2</sup> (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2019 - 2021**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2019		2020		2021 <sup>1</sup>		2019		2020		2021 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	72	64	73	64	18	15	74	66	75	65	18	15
February	76	67	70	61	15	11	77	69	72	63	14	11
March	71	62	42	34	8	6	72	64	43	35	9	6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
April	69	64	1	0	2	1	71	67	0	0	1	1
May	66	57	0	0	3	2	67	58	0	0	3	2
June	64	55	1	1	6	4	65	57	1	1	6	4
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
July	69	62	2	2	8	6	70	64	1	1	8	6
August	73	66	5	5	16	13	75	69	5	4	16	13
September	75	63	9	9	12	9	77	65	8	8	11	9
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
October	75	66	16	12			76	68	16	12		
November	84	69	17	12			85	70	17	12		
December	78	68	21	17			79	70	21	17		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>			<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>			<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> For the periods March 2020 to end of September 2020 and March 2021 to September 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

**Table 11:- Employment in large <sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2017 - 2021**

Year	2017 <sup>2</sup>	2018 <sup>2</sup>	2019 <sup>2</sup>	2020 <sup>2</sup>	2021 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Activities</b>					
Food Service	3,238	3,351	3,526	3,662	3,463
Hotels	24,183	24,412	24,510	25,039	21,693
Travel and Other Services <sup>4</sup>	3,664	3,604	3,514	3,552	2,702
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,085</b>	<b>31,367</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>32,253</b>	<b>27,858</b>

<sup>1</sup> Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

<sup>4</sup> 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

Survey questionnaires are emailed to all hotels at the end of every month to collect data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates. Non-responses are contacted by phone.

### 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
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Yearly Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (iv) Yearly Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (v) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism (last publication- Year 2018)



## 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.

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