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# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2022

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months 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, January-September, 2021 and 2022

	January-September 2021	January-September 2022 <sup>1</sup>
Arrivals by		
Air	26,384	848,129
Sea	544	2,740
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>353</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,928</b>	<b>850,869</b>
Departures by		
Air	40,030	854,335
Sea	485	2,953
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,515</b>	<b>857,288</b>

<sup>1</sup> *Provisional*

#### 2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2022

Compared to the period January to September 2021:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 26,928 to 850,869;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 9,460 to 638,332; those arriving by air rose from 8,919 to 636,176, while those arriving by sea increased from 541 to 2,156 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 28 to 2,286.

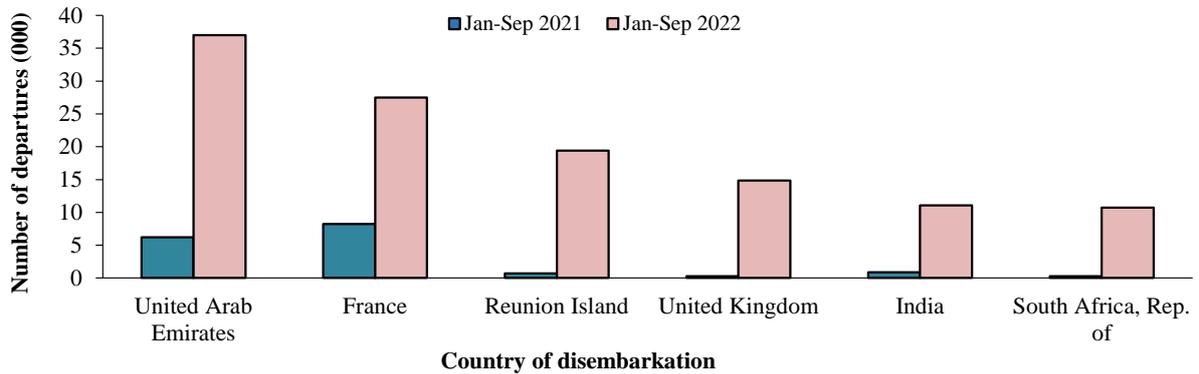
#### 2.2 Departures in January to September 2022

Compared to the period January to September 2021:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 40,515 to 857,288; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose from 17,288 to 148,216 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2021 and 2022 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2022, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (37,020 or 25.0%), France (27,508 or 18.6%), Reunion Island (19,392 or 13.1%), United Kingdom (14,849 or 10.0%), India (11,070 or 7.5%) and Republic of South Africa (10,731 or 7.2%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September of 2021 and January-September of 2022**



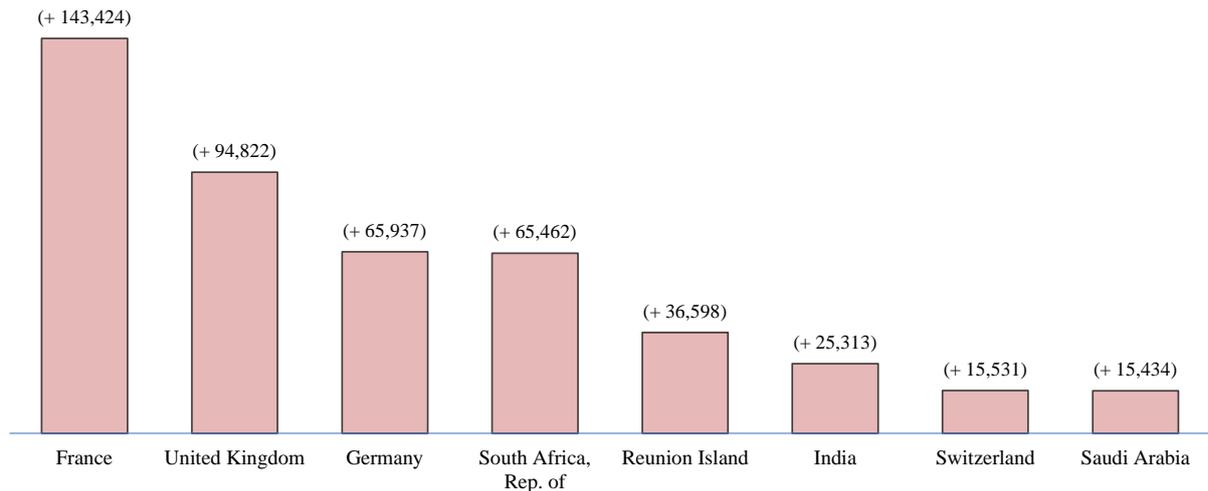
### 3. TOURISM

#### 3.1 Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals during the first nine months of 2022 from main markets were as follows:

France (145,366), United Kingdom (96,163), Germany (66,344), Republic of South Africa (65,698), Reunion Island (36,777), India (26,029), Switzerland (15,671) and Saudi Arabia (15,458).

**Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2022 compared to January-September 2021**



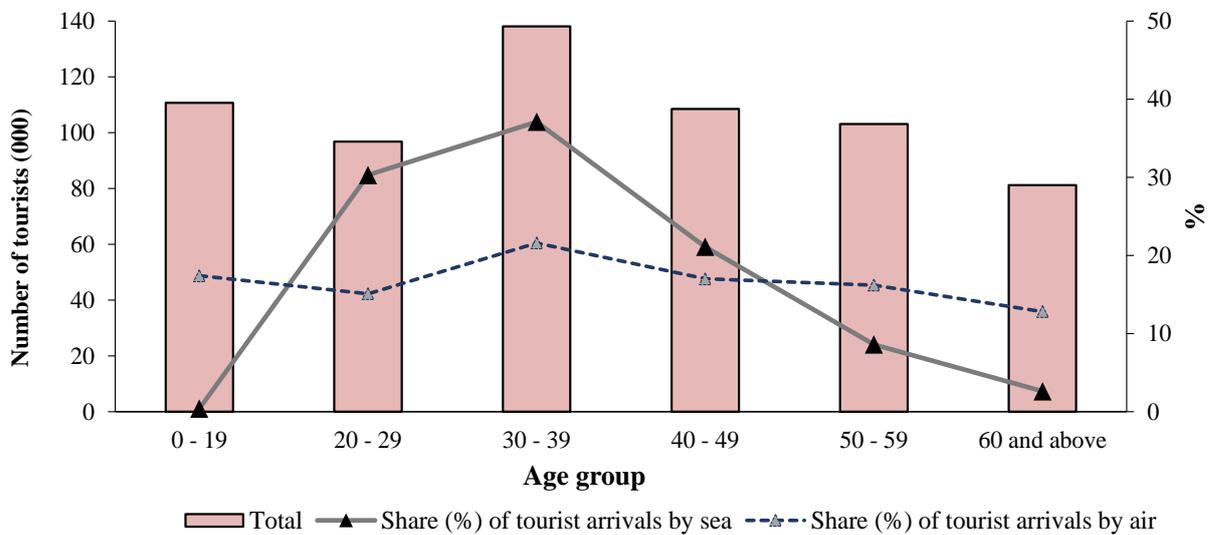
In the first nine months of 2022, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 143,424 tourist arrivals compared to period January to September 2021. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

United Kingdom (+94,822), Germany (+65,937), Republic of South Africa (+65,462), Reunion Island (+36,598), India (+25,313), Switzerland (+15,531) and Saudi Arabia (+15,434).

### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists in age group 20-49 years was 343,344 representing 53.8% of tourist arrivals (Table 6a).

**Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, January-September 2022**



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

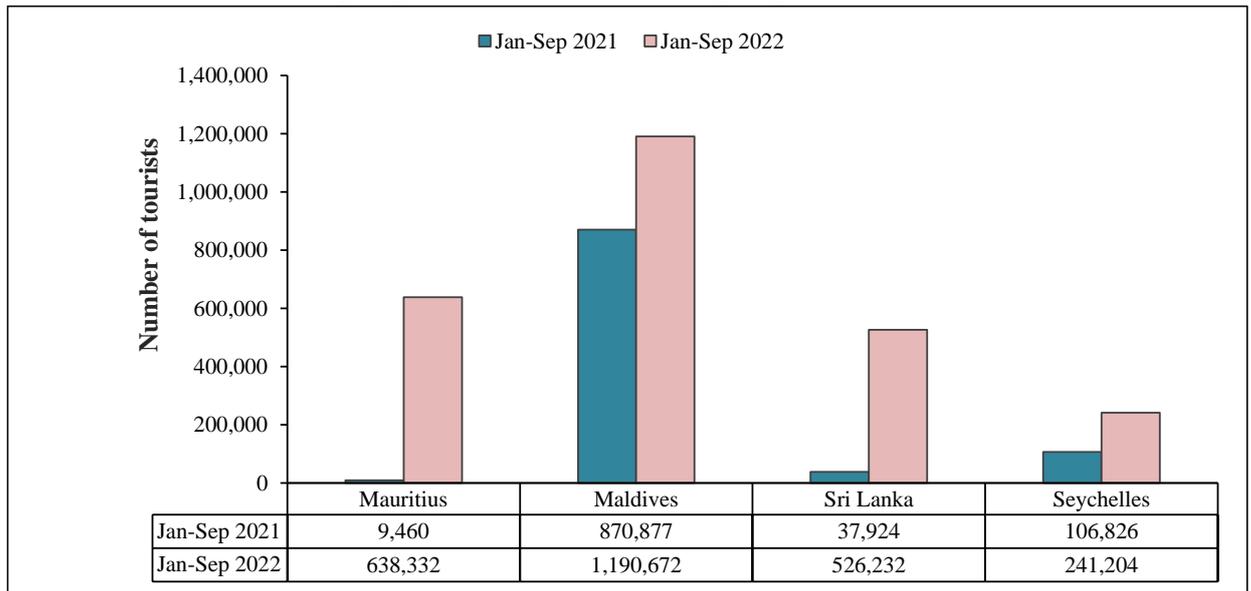
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2022, tourists from France (63.1%), United Kingdom (54.7%), Germany (45.9%) and Switzerland (40.0%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Italy, Netherlands and Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Italy who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 63.0%, 43.2% and 39.3% respectively.

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

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

Maldives (from 870,877 to 1,190,672), Mauritius (from 9,460 to 638,332), Sri Lanka (from 37,924 to 526,232) and Seychelles (from 106,826 to 241,204).

**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2021 and January-September 2022**



*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 2021:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2022 increased from 489,758 to 7,824,545; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 66.9 to 12.3 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 2022 indicate that employment in these establishments decreased by 0.8% to 27,626 as compared to 27,858 for March 2021 (Table 11).

### 3.7 Accommodation

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

As at end of September 2022, there were 112 licensed hotels of which 3 were temporarily closed, 3 were closed due to renovation works and one new hotel not yet in operation. The total room capacity of the 105 hotels in operation was 13,508 with 31,338 bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 57%, higher compared to 10% in the first nine months of 2021; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 50%, higher compared to 8% in the first nine months of 2021 (Table 10).

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

At the end of September 2022, there were 58 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 58 'large' hotels was 10,847 with 25,616 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 first nine months of 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 60%, higher than the 10% registered in the first nine months of 2021;
- the bed occupancy rate was 52%, higher than the 8% recorded in the first nine months 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	104,081	103,812
May	647	1,702	1,064	3,339	93,573	101,112
June	1,488	2,633	1,844	4,228	88,408	87,104
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>286,062</u>	<u>292,028</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>	<b><i>493,453</i></b>	<b><i>506,744</i></b>
July	1,623	2,689	3,740	4,751	127,599	112,785
August	2,569	1,914	6,575	7,417	121,112	129,635
September	3,224	2,952	4,586	7,458	108,705	108,124
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>357,416</u>	<u>350,544</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>	<b><i>850,869</i></b>	<b><i>857,288</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>, January-September, 2021 and 2022**

<b>Country of disembarkation</b>	<b>January-September 2021</b>	<b>January-September 2022<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>8,894</b>	<b>55,829</b>
Austria	0	282
France	8,221	27,508
Germany	0	1,892
Italy	0	0
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	0	1,269
Turkey	391	7,971
United Kingdom	282	14,849
Other European countries	0	2,058
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>41,410</b>
Kenya	81	4,828
Malagasy Republic	72	4,227
Reunion Island	684	19,392
Seychelles	175	2,176
South Africa, Rep. of	275	10,731
Other African countries	9	56
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>7,098</b>	<b>50,971</b>
People's Rep. of China	43	1
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	0	0
India	855	11,070
Malaysia	0	2
Saudi Arabia	0	2,863
Singapore	0	11
United Arab Emirates	6,200	37,020
Other Asian countries	0	4
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Australia	0	0
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>17,288</b>	<b>148,216</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	84,268
May	20	115	70,462
June	9	280	63,008
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>217,738</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>304,881</i></b>	<b><i>3,225</i></b>	<b><i>376,556</i></b>
July	45	1,242	94,084
August	317	2,499	86,605
September	369	2,494	81,087
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>6,235</u>	<u>261,776</u>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>305,612</i></b>	<b><i>9,460</i></b>	<b><i>638,332</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, January-September, 2021 and 2022**

Purpose of visit	January-September 2021	January-September 2022 <sup>1</sup>
Holiday	5,621	605,416
Business	1,475	18,722
Transit	2,230	11,260
Conference	0	626
Sports	0	1,422
Other purposes	134	886
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>638,332</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	January-September 2021			January-September 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4,942</b>	<b>433,480</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>433,841</b>
Austria	44	0	44	10,160	0	10,160
Belgium	96	0	96	11,494	0	11,494
Bulgaria	1	0	1	1,168	2	1,170
Czech Republic	49	0	49	8,914	0	8,914
Croatia	8	3	11	281	18	299
Denmark	9	0	9	5,284	0	5,284
Estonia	2	0	2	885	0	885
Finland	9	0	9	1,031	0	1,031
France	1,939	3	1,942	145,310	56	145,366
Germany	405	2	407	66,341	3	66,344
Greece	28	1	29	435	32	467
Hungary	11	0	11	1,735	0	1,735
Ireland	34	1	35	2,122	0	2,122
Italy	76	1	77	14,234	2	14,236
Latvia	11	1	12	383	2	385
Lithuania	13	2	15	683	7	690
Luxembourg	12	0	12	1,389	0	1,389
Netherlands	45	0	45	6,348	5	6,353
Norway	7	0	7	2,945	4	2,949
Poland	59	1	60	5,354	10	5,364
Portugal	43	3	46	3,535	5	3,540
Romania	24	1	25	3,905	14	3,919
Serbia	3	0	3	658	2	660
Slovakia	7	0	7	2,428	0	2,428
Slovenia	12	0	12	773	1	774
Spain	84	11	95	8,653	29	8,682
Sweden	7	0	7	3,062	0	3,062
Switzerland	140	0	140	15,671	0	15,671
Turkey	30	1	31	2,629	9	2,638
United Kingdom	1,328	13	1,341	96,155	8	96,163
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>341</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>353</i>	<i>8,225</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>8,368</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>305</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>110</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>5,837</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>5,910</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>1,590</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>1,656</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>387</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1,290</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1,299</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>126,023</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>126,134</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>269</i>	<i>45,823</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>45,870</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>335</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>335</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>6,849</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>6,893</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>36,777</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>36,777</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>1,862</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,865</i>
Algeria	2	0	2	137	0	137
Angola	8	2	10	135	0	135
Benin	0	0	0	48	1	49
Botswana	0	0	0	596	0	596
Burundi	1	0	1	37	0	37
Cameroon	45	0	45	305	1	306
Congo	10	0	10	182	0	182
Egypt	23	0	23	517	2	519
Ethiopia	7	0	7	204	0	204
Gabon	2	0	2	49	0	49
Ghana	20	3	23	489	1	490
Ivory Coast	1	4	5	278	8	286
Kenya	67	2	69	1,917	4	1,921
Lesotho	0	0	0	69	0	69
Malawi	1	0	1	203	0	203

<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, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	January-September 2021			January-September 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	6	0	6	463	0	463
Morocco	22	0	22	463	0	463
Mozambique	4	0	4	365	0	365
Namibia	10	5	15	894	1	895
Niger	1	0	1	54	0	54
Nigeria	47	0	47	1,970	10	1,980
Rwanda	12	0	12	191	0	191
Senegal	8	1	9	131	10	141
South Africa, Rep. of	232	4	236	65,677	21	65,698
Sudan	1	0	1	47	0	47
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	4	0	4	149	0	149
Tanzania	18	4	22	472	5	477
Togo	0	0	0	39	0	39
Tunisia	32	0	32	322	0	322
Uganda	18	0	18	464	0	464
Zimbabwe	37	0	37	1,348	0	1,348
Zambia	2	0	2	566	0	566
Other African countries	20	0	20	1,419	0	1,419
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>3,189</b>	<b>63,167</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>64,767</b>
Afghanistan	1	0	1	141	0	141
Bangladesh	29	0	29	460	1	461
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	7	0	7	160	0	160
India	707	9	716	25,952	77	26,029
Indonesia	805	290	1,095	1,269	633	1,902
Israel	30	0	30	2,367	0	2,367
Japan	19	0	19	252	1	253
Korea Republic	21	3	24	476	49	525
Malaysia	28	0	28	223	7	230
Maldives	0	0	0	35	1	36
Nepal	8	2	10	187	1	188
Pakistan	36	0	36	382	2	384
People's Rep. of China	261	3	264	1,159	11	1,170
Philippines	423	105	528	1,430	668	2,098
Singapore	19	0	19	473	1	474
Sri Lanka	8	9	17	306	27	333
Taiwan, China	44	6	50	272	37	309
Thailand	15	0	15	180	0	180
Vietnam	31	4	35	189	65	254
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>27,189</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>27,189</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>221</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>151</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>123</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>701</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>131</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>127</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>203</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>15,458</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>15,458</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>10,032</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10,032</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>42</i>
Other Asian countries	9	2	11	65	19	84
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,119</b>
Australia	37	6	43	2,696	14	2,710
New Zealand	29	10	39	193	20	213
Other Oceanian countries	4	0	4	195	1	196
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>10,134</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>10,177</b>
Brazil	8	0	8	447	25	472
Canada	65	2	67	3,701	6	3,707
USA	148	0	148	5,313	2	5,315
Other American countries	44	3	47	673	10	683
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>636,176</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>638,332</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, 2021 and 2022**

Age group (years)	January-September 2021			January-September 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	223	189	412	13,201	12,851	26,052
5 - 9	186	204	390	14,638	14,189	28,827
10 - 14	154	154	308	15,064	14,984	30,048
15 - 19	143	119	262	12,002	13,795	25,797
20 - 24	460	232	692	12,332	18,475	30,807
25 - 29	868	381	1,249	28,420	37,521	65,941
30 - 34	975	427	1,402	37,358	38,736	76,094
35 - 39	820	339	1,159	32,107	29,893	62,000
40 - 44	654	288	942	28,454	26,656	55,110
45 - 49	506	227	733	27,245	26,147	53,392
50 - 54	361	215	576	27,742	26,954	54,696
55 - 59	304	191	495	25,043	23,323	48,366
60 - 64	220	138	358	18,504	16,754	35,258
65 - 69	144	113	257	11,877	10,558	22,435
70 & over	125	100	225	12,752	10,757	23,509
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>316,739</b>	<b>321,593</b>	<b>638,332</b>

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

Age group (years)	January-September 2021			January-September 2022 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	1,110	0	1,110	84,927	0	84,927
15 - 59	6,982	528	7,510	470,103	2,100	472,203
60 & over	827	13	840	81,146	56	81,202
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>636,176</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>638,332</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>307,610</b>	<b>100,910</b>	<b>51,234</b>	<b>7,260</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>64,966</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>149</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	140,972	91,657	12,298	3,076	1,524	2,525	6	8,656	389	49	53	37	102	43
Germany	39,948	2,843	30,459	280	176	651	10	548	56	1	10	19	6	16
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	14,513	1,979	1,820	252	67	6,273	1	488	51	0	23	6	4	10
Turkey	29,991	2,455	4,475	3,445	252	493	2,400	2,107	960	22	26	21	31	13
United Kingdom	55,874	495	101	103	40	64	0	52,644	22	6	64	36	39	25
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>182,880</b>	<b>37,403</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>36,487</b>	<b>65,202</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>419</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	10,501	1,209	159	67	73	63	4	678	106	24	830	228	182	23
Malagasy Republic	9,682	704	68	20	42	36	36	90	46	1,157	255	457	57	26
Reunion Island	80,885	34,935	1,788	175	220	772	3	529	26	35,214	2,012	769	38	73
Seychelles	3,771	161	106	43	10	25	4	141	95	8	49	56	32	26
South Africa, Rep. of	77,827	388	1,099	1,012	584	317	8	3,016	45	84	62,051	288	153	271
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>145,678</b>	<b>6,997</b>	<b>11,874</b>	<b>5,657</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>4,152</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>26,735</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>24,025</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>2,128</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	21,241	31	14	5	25	12	1	81	6	36	23	20,340	2	60
Malaysia	8	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	8,842	632	208	64	9	44	31	95	33	4	7	31	14	8
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	115,564	6,334	11,652	5,588	2,740	4,096	119	26,558	3,679	172	263	3,654	498	2,060
<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>636,176</b>	<b>145,310</b>	<b>66,341</b>	<b>14,234</b>	<b>6,348</b>	<b>15,671</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>96,155</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>36,777</b>	<b>65,677</b>	<b>25,952</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>2,696</b>
<i>of which:</i>		<b>France</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Switzerland</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		63.1%	45.9%	Napp	Napp	40.0%	91.3%	54.7%	Napp	95.8%	94.5%	78.4%	Napp	Napp
From United Arab Emirates		4.4%	17.6%	39.3%	43.2%	26.1%	4.5%	27.6%	63.0%	0.5%	0.4%	14.1%	43.0%	76.4%
From Turkey		1.7%	6.7%	24.2%	4.0%	3.1%		2.2%	16.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	2.7%	0.5%
From France			18.5%	21.6%	24.0%	16.1%		9.0%	6.7%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	8.8%	1.6%
From Reunion Island		24.0%	2.7%	1.2%	3.5%	4.9%		0.6%	0.4%		3.1%	3.0%	3.3%	2.7%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.3%	1.7%	7.1%	9.2%	2.0%		3.1%	0.8%	0.2%		1.1%	13.2%	10.1%

<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>	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>	January-September	9,460	7,317	489,758	66.9	2,611
	<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>	January-September	638,332	635,683	7,824,545	12.3	41,607

<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
	2nd Qr.	106	13,649	31,745	58	10,965	25,928
	3rd Qr.	105	13,508	31,338	58	10,847	25,616

<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	63	57	0	0	1	1	67	61
May	0	0	3	2	58	50	0	0	3	2	61	52
June	1	1	6	4	51	44	1	1	6	4	53	45
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>
July	2	2	8	6	63	58	1	1	8	6	67	61
August	5	5	16	13	68	62	5	4	16	13	72	65
September	9	9	12	9	71	60	8	8	11	9	75	63
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</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, 2018 - 2022**

Activities	Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>2</sup>
	Food Service		3,351	3,526	3,662	3,463
Hotels		24,412	24,510	25,039	21,693	21,809
Travel and Other Services <sup>3</sup>		3,604	3,514	3,552	2,702	2,736
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,367</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>32,253</b>	<b>27,858</b>	<b>27,626</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.

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

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