

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2022. 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 in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from 01 January to 09 March, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. The national borders were once more closed down from 10 March to 14 July. Afterwards, as from 15 July to 30 September, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. However, as from 01 October 2021, Mauritius reopened its borders to all visitors.

## 2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021 and 2022

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 <sup>1</sup>
Arrivals by		
Air	7,832	206,136
Sea	124	1,255
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	0	353
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,956</b>	<b>207,391</b>
Departures by		
Air	10,008	213,279
Sea	169	1,437
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,177</b>	<b>214,716</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

### 2.1 Arrivals in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 7,956 to 207,391;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 2,772 to 158,818; those arriving by air rose from 2,648 to 158,008, while those arriving by sea increased from 124 to 810 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 1 to 442.

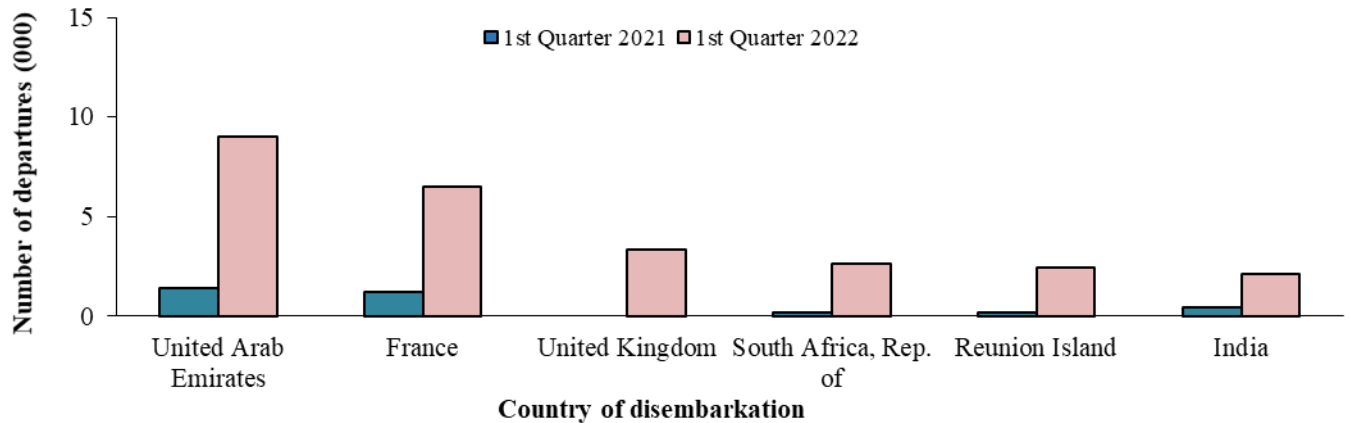
### 2.2 Departures in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 10,177 to 214,716; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents increased from 3,567 to 30,502 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first quarters of 2021 and 2022 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first quarter of 2022, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (8,980 or 29.4%), France (6,484 or 21.3%), United Kingdom (3,309 or 10.8%), Republic of South Africa (2,643 or 8.7%), Reunion Island (2,425 or 8.0%) and India (2,083 or 6.8%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2022**



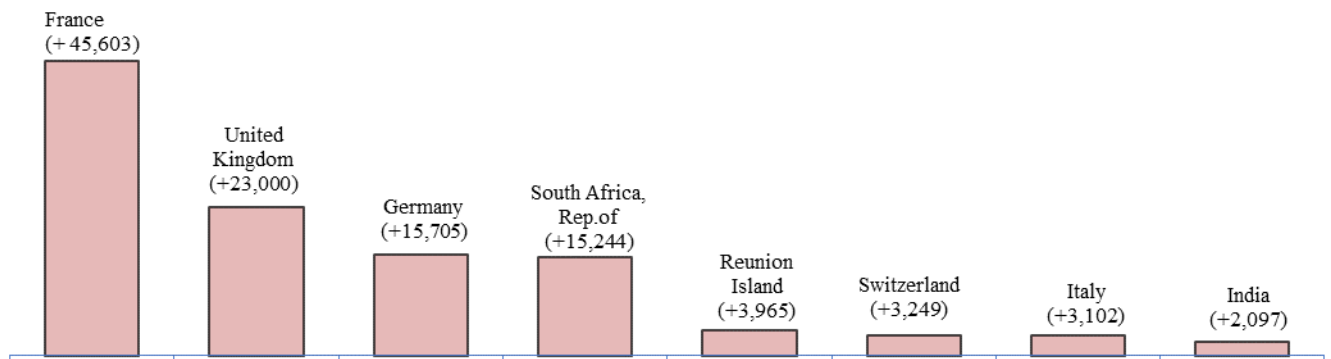
### 3. TOURISM

#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

Tourist arrivals in the first quarter 2022 from main markets were as follows:

France (46,134), United Kingdom (23,039), Germany (15,791), Republic of South Africa (15,298), Reunion Island (4,011), Switzerland (3,305), Italy (3,140) and India (2,432).

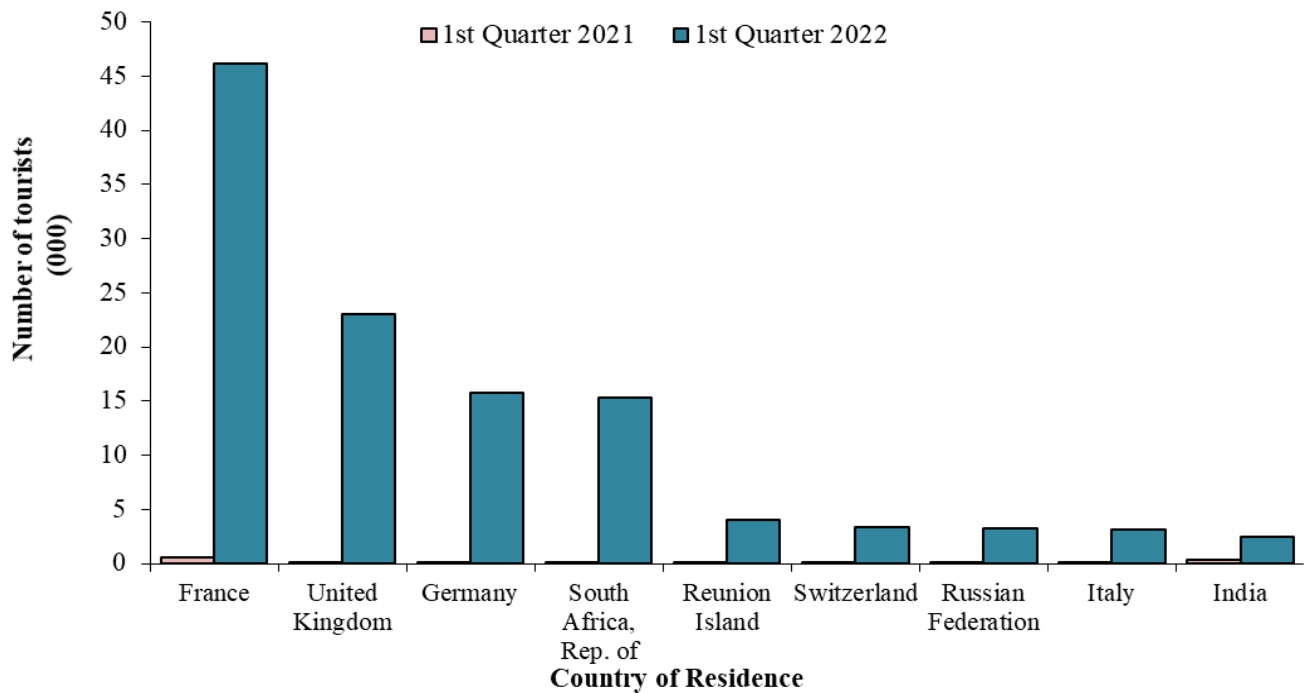
**Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**



In the first quarter of 2022, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 45,603 tourist arrivals compared to first quarter of 2021. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

United Kingdom (+23,000), Germany (+15,705), Republic of South Africa (+15,244), Reunion Island (+3,965), Switzerland (+3,249), Italy (+3,102) and India (+2,097).

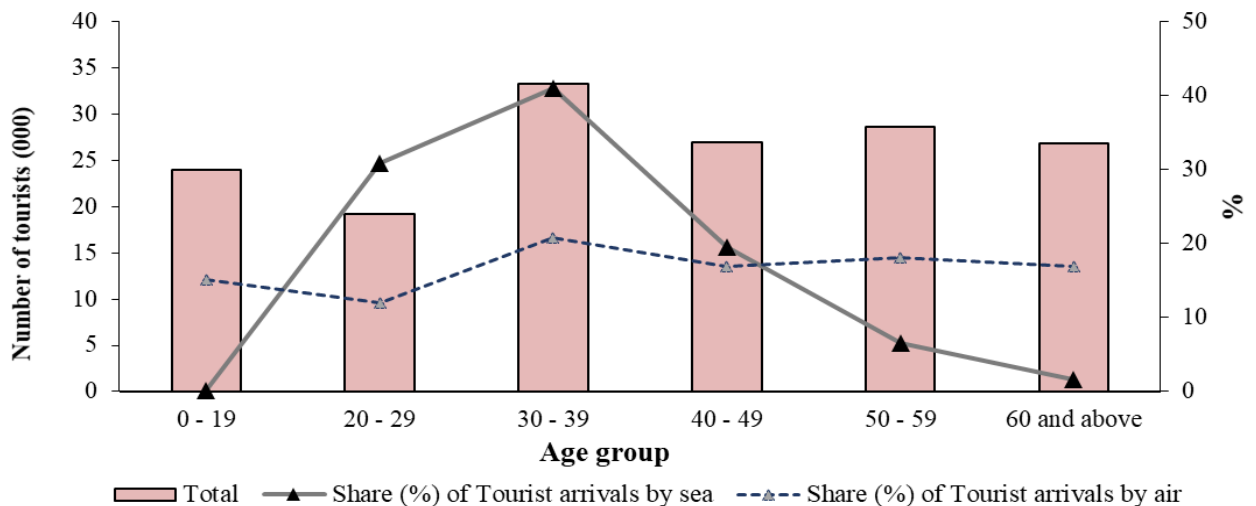
**Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals from main markets, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**



### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists in age group 20-49 years was 79,391 representing 50.0% of tourist arrivals (Tables 6a).

**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**



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

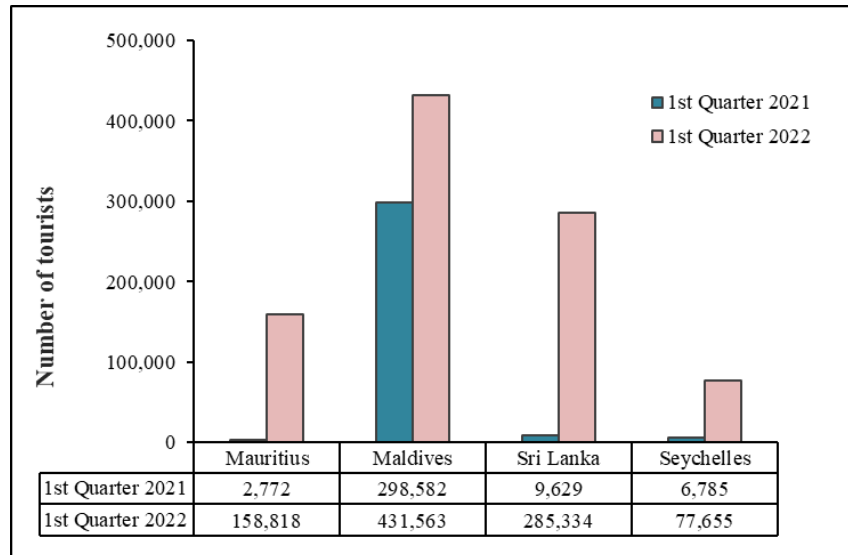
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first quarter of 2022, tourists from France (79.1%), United Kingdom (64.0%), Germany (61.1%) and Switzerland (50.6%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Netherlands and Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates and France which were the most used transiting ports. For the period under review, 50.8% of tourists from Russian Federation travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates while 46.1% of tourists from Netherlands preferred to transit through France.

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

Compared to the first quarter of 2021, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first quarter of 2022:

Maldives (from 298,582 to 431,563), Sri Lanka (from 9,629 to 285,334), Mauritius (2,772 to 158,818) and Seychelles (from 6,785 to 77,655).

**Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**



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

### 3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 increased from 153,588 to 2,188,334; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 77.2 to 13.5 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 March 2022, there were 112 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed. The total room capacity of the 111 hotels in operation was 13,917 with 32,244 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 45%, higher compared to 14% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 40%, higher compared to 11% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 (Table 10).

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

At the end of March 2022, there were 61 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 61 'large' hotels was 11,171 with 26,295 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 55% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 80% of total room capacity and 82% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 47%, higher than the 14% registered in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021;
- the bed occupancy rate was 41%, higher than the 11% recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2020 - 2022

Month	2020		2021		2022 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	191,197	212,224	3,512	3,570	56,085	68,870
February	148,144	151,092	3,225	3,006	66,438	59,844
March	82,391	106,167	1,219	3,601	84,868	86,002
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>	<u>207,391</u>	<u>214,716</u>
April	260	932	1,163	3,145		
May	647	1,702	1,064	3,339		
June	1,488	2,633	1,844	4,228		
<u>2nd Quarter</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>424,127</i></b>	<b><i>474,750</i></b>	<b><i>12,027</i></b>	<b><i>20,889</i></b>		
July	1,623	2,689	3,740	4,751		
August	2,569	1,914	6,575	7,417		
September	3,224	2,952	4,586	7,458		
<u>3rd Quarter</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>431,543</i></b>	<b><i>482,305</i></b>	<b><i>26,928</i></b>	<b><i>40,515</i></b>		
October	3,964	2,640	70,979	44,584		
November	3,648	2,786	81,884	81,215		
December	3,594	4,118	66,469	61,230		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>	<u>219,332</u>	<u>187,029</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>18,622</i></b>	<b><i>17,099</i></b>	<b><i>234,233</i></b>	<b><i>206,655</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>442,749</b>	<b>491,849</b>	<b>246,260</b>	<b>227,544</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>, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021 and 2022

Country of disembarkation	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 <sup>2</sup>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>13,012</b>
Austria	0	185
France	1,218	6,484
Germany	0	552
Italy	0	0
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	0	235
Turkey	0	1,948
United Kingdom	0	3,309
Other European countries	0	299
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>6,427</b>
Kenya	0	776
Malagasy Republic	72	115
Reunion Island	161	2,425
Seychelles	84	468
South Africa, Rep. of	172	2,643
Other African countries	4	0
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>11,063</b>
People's Rep. of China	41	0
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	0	0
India	422	2,083
Malaysia	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0
Singapore	0	0
United Arab Emirates	1,393	8,980
Other Asian countries	0	0
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Australia	0	0
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>30,502</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, 2020 - 2022**

Month	2020	2021	2022 <sup>1</sup>
January	137,419	1,232	40,028
February	111,560	1,229	52,724
March	55,863	311	66,066
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>304,842</u>	<u>2,772</u>	<u>158,818</u>
April	10	58	
May	20	115	
June	9	280	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>453</u>	
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>304,881</i></b>	<b><i>3,225</i></b>	
July	45	1,242	
August	317	2,499	
September	369	2,494	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>6,235</u>	
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>305,612</i></b>	<b><i>9,460</i></b>	
October	1,149	54,434	
November	1,177	65,922	
December	1,042	49,964	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>3,368</u>	<u>170,320</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>4,099</i></b>	<b><i>176,555</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>308,980</b>	<b>179,780</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021 and 2022**

Purpose of visit	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 <sup>1</sup>
Holiday	1,223	150,236
Business	626	4,739
Transit	835	3,380
Conference	0	80
Sports	0	177
Other purposes	88	206
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>158,818</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>125,017</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>125,138</b>
Austria	20	0	20	4,411	0	4,411
Belgium	30	0	30	2,345	0	2,345
Bulgaria	0	0	0	749	1	750
Czech Republic	24	0	24	5,290	0	5,290
Croatia	1	0	1	106	1	107
Denmark	0	0	0	1,926	0	1,926
Estonia	0	0	0	696	0	696
Finland	3	0	3	468	0	468
France	531	0	531	46,114	20	46,134
Germany	84	2	86	15,791	0	15,791
Greece	12	0	12	134	16	150
Hungary	3	0	3	1,061	0	1,061
Ireland	16	0	16	374	0	374
Italy	37	1	38	3,140	0	3,140
Latvia	4	0	4	245	1	246
Lithuania	2	0	2	420	7	427
Luxembourg	1	0	1	165	0	165
Netherlands	12	0	12	692	0	692
Norway	2	0	2	675	3	678
Poland	22	1	23	1,150	4	1,154
Portugal	22	0	22	573	4	577
Romania	9	1	10	1,717	2	1,719
Serbia	1	0	1	216	0	216
Slovakia	3	0	3	1,610	0	1,610
Slovenia	6	0	6	277	0	277
Spain	54	3	57	825	17	842
Sweden	2	0	2	1,485	0	1,485
Switzerland	56	0	56	3,305	0	3,305
Turkey	11	1	12	766	3	769
United Kingdom	38	1	39	23,033	6	23,039
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	93	2	95	4,960	35	4,995
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	2	0	2	193	1	194
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	0	0	0	39	0	39
<i>Russian Federation</i>	64	1	65	3,181	16	3,197
<i>Ukraine</i>	25	1	26	1,359	16	1,375
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	2	0	2	188	2	190
<i>Other European countries</i>	6	0	6	298	1	299
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>22,998</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23,029</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	90	0	90	4,860	6	4,866
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	2	0	2	83	0	83
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	39	0	39	410	4	414
<i>Reunion Island</i>	46	0	46	4,011	0	4,011
<i>Seychelles</i>	3	0	3	356	2	358
Algeria	0	0	0	22	0	22
Angola	0	1	1	22	0	22
Benin	0	0	0	7	0	7
Botswana	0	0	0	78	0	78
Burundi	0	0	0	6	0	6
Cameroon	9	0	9	73	1	74
Congo	3	0	3	52	0	52
Egypt	7	0	7	130	1	131
Ethiopia	1	0	1	13	0	13
Gabon	1	0	1	7	0	7
Ghana	7	3	10	78	1	79
Ivory Coast	0	4	4	59	7	66
Kenya	18	2	20	354	2	356
Lesotho	0	0	0	33	0	33
Malawi	0	0	0	24	0	24

<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, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1	0	1	64	0	64
Morocco	9	0	9	98	0	98
Mozambique	1	0	1	67	0	67
Namibia	4	0	4	97	0	97
Niger	0	0	0	26	0	26
Nigeria	10	0	10	337	0	337
Rwanda	5	0	5	41	0	41
Senegal	1	0	1	29	10	39
South Africa, Rep. of	53	1	54	15,297	1	15,298
Sudan	0	0	0	5	0	5
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	0	0	0	36	0	36
Tanzania	12	1	13	106	2	108
Togo	0	0	0	5	0	5
Tunisia	8	0	8	111	0	111
Uganda	10	0	10	97	0	97
Zimbabwe	18	0	18	233	0	233
Zambia	0	0	0	77	0	77
Other African countries	12	0	12	454	0	454
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>8,231</b>
Afghanistan	1	0	1	57	0	57
Bangladesh	12	0	12	96	0	96
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	4	0	4	24	0	24
India	332	3	335	2,414	18	2,432
Indonesia	353	75	428	813	302	1,115
Israel	2	0	2	297	0	297
Japan	11	0	11	39	0	39
Korea Republic	13	0	13	15	0	15
Malaysia	3	0	3	58	7	65
Maldives	0	0	0	10	1	11
Nepal	2	0	2	31	0	31
Pakistan	8	0	8	111	0	111
People's Rep. of China	81	1	82	277	1	278
Philippines	205	7	212	760	251	1,011
Singapore	3	0	3	50	0	50
Sri Lanka	2	3	5	73	5	78
Taiwan, China	24	3	27	90	10	100
Thailand	0	0	0	24	0	24
Vietnam	29	0	29	112	36	148
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>2,227</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,227</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>524</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>524</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>1,450</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,450</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>
Other Asian countries	0	0	0	6	16	22
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>586</b>
Australia	9	4	13	502	0	502
New Zealand	5	1	6	37	3	40
Other Oceanian countries	2	0	2	44	0	44
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,753</b>
Brazil	6	0	6	78	0	78
Canada	34	1	35	663	0	663
USA	55	0	55	847	2	849
Other American countries	34	2	36	157	6	163
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>158,008</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>158,818</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, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021 and 2022**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	48	32	80	3,813	3,651	7,464
5 - 9	30	25	55	3,235	3,267	6,502
10 - 14	12	19	31	2,835	2,903	5,738
15 - 19	31	28	59	1,923	2,321	4,244
20 - 24	193	85	278	2,563	3,534	6,097
25 - 29	310	88	398	5,694	7,406	13,100
30 - 34	340	96	436	8,367	9,020	17,387
35 - 39	257	70	327	8,107	7,773	15,880
40 - 44	199	78	277	7,251	6,461	13,712
45 - 49	131	68	199	6,817	6,398	13,215
50 - 54	109	59	168	7,265	7,247	14,512
55 - 59	85	55	140	7,144	6,967	14,111
60 - 64	78	60	138	5,733	5,352	11,085
65 - 69	50	47	97	3,993	3,506	7,499
70 & over	53	36	89	4,590	3,682	8,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>79,330</b>	<b>79,488</b>	<b>158,818</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021 and 2022**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	166	0	166	19,704	0	19,704
15 - 59	2,163	119	2,282	111,461	797	112,258
60 & over	319	5	324	26,843	13	26,856
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>158,008</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>158,818</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals <sup>1</sup>by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022

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>102,618</b>	<b>39,404</b>	<b>13,648</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>17,505</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>52</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	48,684	36,482	1,814	911	319	382	1	2,017	355	10	18	5	47	7
Germany	14,167	1,372	9,652	152	41	202	5	195	42	1	1	2	2	7
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	4,271	572	473	106	12	1,671	0	60	41	0	4	0	1	5
Turkey	8,952	406	526	938	54	85	727	387	667	2	4	11	19	2
United Kingdom	15,660	132	33	37	9	11	0	14,735	15	0	23	10	7	9
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>29,462</b>	<b>4,965</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>44</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	1,879	211	21	8	11	12	0	77	39	7	131	27	33	2
Malagasy Republic	410	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	8	19	3	0
Reunion Island	9,532	4,632	155	7	10	43	1	36	0	3,890	304	32	4	2
Seychelles	737	35	16	6	2	9	2	23	68	0	6	19	19	3
South Africa, Rep. of	16,781	76	140	7	15	54	4	342	25	27	14,721	23	26	37
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>25,920</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5,049</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>406</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	1,737	9	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	18	0	1,665	0	2
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	24,160	1,736	1,809	928	169	692	21	5,044	1,616	40	73	599	115	404
<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>
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>158,008</b>	<b>46,114</b>	<b>15,791</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>23,033</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>15,297</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>502</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		79.1%	61.1%	Napp	Napp	50.6%	94.9%	64.0%	Napp	97.0%	96.2%	69.0%	Napp	Napp
From United Arab Emirates		3.8%	11.5%	29.6%	24.4%	20.9%	2.7%	21.9%	50.8%	1.0%	0.5%	24.8%	41.5%	80.5%
From Turkey		0.9%	3.3%	29.9%	7.8%	2.6%		1.7%	21.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	6.9%	0.4%
From France			11.5%	29.0%	46.1%	11.6%	0.1%	8.8%	11.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	17.0%	1.4%
From Reunion Island		10.0%	1.0%	0.2%	1.4%	1.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%		2.0%	1.3%	1.4%	0.4%
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		0.2%	0.9%	0.2%	2.2%	1.6%	0.5%	1.5%	0.8%	0.7%		1.0%	9.4%	7.4%

<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, 2019 - 2022**

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)	
<b>2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	352,305	380,228	4,117,859	10.8	16,518
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	297,777	296,081	3,028,030	10.2	14,534
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	323,560	318,879	3,599,943	11.3	14,052
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	409,846	365,118	3,720,033	10.2	18,003
	<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>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	304,842	350,035	3,854,358	11.0	14,144
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	39	2,190	230,780	105.4	1,939
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	731	1,310	191,439	146.1	824
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	3,368	1,755	208,680	118.9	757
	<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>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2,772	1,989	153,588	77.2	522
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	453	1,264	146,216	115.7	385
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	6,235	4,064	189,954	46.7	1,704
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	170,320	140,126	1,678,483	12.0	12,642
	<b>Year</b>	<b>179,780</b>	<b>147,443</b>	<b>2,168,241</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15,253</b>
<b>2022</b> <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	158,818	161,973	2,188,334	13.5	12,539

<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, 2019 - 2022**

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
<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>	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
	4th Qr.	111	13,902	32,157	61	11,178	26,261
<b>2022</b> <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr.	111	13,917	32,244	61	11,171	26,295

<sup>1</sup> Refers to hotels in the Island of Mauritius which were operational

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

**Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates <sup>1</sup> (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2020 - 2022**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2020		2021		2022 <sup>2</sup>		2020		2021		2022 <sup>2</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	73	64	18	15	42	37	75	65	18	15	44	38
February	70	61	15	11	44	39	72	63	14	11	46	41
March	42	34	8	6	50	44	43	35	9	6	52	45
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>
April	1	0	2	1			0	0	1	1		
May	0	0	3	2			0	0	3	2		
June	1	1	6	4			1	1	6	4		
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>		
July	2	2	8	6			1	1	8	6		
August	5	5	16	13			5	4	16	13		
September	9	9	12	9			8	8	11	9		
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>		
October	16	12	37	33			16	12	38	33		
November	17	12	57	48			17	12	59	49		
December	21	17	40	36			21	17	42	36		
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>			<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>		

<sup>1</sup> For the periods March 2020 to end of September 2020 and March 2021 to end of December 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

Activities	Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>2</sup>
	Food Service		3,238	3,351	3,526	3,662
Hotels		24,183	24,412	24,510	25,039	21,693
Travel and Other Services <sup>3</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> Provisional

<sup>3</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.

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